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Carlene A. 'Carrie' Uderman

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Carlene A. "Carrie" Uderman, 78, of Billings, passed away at the Deaconess Billings Clinic, Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003.

She was born Nov. 15, 1925, in Bowbells, N.D., the daughter of Carl and Ruby (Clark) Aukerman. She attended school there until moving to St. Paul, Minn., for many years and then moved to Billings in 1985, where she worked at the family diner. She entered the Billings Health and Rehabilitation in May of 2001.

She is survived by her son, Richard Aukerman and his two daughters, Joni and Tracy, all of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Smith Downtown Chapel was in charge of cremation.

Charles Frederick Unmack

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 12 2004

LEWISTOWN — Fred Unmack, 49, died June 9, 2004, at home, surrounded by family and friends. Fred was born Jan. 25, 1955, in Lakewood, Calif. He received his BS degree in Political Economy of Natural Resources from UC Berkeley in 1978. Shortly after, he escaped to the canyon lands of Utah, where he worked for the USFS. There, he met Linda, his wife of 25 years. Fred and Linda moved to Missoula in 1979, then to Medora and Sentinel Butte, N.D. In 1985, they returned to Missoula, where Fred attended the University of Montana School of Law, passing the Montana Bar in 1988. He practiced law for two years in Carson City, Nev., before returning to Montana, where he worked as assistant county attorney and as partner in a Glendive law firm. In 1998, Fred became a partner in the law firm of Hubble, Ridgeway, Unmack & Westveer and practiced in Stanford and Lewistown until June 2003. He was entering



**FRED
UNMACK**

into the prime of his career when he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor.

Fred worshipped the earth, believing that every living thing, be it person, creature or plant, deserves respect and kindness. He loved adventure and travel, always taking the road less traveled. Fred was active in the Kiwanis Club, JSEC and was an advisor to the Glendive Key Club. He played on local softball teams, always had a ready joke to tell and was usually up for a game of "ya blew it!" His portrayal of Cathy at a recent Murder Mystery Game was unforgettable. Fred sailed the Mediterranean and always stated that he was the luckiest man alive. The outpouring of love and kindness from family, friends and strangers during his illness leaves little doubt of that.

The lyrics of a Jimmy Buffet song sum up Fred's view of life very well: "Some of it's magic, and some of it's tragic, but I've had a good life all the way."

Fred was preceded in death by his father, Lou. He is survived by his wife, Linda Unmack of

Lewistown; his mother, Ellie of Yucaipa, Calif.; his brothers, Art and Jim and their families of California and his lifelong childhood friends, Gary Marsh of Lakewood, Calif., and Les Stone of Sausalito, Calif. He is also survived by the Erickson clan of Minneapolis, the West family of Bloomington, Minn., and the Gillespies of Billings. He will be greatly missed by "Dancer" and "Alley."

A celebration of Fred's life will take place at his home in Lewistown on Saturday, June 19, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local animal shelter or to your favorite charity.

Robert Kenneth Updike

THE BEAVER GAZETTE

BEACH, N.D. — Robert Kenneth Updike, 20, of Beach, died in a oil field accident on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, near Tinga.

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Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the United Community Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Beach City Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

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THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
DEC 29 2004

UPTON — Ruthe, 68, of Red Lodge. Cremation. Memorial service 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Red Lodge Community Church. Memorials: P.E.A.K.S., c/o Northern Rockies Radiation Oncology Center, Box 369, Billings, MT 59103.(12/29)

John H. Urban

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — John Henry Urban of Thermopolis passed away Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, in Sheridan, Wyo., after a brief illness.

He was born in Elma, Iowa, on Dec. 1, 1918, and attended schools in that state. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII at the end of which he married his wife, Vera. They lived in Belfry, Mont., until Vera's death in 1971. John was a master sheet metal worker, a trade he continued until his retirement. When his fiancée, Mona McGary, became seriously ill, John devoted himself to her care until her death.

He is survived by his niece, Frances M. Calton (Calvin); great nieces and nephews, Sally Anne Zirkle (Steven); Allyn Calton (Rob); Calvin C. Calton (Martha); Clay Calton (Teri) and Lael Calton Anderson (Kelly). He will also be missed by Mona's daughter, Raeann Weber and son, Richard Weber.

His close friends Larry Devoe, Mel Mogan and Ed Parrish, will miss his hearty laugh at the Flying Dutchman in Thermopolis.

Burial will be held at 1 p.m. at the Belfry Montana Cemetery, and a memorial funeral Mass will be held at a later date in Thermopolis.

Marjorie Lucille Urick

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MILES CITY — Marjorie "Marge" Lucille Urick, 89, died on Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at her home in Miles City.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. A Vigil Service will be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Sacred Heart Church.

Private family burial will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

Joseph 'Joe' Usselman

FAIRVIEW — Funeral services for Joseph "Joe" Usselman, 82, of Fairview, will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Fairview, with Pastor Wayne Gannan officiating. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Joe died at his home Monday, May 10, 2004.

Joe is survived by a son, Kenneth (Martha) Usselman, Laurel; daughters, Linda (Vance) Vickers, Glendive, Karen (Ken) Faul, Harvey, N.D., and LuAnn (Rick) Sharbono, Fairview.

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Flora E. Valentine

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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LEWISTOWN — Flora E. Valentine, 87, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Private family graveside services will be Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

John Mike Valach

MELES CITY — John Mike Valach, 83, passed away at Holy Rosary Health Care Center on Jan. 14, 2004.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church with interment in the Eastern Montana State Veterans Cemetery.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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John J. Vanarski

GLENDIVE — John J. Vanarski, 93, of Glendive, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 10, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 10, in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

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Eldean K. Vandersloot

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 04 2004

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Eldean K. Vandersloot, 72, passed away Thursday, April 1, 2004, in Billings.

Eldean was born Sept. 6, 1931, in Heil, N.D., the daughter of August F. and Delia A. (Thome) Moos. In 1937, the family moved to Hardin where she entered school, graduating in 1948.

On April 24, 1949, she married Edward Vandersloot. Eldean worked as a telephone operator, sales clerk and then bookkeeper at the Farmers Union, where Ed was manager. In 1968, the family moved to Joliet. Eldean enjoyed attending the sports events their children were involved in, also camping and the many business trips. In 1970, she was appointed Justice of the Peace, later becoming City Police Judge for Joliet, Fromberg and Bridger. When the family moved to Powell, Wyo., in 1982, Eldean worked as dispatcher for the Powell Police Dept. She was later appointed as Asst. City Police Judge, a position she resigned from in 1987. Eldean enjoyed her retirement, the traveling and her beloved children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Kenneth and Edgar Moos.

Eldean is survived by her hus-

band, Ed; and her four children, sons, Rick (Joyce), David (Elaine), Pat (Claudia) and daughter, Julie (Greg), she is also survived by her 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

At her request, cremation has taken place and no services are planned. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 1144 N. 30th Street, Billings, MT 59101.

Arrangements are by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

George Vander Voorden

BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 16 2004

George Vander Voorden, 90, of Billings died early Saturday morning, Feb. 14, 2004, at his home. George was born on July 20, 1913, in Victoria, Canada, to Cornelius and Suzanna Margaretta Swan-berg Vander Voorden. He proudly became a citizen of the United States on Oct. 1, 1941.



**GEORGE
VANDER
VOORDEN**

At the age of about 25, through his mother's prayers, he drew close to the Lord and continued growing in the Lord. George loved to sing gospel music and sang in three different choirs. He was on the Mission Board when the Mission was still on the south side and went down there many evenings to lead the singing and sing solos.

George loved to read the Bible and has read it through each year since 1972. He went to the EUB Church and sang in the choir there for a while, then started going to Lockwood Evangelical Church. There he met Jane, who was leading the choir. They sang a duet and in his words, "I guess that did it." They were married in February of 1970. They have enjoyed 34 years together.

George worked three years at the old Billings Laundry and 33 years at St. Vincent's Hospital. After retiring from St. Vincent's he worked part-time as a lunch aide at Meadowlark School for three years before retiring completely at the age of 81.

George attended Faith Evangelical for a number of years and was a charter member of Hope Evangelical Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir and singing duets. He was recently attending Lockwood Evangelical Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, William, Cornelius and Ted; and one sister, Jeanina Cook. Survivors include his wife, Jane; children, Cathy Schmidt, Janice (Randy) Stow and John (Lori) Stambulich; grandchildren, Jacob (Sharon) Reiter, Ruth Schmidt, Tom Schmidt, Aaron Stow, John W. Stambulich and Brea Stambulich.

"I love my Lord and I am sure I know where I am going when my journey on this earth is over...into the Lord's great eternity. Praise his name."

Visitations will begin Tuesday evening at Smith Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 20 at the Lockwood Evangelical Church with interment to follow at Mountview Cemetery. Smith Chapels is assisting with arrangements.

Harry Van Der Voort

THE BILLINGS GAZET
AUG 1 - 2004

HARLOWTON — Harry Van Der Voort, 91, passed away early Thursday morning May 29, 2004, in his sleep, at Wheatland Memorial Nursing Home.

Harry was born at home, in Hedgesville, Aug. 1, 1912, to Lambertus and Adrianna Van Der Voort. He attended elementary school in Hedgesville. He married Teen (Diana Marie) Van der Voort on March 4, 1935, in Hardin. After they married, they made their home in Hedgesville at the Van Der Voort home near Hedgesville before moving to the Ryegate area. They moved several times during the next several years before purchasing the ranch south of Ryegate. During that time, their four children were born. They operated the ranch until they retired in 1979, at which time they purchased a small parcel of land near Highway 300. Here they enjoyed raising a beautiful yard and garden. Harry enjoyed riding his horse and for several years after retirement he helped neighbors during the spring and fall with their cattle. Dad also enjoyed hunting and fishing, playing cards, dancing, and reading.

Harry was a member of St. Mathias Catholic Church in Ryegate.

Harry was the Republican representative for Golden

Valley/Mussellshell counties for one term in 1966-1967. He was a very active member of the Republican Party.

Harry is survived by his wife Teen, of Ryegate; son, Harry Jr. (Rosie); daughters, Geraldine, (Gordon) Jones, of Harlowton, Sandy, (Walt) Trippe, of Ryegate; sister, Marie Vander Sloom, of Hardin; 16 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and some great-great-grandchildren.

His mother and father, daughter, Annabelle; brothers, Antoon, Michael, Joseph and Johnny; and sister, Hannah, precedes Harry in death.

The family wishes to give special thanks to the entire staff at the Wheatland Memorial Nursing home for the loving care given to Dad, while he was a resident there. Memorials maybe sent to Ryegate Quick Response Team or Wheatland Memorial Nursing Home.

The Wake will be held 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at St Mathias Catholic Church, Ryegate. The funeral mass will be at St Mathias Catholic Church, Ryegate 11 a.m., Wednesday Aug. 4, 2004. A luncheon will follow at the senior center. Burial will be in Harlowton Cemetery.

Wayde Ray VanderVoort

Wayde VanderVoort died Oct. 8, 2004, from an automobile accident.

Wayde was born in Billings, Mont., on June 10, 1964, to Morlee and Alice VanderVoort. He lived in Ryegate, Mont., where he attended elementary school and graduated from high



**WAYDE
VANDERVOORT**

school in 1982. He also attended Helena Vo. Tech in 1983. Wayde then moved to Billings in 1987, where he lived ever since.

He married Kimberly Ann (McCullom) VanderVoort in Red Lodge on Dec. 6, 1997. Wayde and Kimberly, with their children, resided in Billings, where Wayde was self-employed as a truck driver and worked on road construction.

Wayde is survived by his wife Kimberley; son Casey Coburn; daughter Cassidy Ann all of Billings; his parents Morlee and Alice VanderVoort of Ryegate; brother Mark VanderVoort of Billings; sister Peggy Everts of Zillah, Wash.; and LouRene Sherod (Aunt) of Ryegate. Also surviving are Rick McCullom, brother-in-law, of Martinsdale, and Jim McCullom, father-in-law, of Harlowton; many, many friends

and family.

Wayde was preceded in death by his grandparents Sam Smeding, and John and Madge VanderVoort.

Wayde loved driving his big Peterbilt Semi and vacationing at the lake. He was a devoted husband and father, a beloved son, grandson, brother and friend to all who knew him. He will be missed by his family, friends, and "extended family" a.k.a. "the lake side village people."

Funeral services will be held in Ryegate, Mont. at the Ryegate School Gym at 1 p.m., on Tuesday Oct. 12, 2004, with grave side services following. A reception to follow the services at the Ryegate Senior Center. Funeral services are being arranged by Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Cassidy Ann Scholarship Fund at Billings Federal Credit Union, PO Box 1779, Billings, MT 59103.

"Here is to our last Light," love your wife.

Wesley A. Vandever

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APRIL 30 2004

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wesley A. Vandever, 83, of Cheyenne, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Mountain Towers Healthcare Center.

He was born Dec. 3, 1920, in Miles City, Mont.

Mr. Vandever served in the United States Army as a Paratrooper in France during World War II.

He was a plumber and pipefitter for Pipefitters Union #30 in Billings.

Mr. Vandever was a lifetime member of the VFW in Joliet, Mont.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia Vandever of Cheyenne, whom he married Jan. 18, 1947, in Helena, Mont.; two sons, Ken Vandever of Cheyenne and Kirk Vandever of Moorcroft; three daughters, Vickie Liss of Cheyenne, Vonnie Clark of Linwood, Wash., and Nancy Avery of Ocean Shores, Wash.; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Scott Vandever; a daughter, Sally Bullis; his parents, Lowell and Josie Vandever; a brother, Lloyd Vandever; a sister, Mary Jean Kelly; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorial services will be Friday, April 30, 1 p.m., at

Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chape of the Chimes, with Mr. Rudy White officiating.

Cremation has taken place at Cheyenne Memorial Gardens.

Military honors will be provided by the American Legion Honor Guard.

JUL 27 2004

Jack Van Dyke

RANCHESTER, Wyo. — Jack Van Dyke, 60, died Friday, July 23, 2004, at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Adams Funeral Home with burial in Willow Grove Cemetery. A memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the Presbyterian Church in Encampment.

JUN 16 2004

Elizabeth Van Guilder

Elizabeth Van Guilder, 90, of Billings, passed away Sunday, June 13, 2004, at her home.

The daughter of Jonas and Mattie Smith, she was born Oct.

10, 1913, in Magnolia, N.C.

While she was receiving her nurses training,

she met Howard Van Guilder,

who was serving in the Army.

They were married June 6, 1942.

Howard was involved in the

petroleum industry and they lived many years in Billings and Casper,

Wyo. Following Howard's death in 1963, Elizabeth returned to

Billings and has made her home here since.

Elizabeth was a 50-year member of chapter A N, PEO in

Billings, a member of First United Methodist Church, and volunteered at the Deaconess Hospital.

A wonderful cook, she also enjoyed gardening and playing

bridge.

She is survived by two daughters, Suzanne Mason and her husband Ron of Marietta, Ga., and



**ELIZABETH
VAN GUILDER**

Kathryn McKenzie and her husband Terry of Grand Junction, Colo.; five grandchildren, Kyle and Kevin Roberts of Georgia and Turia, Fletcher and Michael McKenzie of Colorado; her sister-in-law, Gladys Smith of Magnolia, N.C.; four nephews, Bill (Kay) Smith, Kenneth (Paula) Smith, Reggie Smith and Rodney Smith, all of North Carolina, and many close friends in the Billings area.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be 3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary.

Interment at a later date is planned at the Richmond

National Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

JUN 09 2004**Betty J. Van Hee**

LEWISTOWN — Betty J. Van Hee, 80, of Lewistown, died Monday, June 7, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, of complications of diabetes.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Cremation has taken place at her request. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Homer J. Van Laethem

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 3 - 2004

Homer J. Van Laethem, 71, of Billings, was born July 16, 1933, in Roundup, and passed away July 30, 2004, at Deaconess Medical Center in Billings, after a short illness of cancer.

Homer was a very talented musician and traveled extensively in the U.S., playing in various dance bands. He later lived in Seattle, working in the printing business, retiring in 1998.

Homer is survived by three sisters, Vinita Van Laethem of Laurel, Waneta Vescovi and Denise Parker of Billings; also special nephew Randy Parker of Billings; close friends Bob Steffans, John Palagyi and Wally Peterson of Billings.

Homer will be fondly remembered as "Remo" and loved and missed by his family and friends.

Memorial services will be Saturday, Aug. 7, at 2 p.m., at Smith Downtown Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials maybe made to Roundup High School Band Dept., Roundup MT 59072, or Scottish Rite Language Clinic.

Dawn J. Van Vleet

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Dawn J. Van Vleet, 88, died Jan. 31, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

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Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

Wayne A. Van Voast

HELENA — Wayne Van Voast, of Helena and Butte, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004. Wayne was the son of Milo and Dollie Van Voast of Helena and was a graduate of Helena Senior High School in 1956.

A memorial service honoring Wayne will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 505 Logan in Helena, on Monday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m.

Wayne earned a BS in Earth Sciences in 1961 and an MS in

Geomorphology in 1964 from Montana State University. Wayne's passion, intuition and talent for geology earned him respect and international recognition during a rich,

rewarding career, which included work for the United States Geological Survey in St. Paul, Minn., and most recently as the Chief of Research Division for the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology in Butte. Wayne's recent accomplishments and recognitions include the 2004 Water Legend Award where he was cited as the "Father of Montana Coal Hydrogeology" from the American Water Resources Association, the Distinguished



**WAYNE
VAN VOAST**

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Researcher Award for lifetime excellence in research from Montana Tech, and was published by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in 2003 for his research on "Geochemical signature of formation waters associated with coalbed methane." Throughout his career, he wrote 40 publications on hydrology, co-wrote college textbooks and was referenced as an expert in many other writings.

As a scientist, adventurer, poet and fisherman he found pride and joy in all aspects of his life. Wayne was a big man in all the best ways, in intelligence, in dedication, in humor, in integrity and in warmth. During his life, he traveled to many countries, including Poland and Russia during the height of the Cold War as a member of an international delegation of scientists. Wayne's favorite destinations included Campbell River on Vancouver Island for salmon fishing and Puerta Penasco, Mexico, for solace, relaxation and fresh shrimp.

Wayne loved, married and was subsequently divorced from JoAnn Hanson (mother of his sons) and Judy McKenna. During the later years of his life, he found

Carol Cooper Ferguson, who became his beloved and trusted partner in life.

He is survived by his two sons, Brett Van Voast of Bakersfield, Calif., Todd Van Voast of San Francisco, Calif.; and by his brother's family, Greg and Doris Van Voast of Helena and their sons Sheldon, Jeff and Kenneth. Wayne is also survived by numerous cousins and by an extended family of longtime, much valued friends and colleagues. He was loved and will be dearly missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Wayne's name to the St. Paul's United Methodist Church Building Fund, 505 Logan, Helena, MT 59601. Arrangements are being cared for by Retz Funeral Home in Helena.

Lucille Varnado

SEP 10 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

MILES CITY — Lucille Varnado, 93, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 16, in Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home's chapel. Family will receive friends on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

VARNEY — Tami, 41, of Bozeman. Services will be held Friday in Ogden, Utah. A memorial service will be held in Bozeman at a later date.
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Bernice Vashus

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 11 2004

GLENDIVE — Bernice Vashus, 88, of Glendive, died Monday, March 8, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 12, in the chapel of Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive.

Marjorie P. 'Pat' Vasser

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 09 2004

MISSOULA — Pat Vasser, 82, of Missoula, passed away Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at St. Patrick's Hospital.

Pat was born on March 22, 1921, in Billings, the daughter of Lee and Carrie Kennedy. In 1941 she married Paul Vasser. Pat and Paul lived most of their lives in Billings where they raised their four children. They were long time members of St. Pius X Catholic Parish.

Pat was a devoted wife and mother. She enjoyed playing bridge and bingo and was an avid reader. She volunteered at St. Vincent's Hospital for many years.

Pat is survived by her children, Mike Vasser and his wife Kris, of Aptos, Calif., Mark Vasser and his wife Karen, of Los Altos, Calif., Claudia LaRance of Missoula, Jeanne White and her husband, Steve, of Missoula; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her siblings and their spouses, Virginia Mueller, Victor and Katie Kennedy, Dean and Leula Kennedy, Beverly Cogburn, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Billings at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Missoula.

The Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies assisted the family with arrangements.

Bernice A. Veis A.K.A. Mary Louise

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 25 2004

Bernice Annette Veis went home to be with the Lord on July 23, 2004.

She was born Bernice A. Kanning, on July 3, 1940, to Ben and Dorothy Kanning, of Flaxville, Mont. She graduated from Flaxville High school in 1958 and then worked at the telephone company in Plentywood. Bernice married Jim Veis and had two children in Plentywood before moving to Billings in 1964.



BERNICE VEIS

Through some difficult times, she was able to raise her children as a single mom. She was an awesome mother. She was employed by Ponderosa Inn as a night auditor for 35 years. With complications of diabetes, she was forced to retire in 2001. She was warm-hearted, loved to play music on her keyboards and dearly loved her family and friends, especially her children. She was a fighter to the end and will be greatly missed.

Preceded in death were her parents and her sister, Loreltz. Survivors include her daughter, Melanie Jones and husband, Jay, of Billings; their children, Rashel Mundt, Ryan Mundt and Gary Jones; her great-grandchildren Leah and Krystan Mundt; her son Richard Veis and wife, Chastity, of Billings, their children Sierra Lakotta, Dylan, and Brennon; three brothers, R.G. Kanning and wife, Debbie, of Calif., Richard Kanning and wife, Pat, of Flaxville, Dean Kanning, of Billings, and one sister, Delores Koerber, of Billings; several nieces, nephews and two great-grandchildren. Close and dear friends include, Mable Lux, Bev Nick, Elaine Lewis, Delores Freeck, James Whittman, Caroline Layne and Alberta Hoffeber.

A celebration of Bernice's life will be held 3 p.m., Tuesday, July 27, at the American Lutheran Church.

Pablo Velasquez

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 31 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — Pablo Velasquez, age 15, passed away at Powell Valley Healthcare Center, due to complications from Duchenne's muscular dystrophy on Thursday evening, Jan. 29, 2004.

He was born on June 3, 1988, in Powell, to Salome and Rosa (Ayala) Velasquez. He completed the eighth grade. He loved to play Nintendo, having children around him and loved to attend school.

He is survived by his mother, Rosa Velasquez; brothers Javier Velasquez and Martin Velasquez; sisters Melisa Velasquez and husband Adrian De La Cruz, Jackie Velasquez, Maria Morales and husband Victor; nieces and nephews, Erick Morales, Monserrat Morales, Elizabeth Morales and Salome George De La Cruz; godmother Maria Abarca and godfather Victor Abarca; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. His father in October 2003 and a brother, Salome Velasquez, Jr., preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home, and on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 p.m. until time for the 7 p.m. rosary at St. Barbara's Catholic Church. Mass of

Christian Burial will be held on Monday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m., at St Barbara's Catholic Church, with Father Peter Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery, Powell.

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

Aaron Ventling

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Aaron Charles Ventling, 70, of Gillette, died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at his home.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

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James Lee Ventling

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 27 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — James Lee Ventling, 68, died April 23, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County, after a long illness.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Arthur A. Verhaeghe

March 1, 1921 — Aug. 2, 2004

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
AUG 7 - 2004

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Arthur A. Verhaeghe passed away Monday, in Walnut Creek.

He was born in Bear Creek, Mont., and lived in Billings until being transferred to the San Francisco Bay area in 1968 with the Exxon Corporation. He retired from his work at the Exxon refinery in Benicia after 37 years of service.

Arthur is survived by his beloved wife Jean and his loving family and friends.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate his life on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 2 p.m., at the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton, CA 94517.

Donations may be made in his memory to Habitat for Humanity or the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church.

Hull's Walnut Creek Chapel
(925) 934-5400

Dorothy Verhasselt

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

SIDNEY — Dorothy Verhasselt, 75, died at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility Saturday, July 10, 2004.

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Wake services are at 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 12, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Mass of the Christian Burial are at 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Inez Vermandel

Inez Vermandel died March 19, 2004, at Highgate Senior Living.

Inez Grace Hardy was born to Earl and Myrtle Lang Hardy on July 28, 1919, and spent her growing up years in the community of Corinth. The town consisted of a post office/store, a school, a railroad station and a few homes. The Hardy home was across the railroad tracks on a sprawling acreage complete with a big barn and a creek running through.

The third youngest of seven brothers and sisters, Inez was known for being able to run through the pasture like the wind, barefoot. Long cotton stockings were the order of the day, but Inez would roll hers down between the house and school, and of course roll them back up at the end of the school day. Throughout her life, she had a sense of style, and wanted clothes with a little extra pizzazz. Since she was the only first grader, they advanced her through a couple of grades at a time, and she was able to keep up with the class. She excelled in spelling, and won her share of spelling bees.

Her mother Myrtle came from a proper English upbringing, and the Hardy home enjoyed the best of what could be considered gourmet cooking, canning and baking. In the winter, they would cut ice blocks which were stored

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in sawdust in the ice house, and provided summer ice cream.

The family moved to town, where Inez remembers her mother telling her she was the "prettiest girl in Billings." She was a master of the "Hardy" quick wit, clever repartee and sense of humor, and some say she was the inspiration for the term "smart Hardya." She enjoyed her brothers and sisters throughout her life, and was bereft when Dan, Giles and Helen preceded her in death.

While visiting her sister Margaret in the Pompey's Pillar area, she caught the eye of the French brothers down the road. When Glen French came home for a visit, he aced out a younger and they married. Tragedy struck when she became a widow with four children at a very young age. She was very good at creating something to fill a need, versatile, and could do a lot with a little.

Her second marriage was to Albert Vermandel of Pryor Creek,

where four more children were added to the family, and she spent over 25 years as ranch wife, cooking for hired men, branding crews and, of course, the family. One son-in-law credited her with being unsurpassed at cooking a good steak. She had a very strong desire to see a Sunday

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SIXE VEKTHHLL
School started in the Pryor Creek area, and she and her good friend and neighbor Joyce Litton put much time and effort into making that happen.

Widowed a second time at the age of 53, Inez spent her final years dedicated to her children and grandchildren. She was generous to a fault, and happiest when surrounded by family.

One son summed her up by saying "She was beautiful" She loved the Lord and she dedicated her life to seeing that her children and grandchildren and many others make it into the "Kingdom of Heaven."

She is survived by her children, Glendoris Caudill, Gary French (Ann), Wilma "Billie" Nelson (Brent), Gayle Wash (Gordon), Maureen O'Reilly (Tom), Nancy Vermandel, Bert Vermandel (Billie Jean), Robert Vermandel and stepson Ernie Vermandel (Dee). There are 21 grandchildren (three preceded her in death), and 27 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sister Margaret Altoff (Leo), and brother Gerald (Maureen).

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment to follow in Mountview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

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Gerald 'Jerry' L. Vetter

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LAUREL — Gerald "Jerry" L. Vetter, 69, of Laurel and formerly of Woodinville, Wash., passed away Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, in Billings after a brief illness.

Jerry was born in Seattle to Harry and Frances (Tuttle) Vetter on Aug. 13, 1935. He was a graduate of West Seattle High School in 1953.

Jerry married Dorothy Lowman of Bridger in Seattle, November, 1969.

He was an expert sheet metal worker, loved by all his associates. He continued that trade for 50 years.

Jerry and Dorothy loved camping at their Woodsy, Wash., campsite, where they spent many weekends. They enjoyed bowling, fishing, playing cards and watching all Seattle sports. After moving to their retirement home in Laurel, he became master of his John Deere tractor.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; sons, Joshua (Shantel) of Glendale, Ariz., Kevin (Gayle) Hottell of Enterprise, Ala.; daughter Kaylee Rehn of Boise, Idaho. Also surviv-



**JERRY
VETTER**

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ing are five grandchildren, Garrett, Corey, Austin, Samantha and Adam; brother, Bud (Donna) of Peshastin, Wash.; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Jerry loved his family, especially his grandchildren and his nephews and nieces. He was always the impulsive prankster, but in a loving way.

He will be forever missed. We will remember him always. We know he is with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the Apostles Lutheran Church, 3140 Broadwater, Billings, where they have been members since moving to Laurel. Interment will be 2:30 p.m. at the Bridger Cemetery. Friends may meet with the family at the Bridger Cafe Banquet Room after the interment. Memorials may be made to the Children's Make A Wish Foundation or the charity of one's choice.

Sandy Vetter

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Sandra Clair "Sandy" Vetter, 56, of Gillette, died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at her home, of leukemia.

A Visitation will be 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 24, at the St. Matthews Catholic Church in Gillette.

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BOISE, Idaho — Louise Sparhawk Vickery was born July 24, 1912, in Rushville, Ill., the daughter of Wyoming pioneers Frank O. and Bessie Sparhawk. She died in Enumclaw, Wash., on Feb. 19, 2004, at 91 years of age.

Her father, Frank O. Sparhawk, was the first forest ranger on the Shoshone National Forest, and her early years of life were at the Crandall Creek Ranger Station in the Sunlight Basin of Wyoming.



**LOUISE
VICKERY**

On Dec. 18, 1912, the Cody Enterprise printed a notice about her arrival that said, "Frank Sparhawk, the Crandall Creek Forest Ranger, made a trip to Sheridan last week to meet Mrs. Sparhawk and their baby daughter, who will spend the winter at the Ranger Station with their husband and father. Mr. Sparhawk had not seen the winsome baby, who arrived while Mrs. Sparhawk was in the east, and that Frank is the happiest ranger in these parts is evident."

One of her favorite stories was about when Buffalo Bill Cody acted as her baby sitter. Her par-

ents were in Cody to obtain supplies, and her father stopped in at the Irma Hotel and asked Buffalo Bill to watch her while he took care of some business. Cody perched her on the bar and gave her several silver dollars to play with. The event left Louise with a wonderful story to tell!

The family moved to a ranch at Chance, Wyo., where her love of the land and mountains continued to grow. She attended Pioneer School at Clark and high school in Akron, Ohio.

When she was about 9 years old, a young cowboy working for her father teased her by saying, "Little girl, when you grow up I think I'll marry you." That young man was Fred B. Vickery, who in 1942 did become her husband. They first made their home in Bridger and in 1948, moved to Billings, where she spent the next 50 years. In retirement, Fred and Louise enjoyed spending summers in Jackson, Wyo.

She was an active member of the LDS church and a lifetime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Taking care of her home and family and providing love and guidance to her children and grandchildren was her full-time life's work.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, in 1992, brother, Richard, in 1994, and great-grandson, Austin T. Vickery, in 2001.

She is survived by two sons, Lynden (Cheri) of Orem, Utah, and David (Linda) of Boise; three daughters, Cari (Jim) Booth of Enumclaw, JoAnn Vickery of Port Angeles, Wash., and Barbara Kinsey of Billings; a brother, Howard Sparhawk of Billings, and sister, Ruth Sparhawk of Los Angeles. 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren were her special joy.

Cremation has taken place. She will be brought home to Montana for a celebration of life memorial service later this year.

FEB 26 2004

At the age of 81, Charles "Chuck" Victora passed away in Billings, Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, peacefully home to the Lord. Chuck was born Oct. 6, 1922, in Scranton, N.D., the son of Charles and Agnes (Becker) Victora.



**CHUCK
VICTORA**

On Oct. 14, 1943, Chuck entered the United States Marine Corps. After serving in the Pacific Theater until 1946, he received his honorable discharge.

Chuck returned to Mildred, Mont., where he met Corrine Ann Moore from Spring Valley, Wis. On June 21, 1949, Chuck and Corrine were united in marriage in Terry. Chuck and Corrine moved to Billings in 1954, where Chuck was employed by the Billings Gazette until his retirement in 1977. He and his wife continued to deliver the Gazette in a vendor route until 1983.

Chuck was a member of the American Legion, VFW and Disabled Veterans of America. He enjoyed outings with his family and grandchildren, traveling, playing cards, fishing, conversing with coffee buddies and staying abreast of current events.

Chuck leaves behind his wife

of 54 years, Corrine; four children, Delora Jennings and her husband Bob of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Debra Erickson and her husband Dennis of Billings, Dale Victora and his wife Faye of Fort Collins, Colo., Dean Victora of Billings; four grandchildren, Richard Hendrickson of San Antonio, Ryan Hendrickson and his wife Jamie, Andrew Victora and Elizabeth Victora, all of Fort Collins; one sister, Lil (McNaney) Shapard and her husband George of Billings; five step-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren; in-laws, John Moore and wife Margaret of White Bear Lake, Minn., Barbara Sackman of Fallon, Leta Powell of St. Paul, Minn., Orin Moore and wife Linda of Spring Valley; numerous other relatives and friends, including his special pal, Shilo. Chuck was a loving husband and father and will be surely missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Charles David.

Funeral services for Chuck will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Cremation will follow with private family burial of ashes at a later date. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

APR 15 2004

Arturo Villarreal, Jr.

Arturo Villarreal, Jr., 27, passed away at the Powell Hospital on Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

He was born October 20, 1976 in Raymondville, Tex. to Arturo and Hilda (Davila) Villarreal and moved to Powell with his parents 14 years ago.

He is survived by his parents and two sisters, Maria Villarreal and Alejandra Perez, and seven nephews, Alex, Arturo, William and Daniel Villarreal and Jose, Paulino and Joel Perez. Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitations will be Thursday from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home and on Friday at St. Barbara's Catholic Church from 5:45 p.m. until Christian Wake Services begin at 7 p.m. with Father Peter Johnson officiating.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St Barbara's. Interment will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Deborah Ostby Vincent

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Deborah Ostby Vincent, 51, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the New Life Wesleyan Church in Gillette. Interment will follow in the Hulett Cemetery at 2 p.m. in Hulett, Wyo. Visitation will be Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel.

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VINCENT — Florence, 89,
of Bozeman, passed away
Sunday. Visitation will be 5 to
8 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral
services will be 1:30 p.m.
Thursday at Dahl Funeral
Chapel. Interment will follow
at Sunset Memorial
Gardens.(12/9)

Franklin Jay Vincent

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

April ~~FEB~~ 30 2004

COLSTRIP — Franklin Jay Vincent, 55, of Colstrip, died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at the Big Sky Coal Mine, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the First Baptist Church in Colstrip. Funeral services will be Monday, May 3, in Lewisburg, Ky. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of local arrangements.

George Thomas Vincent

BEACH, N.D. — George Thomas Vincent, 63, of Beach, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Beach. Interment will be in the Beach Lutheran Cemetery.

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Juanita Vinke

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Juanita F. Vinke, 81, of Sheridan, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

At her request, cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 16, at her daughter's home, 644 First Ave. W., Sheridan. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Nora Visser

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 31 2004

RED LODGE — Nora Jane Visser passed away unexpectedly at her home in Red Lodge on Friday, May 28, 2004, at the early age of 59 years.

Nora was born in Billings on Jan. 15, 1945, to Emmett and Ruby Curry. She had been a resident of Red Lodge for more than 25 years.

She had only recently retired from her position at the Red Lodge Middle School where she truly enjoyed working with and relating to local teens.

Mrs. Visser was a widow of three years to the late Joe Visser, her soul mate for over three decades. She was a dedicated and devoted mother to her two sons, Bill and Mike, as well as the proud grandmother of four.

Mrs. Visser is survived by her mother, Ruby Orr; her sister, Janet Whitaker; her sons, Bill Rodier and Mike Visser; and her grandchildren, Wendy, Nikki, Devin and Zach.

Nora will be sorely missed by her family, her friends, and by all throughout the community that have come to know her.

Memorial Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, in the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Red Lodge. Cremation has taken

place. Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made in Nora's name to the Boys and Girls Club of Red Lodge, P.O. Box 11, Red Lodge, MT 59068.

Robert 'Bob' Vitt

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 07 2004

SIOUX PASS, Mont. — Robert "Bob" Vitt, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at his home.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements.

SEP 1 2004

WOLF POINT, MONTANA

Anita Irene (Archdale) Vivier

WOLF POINT — Anita Irene (Archdale) Vivier, 54, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at her home from cancer.

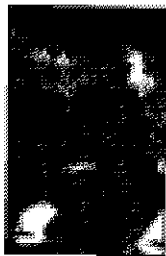
Visitation is from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel from 1 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the chapel with interment in Oswego Cemetery.

Donald Eugene Vladic

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 11 2004

Don passed away peacefully of natural causes at his home on Jan. 8, 2004. One of nine children, Don was born on Jan. 23, 1931, to Marco and Donna Vladic and lived most of his life in the Billings area.



**DONALD
VLADIC**

After serving in the Navy, he received his associate degree from Billings Business College and was employed in various sales and management positions throughout his career. After retiring, he enjoyed golf, sports, cribbage, but most of all socializing with his friends and customers at his 'second career' — selling men's clothing.

He is survived by Jeanne, his wife of 45 years, and three daughters, Julie (Scott) Frickel of Helena, Jill (Ed) Uffelman of Hardin, and Jeri (Dan) Clark of Denver. He also leaves three grandchildren whom he dearly loved, Kelli, Kayla and Brad, as well as step-grandchildren, Chris (Heidi) and Nick Uffelman. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Michael, Jack, George and Margaret. Surviving are brothers, Doug and Tom of Billings; sisters, Helen of Bozeman and Doris of Portland

Ore.

Those lucky enough to know Don will remember his gentle, caring and funny ways. Don always had a smile, joke, positive outlook and was man who loved life and genuinely cared about all.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday Jan. 12, at the Holy Rosary Church, 501 Custer Ave., Billings. A private family burial service will be conducted at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or charity of choice. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles Vogel

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

LAS ANIMAS, Colo. — Charles Vogel, 76, died July 14, 2004, while living at a Veterans Home.

JUL 18 2004

He was born at Ballantine to Henry and Mary Vogel Sr. He served in the U.S. Army from July 1946 to May 1949. He is survived by two sisters.

No services are planned at this time.

MAR 18 2004

Ernest Vogele

GLENDIVE — Ernest "Ernie" Lyle Vogele, 59, of Glendive, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery.

Jack L. Volk

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 28 2004

LIVINGSTON — Jack L. Volk, 64, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Franzen-Davis Crematory of Livingston is in charge of arrangements.

Lawrence Volk**MAY 25 2004**

SIDNEY — Lawrence Volk, 84, of Sidney, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at the St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

George Voller

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 15 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — George Voller, 63, of Powell, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at Hope Lutheran Church in Powell. Burial services will be Monday, July 19, at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Bowdle, S.D. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

CURTIS (GEORGE) VOLLER

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church for Curtis (George) Voller, 63, who died at his Powell home Tuesday, July 13 after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born March 19, 1941, in Eureka, S.D. His parents were Jacob and Esther Voller. He graduated from Bowdle High School in Bowdle, S.D.

He also completed diesel mechanic training at a technical school and worked for Aberdeen Equipment in Aberdeen, S.D., from 1968-1970. After moving to Powell, he was employed by Johnson & Bolmeier, and later Swenson & Anderson, as a tractor mechanic. Until being diagnosed with cancer, he worked for a variety of local businesses, including Heart Mountain Farm Supply, Raymond Ford and Murray Farms.



Curtis Voller

On May 4, 1968, he married Susan Moser of Bowdle, S.D. They were blessed with one son, Todd Voller, of Powell.

George's greatest pleasures were derived from the outdoors. His enjoyments included hunting, fishing, camping and snowmobiling with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife Susan of Powell; his son, Todd Voller of Powell; his brothers, Harold Voller of Bath, S.D., Herbert Voller of Broton, S.D., and Robert (Loretta) Voller of Billings, Mont.; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. For those who wish, the family requests memorial contributions to the Hematology Oncology Cancer Center, 1025 9th Street, Cody, WY 82414, or to the Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 588 Avenue H, Powell, WY 82435. Graveside services will be held in Bowdle, S.D., Monday, July 19 at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

THE POWELL
TRIBUNE

JUL 15 2004

Clara Volz

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 22 2004

MILES CITY — Clara Volz, age 93, of Miles City, Mont., passed away on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Extended Care in Miles City.

Clara was born on Sept. 18, 1910, in Linton, N.D., the daughter of Anton and Clara (Aberle) Masseth. She attended country grade schools until the fifth grade, when she had to quit to



CLARA VOLZ

help on the family farm. Clara married Rudolph Volz on Oct. 22, 1931, in Linton. She moved to Montana in May of 1951, where she worked as a chamber maid in various hotels. She then worked at the Holy Rosary Hospital, working in the laundry for eleven years.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the VFW Auxiliary.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband Rudolph on Nov. 18, 1986; two infant sons, Anthony and Lawrence; a grandson Jeffery Volz; a brother Nicholas; and five sisters, Katherine, Rosina, Christine, Elizabeth and Eva. She is survived by her children, Nicholas Volz and his wife Betty of Baker, Joseph Volz and his wife Judith of Miles City, Helen Murray of Billings,

Jacob (Jake) Volz and his wife Frieda of Miles City, Eva McCabe of Miles City, and Mathew Volz and his wife Darlene of Billings; eleven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will begin on Monday, Aug. 23, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Calvary Cemetery. Should friends wish, condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com

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

Bette P. Von Hess

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 15 2004

Bette P. Von Hess, died peacefully in her sleep at her home on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004.

She was a 30-year resident of Montana having relocated from Calif., after her marriage to Melvin H. Von Hess.

Bette Pitt Park was born Aug. 9, 1921, in Duluth, Minn., and moved to Calif., shortly after. Her early years were spent growing up in Hollywood and Beverly Hills. She attended



**BETTE
VON HESS**

Kenwood Hall School for Girls, Beverly Hills High School, graduating at the age of 15, Santa Monica Jr. College, where she was active in student government and was crowned "Queen of the May." She was a graduate of UCLA and a member of Delta Gamma Fraternity.

Her early career as teacher was begun in Ontario, Calif., and she remained a lifelong educator. Bette married her first husband, Dr. Alanson A. Mason, in February of 1941. During their marriage, they shared a love of skiing, travel and an active community life. Bette was president of Assistance League and Orthopedic Guild and a Deacon at La Canada Presbyterian

Church. Together they had four daughters, Cynthia Mason Hollern, Wendy Mason Gribble, Barbara Mason O'Brien and Susan Mason McKenna.

In 1974, she married Melvin H. Von Hess of Billings and relocated to Mont. After Mel's death, in 1975, Bette created Park Properties, the business of her life, a cow/calf operation, which continued for the next 20 years.

Bette loved Montana, its people and places. In addition to Park Properties, Bette was a leader in Farm Bureau and Mayflower Church. She actively supported Western Heritage Center and Billings Studio Theatre. Bette's active life included membership at Yellowstone Country Club, Tennis Club, Art Group, Bible Study and Book Club.

Her faith, family and friends were the pillars of her life. She will be remembered for her intellectual curiosity, her enthusiasm and zest for life, her perseverance and fearlessness, her sense of humor, athleticism and style. To know her was to admire and love her.

Bette is survived by her sister, Audrey Park Jones; her daughters and their husbands, Cynthia and John Hollern, Wendy and Dan Gribble, Barbara and Barton O'Brien and Susan and Kevin McKenna; nine grandchildren, Allison Hollern, Michael Hollern, Kendra Hollern, Matthew Gribble, Lauren Gribble, Emily O'Brien, Mason O'Brien, Sean McKenna and Sarah McKenna; and two nieces, Jill Jones and Robin Woodworth.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Mayflower Church in Billings with a life celebration reception to follow at Yellowstone Country Club.

APR 15 2004

Carl Frank Votapka

6-12-1923 — 4-6-2004

OCEANSIDE, Calif. — Carl Frank Votapka was born June 12, 1923, the second son of Frank and Lioba (Heitman) Votapka. He died April 6, 2004, in Palomar Hospital, Escondido, of complications due to open heart surgery.

He graduated from Jennings (Kan.) High School in 1941. He attended Kansas State University briefly and left to do defense work in Hutchinson, Kan., enlisting in the U.S. Navy 1942-1946.

Returning to Kansas, he owned Northwestern Seed Company until 1963.

Moving to Billings, 1963-1981, as a Real Estate Broker, moved to Escondido, 1981-1986, lived in various cities until moving to Oceanside in 2001.

He married Betty Peterson, April 17, 1948. To this union,

three children were born: Frank and Jenny Votapka and family, Libby, Mont.; Gary and Sue Votapka and family, Fallbrook; Carlen Herington and family, Starkville, Miss.

Carl was active in Boy Scouts, organized and headed Sheriff's Auxiliary in Billings. He enjoyed woodworking and lapidary, was a life master in UCBL. He remained active in Real Estate until his death.

Survivors include Betty, his wife; the three children and families; a sister in Kansas, Francis Montieth; three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law; many nieces, nephews and cousins, friends and business associates.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorial services will be held later.

Eva Lou Vredenburg

THE BULLETIN

JAN 26 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — Eva Lou Vredenburg, 80, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at her home.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Community of Christ Church, located 14 miles from Powell on the Powell/Cody Highway. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Florence Vye

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 19 2004

Grave side services for Florence Vye will be held at Mountview cemetery on Sept. 1, at 11 a.m. Reception will immediately follow at the Billings Sheraton Hotel.

JUN 20 2004

Florence Elizabeth Vye of Tucson, Ariz.

TUCSON, Ariz. — Florence Oblender Vye, age 83, passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2004.

Florence was born Oct. 13, 1920, in Ballantine, Mont. She was the daughter of George and Amelia Oblender. Florence graduated as a nurse from the St. Vincent School of Nursing and was employed as a nurse in Billings, where she met her husband, Theodore "Ted" R. Vye, MD. Upon her husband's death, Florence went back to school and re-entered the medical field as a nurse anesthetist. Florence worked at St. Vincent Hospital for many years and eventually moved to Tucson, where she served the Tucson Medical Community for 20 years.

She was affectionately known as "Flo" to doctors, colleagues and friends. Flo's generosity and heart of gold would shine when she could give a helping hand to friends and family.

Florence is survived by her son, Gregory R. Vye and grandson, Trevor, both of Tucson; a sister, Ella Halford of Billings; and a brother and sister-in-law, Leo

and Mary Lou Oblender of New Brighton, Minn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service is pending.

Flo's family suggests memorials may be made in her name to one of your choice.

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AUGUST 'GUS' WACKER

ROUNDUP — August "Gus" Wacker, son of Jacob and Lydia (Adolph) Wacker, was born June 28, 1920, north of Roundup. He passed away Nov. 20, 2004, after a short illness.



**GUS
WACKER**

Gus joined the Air Force in February 1942 and served in the Africa-Italy-Corsica area. He was honorably discharged in September 1945. On Sept. 20, 1945, he was united in marriage to

Florence

Basinger and

they had 59 years together. To this

union was born Marlene in 1947.

After working for several years on various ranches, they together

were managers of motels and apartment complexes.

They retired and moved to Absarokee, where they lived for several years.

In 1997, they moved to Roundup.

Gus is survived by his wife and his daughter Marlene and Robbie

Samuels of Roundup. He is also survived by his grandson Jason

Dooley and his great-grandson Taylor Dooley. Surviving siblings are his brother Al Wacker of Red Bluff, Calif.; and sisters Martha Keller of Columbus, Hilda

(Eugene) Stein of Klamath Falls, Ore., Leona (Harold) Hougardy of Santa Maria, Calif., and Marian Pinkham of Miles City. Several special nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Jake, Henry, Edd, Reiny and Harry; and sisters Gertie May and Margaret Wacker.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place and military graveside services will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 1 p.m., at the Roundup City Cemetery.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge.

Memorials to Roundup Extended Care, VFW Post 4925 of Roundup or charity of choice.

NOV 23 2004

GAZETTE

Donald H. 'Jake' Wade

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 9 - 2004

DICKINSON, N.D. — Funeral Services for Donald Wade, 72, of Dickinson, formerly of Baker, Mont., will be 10 a.m. on



**DONALD
WADE**

on Saturday, July 10, at St. John's Catholic Church in Baker, with Father Thomas Tobin celebrating. Interment will follow in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, with

military rites provided by Baker American Legion Post # 35.

Visitation is Friday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Stevenson Funeral Home, Baker, followed by a rosary at 7 p.m., led by Matt Helfrich.

Don was born Nov. 16, 1931, to Andrew and Lillian (Marty) Wade in Morris, Minn. He married Carol McDonald on June 11, 1955, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Slayton, Minn.

Don enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He shared this love for nature with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed many trips to Canada, where he formed many lifelong friendships. Don found great joy in raising a beautiful garden and took pride in his well groomed

lawn. He enjoyed visiting with his friends and usually had a twinkle in his eye, which led to some good natured kidding and laughter.

Don accepted his illness and its outcome with dignity and class.

Don passed away peacefully July 7, 2004, at home, surrounded by his loving wife and family, due to end stage renal disease.

Don is survived by his wife, Carol, Dickinson; three sons, Bill (Teresa) Wade of Glendive, Gary (Linda) Wade of Baker and Andy (Cherf) Wade of Sparks, Nev.; two daughters, Cindy (Randy) Pisk of Fort Peck and Traci (Doug) Schell of Miles City; and 12 grandchildren, Shaun and Corey Pisk, Mike (Tasha), Dan and LeAnn Wade, Matt and Mariah Schell, Ryan, Chad, Jason and Marni Wade and Eric Wade. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one infant sister.

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

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WADE — James L. "Jimmie," 54 of Billings. Arrangements
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Lela Enola Wade

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POWELL, Wyo. — Lela Enola (Linderman) Wade, 90, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor in Gillette.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home in Powell.

Lela Enola Wade

Former Heart Mountain homesteader Lela Enola Wade died peacefully at Pioneer Manor in Gillette on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the age of 90.

She was born Lela Enola Linderman near Scotia, Nebr., daughter of Fred and Ethel Linderman. She was the second oldest of 10 children.

She married Howard Oral Wade in 1938 in Montana. In 1942, they were blessed with their first son, Wayne Franklin Wade, and four years later they moved to a homestead on Heart Mountain between Powell and Cody. After arriving at Heart Mountain, they had their second son, Dean Hal Wade, who died shortly after birth.

When son Wayne graduated from Powell High School and entered the U.S. Navy, the Lindermans sold the homestead and lived in several different Wyoming towns the rest of their lives.

Family will remember Lela as the kind of person who always had time to smell the flowers and to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. She was a faithful follower of her personal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She always took great pride in her flower gardens, friends, family and most of all, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, Wayne Wade and wife Janet of Green River, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and seven sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Howard Oral Wade; her son, Dean Hal Wade; a brother and a sister.

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She was laid to rest in Crown Hill Cemetery, Powell, Friday, Dec. 3 by her loving family and friends.

MAY 06 2004**Mildred E. Wade**

LIVINGSTON — Mildred E. Wade, 83, of Livingston, died Sunday, May 2, 2004, at Livingston Memorial Hospital.

Graveside committal services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 7, at Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston. Family and friends will gather at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston at 12:30 p.m. Friday to proceed to the cemetery.

Virginia Wagar

GLASGOW — Virginia Wagar, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

A vigil service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday before the funeral service at 2 p.m. Wednesday, both at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Glasgow. Interment is in Hillview Cemetery in Hinsdale. Bell Mortuary is in charge.

JAN 03 2004

Vern L. Wagler

OCT 22 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Vern L. Wagler, 73, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at West Park Hospital Emergency Room in Cody.

Visitations will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

HOWARD EARL WAGNER

Howard went home to the Lord he loved on Sept. 19, 2004.

Howard was born in Hardin to Howard E. and Beulah Wagner on

May 15, 1925. He was in the Navy nearly four years during World War II, serving in the South Pacific on the destroyer USS Onslow. He married Lois

Jane Smith in Miles City, June 4, 1947.

Howard worked for Yellowstone County Road Department for 32-1/2 years. The last eight and a half years, he was Road Superintendent, retiring Jan. 1, 1983. He enjoyed 21 years of retirement — RVing became a great way to see the country west of Mississippi and visit family. Taking grandchildren fishing was the most fun.

He ranched on the Clark's Fork River, south of Laurel for 10 years, enjoying his livestock and especially all of his family. Rodeo was a large part of Howard and Lois' life. Their involvement and the three boys participating in rodeo was a great tie for their family — the grandchildren followed into the rodeo scene and Howard and Lois had another reason to go to another one.



**HOWARD
WAGNER**

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Survivors include his wife, Lois Jane; sons, C. Terry and Jan of Miles City, Alvin E. and Judy Wagner of Park City and David H. and Barb Wagner of Billings; and six grandchildren, Ryan and Jase Wagner, Ross and Tiffany, CB (Traci), Bo (Brooke); great-grandchild Rylee; two sisters, Donna Morrison of Billings and Marilyn and Ray Schaak of Hardin. His father and mother and one granddaughter, Cami Lou, preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m., at West Side Baptist Church on 32nd St. West, with Pastor Lynn Howe officiating.

Memorials may be sent to West Side Baptist, 323 S. 32nd St. West, Billings, for Missionary Fund.

Hugh S. Wagner

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 11 2004

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS,
Colo. — Hugh S. Wagner, 72, died
Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at Yampa
Valley Medical Center.

Services will be at 1 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 11, at St. Raphael's
Catholic Church in Glasgow,
Mont. Burial will be in Highland
Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell
Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Timothy Matthew Wagner

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 9 0 2004

LAUREL — Timothy Matthew Wagner, 28, of Laurel, died in a car accident early Saturday morning Aug. 28, 2004.

He was born Aug. 10, 1976 in Billings, the son of Tim and Mary Wagner. He attended Laurel schools and lived in Laurel his entire life. He worked for Pryde Ind. with three special uncles, Vic, Russ and Chris.



**TIMOTHY
WAGNER**

Tim loved to go fishing with his grandpa. Tim will be remembered for his kind loving heart. Gone but not forgotten!

He is survived by his parents, Tim and Mary Wagner of Laurel; a sister, Wendy (Josh) Brewer of Missoula; nephew, Zackary; grandparents, Tim and Betty Wagner of Laurel; grandmother, Jeanne Cantrell of Wolf Point; and numerous aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, James Cantrell.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to charity of choice.

Gabrielle Wahl

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 11 2004

SCOBEEY — Gabrielle Wahl, 92, of Scobey, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Waller Funeral Home of Scobey is in charge.

AUG 20 2004

FISHTAIL — Helen Irene Wahl, of Fishtail, passed away quietly and peacefully in her sleep, at her home, on Aug. 18, 2004, at the age of 91.

Helen was born Sept. 3, 1912, in Billings, the daughter of Emilie and John Yost. Educated through the 12th grade in the Billings Public Schools, she



HELEN WAHL

often recalled her days as a young woman roller-skating across town to work at a laundry after school. On May 5, 1935, she married Theodore Wahl at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Billings.

In 1942, they bought the present-day ranch on the West Rosebud River, where they raised their three children. Ted was a square dance caller and they traveled to clubs in Billings, Red Lodge and Columbus. During that time, she sewed dozens of her own square dance dresses and petticoats. She loved dressing up for special occasions in all of her finery.

Helen was a longtime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. She was a 62-year member of the Fishtail Homemakers Club, a member of the Absaroka Garden

Club, Quilting Club and Red Hat Society. She always enjoyed trying new quilting projects and needlework techniques. Although she didn't drive, many special friends always made certain she could enjoy these and other get-togethers.

She loved her family and her home where people were always made to feel welcome. She enjoyed making and giving beautiful homemade gifts to her children, grandchildren and friends. She sewed dozens of quilts over the years that she gave to her family and our homes are filled with the splendor of her handiwork. She took pride in her beautiful gardens. Her greatest joy was sharing starts of her perennials and many gardens around the area have been made more beautiful because of her thoughtfulness. She had a great wit, loved to tell stories and had a wonderful little giggle and shrug that made people smile.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Wahl in 1989; her grandson Eric Wahl; brother John Yost; sister Anne Bailey and sister Alma Yost. She is survived by her three children of Fishtail, Clarence W. Wahl, Kenneth J. Wahl (Leslyn) and Georgjamn DeCard (Cliff); her grandchild- dren, Robin Wahl, Capt. Clinton Wahl USAF, Britton DeCard, Brian DeCard, Rapausti Haugh, Ausanne Panaron, Amosorn Sangchun, Usa Iverson and Panedah Wahl; step-grandchild- dren Adrian Ayers, Braanne Gatzmeier, Chris Vitale, Sarah Vitale; her great-granddaughters, Emma DeCard, Melissa and Kristina Iverson, Israporn Panaron; great-grandsons, Thomas, Alexander and Daniel Haugh and Eric Iverson; her step- great-granddaughter, Destiny Ayers; and her many special friends who kept her young in spirit. We all love you and miss you.

Cremation has taken place and services will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Absarokee on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 11 am. Memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church or charity of your choice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus was in charge of cremation.

Rachel Wahl

HELENA — Rachel Elaine Wahl, 82, of Helena, formerly of Terry, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at the Big Sky Care Center in Helena.

Visitation will be Friday, April 9, at the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Terry. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Fallon. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Prairie County Cemetery in Terry.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Mary J. Waisner

OCT 23 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Mary J. Waisner, 77, of Sheridan, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at Kane Funeral Home in Sheridan. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Cremation will take place, with inurnment of remains in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

Florence M. Wajda

CODY, Wyo. — Florence M. Wajda, 86, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at

St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Cody. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Ill. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Joel Waldman

Joel Waldman, 38, of Billings, passed away Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Riverside Cemetery. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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Joe Walikonis

PLENTYWOOD — A funeral service will be held for Joe Walikonis at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Joe, 88, died Thursday night, Oct. 7, 2004, at his residence at Montana Pioneer Manor, in Plentywood.

Joe was born March 28, 1916, in Philadelphia, Pa., a son of Joseph and Mary (Andrilenas) Walikonis. Joe's family homesteaded west of Reserve in 1918. As a young man, Joe mined coal and farmed in the Reserve area. In 1938, Joe married Mabel Hueth and they made their home west of Reserve. Two children were born to this union.

In 1947, they bought a general store in Reserve and added a locker plant, meat processing plant, café and post office. While operating the store, Joe was very instrumental in the development of the Reserve community, including the sewer system, paving and bringing television to the area. In 1963, they purchased the Wild West Diner in Culbertson and farmed in the Ft. Kipp area. In 1999, due to declining health, Joe and Mabel moved to Williston, N.D. In May of 2004, they moved to the Montana Pioneer Manor in Plentywood.

Joe loved animals and attending auction sales. He was a farmer, through and through. He also enjoyed playing cards and visiting with his family and friends.

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Survivors include his wife Mabel of Plentywood; a son, Jin (Mary Jean) of Reserve; and a daughter, Barbara Pulley (David) of Missoula; four grandchildren Jan (Scott) Pierce, Julie (Martin) Lucas, Stephen (Jennifer) Pulley and Jennifer (Bryan) Muzzana and 11 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Albert (Jeannie) Walikonis Reserve; and a sister, Ann Adams of Salt Lake City. Joe is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Amelia McLeod; and a grandson, James Alan Walikonis.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is assisting with arrangements.

Bonnie Walker

Bonnie Walker of Billings died Jan. 12, 2004, of natural causes. She was born in Gledtdive, one of three daughters of Walter and Clara Brooks. In 1953 she married Wyth E. Walker who died in 1980.

For nearly 40 years, Bonnie lived on Poly Drive. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile.

She is survived by a nephew and leaves many friends who remained faithful to her during her recent illness.

No services are planned.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
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Florence P. Walker**JUN 25 2004**

GLASGOW — Florence P. Walker, 81, died Sunday, June 20, 2004.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in Glasgow. Bell Mortuary is in charge.

Hope Della-Mae Walker**MAR 20 2004**

LOVELL, Wyo. — Hope Della-Mae Walker, 10 months, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, of accidental drowning in her bathtub.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 22, at 11 a.m., at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell. Interment will be in the Lovell Cemetery.

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Jerold Eugene "Jerry" Walker, 72, of Billings, passed away in the morning, Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, after a courageous battle with an extended illness.

He was born in Treece, Kan., Feb. 26, 1931, the son of the late Clarence Walker and Ollie Walker Potts and stepson of the late Doyle Potts.



**JERRY
WALKER**

Jerry was the husband of Barbara Walker and former husband to the late Joann Walker Chatwood. He was raised and educated in Billings and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in the summer of 1949, just after what should have been his graduation from Billings Senior High School.

Jerry was a real-life genuine hero to his country, family and friends. During the Korean Conflict, serving with the United State Marine Corps, he was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze star and three Purple Hearts for wounds inflicted by bayonet, rifle and hand grenade.

He received a bachelor's degree in physical education and two years later, received a master's degree in guidance counseling, both from the University of Montana. He spent two years in Idaho as a teacher and coach and

then returned to Billings to work at Riverside and Will James Junior High Schools. He spent the bulk of his career, 32 years, at Billings Senior High, the last 15 years as assistant principal. Over the years, he coached football, track and baseball. He retired from School District #2 in 1992 and then worked as a guidance counselor in Lovell, Wyo., for five years before retiring for real.

Jerry was a hero to his family as a loving father, mentor, role model and the "wind beneath their wings."

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter Jeri Ann (John) Jewell of California, Md.; sons, Jack (Joy Lynn) Walker of Spokane, Wash., and Jeff Walker of Missoula; four grandchildren, Jamie Jewell, Kari Walker, Jake Walker and Ryan Walker; brother, Jim Walker of Billings and a host of other family and friends.

Also surviving are Barbara's children, Randall (Ruba) Watts, Wesley Guy, Charles (Sandra) Watts, Kevin (Teresa) Watts and Carla (Kevin) Sessions; 20 step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

You will always be with us in spirit. You always had a loving

heart and open arms to everyone you came in contact with. You always prepared trips down to the final detail and were ready to go days ahead of time. We are thankful for the extra years the Lord let you stay with us. We love you and will truly miss you.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the LDS Stake Center, 2929 Belvedere Drive. Interment with military honors will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family will greet friends between 5 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Smith's Downtown Chapel.

Memorials may be made to DAV Chapter #10, 2345 King Ave. W., Billings, MT 59102.

ROBERT A. WALKER

Robert Austin Walker, 76, passed away of acute leukemia, Feb. 9, 2004, at his home in Billings, surrounded by his family. Bob was born Oct. 29, 1927, in Glendive, to Perry and Anna (Johnson) Walker. He grew up in Bloomfield.

On June 26, 1946, he was united in marriage to Eileen Young of Glendive. For over 30 years, Bob worked for Consolidated Freightway. He began on the docks and worked his way into management.

Bob loved Montana and enjoyed fishing and hunting throughout the state. He liked to spend time with his family. He was always fixing or building around the house. He loved watching baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves.

Bob is survived by his wife, Eileen, of 57 years; three daughters, Mary ("Zeke") Thoreson of Billings, Patry Walker of Great Falls and Karin (Reg) Zebedee of Carstairs, Alberta, Canada; son, Scott (DeEtta) Walker of Colorado Springs, Colo.; granddaughter, Deana (Lance) Hart of Laurel; grandson, Cale Zebedee of Carstairs; sister, Ruth Buller;



**ROBERT
WALKER**

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brother, Judd Walker, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by one grandson, Cody Zebedee.

We want to give a special thanks to Dr. Roger Santala and Bob's nephew, Roger Walker, who helped in his final hours.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A reception will follow.

Memorials may be sent to Northern Rockies Cancer Center, PO Box 369, Billings, MT 59101.

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HELENA — Sharon Jean Walker, 62, of Helena, passed away on April 7, 2004, after a brief, brave struggle with lymphoma.



**SHARON
WALKER**

Loved by friends, family and her community, Sharon's life was celebrated with a service on Tuesday, April 13, at the First Lutheran Church in Helena, followed by her burial at Forestvale Cemetery. Memorial donations are suggested to the American Cancer Society or the Cancer Treatment Center at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena.

Happy in life and love, Sharon was a devoted wife, sister, mother, grandmother and friend. She was also dedicated in her service to others as a teacher, school administrator and active parishioner at First Lutheran Church where she recently worked as parish administrator.

Sharon was born in Billings on Nov. 9, 1941, to her parents Harold and Dorothy Zimmerman. Her family settled in Glendive in 1955, where she met her husband Gary Walker and graduated from Dawson County High School. She and Gary married in Glendive on

Sept. 1, 1963. She attended college at Moorhead State in Moorhead, Minn., graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1965.

After graduation, Gary and Sharon began their teaching careers in Malta. In 1967, they moved to Chandler, Ariz., where Gary completed his master's degree at Arizona State and where the couple began their family. Sharon was blessed with two sons, Mark, born in 1967, and Jonathan, born in 1970. After nine years in Boise and Caldwell, Idaho, the family moved to Helena in 1979.

Sharon touched many lives in the community through her work in Helena schools as a classroom teacher, coordinator of the gifted program, and school administrator. She was a loving and enthusiastic advocate for all children and committed to lifelong learning. Sharon received her master's degree in education at the University of Montana in 1991.

Quick with a smile and delighted with the life that she lived, Sharon will be greatly missed by all who knew her. We find comfort and hope in both the memory of her life, lived in unselfish and unconditional love,

and in her strong Christian faith.

She is survived by her husband, Gary; her sons, Mark (Shannon) of Helena and Jonathan (Cara) of Portland, Ore.; her brothers, Don Zimmerman (Penny) and David Zimmerman (Patty) of Glendive; and her grandchildren Elijah, Brynn, William and Cailin.

JOSEPH WALKS ALONG, Sr.

LAME DEER — On Dec. 1, 2004, Maheo beckoned home to the spirit world His humble and faithful servant Joseph Walks Along, Sr., "Nahkoso." He passed away from respiratory complications following a heart attack. Joe often expressed to his family that "when the Lord calls me home it will be a happy and glorious day and the Creator will say welcome home my trusted and faithful servant." He departed from us surrounded by his loving wife, children and grandchildren to journey to a peaceful Cheyenne village along a cool clear river where there is joy, laughter and singing with our relatives and friends who have gone before us. He looked forward to being in the presence of his savior Jesus Christ, "the Bright Morning Star."



**JOE
WALKS ALONG**

Nahkoso was born when the 'plum brush blossoms,' about April 23, 1931, in Lame Deer. He was raised in traditional Cheyenne family home amongst its elders and extended family. He was proud to be a descendent of Strong Left Hand, his great-grandfather, who was a traditional military society warrior who helped protect and defend our

Northern Cheyenne people in our desperate running battle from Oklahoma Territory back to the North Country of Montana in 1877-'78. His grandfather Yellow Robe and his father, Hugh Walks Along, were great influences in his early years, instilling in him the necessity for the coming generations of Northern Cheyenne to adapt and thrive in a modern world with engines, nuclear weapons, airplanes, money and many other things that were astounding. Joe did not speak English when he enrolled in elementary school, he therefore made a commitment to learn the English language and it became his destiny to acquire an education and select a career that would allow him to serve the Northern Cheyenne people and the larger world community.

The "Old Man," as he was affectionately called by his wide circle of family and friends, completed his schooling at Lame Deer Public School, Busby High School and Cook Theological School, Phoenix, Ariz., with a Christian Ministry-Bachelors of Arts degree in 1961. During his junior year, while attending Colstrip High School, he was

called to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, engaging in military actions on the Asian Peninsula of Korea.

Corporal Walks Along, of the U.S. Army's 40th Division, 33rd Regiment, Company A, was decorated with the Republic of Korea Service Medal, awarded to him by South Korean president Sygmond Rhee. In addition, he received two bronze stars and an Honorable Discharge for his service from 1952-1954 in a combat infantry unit. He maintained a deep respect for the young men and women, especially Native Americans, who have placed themselves in harm's way in this country's past military actions and continued to pray for the current military personnel engaged in armed hostilities in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places around the globe with a American military presence. His prayer has always been for Peace amongst all people and nations.

When Joe shares his story, he always told how he battled with alcohol following his discharge from the U.S. military; how he made a life-changing decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior; and how his obsession to drink was lifted from him by his Lord and Savior.

On Aug. 3, 1955, he wed his best friend and soul mate, Victoria Long Jaw, who supported and encouraged Joe in his ministry and in the raising of their eight children. Grandma

Victoria has become the matriarch of the Walks Along family and was with her husband when he was officially ordained by 23 pastors, with the Reverend Alfred Habegger officiating, in the winter of 1961. They have been married for over 49 years.

During these precious years, Reverend Walks Along, often with mom at his side, unselfishly served thousands of people through marriage ceremonies, funeral rites, counseling and giving comfort, prayer services and Christian worship services on a local, national and international scale.

In 1967, Joe attended the Mennonite World Conference held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, where he shared the gospel with thousand of Christians of all races and nationalities from around the world. Pastor Walks Along uniquely blended the ancient teachings of the Cheyenne People with the Christian teachings of the Holy Bible he loved so much. He continued on a spiritual pilgrimage, via Athens, Greece, to the Holy lands in Israel and was awed to have walked, visited and prayed at the sites where Jesus lived, preached and died on the cross for each of us. Additionally, he and his wife have journeyed to Canada, Mexico and Guatemala in their ministry. In 1996, Joe and

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Victoria, along with other Christian friends, traveled to Guatemala to share their strength, hope and love with the Central American Indians who were being persecuted and killed by government soldiers because they were practicing their Christian faith.

Old man Joe was also very active in his community and has been especially noted for his 20 years of service on the Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and 30 years of service on the Tribal Credit Committee. In addition, he served on many local and national boards, committees and commissions (too many to mention) while performing his civic duty as a trusted and respected member of our tribal community. He acquired the ability to earn the trust of many people and the lives he touched lead him to answer the call from the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council from 1996-1998, as President of the Tribe from January 1999 to November 2000. At the time of his death, Joe was serving on the Tribal Council, having been elected in November 2002.

Councilman Walks Along's trusted advice, sober guidance, spiritual leadership and wise counsel will be missed by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal gov-

ernment and representatives of other Indian Nations. He strongly advocated for preservation of our Native languages and culture, tribal sovereignty, improved health care (especially diabetes prevention), honesty in government, economic development and most of all protection and preservation of our Northern Cheyenne homeland that our "old people" sacrificed their very lives for in order for the coming generations of Northern Cheyenne to have a place to call home forever.

For over 30 years, Grandpa Joe also operated a small cattle ranch north of Lame Deer, where he raised mostly black-angus beef. He enjoyed tracking the market prices for beef and other agriculture products, watching the changes in the weather, and religiously observed the rise and shifting of the Morning Star and the sun each day. He was a storyteller and shared powerful stories of love, hope, sadness of life itself to any fellow human being who shared a few moments with him. Old Man had a special sparkle in his eye and what

seemed like a permanent smiling calm face. He had a deep reservoir of encouragement for his children, grandchildren, relatives, friends and all people who needed a person just to listen. He claimed all the Northern Cheyenne people as his relatives and he prayed for health, prosperity, happy, and all good things for each of us on a daily basis.

His parents; brother, Henry Limpy; sisters, Carole White Wolf, Martha Little Whirlwind, Ida Killnight, Fannie Burgess, Mary Walks Along; and an adopted brother, Jack Haller, preceded Joe in death.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria of Lame Deer; a daughter, Sharon (John) Three Fingers of Lame Deer; seven sons, James (Florene), William, David and Victor of Lame Deer, John (Cetti Ann) of Busby, Isaac (Lore) and Joseph (Lynne) Walks Along, Jr. of Muddy Creek; 29 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; an adopted brother, Alonzo Spang; adopted sons, a Steve (Linda) Brady and Fred Ransch; sister-in-law, Agnes Limpy; and brother-in-law, Fred White Wolf, Sr.

Traditional wake services will be held 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in the Lame Deer Mennonite Church. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, in the Lame Deer Allen Rowland Gymnasium. Interment with military honors will follow in the

Walks Along Family Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Grandpa: All persons who had the privilege and honor of knowing you will never forget the love and respect you demonstrated in your lifelong commitment to serve Maheo. The eternal spiritual imprint and legacy of leadership you have left for our family, the Northern Cheyenne People and all of humanity is confirmation of your kindness and gentle manner. Old Man, you left on the wings of an eagle.

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**LaToya Lee
Walking Eagle**

POPLAR — LaToya Lee Walking Eagle, 19, died Saturday, April 3, 2004 in Poplar.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Poplar Cultural Center, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 9, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Brockton. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

John Lee Walking Eagle Sr.

BISMARCK, N.D. — John Lee Walking Eagle Sr., 57, formerly of Poplar, died March 2, 2004, in Bismarck, of a long illness.

Viewing will be begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Poplar Cultural Center, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 8, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Brockton. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.

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LODGE GRASS — Cedric Walks Over Ice, 77, of Lodge Grass, renowned Indian singer, passed away Friday Dec. 17, 2004, in the Crow Agency IHS Hospital.

Awaxaam daakash "Mountain Child" was born July 2, 1927, in

Lodge Grass, a son of Louis and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick Walks Over Ice. He received his education in Lodge Grass, Hardin and the Chemawa Indian school in Oregon. He later attended and graduated from the Haskell

Institute in Kansas with a degree in business. Following his education, he entered the U.S. Army for four years, before receiving his honorable discharge.

Cedric began a career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Phoenix, Ariz., later in Washington state and finally in Crow Agency, retiring in 1985 as a Realty Specialist 4. He married Lorena Mae Yellowtail on Sept. 22, 1944, in Crow Agency and the couple made their home in Lodge Grass.

Cedric was a member of the Catholic Church, Whistling Water Clan, was a child of the Big Lodge Clan and former Drum Keeper for



**CEDRIC
WALKS OVER
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the Lodge Grass District.

He was encouraged by his mother to learn and perform Indian songs. A talent he developed to a point where he became internationally known for his knowledge of "Honor and Traditional Crow" songs. He founded the Night Hawk Singers, who performed throughout the United States and Europe. He was a Crow musical historian, who had many compact disks recorded, creating a record of his musical abilities. He participated in Crow Traditional activities, particularly singing and handgame contests. He was a Crow Senior Handgames Champion in 1974, 1991, 1993, 1997 and 2002, as well as being frequently awarded as "Best Singer". He mentored his sons and grandsons in the art of singing, dancing and drum-making. He loved family gatherings and story telling. He was a large gentle man, who always complemented people.

His parents, brothers, Arthur Fitzpatrick, Joseph Tobacco, Davidson and Louis Walks Over Ice, Jr. and several aunts and uncles, preceded Cedric in death.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Lorena; his sons, Carson

Verlie) and Lewis Walks Over Ice, Joseph and Donnie MacAvinta; his daughters, Cassandra J. and Cassandra E. Walks Over Ice, Green (Myron) Crooked Arm, Roberta (James) Walks Over Ice-Celum, Julie (John) Klick, Sylvia Rick) Lenze, Lori (Bruce) Finch, Fannie (Allan) Morris, Lola and Mary Ann MacAventia; an adopted daughter, Rhonda Caufield; an adopted sons, Edmund Old Crow and Joseph Nichols; his sisters, Theresa (Elmer) Gun Shows, Regina Goes Ahead, Delma Yarlott, Mary (Hartford) Black Eagle, Sr., Helen Singh and Lila (Raymond) Marantz; his brothers, Charles B. (Shirley) Walks Over Ice, Dana and Larry (Pearl) Tobacco, Victor (Janice) Singer, Greeley (Stella) Not Afraid, Hartford (Sylvia) Stops, Cardy (Ruby) Goes Ahead, Sidney (LaVonne), John (Vera) and Michael (Minnie) Fitzpatrick, Henry (Anda), Buckley and John (Merce) Pretty on Top; his adopted brothers, Lloyd Top Sky and Randy Phalen; 19 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Bullis Funeral Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Lodge Grass Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church. Interment with military honors will follow in the Lodge Grass Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary, of Hardin has been

with the arrangements.

Anthony Michael Douglas Wallace

Doug was born on Jan. 23, 1974, to Valerie and Anthony Wallace. He went to be with the Lord on Nov. 9, 2004.

He is survived by his two children, Asia and Ryan Wallace; parents, Valerie and Robert Hagel and Anthony Wallace; brother and sisters Shawn Wallace, Nicole Becker, Tessa Hagel, Robbie Hagel and LaRiesha Hagel; grandparents Bob and Doris Mills and Eileen Wallace; aunts and uncles, Roy Mills and wife Karen, Doug Wallace, Mike Wallace, Ron Hagel, Frank Hagel and wife Gloria, Don Schaff and



**ANTHONY
WALLACE**

wife Pat, Ester and Bill Lagerwey and Bernice Degele and John.

Doug is preceded in death by his uncle, Randall Mills; great-grandparents, Roy and Dolores Yule, Bessie and Lowell Mills; stepfather Warren Becker; cousin, Kimberly Mills; great-uncles Bill Mills and Dennis Yule; and grandfather Richard Wallace.

Doug was a loving and caring father and son, who had an endless capacity to love. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Funeral service was 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Smith West Chapel. Cremation followed and burial of remains was Nov. 15 at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made in care Edward Jones c/o Clayton Barnes for Asia and Ryan's education in Doug's memory.

Douglas Michael Wallace

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Anthony Michael Douglas Wallace was born on Jan. 23, 1974. He went to be with the Lord on Nov. 9, 2004.

He is survived by his wife,

Naomi Wallace; and two children, Asia and Ryan Wallace; his parents, Valerie and Robert Hagel and Anthony Wallace, Deb and Ted Anderson, Russ and Chris



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Davis; brothers, Shawn Wallace, Robbie Hagel, Ricky Davis and wife Larissa and Steven Anderson; sisters, Nicole Becker, Tessa Hagel, LaRiesha Hagel, Jeana Davis and Natasha Davis; grandparents, Bob and Doris Mills, Eileen Wallace and Kimiko Rugroden; nephew Peyton Davis; aunts and uncles, Roy Mills and wife Karen, Doug Wallace, Mike Wallace, Ron Hagel, Frank Hagel and wife Gloria, Bill and Esther Lagaway, Don and Pat Schaff, Bernice Degele, John and Sally Rugroden, Cindy Holte, Gary Rugroden, Mari Jo and Jim Marts, Mike and Vickie Davis, Becky and Lonnie Huber and Angie Davis.

Doug is preceded in death by his uncle, Randall Mills; great-grandparents, Roy and Dolores Yule, Bessie and Lowell Mills; stepfather Warren Becker; cousin

Kimberly Mills; great-uncles Bill Mills and Dennis Yule; and grandfather Richard Wallace.

Doug was a loving and caring husband and father who had an endless capacity to love. He will be missed by all who know him.

Doug, I will miss the times we shared together and I will raise our children in your memory. Love, Naomi.

Message from Doug's children: Daddy, we love you very much and miss you. Asia and Ryan.

Message from Doug's mother: Doug, I miss your loving arms around me and every time you parted by phone or in person, you said "I love you." Love, Mom.

I love you very much, I always looked up to you, and I can't wait to see you again, Nicole.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. Visitation will be at Smith Downtown Chapel until 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, and then at Smith West Chapel. Cremation will follow. A fellowship will be held at the chapel following. Memorials may be made in care of U.S. Bank for Asia and Ryan's education in Doug's memory.

JUL 24 2004

Mary Louise Wallace, age 85, of Billings, died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

She was born Feb. 28, 1919, on a farm near Worland, Wyo., that had been in the family until 1988. Her parents were Charles S. and Mattie Wallace.



Mary Louise attended a one-room school and attended high school in Worland, graduating in 1937.

MARY LOUISE WALLACE

After graduation, she attended business college in Denver and worked as a typist at the County General Hospital. After the Pearl Harbor bombing, she worked at Remington Arms, manufacturing infantry bullets, and later worked as a clerk typist at Hill Field in Ogden, Utah.

Mary Louise attended school at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. She worked in nursing in Miles City and later completed her nurses training at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings in 1948. She worked in nursing in Casper, Wyo.; Denver; St. Louis; and Cheyenne, Wyo. She moved to Billings in 1948 and was employed at the Soltero Surgical Clinic until

her retirement in 1991. Mary Louise was a member of First Baptist Church in Billings.

Survivors include her brother and his wife, Harry and Faye Wallace of Billings, formerly of Worland; and two cousins.

Funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, at First Baptist Church, Third Avenue North and Division Street, in Billings.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church or charity of choice.

Smith's Downtown Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Waller

SEP 13 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

PLENTYWOOD — Evelyn Waller, 87, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, in the Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home.

A Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Scobey.

Howard C. Waller

PLENTYWOOD — Funeral services for Howard Waller will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 21, at Plentywood Lutheran Church, with interment in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Howard, 81, died at his Plentywood home Friday morning, June 18, 2004, following an extended illness.

Howard C. Waller, the youngest of eight, was born April 24, 1923, in Homestead, to George and Maria Waller. He was baptized and confirmed in Homestead Lutheran Church. Howard was active in 4-H, Luther League and Boy Scouts as a child. He graduated from Medicine Lake High School and



**HOWARD
WALLER**

went on to attend Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., where he studied auto body work. In the early 1940s, Howard tried to enlist in the Navy, but was disqualified for medical reasons. Being very patriotic, he joined the National Guard as an alternative. Howard married Hilda Alhgran in Minot, N.D., in 1960. They had one son, Robert Howard. Hilda passed away in 1964. Howard worked for Chevrolet garage in Plentywood

as an auto body mechanic until 1957, when he went into business as Peterson Body Shop and, later, Howard's Auto Glass and Paint. Howard married Karen Baerg in Lustre, on April 24, 1965, and they had two children, Michael and Sandra. He operated the body shop until his retirement in 1983.

Howard dedicated his life to his family. Being an avid outdoorsman, Howard introduced his children to camping, hunting, fishing and traveling through the National Forests of the U.S. and Canada. Howard enjoyed a day of bird hunting with Bob and Sandy last fall.

Howard is renowned for his wry sense of humor, a quality that lasted to the end. The Lutheran Minister, Pastor Dave, came to see Howard the day before his passing, at which time he asked Howard if he knew who he was. Never one to miss an opportunity for a one-liner, Howard responded, "Yeah, you're the Congregational Minister." The list of one-liners and practical jokes for which Howard is known is of incalculable length; his quick wit

and ability to insert humor in stuffy and tense circumstances kept family members and friends doubled-over with laughter time and time again.

He was a member of Plentywood Lutheran Church, the Lions Club, Lutheran Brotherhood, and volunteered his time for community and church projects. He had a superior work ethic and was meticulous in caring for his home and cars. As a businessman for many years, Howard was respected in the community for his fair treatment of customers and the quality of his work.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; two sons and one daughter, Robert and Karen Waller of Bozeman, their children, Hannah and Levi; Michael and Anita Waller of Spokane, Wash., their children, Jessica, Sean, and Helen; Sandra and Paul Overgaard of Billings; and Jill Anderson Burton of Plentywood, who came to live with the family after her parents passed away. Jill has one daughter, Jennifer. Howard is also survived by four sisters, Berniece Schleper, Mildred Hatfield, Ruth Midby, and Gladys Boe; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents, George and Maria; two brothers, Willard and Clifford Waller; and one sister, Esther Brekke.

We cannot put into words how much we will miss you — you were the greatest husband, dad and grandpa a person could ever have. We love you.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood has charge of arrangements.

APR 27 2004

WOLF POINT — Sander Judine Waller, 93, died April 24, 2004, at Northeast Montana Health Services in Wolf Point.

He was born May 23, 1910, in Twin Valley, Minnesota. At 6 weeks, he came by train to Culbertson and from Culbertson to Homestead, in horse and buggy with his parents, Helmer and Ida Waller.

He attended school in Homestead until he joined the Cattle Frye Company as a farm hand. During the 1930s, he worked for the Conservation Corps and in the 1940s, he served his country in France and Germany during World War II as a medic. Upon returning from the war, he rejoined the Homestead Grain Elevator Company and was employed there until his retirement in 1972.

After his retirement he moved to Wolf Point with his wife, Beulah, and became active in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. He volunteered with the Wolf Point Headstart Program, and the Wolf Point schools and served as the violin player for the RVSP band. He played regularly with the Band at the Faith Lutheran Nursing



**SANDER
WALLER**

Home and the Poplar Nursing Home, as well as other northeast Montana events. He was named Montana Senior Citizen of the Year by then-Governor Ted Schwinden in 1986. He was active and an award winning Montana Fiddler with the Montana Fiddler's Association. He belonged to the American Legion and Wolf Point Assembly of God Church.

Sander is survived by his wife Beulah Glaze Waller, whom he married on Dec. 22, 1946. He has three children, Katherine Stahl of Bismarck, N.D., Bruce of Lewistown and Tony of Falls Church, Va. He has four grandchildren, Kristi and Andrew Stahl, and Cody and Aaron Waller.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, April 27, at 2 p.m., at the Assembly of God Church in Wolf Point. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to the family at esmc@nemontel.net or www.stevensonandsons.com. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Harold James Wallis

HELENA — Harold James Wallis, age 73, of Helena, died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at St. Peter's Hospital, from complications of several different illnesses he had struggled with the past few years of his life.

Harold was born in Red Lodge to Leonard John and Helen (Komposh) Wallis, Jan. 15, 1931. He graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1950. Harold married Helen Dorothy "Dode" Hobbs, June 14, 1950, in Billings. There were two children born to this marriage: Leonard and Pam. They had resided in Billings, Sidney and then to Helena in 1972. Dorothy preceded him in death as a result of a boating accident at Canyon Ferry Lake, Aug. 16, 1980. Harold then married Marlene Faye Sangray in Choteau, Sept. 19, 1987. They two made their home in Helena.

Harold worked as a sales representative for the Husky Oil Company in Cody, Wyo., and also Hi Noon Petroleum Company, retiring in 1995. Harold enjoyed the State of



**HAROLD
WALLIS**

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Montana, camping, fishing and hunting. He also took great pride in gardening, quoted to say, "If you can't eat it, don't grow it."

In addition to his wife, his father preceded Harold in death. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Marlene of Helena; son and daughter-in-law Leonard and Jo Wallis; daughter Pam Plovanic, all of Helena; grandchildren, Shannon Plovanic (Brad Stemple) of Missoula, Stephanie (Reid) Christensen of Helena, John (Monica) Wallis of Helena and Tina Hall of Helena; two great-grandchildren, Sarah Spotorno of Missoula and Caleb Wallis of Helena; and his mother, Helen Wallis of Billings. Surviving stepchild, Sheryl (Mark) Nay of Helena; step-grandchildren are Emily Nay-Jameson and her husband Teren of Salt Lake City, Mark Nay, Kyle Nay, Joel Nay, Abby Nay and Keli Nay, all of Helena, Kim Hoy and Connie MacDonald, both of Helena, and Carl MacDonald of

Great Falls. Harold is also survived by, his sisters, Patricia Longhausen of Billings and Delores McQuiston of Escondido, Calif.; sisters-in-law Sharon Redpath and Vivian Kenmaugh; brother-in-law Rand (Connie) Sangray and son-in-law Mick Plovanic, all of Helena.

"Our loved one is safe and at peace, eternally one with God and with us."

Visitation hours will be from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Retz Funeral Home. A service sharing the memory of Harold's life will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 16, at the Retz Funeral Home chapel. A social gathering will then follow at the family home, 3736 N. Montana Ave., Helena, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Billings.

Memorials in Harold's name are suggested to Cancer Treatment Center of St. Peter's Hospital, 2475 Broadway St., Helena, MT 59601.

Helen Wallich

OCT 7 2004
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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Helena Elizabeth Pauline "Beth" Wallich, 79, formerly of Story, died Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral liturgy will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Cremation will follow the service.

APR 18 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Russell Walston, age 44, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Sheridan, Wyo.

Funeral services for Russell Walston will be 10 a.m., Monday, April 19, 2004, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette, Wyoming. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, April 18, 2004, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

Lester Walter

· WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
— Lester Joseph Walter, 83, of
White Sulphur Springs, died
Sunday, March 7, 2004, at his
home.

Funeral services will be at 2
p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the
American Lutheran Church.
Twichel Funeral Home is in
charge.

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MAY 02 2004**Phyllis Eileen Walter**

Phyllis Eileen Walter passed away on April 29, 2004, while a patient at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Walter was born Aug. 10, 1910, in Belmont to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Helgeson. She married Harvey Walter on July 27, 1933, in Roundup. She lived in Lavina until 1995. Harvey preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1977.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Alton, Henry (Lars) and Basil Helgeson and one sister, Inez Hamilton.

She is survived by her four



**PHYLLIS
WALTER**

children, Gary Walter (Carl) of Great Falls, Rick Walter of Rock Springs, Wyo., Denise Kallem (Bob) of Joliet, and Cheryl Croy (Mike) of Rock Springs, Wyo. She is also survived by nine grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Viola Helgeson of Park City, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitations may be made on Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4, at Smith Downtown Chapel located on 120 N. 26th St. in Billings. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5, at the Lavina Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at the Lavina Senior Center. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice. We love you! God bless.

James E. 'Jim' Walters

OCT 2 2004

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GLENDIVE — James E. "Jim" Walters, age 72, of Glendive, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

A Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father Ned Shinnick and Father Denis Fournier officiating. Rite of Committal with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Jim was born on May 24, 1932, in Buffalo, N.Y., the son of Stanley and Loretta (Ellis) Walters. He was raised and educated in Buffalo and attended Burgard High School in Buffalo. Jim entered the U.S. Navy in March of 1950 and served aboard the USS Luzon. Jim and Jean Bosinski were united in marriage on Feb. 14, 1953, in Buffalo. Jim was discharged from the U.S. Navy in May of 1953. They resided in



**JIM
WALTERS**

Buffalo, where three of their children were born. In December of 1959, they moved to Billings where their fourth child was born. In 1963, they moved to Terry and Jim worked for Montana Dakota Utilities and was transferred to Beach, N.D., in March of 1976. He retired from M.D.U. in 1987 and moved to Glendive in August of 2003.

Jim enjoyed his retirement years doing what he loved — fishing, gardening, growing flowers and feeding birds. Jim loved a good joke, watching boxing and his grandkids and great-grandkids.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Robert, Howard and John; two brothers-in-law, Roy and Edward; and one sister-in-law, Jane.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jean, of Glendive; his sons, Richard (Amy) Walters of Milwaukee, Wis., and their children, Ronald and Gregory of Madison and Ronald (Irene) Walters of Billings and their children, Tom Walters of Orange, California, Shae Walters of Laurel, Andrew Walters, Courtney Walters and Scott Walters, all of Billings; Jeffrey (Jenine) Walters of Glendive and their children Kayla and her

fiancé Gabe Whitford, Jared Walters and Blair Walters, all of Glendive; his daughter, Sharon (Dwight) Hansen of Dunn Center, N.D., and their children Stacey (Neal) Clouse of Fargo, N.D., Jamie (Nels) Myran of Colorado Springs, Colo., Tom (Kirsten) Hansen of Dunn Center and Jim Hansen of Alford, Texas; his brother, Terry (Sonia) Walters of Buffalo; three sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law; great-grandchildren, Shawnee and Tyler Hansen of Dunn Center, Katie Clouse of Fargo, Evan Myran of Colorado Springs and Paycee Whitford of Glendive; numerous nieces and nephews and many loving friends.

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

Josephine Walthers

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Josephine "Nanna Jo" Walthers, 93, of Buffalo, died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo.

Private family services will be held in Omaha, Neb., at a later date. Adams Funeral Home of Buffalo is in charge of local arrangements.

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LeRoy F. Walz

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BEACH, N.D. — LeRoy (Roy) F. Walz, age 77, of Beach, North Dakota, passed away Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, N.D.

A Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Beach.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with Father David Richter officiating. Rite Of Committal with full Military Honors will be held at 3 p.m. Central Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, N.D. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements.

LeRoy was born May 8, 1926, in Zap, N.D., the son of Walter and Alvina (Brunmeier) Walz. He attended high school in Sidney. Following his education he moved to Portland, Ore., and worked as a welder in the ship yards. He then entered the United States Army serving in World War II as an interpreter for General Patton's Third Army. Following his military service LeRoy attended



LEROY WALZ

Electrician School in Chicago and then Billings Business College. Following his college education he worked for JC Penney Company in Missoula. While living in Missoula, LeRoy returned to Beach to marry Margaret Gilman on June 17, 1952, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. They returned to Missoula where they lived for one year, then returned to Beach where he resided until the time of his death.

LeRoy was associated with the Bijou Theatre in Beach since the early '50s. He was also an Insurance Agent with Franklin Life Insurance and American General Life Insurance since the '60s and with Crop Hail Insurance since the '50s. Roy was a member of the Lions Club, Beach Area Community Club, Knights Of Columbus and the American Legion for 50 years.

Roy will always be remembered as an outstanding husband, father and a true friend to many. Roy will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers, including his twin brother.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, of 51¹/₂ years; two sons, Dan, and his wife, Susan Walz, of Beach; Ken, and his wife, Karla Walz, of Mandan; two daughters, Terri, and her husband, Kevin Zimmer, of Bismarck, N.D.; Peggy, and her husband, Kevin, of Sartell, Minn.; 12 grandchildren, Melissa, Katie, James, Matt and Danielle Walz, Josh Walz; Cassie (Bill) Bussick, Craig (Sandy) Zimmer, Jonathan Zimmer, Alex, Paul, and Adam Kourajian; great-granddaughter, Avalon Bussick; two sisters, Edna Backa and Doris Anderson; one brother, Melvin Walz; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and Condolences may be shared with the family at www.silvernale-silvergeneralhome.com

JUN 23 2004**Leon Wandler**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Leon Edward Wandler, 71, died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette.

A prayer service will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. A celebration of life will follow at the Saint Matthew's Family Life Center and Leon's family extends an invitation to join them for a meal and time of fellowship.

Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

APR 17 2004

SAN FRANCISCO — James L. Wanvig, founder of the prestigious Pacific Legal Foundation, father of Alaska's oil and gas regulations and a prominent California lawyer, died early Monday, April 12, 2004, at his San Francisco home, after a long illness. He was 82.

Born in Minneapolis, Mr. Wanvig graduated from the University of Minnesota and its law school, where he twice edited the law review. During law school, he was recruited by the U.S. Navy for its supply corps officer training program at the Harvard Business School, where he graduated and was commissioned with the Harvard MOC 3 class. He was assigned to the D.E. USS Pratt in the Pacific Fleet and took part in the liberation of the Philippines.

After World War II, Mr. Wanvig finished law school, intending to practice in New York City, but was recruited to teach at the University of California's Boalt Hall law school. After two years at Boalt, he was invited to join the prominent San Francisco firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro (now Pillsbury Winthrop) where he



**JAMES
WANVIG**

became a senior partner and stayed over 40 years. Becoming a specialist in oil and gas law, he worked extensively for the firm's then-major client, Standard Oil Company of California (now Chevron-Texaco). In this capacity, he unitized the Signal Hill field in Los Angeles, long before such was legally mandated, and guided offshore petroleum development on the Santa Barbara coast. He also lobbied the California legislature and became a highly regarded figure in the industry's political and government matters in the Western States for many years.

During the early 1970s while active with the California Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wanvig recognized the need to protect business and private property owners in the face of rapidly expanding government at all levels. He conceived of a foundation for this purpose and secured the help of the late J.S. Fluor of Fluor Corp. and leading law firms in establishing the Pacific Legal Foundation. With characteristic modesty, he served as founding vice chairman, placing another in the top spot. Much

earlier, in 1959, he was hired by the new State of Alaska to write its body of oil and gas regulations and draft the critical lease forms that launched that state's most important industry. Mr. Wanvig was so self-effacing that few friends knew of his achievements although he was listed in Who's Who in America for many years. What he was known for, even at his firm, were his profound kindness to all regardless of professional or social status and his warmhearted smile.

Mr. Wanvig had served as general counsel for the California Coastal Operators Group, Santa Barbara, and was a director of Human Dimensions in Medical Education of La Jolla. He belonged to The Commonwealth Club of California and the Marines Memorial Club of San Francisco. His profundity, enduring optimism and deep and enthusiastic grasp of world history inspired others, and his joyous enthusiasm for the 49ers and Giants, hiking in the Sierra, jazz, big band, baroque and choral music were infectious.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Barbara Williams Wanvig, formerly of Laurel, Mont.; his daughter, Katharine (Kate) of Alameda; father-in-law J. Melvin Williams of West Park Village, Billings; Kay and Jack Fulkerson of Sidney, Mont.; Susan and Robert Lubbers, Billings; Staci, Mark and Derek

Daniel, Billings, and Mara, Don, Malia and Luke Sandetson of Reno, Nev.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 19, at Halsted N., Gray Funeral Home, 1123 Sutter St., San Francisco. Memorials may be sent to the Pacific Legal Foundation, 10360 Old Placerville Road, Sacramento, CA 95827; the UC San Francisco Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund, Box 0248, San Francisco, CA 94143-0248, or to Pathways Hospice, 201 San Antonio Circle, Suite, 104, Mountain View, 94040.

Gloria Dee Waples

THE BILLINGS GAZETT

DEC 10 2004

Gloria Dee Waples, 70, of Billings, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at her home.

Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Interment will be in the family lot of the Forsyth Cemetery.

John Ward

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 23 2004

LEWISTOWN -- John Ward, 81, of Hobson and Moccasin, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Valle Vista Manor.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. A reception for family and friends will follow at the Yogo Inn. Cremation will follow the service and inurnment will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, in the Moccasin Cemetery.

Alta Mae Moulton Wardell

BILLINGS GAZETTE
JUN 26 2004

Alta Mae Moulton Wardell passed away at Vista on June 24, 2004. She was born on Jan. 21, 1914, in Wessington Springs, S.D., to Ruth Smith Moulton and Philip Sherman Moulton. In 1922, the family moved to Omaha, Neb., where she grew up and attended public schools. She graduated from Benson High School in Omaha in 1931.



**ALTA MAE
WARDELL**

Alta Mae married Harry Wardell on Aug. 1, 1934. They lived in a number of communities in Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota before moving to Billings in 1950. During this time, they had four children. When the youngest entered school, Alta Mae went back to school, attending college at the Black Hills Teacher College in Spearfish, S.D.

When the family moved to Billings, she continued her studies at Eastern Montana College of Education, graduating in 1955. Alta Mae taught elementary school in Billings School System for nine years, primarily at Highland Park and Poly Drive Schools.

As her children grew, Alta Mae was always available to assist in their activities. She served as a leader of a Girl Scout Troop in both Deadwood, S.D., and Billings. She also served as Cub Scout den mother for both her sons. She was active in PTA, both as a parent and teacher and is past president of the Billings PTA.

Alta Mae spent many years in the Women's Bible Study Fellowship for Billings. She was a member of the Sarah Circle at First Presbyterian Church and is a past president of the Women's Association of First Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Alta Mae and Harry were also charter members of the Yellowstone Country Club.

Alta Mae's friends and family will always remember her fabulous dinner parties, especially her many original recipes. She was an excellent and dedicated bridge player. And, Mom, we will always remember your love of roses and the color red. And of course that

included the Red for the Nebraska Cornhuskers!

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Harry Wardell; her four children, Connie Wardell of Billings, Tom Wardell (Susan) of Atlanta, Wendell Wardell (Kay) of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Wenda Wardell Morrone (John) of Bozeman; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Genevieve Moulton Jones and her husband Tilford, and her sister-in-law Bettie Hyde Moulton, all of Omaha, Neb.

Preceding her in death are her parents and her brother William Moulton.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 28, at First Presbyterian Church on 13th and Poly Drive. Please enter from 13th Street West, due to road construction. Interment will be private. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, at the Vista at Mission Ridge, 3840 Rimrock Road.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to The Harry and Alta Mae Wardell Mini-Grant Program of the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools, The Harry and Alta Mae Wardell Burns' Care Trust of St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, or the Shrine Children's Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Harry Wendell Wardell

Harry Wendell Wardell passed away on Aug. 17, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare. He was born Dec. 2, 1910, near Creighton, Neb., on the family ranch, the son of George Harry Wardell and Nelle Blaco Wardell. He grew up on the family ranch and attended high school in Blair, Neb. He had dreams of becoming a doctor; his neighbors pictured him a preacher. With the onset of the Great Depression, these dreams were set aside. Instead, he became a traveling salesman and found his life's work in the food industry.

He worked first for a couple of tobacco companies, and then for Mars, Inc. Frank Mars became a longtime personal friend. After five years, he worked for DelMonte packing company. During World War II, he supervised an ammunitions manufacturing company in Grand Island, Neb. Using his ingenuity, Harry staffed the plant with women five feet two inches in height as that was the ideal height for the conveyor belt, increasing productivity and reducing injuries. Under his leadership, the plant had one of the best production and lowest accident rates in the country.

Following the war, he worked for — and revamped — several food companies in Nebraska and South Dakota. In 1950, Harry

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moved to Billings, purchased an expanded Morrison Sales. He renamed the company Tristate Food Brokers and operated the company for 30 years. During these years, Harry achieved national recognition as an independent Food Broker. He served on the National Food Brokers Board for two years. As the food industry changed and companies began to hire in-house sales people, Tristate Food Brokers continued to handle their accounts in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. Larry Stark of Swanson Foods stated that there was no national sales force that could compete against the relationships that Harry Wardell had established. Harry's son Wendell assumed leadership of the company in 1980 and Harry retired a few years later.

Harry married Alta Mae Moulton of Omaha, Neb., on Aug. 1, 1934. They were married nearly 70 years, with Alta Mae preceding him in death on June 24, 2004. They lived in number of communities in Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota before moving to Billings. During this time they had four children.

Ask Harry what was his most important life accomplishment, he answered without hesitation, "my work with the Shrine Children's hospital and flying the children with severe burns to the Shiner's Burn Institute in Galveston, Texas." Harry is a Past Potentate (1978) of Al Bedoo Shrine of Billings. He is a Master Mason and member of the Corinthian Lodge #72 of Laurel. During his tenure as Potentate, he organized the first burn-treatment training for six nurses from St. Vincent Hospital. The nurses were trained at the Burn Center in Galveston and this alleviated the need to fly young burn victims to Texas.



**HARRY
WARDELL**

Harry actively supported the Shrine Children's Hospital in Spokane, Wash., and served on the Board of Governors of that hospital. He continued to use his plane to fly children to that hospital.

Flying was a lifelong passion. He attended every air show that was available and finally obtained his first pilot's license in the late 1950s. He went on to get his commercial rating in order to get the burn victims to Galveston. During these years, he was frustrated with the inadequate air-

port facilities available to private pilots. He built the Lynch building at the Billings airport as a demonstration of a proper private pilots lounge, and maintenance and sales facility. He received national recognition in flying circles for this building. He then constructed eight private plane hangars at the airport to shelter private planes (especially his own Beechcraft Bonanza) from the effects of Montana's hailstorms and severe winters. Harry served on the Billings Airport Commission for 10 years. He counted those years as his most significant contribution to the City of Billings. During his tenure on the Commission, the airport was established as a stand-alone profit center and the Commission hired current manager Bruce Putnam. Most of the Commission considered Bruce too young and inexperienced, but Harry saw a true leader. Harry felt his opinion was validated post 9-11 when the Billings Airport posted increased traffic gains while the rest of the country suffered losses.

Harry considered political involvement a civic obligation and contributed to local, state and national candidates from both parties. He met U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater in 1970 when Harry hosted a Republican dinner and fundraiser for Alaska congressional candidate Ted Stevens. Goldwater attended the

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dinner in Billings and he and Harry became friends and corresponded for some years afterwards. The dinner was held at the "new" Yellowstone Country Club where Harry was a Charter Member and Board Member.

Harry's interest in the needs of children led to other contributions of time and money. Harry was a member of the original downtown Kiwanis. He also was a founding member of the Billings Chapter of the Boys Club (now the Boys and Girls Club). After his retirement from his business life, he served as a tutor at the St Vincent Autism clinic and the Masonic reading center. He and Alta Mae supported the Education Foundation for the Billings Public Schools. Through that foundation, they contributed the funds for a project to build an exact replica of the Wright Brothers first plane. This project was under the leadership of the sixth grade teacher Pat Kearney of Ponderosa School. Harry and Alta Mae also established a Trust through St. Vincent's Foundation to fund special training for nurses in the care of burn victims.

Harry is survived by his four children, Connie Wardell of Billings, Tom Wardell (Susan) of Atlanta, Wendell Wardell (Kay) of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Wenda Wardell Morrone (John)

of Bozeman; by his 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Genevieve Jones and her husband Tilford and sister-in-law Betty Hyde Moulton.

Preceding him in death are his wife Alta Mae; his parents; his brother Merle Wardell of Kennard, Neb.; and his sister Gladys Wardell Kragh of Wisconsin.

Funeral services and Masonic Rites will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, at First Presbyterian Church on 13th and Poly Drive. Service will be with closed casket. Please enter from 13th Street West due to road construction at 13th and Poly. Interment will be private. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, at 11 a.m., at the Vista at Mission Ridge, 3840 Rimrock Road.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Harry and Alta Mae Wardell Mini-Grant Program of the Education Foundation for the Billings Public Schools, the Harry and Alta Mae Wardell Burns' Care Trust of St. Vincent Foundation, or the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane.

Harry and Alta Mae loved to dance, especially to the music of the Lawrence Welk band. During his years as a traveling salesman, Harry developed an admiration for and friendship with Lawrence Welk. Harry scheduled his sales calls so that he and Welk would be in the same community at the same time. In the last weeks before his death, Harry continued to listen to the Welk program reruns. Now Harry and Alta Mae are together again in a dance through all eternity.

JIMMIE RAY WARDEN

Jimmie Ray Warden passed quietly on Nov. 19, with all of his children by his bedside, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Fruta, Colo., on Nov. 5, 1937, the son of the late Charles E. and Lola Warden.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Prescilla Warden, and brother Glendale Warden. Survivors include his wife Pat Warden of Billings, Mont. Surviving sib-



**JIMMIE
WARDEN**

lings include Lytle Warden (Barbara) of Billings, Mont., Ester Tucker of Hisperia, Calif., Ilene Renn of Calif., and C.E. Warden Jr. of Calif. Surviving children include Donna Guy Steigerwald (Doug) of Las Vegas, Nev., Dennis Guy of Sheridan, Wyo., Debra Bond (David) of Billings, Mont., Kim Sukut (Jeff) of Greybull, Wyo., Robert Warden (Michele) of Arlington, Wash., Shawna Steiner of Billings, Mont., Joe Steiner (Crystal) Stacey, Sandra and family of Billings, Mont. Jim had many loving grandchildren including Macy Sukut of Greybull, Wyo., Brittany Bond of Billings, Mont., Layna Sukut of Greybull, Wyo., Rachel Warden, of Las Vegas, Nev., Presley Bond of Billings, Mont., and Ryan Warden

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of Las Vegas, Nev.

Jim was liked amongst all of his peers. He was adventurous and spontaneous throughout his whole life. He loved to golf, fish, hunt, and most of all spend time with his kids and friends. He was a true believer in friendship and love for family. Jim Warden, throughout his life, lived it to the fullest. He entered the Navy at the age of seventeen, where he served for four years on the U.S.S. Uvalde, traveling across the Pacific and Far East. While he was in the Navy, Jim served as a welder, where he came into contact with asbestos, which caused his illness and premature death. After leaving the Navy, Jim met the love of his life, Prescilla Rendon. Dad worked the rest of his life in Montana and Wyoming as a building contractor. It was hard to find a place in either state that he had not been to or a person he had not met. Jim loved the country and all the wonderful souls he came into contact with. He had a passion for meeting new people and finding out who they were. And, as Dad would put it, "What makes them tick."

Dad's favorite thing was to smile, laugh and enjoy a good

dinner. He liked to be called J.R., as he was known to all of friends. He had a fondness for all animals, which he often referred to as his "other kids". Fefe, Sport, Little Girl and Tucker were his favorites. Your sense of humor and your playful attitude will be missed by many. Say hi to mom for us.

DAD YOU ARE LOVED! You will be missed by all who came into contact with you. So as we say goodbye we ask you this... "What's next?" (Dad's favorite quote.) Well, we will tell you...Have fun with mom, we love you.

Gone but not forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society, PO Box 1080, Billings, MT 59103-1080.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Tues., Nov. 23, at Downtown Chapel, 120 No. 26 St. Interment with military honors will follow at Terrace Gardens Cemetery.

Kenneth J. Ware

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BRANDON, Fla. — Kenneth J. Ware, 89, formerly of Vida and Fairview, Mont., passed away on Jan. 18, 2004, in Brandon.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Wolf Point with interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

Donald Randolph Warfield

Aug. 21, 1917 — June 1, 2004

Donald Randolph Warfield, "Don," passed away June 1, 2004.

At 86, he lived a rich life, which began and ended on the Warfield Ranch near Billings. Don attended elementary school in the Roosevelt and Jefferson schools and graduated from Billings Senior High School (now Lincoln Junior High). As a high school project, Don raised a thousand turkeys for sale. The 1937 flood marked his graduation from Billings High School. Don continued his education at Northwest Christian College in Eugene Oregon. By 1939, he took a job with Lockheed as an aircraft sheet metal mechanic. After Pearl Harbor, he married Marian Hall and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. By 1945, they were blessed with a daughter, Sharon, and soon afterward they moved to Billings, where he worked at Eaton Metal as a layout man. Two years later, they moved to Great Falls so Don could resume aircraft sheet metal



**DON
WARFIELD**

work as a civilian at Maelstrom Air Base. In 1956, he transferred to McClellan Field in Sacramento, Calif., where he worked until retirement in 1971. While at McClellan Field, he served 12 months on a special assignment in Taiwan. Next, Don and Marian returned to the Warfield Ranch. After Marian's death in 1996, Don married Elnore Hartpence.

Don was a Mason and throughout his life, he served as an officer in many community groups, including the Maelstrom and McClelland Federal Credit Unions, Sacramento Valley Rock Rustlers, Yellowstone Historical Society, Billings Gem and Mineral Society, Billings Camera Club, and Billings First Christian Church. Don considered himself a local Billings historian with special interest in Indian artifacts and geology.

Don is survived by his wife Elnore Hartpence-Warfield of Billings; daughter Sharon and son-in-law Don Hallberg of Davis, Calif.; Elnore's children, Bill and Lisa Hartpence of

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Indiana, Charles and Carol Hartpence of Illinois, Joe and Bonnie Hartpence of Custer, S.D., Lynelle and David Brown of Maine, Eunice Hartpence of Colorado, Sylvia and Bob Morrison of Custer, S.D.; 26 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary, with interment in the Warfield Family Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Preservation of the Pictograph Caves, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105, attn. Terry Walters; the Billings Historical Society; or the charity of one's choice.

Christopher Scott Warner

BOZEMAN — Christopher Scott Warner, 33, surrounded by loved ones, quietly passed away Sunday evening, Sept. 5, 2004, due to complications caused by a motor vehicle accident on the Bozeman Pass, April 15, 2002.



CHRIS WARNER

Chris was born June 9, 1971, in Clearwater, Fla., the son of Carden and Yvonne (Harmon) Warner. In 1977, Chris and his family moved to Lolo. Chris graduated from Big Sky High School in Missoula in 1989. He attended Montana State University, graduating in 1993 with a degree in Graphic Design. He met Linda McGowan in 1992; the couple was united in marriage on Aug. 20, 1995 in Bozeman.

Chris and Linda made their home in Bozeman, and raised two beautiful children, Morgan and Jacoby.

Chris loved being outdoors; he enjoyed hiking, skiing, skating, biking and spending as much time as he could with his family. Trivia, Jimmy Buffett, hockey and traveling will always be linked to Chris. Chris was a talented artist,

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known for his beautiful and intricate pen and ink drawings. He worked as an outside sales representative and graphic designer at the Mini Nickel since 1997. Before that he worked at Kinko's.

Chris will be remembered as a generous and loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend to all. We will remember his humor, energy and love for life. He will be missed by all.

Chris is survived by his wife Linda; daughter, Morgan; son Jacoby all of Bozeman; his parents, Carden and Yvonne Warner of Victor; two sisters, Linda (Jim) Green of Denver and Darlene (Dennis) Richards, of Lolo brother, Carden (Jill) Warner, of Washington, D.C.; mother and father-in-law, Gary and Mary Jo McGowan, of Lavina; sisters-in-law, Glenna (Sean) Patten of Bozeman and Ivy (Shane) Nicholson of Fort Polk, La.; as well as numerous uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Dahl Funeral Chapel. A vigil service will be held following the visitation at 7 p.m. at Dahl Funeral Chapel.

Graveside funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Sunset Hills Cemetery. Family

and friends will meet at Dahl Funeral Chapel at 10:45 a.m. for procession to the cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Chris' name to the Bozeman Figure Skating Club, 7720A Stedhorn PMB 175, Bozeman, MT 59718, or the Morning Star School Art and Music department, 830 Arnold, Bozeman, MT 59715.

Donna Mae Warner

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RED LODGE — Donna Warner, age 79, of Red Lodge, formerly of Forsyth, passed away on Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at the Beartooth Hospital and Health Center, Long Term Care, in Red Lodge.

Donna Mae Warner was born May 11, 1925, to Arnold and Rose Thoenke. She lived in Forsyth until she graduated from high school. In 1947, she returned to Forsyth and married Mickey Warner, where she lived and raised four children.

Donna loved to sew, crochet, play cards and travel. She was an avid fisherman and enjoyed working in the family garden. Donna worked for the public (county) health department for many years and enjoyed the many people she met. She also enjoyed going to Arizona for the winter. Donna and Mickey sold their home in Forsyth in 1994 and moved to Laurel. She moved into the West Park Village Retirement Center in 1997, where she was well taken care of. In 2001, Donna moved to the Beartooth Hospital and Health Center facility, Long Term Care, in Red Lodge. She enjoyed the love, joy and laughter of the staff that took very good care of her.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband Mickey (1997) and her daughter Bonnie

Goodian (2003). Survivors include her sons, Arnie Warner (Melody) of Broken Arrow, Okla., Tim Warner (Denise) of Red Lodge, Matt Warner (Cathy) of Helena; 11 grandchildren, Christi Hines, Curtis Warner, Timmy Warner, Shanda Brown, Kendrick Goodian, Erin Felker, Michael Warner, Guy Warner, Robbyn Warner, Alex Warner, Austin Warner; and one great-grandchild, Christian Hines.

Visitation service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 7, from 1 to 8 p.m., in the Chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth. Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Oct. 8, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Stevenson and Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

Burial will be in the Forsyth City Cemetery.

Condolences can be sent to the Warner family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

LUCILE (ROBBINS) WARP

BIG TIMBER — Lucile (Robbins) Warp, 88, passed away Feb. 8, 2004, at Pioneer Medical Center in Big Timber. She was born Dec. 15, 1915, in Freelandville, Ind., to G.M. and Alma (Meise) Robbins. Her family moved to Belgrade in 1930 and she graduated from high school there in 1934.

She married Arnold Warp in 1935 and they had three children: Robert, Linda and Dixie. Over the years, they ran a dairy and ranched in several communities in Sweet Grass County. They lived for many years in a beautiful setting on the Boulder River south of Big Timber before moving into Big Timber in 1987. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1985.

Lucile was very active in the 4-H program, serving as sewing leader and general leader for many years. She was active in the Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid and the quilting group. She was very resourceful making nearly all of her family's clothing and most anything else necessary in the home. She made hand tooled leather products which were sold.

In their later years, she and Arnold developed an interest in antiques, both furniture and glassware. Their hobby became a business and they enjoyed traveling to antique shows throughout Montana and other states. They

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cherished the friendships they made everywhere they went. Throughout her life, she always thought of other people first.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arnold in 1989; their son Robert and daughter-in-law Pat in 1984 in California; two brothers, Wallace in Belgrade and Warren in Indiana; and one sister, Jeannette Gregerson in Minnesota. Lucile's survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Lloyd Berg of Big Timber, Dixie and Allen Schallenberger of Sheridan; two granddaughters, Lisa Berg-Weller and Lois and husband Leo Cremer of Big Timber; three grandsons, Tim and wife Maureen, Terry and Kevin Warp in California. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Megan and Lane Cremer and Cliff Weller, Big Timber, and Kelsey Warp in California. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a source of great joy to her. Also surviving are brother-in-law and sister-in-law Barney and Maxine Warp, Big Timber, and sisters-in-law Mabel Brewer, Missoula, and Lucille Robbins, Indiana, and several

nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 10:30 a.m., at the Big Timber Lutheran Church, followed by interment at Mountain View Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Pioneer Medical Center or Big Timber Lutheran Church if desired. Lowry Funeral Home assisted the family with the services.

Donald Anderson Warren

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ROUNDUP — Don Warren, 74, of Roundup, passed away in the early morning hours on Dec. 24, 2004, after a mercifully short and painless fight with cancer.

Don was born July 10, 1930, to Frances and Jephtha Warren in Oklahoma City.

He joined the Navy and served during the Korean War. Afterwards, he worked in law enforcement in Tacoma and Renton, Wash., before moving to Montana. He became a truck driver and later ran the local Teamsters Union in Billings. He was injured on a road construction job and retired to his favorite hunting area in the Bull Mountains.

He is survived by his wife, Lori; son Ray; daughters Kim and Charlotte. He is also survived by his two sisters, Peggy and Sue; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Cremation has taken place. At his request, there will be no services, but a celebration of his life will be held for family and friends at Tracy's Mecca Bar on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at 3 p.m.

Wier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Viola Warren

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Viola Warren, 82, of Billings, formerly of Harlowton, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Azalea Place Assisted Living.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge.

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Betty Washburn

Betty Lou Washburn died peacefully in her home in Billings on Feb. 14, 2004, at the age of 73, after a long illness. Betty was born on Dec. 23, 1931, in Helena. Her parents were Andy and Pauline (Hobert) Pletcher.

Betty graduated from Circle High School. She spent many years in Washington State, returning to Billings when she retired.

Betty lived an adventurous life, enjoying her friends. Betty's friends at Prairie Towers and Orchard School were very important to her.

Betty is survived by three children, Toni (Greg) McNeal of Washington, Ron (Kelly) Reidler

of Laurel, Kris (Corey) Harris of Seward, Alaska; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Rae Silbernagel.



**BETTY
WASHBURN**

A memorial service will be held at Prairie Towers, 725 N. 25th St., in Billings, at 2:30 p.m. on

Wednesday, Feb. 18. Memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice.

Dahl Funeral Chapel is entrusted with arrangements.

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BROADUS — Mildred Claire Washington, age 80, of Broadus, left this world on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at the Powder River Manor in Broadus surrounded by her family and loved ones.

Mildred was born Aug. 25, 1923, in Broadus and lived until she was 17 on a ranch near Belle Creek. Mildred rode horses and helped with ranch work during her younger years.



**MILDRED
WASHINGTON**

Mildred went to high school in Broadus and then married her lifelong mate, Robert Washington on May 24, 1941. They spent their first year on the Washington ranch, living in a sheep wagon-herding sheep.

Mildred and Bob ranched until 1972 when they moved into Broadus. Mildred and Bob celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2001. Mildred became involved in bowling and golf. She loved to dance, read, work crossword puzzles and play cards.

Rheumatoid arthritis curtailed many of her activities in her last years, but she never lost her quick mind and humor.

Mildred is survived by two sons, J.O. Washington of Broadus and Robert Washington Jr. of Miles City; three daughters, Martha Washington of Anchorage, Alaska; Charmaine Johnson of Broadus and Laurie Martin of Cheyenne, Wyo.; seven grandchildren, Janelle Moon, Del Ackerman, Tonya Borowski, Bill Dobbs, Bob Dobbs, John Dobbs and Shari Everson, and seven great-grandchildren, Brittany Dobbs, Bailey Dobbs, Wyatt Dobbs, Gerald Dobbs, Jonathon Dobbs, Jonathon David Dobbs and Alex Everson; a sister, Marion Taylor (Lynne) of Shepherd; and a brother, Jack Laurie of Miles City. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Michael Scott Washington, and two brothers, Donald Laurie and Robert Laurie.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 1 to 6 p.m. in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. Interment will follow in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Powder River Nursing Home in Broadus.

Clara Cochran Waskow

THE RIVERSIDE GAZETTE
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LIVINGSTON — Clara Cochran Waskow, 89, died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at her home following a long illness.

Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory. Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home. Burial will take place at a later date at Riverside Memorial Park in Jacksonville, Fla.

Flora Watembach

WIBAUX — Flora Agatha Watembach, 87, of Wibaux, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at her home.

A Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Chapel in Wibaux. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux. Rite of committal will follow services at the Wibaux City Cemetery.

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BRUCE WATERS

Bruce Lynn Waters

Born: Aug. 14, 1944

BUFFALO, Wyo. — A celebration of the life of Bruce Waters, 59-year-old Buffalo man who passed away at his home early Monday morning, Feb. 2, 2004, following a courageous battle with cancer, will be held by his family and many friends in the Big Horn Mountains.

When Bruce was boy, his grandmother Lula May used to comfort him with stories about raindrops being ballerinas dancing to the music of the falling rain.

Wonderful, creative stories were told to keep an anxious boy distracted and he loved her for it.

As a man, Bruce exemplified the meaning of true depth of character by leading with integrity, loyalty and a strong commitment to family, friends, and his Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He touched many lives with his kindness and caring ways.

An avid and accomplished out-

doorsman with a heart the size of the vast wilderness, this man's six foot five inch, strong as an ox frame, became ravaged by cancer. Folks came in droves to be by his side.

Similar to his younger days, his loved ones wanted to share comforting stories. Some of the stories were funny, some sad, but all shared with heartfelt fondness and true empathy for a wonderful man who was suffering in tremendous pain.

He was taken from us all, way too soon. A devastating loss — felt the nation over.

Bruce L. Waters is survived by his loving wife, Polly Waters; his sons, daughters, and grandchildren, Debby, Jeff, Hannah and Jack Arkebauer; Natalie, Brian, Sam and Ben Webb; Mike and Hannah Champlin; Amanda Pierson; R.J.; Coy Kingsley and family; and the Brothers and Sisters of the IBEW.

His loved ones and close friends respected and admired him mostly because we always knew we could count on him in any way possible; time or money was no object whatsoever. He will always remain a strong man with an enormous heart and he will be missed terribly.



**HUD
WATNE**

Harold 'Hud' Watne

May 6, 1948 — July 4, 2004

We lost our beloved Hud on Independence Day. He was golfing with his dear friend and brother-in-law, Dick Casad, doing what he loved most.

Hud was born and raised in Billings. He graduated from Billings West High School in 1966 and continued on to receive a Masters of Education in Music and Sports from what was then Eastern Montana College. At that time, he held state records in track events — as well as held a first degree black belt in Karate, participating in multiple Karate demonstrations throughout the state. Hud taught school for a short time in Livingston and returned to Billings and started Watne Painting, in which he was very successful with his son Brenden as his partner.

Hud was an avid golfer, golfing for leisure as well as participating in leagues and tournaments. He

recently became a member of the Billings Moose Lodge and was very anxious to become involved in their many civic projects including their yearly golf tournament/fundraiser, of which he was currently participating in the planning.

Hud had a special gift in that he had a beautiful voice — singing in choirs, performing in plays and over time singing for many weddings and funerals himself. Even until his death, he loved to sing and blessed those of us around him with this gift from time to time.

Hud was one of the nicest, kindest, most thoughtful, caring and generous individuals that every graced this earth. Anyone that came in contact with Hud felt better due to his friendly and jovial personality, as he never hesitated to say a kind word to anyone, even someone he didn't know. We will never know how many lives he touched — with a laugh, with a compliment, with a kind word or kind deed...Yes, beyond a doubt the mold was

broken when our precious Hud was born. He was a one of a kind...there will never be another one like him!!

Hud was preceded in death by his father, Roy Watne; stepfather, Jack Olsen; grandparents; and many aunts and uncles. He is survived by his son and best friend, Brenden Watne, Billings; his daughter, Amanda Vossler, a.k.a., "Punkin," Atlanta, of whom he was very proud; and their mother Linda Reich, Brunswick, Ga.; his mother and the light of his life, Agnes Olsen, Billings; sister, Marsha Casad (Dick), Billings; brother Cliff Watne (Nancy, Tom, Sherry, Randall), Jackson, Tenn.; brother Andrew "Ole" Watne, Billings; nephew Thomas Morris, Phoenix; niece Kristen Morris, Billings; stepbrother Roger Olsen (Donna, Maria, Miles), Missoula; stepsister Holly Olsen (CJ Wallington), Rochester, N.Y., as well as countless friends.

Hud was the "glue" for his family — he was the center of their lives — a major presence...letting his love for them be known through his continual kind and thoughtful ways as well as making them laugh with his spontaneous and never-ending sense of humor. This never wavered throughout his life. Our hearts are shattered. He will be so incredibly missed, leaving a loss and emptiness in our lives that will be very difficult to heal. But we know he is in a better place.

Services for Hud will be at Smith's Funeral Chapel, 304 34th St. W., on Friday, July 9, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park, 3605 Grand Ave. A reception will follow at Smith's Funeral Chapel. If you so choose, you may send memorials in Hud's memory to the Moose Lodge 558 Scholarship Fund or the charity of your choice.

AUG 21 2004

HARDIN — Cecil Watson, 91, of Hardin, passed away Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, in the Big Horn County Memorial Hospital.

He was born April 17, 1913, in Macedonia, Iowa, a son of Robert L. and Effic Talley Watson. He went to school for the first eight years at a country school near Lincoln, Neb.

Cecil worked as an electrician and carpenter for many years. He assisted in the construction of many building projects in Big Horn, Rosebud and Yellowstone Counties.

He married Virginia Bailey on June 6, 1944, and the couple made their home in Hardin. Mrs. Watson passed away in 1985.

During his younger years, he enjoyed fishing, hunting and collecting agates.

He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Carpenters Local Union #1172.

His parents and wife preceded Cecil in death.



**CECIL
WATSON**

Survivors include his son Thomas and wife Marilyn of Billings; his grandchildren, Tom and Natalie Watson, Jr., Julie and Tim Vallie; his great-grandchildren, Christopher and Tom Watson, III; a sister-in-law, Edith Nordquist; a special friend and caregiver, Connie Lee; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hardin, MT 59034.

Jayne Edna Watson

ABSAROKEE — Jayne Edna Watson, 41, of Absarokee, passed away Oct. 28, 2004, in a one-car accident.

Jayne was born in Essex Co., London, England, on Jan. 9, 1963, the daughter of Dennis Hammond and Mary Pitt, and came to the U.S. when she was 5 by way of the Queen Mary. She was raised in Utah and lived in many places until she found the area she called home in Absarokee. Jayne was vibrant and full of life, with a free spirit, a smile and a laugh that warmed



**JAYNE
WATSON**

everyone's heart. She enjoyed the outdoors, camping, river rafting and the many close friends she shared these things with.

Jayne is survived by her mother and father; stepfather, Paul; her three brothers, Mark, James and Robert (Sydna); her two fuzzy kids, Bear and Gizmo; and her extended family in Absarokee which consisted of many, many people who will truly miss this beautiful woman.

You will always be in our hearts and memories. We love you, Jayneway.

A gathering in honor of Jayne's memory will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Stake-Out Restaurant and 5 Spot Bar in Absarokee.

**RosaLee Graham
Watson
1925 — 2004**

OCT 14 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
— RosaLee Graham Watson, 79, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004 at Mountainview Medical Center in White Sulphur Springs.

RosaLee Graham was born on Feb. 23, 1925, on a homestead near Jordan, the first child and only daughter of Andrew Bethel and Mary Chloe (Sands) Graham. Her father died when Rose was 12 years old, so she helped raise her four younger brothers.

Rose married E.A. Tom Watson in White Sulphur Springs on May 2, 1942. They resided in White Sulphur Springs for many years with Rose working side by side with Tom in Watson Logging Company and Watson Garbage Service.

She is survived by her daughter, Wanda (Bob) Abelman of Billings; two sons, Stan (Dona) Watson of New Port Richey, Fla., and Tom (April) Watson of Vacaville, Calif. Six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive her. Her parents, husband and four brothers preceded Rose in death.

Rose took great pride in all three of her children and truly enjoyed each one. She had a special love for all animals and the outdoors. She also enjoyed rock

hunting and sewing. Later in life Rose had a circle of telephone friends who called each other daily.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at Twiche Funeral Home, with graveside services following in Mayr Cemetery.

Billy Jess Watts

THE GAZETTE

FEB 07 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Billy Jess Watts, 28, of Cody, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, as the result of injuries received in a National Guard vehicle accident near Douglas.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Daniel 'Dan' Watts

THE BURLINGTON GAZETTE

MAR 28 2004

FAIRVIEW — Daniel "Dan" Watts, 66, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at his home in Fairview with his wife, family and friend, Anita, with him.

Funeral Services will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at the Fairview High School Gym. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Daniel 'Dan' Watts

FAIRVIEW — Funeral services for Daniel Watts, 66, of Fairview, are at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the Fairview High School Gym. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney. Memorials may be made to Sidney Health Center Hospice, 214 12th Ave. SW, Sidney, MT 59270.

Dan was born on Oct. 20, 1937, in Hysham, to Harold and Mary (Wambolt) Watts. The family moved to a farm in Kinsey in 1941. Dan attended grade school in Kinsey and graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City in 1955. He received his BS from Montana State University in 1959 and his masters in 1969. He married Carol Lou Damm on Nov. 1, 1959. They were married for 45 years and raised five children.

Dan taught Vocational Agriculture at Fairview High School for 30 years. During his tenure as FFA Advisor, 56 students earned the State Farmer degree; six with American Farmer degree; two Star State Farmers; two Star State Agribusinessmen; three state officers; one State Sweetheart; eight State Proficiency awards; one National Chorus Member and one National Band Member.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 30 2004



**DAN
WATTS**

Dan received the Montana Ag Teacher of the Year, Gold Award, Teacher of Teachers; Silver Award, Teacher of Teachers; Bronze Award, Teacher of Teachers; Agri-Science Teacher of the Year; Honorary State Farmers degree; Honorary American Farmer Degree-National FFA; and numerous 30 minute awards.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Mary Watts.

Dan loved to travel and was always ready to throw the suitcases in the car and take off. He and Carol spent two-and-a-half months each winter in California, vacationing by the ocean. He liked to golf and was always ready for 18 holes.

Dan passed away on Friday, March 26, 2004, at his home in Fairview, with his wife, family and friend Anita Stepan with him.

Dan is survived by his wife, Carol of Fairview; his five children, Jodi (Rick) Sears of Arlington, Wash., Jason Watts of Marysville, Wash., Jonathan Watts of Marysville, James Watts of Post Falls, Idaho, and Joel Watts of Everett, Wash.; two brothers, James (Carol) Watts of Miles City and Bill (Nancy) Watts of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Donna (Allen) Griffiths of Helena; and six grand-

Jane L. 'Frankie' Watts

ILLINOIS GAZETTE

MAY 11 2004

MILES CITY — Jane L. "Frankie" Watts, age 74, of Miles City, passed away on Monday, May 10, 2004, surrounded by her family, at her home in Miles City, following a long illness.

Frankie was born in Fort Benton on May 7, 1930, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Turney) Janutis. They made their home on the Mispah in the Knowlton area southeast of Miles City then moved to Miles City in 1950.



**FRANKIE
WATTS**

Frankie attended Riverview Country School and graduated from Custer County High School in Miles City. Frankie married Harvey Watts on April 3, 1949, in Miles City. She worked for Reynolds Grocery and other local merchants. When Harvey and Frankie started their family, she stayed home to raise their children. She later went to work for Holy Rosary Hospital, where she worked for 25 years before retiring. She and Harvey have resided in their home on Knight Street since 1956.

Frankie loved to sew, read, go for walks, play the piano, but most of all spend time with her

family and spoil her grandchildren.

Frankie is survived by her husband, Harvey Watts of Miles City; two sons, Steve Watts and his wife Lori of Seattle and Randy Watts and his wife Tammy of Laurel; three daughters, Joan Brown and her husband Mike of Billings, Julia Pierce and her husband David of Park City and Melanie Watts of Laurel; a brother, Anthony Janutis of Billings; a sister, Betty Merchant and her husband Dallas of Volborg; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 12, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Family will receive friends on Wednesday, from 4 to 7 p.m., in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 13, at 11 a.m., at the Grace Bible Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery in

Miles City. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Holy Rosary Hospice for their wonderful care of Frankie and would like memorials to be made to them at Holy Rosary Hospice, 2600 Wilson, Miles City, MT 59301.

Mary Lynn Weast

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

RED LODGE — Mary Lynn Weast, 33, of Red Lodge, died Monday, March 15, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.

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A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 19, at St. Olaf Lutheran Church. Inurnment will follow in St. Olaf Cemetery. Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Billings is in charge.

JUN 13 2004

KALISPELL — Teeny Ann Weaver went to be home with her Lord Jesus on June 9, at their home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 4, 1937, in Salmon, Idaho, to Ernest and Esther Waterman. She grew up in Salmon, where she attended elementary school and graduation from high school. She married Rev. John R. Weaver in Salmon, and immediately moved to Polson, where she served with John as pastor of the Assembly of God church in Polson for 10 years. In Polson, Andrea, John D. and Mark were born. From Polson, they moved to Bozeman and served as pastors of Christian Center for 17 years. They moved to Sidney, and pastored First Assembly of God for four years. In 1987, John and Teeny moved to Kalispell, where John has served on Christian Center's staff for the past 17 years.

Teeny was active in ministry with John in Polson and Bozeman, serving as church secretary, counselor, teacher and church organist.

Teeny loved to cook, decorate and dress up for every occasion.

She enjoyed oil painting and

loved flowers of all kinds.

She was preceded in death by both parents, Ernest and Esther Waterman; and her sister, Marda Fischer, of Ferndale.

She is survived by her husband John of Kalispell; her daughter, Andrea Kenney and husband Steve of Billings; son John D. and wife Joanna of Whitefish; son Mark and wife Sherril of Hamer, Idaho; brothers Francis, Phillip and Carl Waterman; stepmother Florence Waterman; stepbrothers and sisters; 10 grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

This beautiful, elegant lady will be greatly missed by her family, her church family and all who knew her.

Burial service will be held on June 14 at Glacier Memorial Gardens at 10 a.m., followed by the memorial service at Christian Center at 11 a.m., located at 255 Summit Ridge Drive in Kalispell, son John D. Weaver officiating.

Viewings will be at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, Sunday, June 13, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Felix Sadler Webb

Felix Sadler Webb, the Forsyth Flash, passed away peacefully in his sleep Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004. He was born to Nelle Sadler and Albin Pilkington Webb on May 16, 1911, in Pittsburg, Kan. The family moved from Kansas to Forsyth when Felix was a toddler. He considered Forsyth his hometown and the hub of the universe. Felix graduated from Forsyth High School and attended the University of Pennsylvania, the Wharton School of Business. After graduation in 1933, he worked for the First Bank System as an examiner. Later he became a vice president for the Midland Bank in Billings and was there for over 40 years.

Felix met Mary Monahan when he was working for the National Park Bank in Livingston. On Jan. 24, 1942, they married in Livingston, shortly before Felix entered the U.S. Navy. He was an officer with the SeaBees and was stationed in Guadalcanal.

After the war, Felix and Mary with their first daughter Mary Kay settled in Billings, where their second daughter, Judy was born. Their life together was focused on their love for their family, friends and Montana. After Felix's retirement they enjoyed travel, golf, volunteer work and their seven grandchildren.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Felix loved and excelled in athletics throughout his life.



FELIX WEBB

Baseball, football, basketball, lacrosse were all part of his school years. He loved golf, hunting game birds and fly-fishing on the Boulder River where the family had a cabin. His

favorite times were spent there, fishing and enjoying his beloved mountains and his friends. Felix was a storyteller, a wit, a man who made friends wherever he was and who truly loved life.

Felix was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Helen Mandeville, and his wife Mary. He is survived by his daughters, Mary Kay (Leo) DiValentino and Judy (Tim) Harris, his seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

A Vigil and Remembrance Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18th, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19th at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral with cremation following. Private interment will be

in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation, 1106 N. 30th Street, Billings, MT 59101 or to St. John's Lutheran Home 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102. Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Frances M. Webb

BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 7 2004

MALTA — Frances M. Webb, 64 years, retired Clerk of Court for Phillips County, passed away Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at her home. She fought a brave 13-year battle with breast cancer.

The celebration of Franci's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Malta Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Malta Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

Adams Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Franci was born on Feb. 3, 1940, in Havre, to Lorenzo and Vera (Osborne) Anderson. She was raised and educated in Malta, graduating in 1958. She married John W. Webb in November of 1957. They lived on the family ranch east of Malta. They had three sons and two daughters.

Franci started her working career while in high school at Bell Telephone, which she continued for several years after graduation. She worked in the Phillips County Treasures Office until being elected as the Clerk of Court 1980. She held this position for six consecutive terms, retiring in September 2002. Franci served as president of the Montana



**FRANCI
WEBB**

Association of Clerks of District Court in 1988-'89 and was proud to hold the state convention in Malta in 1989. She was the truck dispatcher for Webb Cattle Company for over 20 years. She was a proud Democrat. Franci was a lifetime member of the Malta Lutheran Church. Her children and her grandchildren were the lights of her life.

Survivors include her husband, John; sons and daughters-in-law, Bill (Patty) Webb of Malta, Jim (Darla) Webb of Seattle; daughters and sons-in-law Lori (Steve) Knudsen, Susan (Matthew) Gilkerson, all of Malta; grandchildren, Stefani Knudsen, Thomas Knudson, Taylor Gilkerson, Shawn Gilkerson, Jessica Webb, Lance Webb, Lindsey and Ryan Lankford, Zachary Webb, Tyrel Webb, Alexis Webb, and Reilly Webb; sisters, Iris (Jerry) Murphy of Sacramento, Calif., Ellen (Tom) Livers of Helena, Thora (Fritz) Prellwitz of Malta; brother Bernell (Terry) Anderson of Billings; and loving stepmother, Elsa Anderson of Malta and many special nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; son, Thomas Sherman Webb; grandson Duane Thomas Webb; brothers, Wesley Anderson and Lorry Anderson.

Godspeed, faithful and loving servant.

Bert I. Webber

1/05/1906 — 12/08/2004

FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla.

— Bert Ivan Webber passed away peacefully in his sleep on Dec. 8, 2004, after a long and beautiful life.

Bert was born Jan. 5, 1906, in Waseca, Minn., to Clara Kinn Webber and George Otto Webber. He attended school in Waseca and Mankato State College. As a young man, he played baseball in the Southern Minnesota League and in Canada. In 1932, he moved to Beulah, N.D., when he was hired to play baseball with the semi-pro Knife River Coal Company's Beulah Miners baseball team and was given an off season job as a carpenter for the company.

On Jan. 28, 1933, he married the love of his life, Elwilda Murray. Together, they raised seven children and kept very busy owning and operating Beulah's first bowling alley, located beneath their furniture store and portrait studio. Many of the local youth had their first job as pin setters in their three-lane bowling alley.

He was active in organizing and helping with many youth oriented programs. Always an Eagle Scout, Bert became a Scout leader and formed the Beulah Boy Scout drum and bugle corp. He was instrumental in the development of the

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Beulah Golden Glove Boxing Club. Bert refereed local basketball games as well as umpiring American Legion baseball games.

In 1958, Bert and Elwilda moved their family to Sidney, Mont., owning and operating his furniture store/portrait studio until his retirement in 1975. While living in Sidney, he continued umpiring American Legion baseball games and was a member of the Sidney Kiwanis Club, Sidney Chamber of Commerce and the Sidney Golf and Country Club.

Upon retirement they moved to Billings, where they joined the Lake Hills Senior golf group. They enjoyed many years of golfing and socializing with their friends both in Billings and during the winter months in Mesa, Ariz. In 2003, they moved to Fernandina Beach, where Elwilda continues to reside with her daughter Janet Thompson.

Bert was preceded in death by his parents; brother Lawrence; sisters, Lois Stewart and Ione Hatten; and daughter LaVada Kuffer.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Elwilda; children, Judith Webber, George (Nellie) Webber, Janet Thompson, Jane (Dick) Dodge, Larry (Karen) Webber and Robert (Theresa) Webber; 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bert's family and friends will miss the countless stories of his baseball days always told with a twinkle in his eye and the swing of his arm. He will remain forever in our hearts.

Memorials can be made to the Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary, 1250 S. 18th St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

William 'Bill' Webber

E BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 24 2004

Bill Webber, a retired rancher from Ryegate, died at his home on Monday, March 22, 2004.

William Murray Webber was born on June 27, 1936, in Billings, the son of Guy Rook Webber and Dorothy Murray Webber. He was raised on a farm at Silesia and attended school there and in Joliet, where he graduated from high school in 1954.

After graduation, Bill was employed by the U.S. Forest Service in several Montana locations. He also served in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. He married Lynn Erickson and they were later divorced. He worked for the Montana Department of Livestock in Miles City. In 1971, he purchased his father's ranch at the base of the Snowy Mountains north of Ryegate. Bill married Claire Wilken, and they operated the ranch until their retirement.

He is survived by Claire and her daughters, Stacey Wilken of Wasilla, Alaska, Lori (Shawn) Penrod of Miles City and Krystal (Scott) Hayes of Augusta; and by his precious grandchildren, Mariah, Cherika, Taylor, Corey and Dakota.

Survivors also include his mother and three sisters, Phyllis Jean (Richard) Keding of Santa Rosa, Calif., Mary Ann (George) Farias of Billings and Patricia

Yedlicka of Helena; three brothers, Lloyd (Gerry) of Laurel, Tom (Jerl) of Roundup and Jim (Nanette) of Shawmut.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Dan.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at Cremation or Funeral Gallery at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, with interment to follow at Rockvale Cemetery, with a reception at Fort Rockvale.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Elesa J. Weber

OCT 14 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Elesa J. Weber, 55, of Thermopolis, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2004, after a fall in her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. A celebration of life will follow immediately at the VFW Post #2281.

Henry Weber, Jr.

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Henry Weber, Jr., 90, of Gillette, formerly of Billings, died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette.

A celebration of life will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, March 15, at the Stevenson Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

Burial will follow at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

OF BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 18 2004

Clarence Weberg

SHERIDAN, Wyo.

Clarence A. Weberg, 90, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Grace Baptist Church. Champlon Ferris Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 04 2004

Victoria Bialy Webster

Victoria Bialy Webster, 35, passed away peacefully on Jan. 11, 2004, after a long battle with cancer. Vickie was born in Summerville, N.J., on Feb. 17, 1968. She was preceded in death by her father, Tony Bialy.

She leaves behind her husband, James Webster; beloved son, Jason Webster; sister, Betsy (Brian Lenzmeir); nephew, Owen

Lenzmeir; mother, Joan Bialy; various aunts, uncles and cousins and also some very special people who were with her at the end. God bless all of you! Special thanks to Big Sky Hospice and the staff of Evergreen Nursing Home.

Memorial services will be a Cremation or Funeral Gallery at 10 a.m. Friday. God bless you Vickie.

MAY 25 2004

HARDIN —
Elvin J. "Joe"
Wedel lost his
valiant fight
against throat
and neck cancer
on May 22, 2004.



**JOE
WEDEL**

He was born
Aug. 31, 1934, to
Elvin W. and
Marguerite
Garrett Wedel in
Huntley. He was raised in the
Hardin area until he entered the
U.S. Navy in January of 1953. In
1954, he married Barbara Ann
Brown and to this union, two chil-
dren were born. They were later
divorced. In 1970, Joe married Joy,
Ann Armstrong Gerhardt. To this
union, one child was born.

After leaving the Navy, Joe
worked at various jobs. His
biggest accomplishment was as an
owner and president of Coastal
Tire Company in Ketchikan,
Alaska, for almost 17 years. Under
his leadership and guidance, he
opened four more stores across
Alaska, selling all types of tires but
mainly, off-road, mining and log-
ging tires. Joe retired from Coastal
Tire in 1995 and he and his wife
moved back to Joliet in 1999.

Selling their home in Joliet in
2002, they traveled and lived in
their motor home until April of
2003. They returned to Hardin,

where they were close to family
and made their home until the
present.

His dad, Elvin W. Wedel, and
his mother, Marguerite, preceded
Joe in death.

Survivors include his wife of
34 years, Joy. He is also survived
by his son, James (Kristi) Wedel
of Hardin; his daughter, JoeAnn
(Lyle) Leavell of Brady; and his
son, Scott of Seattle. He is also
survived by his sisters, June
(Dick) Lohof of Laurel, Joyce
Jerke and Jeanne (Bill) Ruff of
Billings. He is survived by his
grandchildren, Jim (Kristen)
Wedel, stationed with the USMC
in Hawaii, Jennifer Wedel of
Hardin and Landon Leavell of
Brady. He leaves numerous
nieces and nephews, as well as his
"baby" Cassie.

Special thanks go to Dr. John
Terry at Northern Rockies
Radiation Oncology Center, Dr.
Stephen Butler and Dr. Marty
Lucas. They helped Joe fight the
good fight. Also special thanks to
the staff on third floor, Fortin
Tower, Oncology, for the won-
derful care they gave Joe while he
was in the hospital. A very, very

special thanks to all the people who work and take care of the patients at Horizon Hospice in Billings. They are truly a wonderful, giving group of people. They make you feel like family and the care they give is truly remarkable. Heartfelt thanks to all.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, memorial may be made in Joe's name to either Northern Rockies Radiation Center at 1041 N. 29th St., Billings, MT 59107 or to Horizon Hospice at 1019 Neptune Blvd., Billings, MT 59102.

Condolences may be sent to the family at Joe Wedel, 105 S. Terry Ave., Hardin, MT 59034.

Cremation as taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory.

A Celebration of Life and inurnment with military honors will be held in June in the Fairview Cemetery, Hardin. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Ascension: And if I go, while you're still here...know that I live on, vibrating to a different measure— behind a thin veil you cannot see through. You will not see me, so you must have faith. I wait for the time when we can all soar together again, aware of each other. Until then, live your life to its fullest and when you need me, just whisper my name in your heart...I will be there. Colleen Corah Hitchcock

Margaret Jenny Weeks

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Margaret Jenny Weeks, 84, died Monday, June 21, 2004, in Rawlins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis. Interment will follow in Monument Hill Cemetery.

JUN 26 2004

Melvyn D. Weeks

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 20 2004

Melvyn D. Weeks, 63, of Billings, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

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

Herman R. 'Rudy' Wegner

THE RIVINGTONS GAZETTE
APR 27 2004

LAUREL — Dad left this world peacefully Saturday, April 24, 2004, after a very brave battle with lung cancer. He was a devoted husband, loving father and tender grandfather.



**HERMAN
WEGNER**

Dad was born Sept. 7, 1929, to Edward and Lydia Wegner in Bridger. After graduation from high school in Park City, he joined the U.S. Navy. It was on leave that he met the love of his life, Bernice Kamerzel. They were married on July 15, 1953, and settled in Laurel. Dad worked for Cenex Refinery for 38 years and retired in 1992. He spent the next 14 years enjoying his family, especially his beloved four grandchildren and one great-grandson. He enjoyed the time spent with them and has, through his kind and generous ways, made them very proud to call him "grandpa."

Dad is survived by his wife of 51 years, Bernice of Laurel; a daughter, Shelley (Ray) Southworth of Havre; son Steven (Shawna) Wegner of Laurel; and son Rick Wegner of Caldwell,

Idaho. He has three granddaughters, Amy (Chris) Wendland of Havre, April (Chris) Durward of Havre and Heather Wegner of Laurel. He has one grandson, PFC Brett Southworth of Fort Hood, Texas; and one great-grandson, Ethan Durward of Havre. He has one sister, Mildred (Sam) Frank of Park City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Lydia Wegner and grandson Ryan Wegner.

Dad was a great man and was loved by all who knew him. We know that God has prepared a very special place for him in heaven and are thankful for the time we were blessed to have him in our lives. May you rest in peace. You will forever remain in our hearts. Until we meet again, we love you —Your family.

Services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Laurel at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery with military honors.

The family has suggested memorials to the American Cancer Society, St. John's Lutheran Church, or a charity of one's choice. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of arrangements.

OCT 14 2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

Reinold 'Reiny' Weideman

Reinold "Reiny" Weideman, 84, of Billings, a World War II Veteran and truck driver, passed away peacefully on Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at the Deaconess Medical Center.

Reiny was born on Sept. 22, 1920, in Greeley, Colo., the son of Henry and Katie Miller Weideman.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Bernice (Hays) Weideman of Billings; three sons, Jeff (Diana) Weideman of Puyallup, Wash., Dwight Weideman of Camarillo, Calif., and Rich Weideman of San Francisco; three grandchildren, Autumn



REINY
WEIDEMAN

(Jimmy) Harris of Billings, Ashley and Alec of Puyallup. Reiny is also survived by his two sisters, Betty and Dorothy; and his two brothers, Don and Harold.

Reiny and Bernice lived in various places in Montana and Oregon while Reiny worked as a truck driver for Gambles for seven years and Consolidated Freightways for 33 years before retiring in 1984. Reiny and the family enjoyed many activities over the years, including camping, fishing and baseball.

At Reiny's request, cremation has taken place, with no formal services. A family gathering with friends is planned from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at "Reiny" and Bernice's home.

Cremation was by Cremation or Funeral Gallery.

Frank Weidinger

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CAMAS, Wash. — Frank Weidinger entered his eternal rest on Feb. 16, 2004, at home in Camas.

He was born March 26, 1917, in Ballantine, Mont. Frank grew up on the family farm and later went to Marquette University, where he received a bachelor's degree. Afterwards, Frank went to St. Edward's Seminary in Kenmore and was ordained a priest in June 1944, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Billings. He ministered to parishes in the Great Falls/Billings diocese for 30 years.

In 1975, Frank married Patricia Halla and they moved to Camas in 1976. He worked as an activity director at Highland Terrace Nursing Home and in 1977 as a custodian for the Camas School District until his retirement in 1994.

Frank is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter, Mary Pat and her husband Chet; granddaughters Kylie and Ava; sister, Helen Dietzman of Camas; brothers Charles of Clovis, Calif., and Gregory of Billings.

Funeral Mass and burial took place Feb. 20, at St. Thomas Church in Camas.

Hilma Weidinger

COLUMBUS — Hilma Weidinger, 79, died at Laurel Evergreen Nursing Home on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, with her son at her side.

She was born on Nov. 23, 1924, in Belmont, to Alfred and Gurine Kloster. Hilma married John Weidinger on Oct. 19, 1947, and they made their home in Columbus. She



**HILMA
WEIDINGER**

worked at the Stillwater Community Hospital for 30 years, retiring in September 1987.

Hilma is survived by one son, Richard (Sheri) Weidinger; three grandsons, Mike Dye (Lynda Schwartz), Sean Dye (Debbie Spitzer) and Travis Weidinger (Kham Moua); one great-granddaughter, Amanda Dye; two sisters, Thelma Nordahl and Lillian Henderson; one sister-in-law, Nellie Kloster; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the St James Lutheran Church in Columbus. Interment will follow at the Mountainview Cemetery, Columbus. Visitation will be at the church for one hour prior to the service.

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Memorials may be made to the Columbus Volunteer Ambulance or Laurel Evergreen Nursing Home. Smith Funeral Chapel-Columbus is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Weigand

HARDIN — Charles. N. Weigand, 97, longtime Hardin resident, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, in the Big Horn County Memorial Nursing Home.

He was born June 17, 1907, in Grand Island, Neb., a son of John and Kate Muller Weigand. He moved at an early age to the Decker area, where he grew up and attended country school, and later attended schools in Sheridan, Wyo. Following his education, he worked for several area ranches and worked numerous campaigns for the Sheridan sugar factory for three years. In 1937, he moved to Hardin to begin a career with at the new Holly Sugar factory, retiring in 1972 as assistant superintendent of the factory, after 35 years of faithful service.

Charlie married Alice Gordon on Oct. 15, 1934, in Sheridan, and the couple made their home in Hardin. During his younger years, he enjoyed fishing, hunting pheasants and golfing. As he grew older, he became known as the "fix-it" man for his neighborhood.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Hardin Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 70 years, Alice; two daughters, Jean and her husband Robert Kukes of Hardin and Carol Garretson of Billings; his son, Donald and his wife Candy of

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Hardin; a sister, Kathryn Brown of Sheridan; six grandchildren Jeremy, Chad, Scott, Janet, Donn and Jay; as well as nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Cremation will follow, with private family inurnment planned in the Hardin Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Hardin Senior Citizens Center or charity of one's choice.

WILLIAM WEIL

William Weil, 75, of Billings, passed away on Oct. 26, 2004, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born at Hesper on Nov. 5, 1928, to John and Lydia Weil.

Bill attended Elysian School and Senior High. While in high school, he was active in football, a sport he enjoyed greatly. After school, he went to work for his father, farming west of Billings. He continued to farm and run a dairy until his retirement in 1996.



**BILL
WEIL**

In 1951, Bill married Joyce Marie Bohl. They had three children: Brenda, Sandra and William Philip. The two were later divorced. Years later, he married Alice Cuellar; their relationship ended after 14 years.

Dancing to western music was something Bill enjoyed. In the summer of 1995, Bill met Madelene Schodt. She would become the love of his life. That was the start of a wonderful relationship full of laughter, dancing and traveling in their motor home. The two went south to Arizona and Texas for the last eight winters.

Bill was a brilliant handyman.

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He took pride in his garden and enjoyed canning his bountiful harvest. Above all, he was a great friend and was always willing to help out or lend a hand in any situation.

Bill is survived by his soul mate, Madelene Schodt of Billings; daughters, Brenda Brewington of Billings and Sandra Cornellier of Atlantic Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren, Jason Brewington, Misty Patterson and Cody Sampson; two great-grandchildren, Karlynn Marie and Amber Nicole; brothers, Elmer of Billings, Walt of Missoula and Ervin of Billings; and sisters, Marion Radio of Laurel and Betty Frank of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, William P. Weil; brothers, Bob, Ruben and Adolph; and sister, Marjorie.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Inurnment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made in Bill's name to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107-5033, or the charity of one's choice.

"Time To Pass It On"

**He stands upon a windswept
ridge**

and looks out at the land.

**He thinks of years of sweat
and tears**

**while he rubs a calloused
hand.**

**This place has been his life,
for seventy some years gone.**

He's thinking now,

he knows somehow

it's time to pass it on.

**He smiles at the setting sun
turns and walks along.**

He's done his best,

he's earned his rest,

it's time to pass it on.

MAR 31 2004**EMMALEE WEINAND**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Funeral services for EmmaLee Weinand, of Gillette, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Gillette, with Bishop Christopher K. Jackson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service time on Thursday at the church. Interment will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Cowley Cemetery in Cowley. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is entrusted with the arrangements.

EmmaLee Weinand, age 2, died on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at her home in Gillette, of unknown causes.

EmmaLee Weinand, known to her family as Emmie, was born the fourth child in the family on Dec. 13, 2001, the daughter of Brian and Carene (Emmett) Weinand in Gillette. Emmie had to pack a lot of life into two short years. EmmaLee loved to attend her primary nursery class. She liked to ride in her red wagon and play outside with her family. She loved getting into mischief and she was very good at it. Emmie's mother will miss her fast smile, fun personality and warm hugs. Her father will miss her climbing into his lap to read and snuggle. Chad and Abby will miss her "helping" with all their projects and Kaleb will miss his partner in crime and best friend. She will be missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

EmmaLee is survived by her parents; two brothers, Chad Emmett and Kaleb Jay; one sister, Abigail, all of the family home in Gillette; maternal grandmother Diana Emmett of Lowell; paternal grandparents Michael and JulieAnn Weinand of Cowley; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Jay Emmett, and one uncle, Chad Weinand.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in EmmaLee's name at the Community First National Bank of Gillette. Donations and condolences may be sent in care of the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home at 210 W.

Fifth St., Gillette, WY 82716.
Condolences may also be sent to the family via our web site at www.stevensonandsons.com.

**Darrell J.
Weinberger Sr.**

POPLAR — Darrell J. "Saby" Weinberger Sr., 50, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at the Poplar community hospital.

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Popular Cultural Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Poplar Cultural Center. Burial will be in the Poplar City Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Funeral Home is in charge.

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Floyd F. Weinberger

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BILLINGS GAZETTE

RIVERSIDE, Mont. — Floyd F. Weinberger, 69, died Oct. 8, 2004, at SCCI Hospital in Mandan, N.D.

Visitation will be Monday, Oct. 11 at the Brockton Cultural Center beginning at 5 p.m. with a wake service at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be 2 pm. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Riverside Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in Brockton Riverside Cemetery. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

DR. ROBERT LYLE BOB WEINREIS

Bob Weinreis died of a heart attack on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, while backpacking in the Beartooth Mountains with his family and friends.

Bob was born Oct. 14, 1942, in Beach, N.D., to Lois (Anthony)

and Lyle Weinreis. His father was killed in World War II and his uncle and aunt, John and Violet Schmeling, took him into their family. He



**BOB
WEINREIS**

attended country school near Golva, N.D., and credited his Aunt Evelyn Weinreis ("Teacher") with teaching him how to read. He played basketball for the Golva Tigers and was graduated from Golva High School in 1961.

He attended Valparaiso University before joining the Army in 1963. He served his tour of duty in Korea and returned to Beach in 1966. He met his wife Sue at the Beach swimming pool in the summer of '66. It was almost love at first sight. They were engaged by October and married April 7, 1967. He loved his three daughters, Tanya, Lia and Bobbie Sue, more than anything in the world and during the teenage years, he called himself "Old Yeller."

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He worked for the Forest Service as a counselor at the Job Corps in Dickinson, N.D., in order to put himself and Sue through college. He finished his education at Dickinson State College, graduating with a degree in Business and Physical Education in 1969. He worked as a social worker in Dickinson and had a 10-year career there as District Manager for Franklin Life. The family moved to Davenport, Iowa, and Bob graduated with a Doctorate from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1985. He opened Weinreis Chiropractic in Billings in 1985 and was still practicing when he died.

Bob had been a member of the Yellowstone Chiropractic Association, the Montana Chiropractic Association and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Credentialing Committee. He was a member of the Dickinson State University Alumni

Association Board and served as President from 2001-2004. He was an active member of the Beartooth Nordic and Hiking Club. He was currently finishing a post-graduate course in neurology.

Bob loved to fish, especially with grandsons Cody and Sam, and adored his granddaughters, Molly and Emily. He loved his home and enjoyed working in his yard (to an extent). Bob spent many happy hours backpacking, hiking and skiing. He had a particular love for Yellowstone Park and the Grand Canyon. Bob had the best summer of his life fishing in Canada, North Dakota and Montana with his family and friends, and dancing at his daughter's wedding. He was a kind and gentle man and was greatly loved and respected by his family, friends, colleagues and patients.

Bob is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sue; his three daughters Tanya (Mike) McKeever of Lavina, Bobble (Hunter) Lacey of Bozeman and Lia Weinreis of Missoula; his four grandchildren, Sam, Cody, Molly and Emily McKeever; his mother, Lois Northrop of Dallas, Ore.; his aunt, Vi Schmeling of Golva; his mother- and father-in-law, Harry and Jennie Spiegelberg and his best fishing buddies, Bob Jones and Dave Pokorny.

He was preceded in death by his father Lyie; his stepfather Neil Northrop; his uncle John Schmeling; his beloved Granny Weinreis; and his brother-in-law Howard Krueger.

The family wishes to thank Bob and Carolyn Jones, Rosemary Quinley and Chris Quijiano for their heroic efforts to save Bob's life, their friends who shared Bob's last day, Ian and the rest of staff at the Soda Butte Hotel for their gracious kindness and caring, the Montana Forest Service and the Carbon County Sheriff's Office for their quick and efficient evacuation and for their compassion.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Friday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m., at Peace Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, donations and memorials may be sent to the Bob Weinreis Memorial Scholarship fund at Dickinson State University Foundation, 291 Campus Drive, Dickinson, ND 58601.

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CULBERTSON — Blanche Alice Kateley Weinrich passed away at her home in Culbertson on July 19, 2004. She was born April 9, 1920, in the small town of Ryder, N.D., to Tom and Marie Kateley. She was the first of six children. Blanche was raised at Washburn, N.D.

Blanche lost her mother when she was only 11 years old, leaving her to help her father raise two boys and three girls. The children ranged in age from 15 months to 9 years. A couple of years later, Blanche's father was injured in an accident. This left her to raise the children alone until her father's recovery some time later. All but the youngest two were in school so the home-ec teacher would let Blanche bring the little ones with her and keep them in the home-ec room while she went to class. Later, Doris Wilson, a close family friend, had heard that they could use some help so she stayed with them until her husband returned from the war.

Blanche graduated from Washburn High School and went on to college at Minot, N.D., earning a teaching degree and a minor in business. She later earned three Life teaching certificates from three different states.

She taught school in Souris, Washburn, and some in Minnesota. In 1947, she moved to

Culbertson to accept a teaching position and to be the grade school principal. She taught eight or nine years at Culbertson.

On March 19, 1948, Blanche Kateley and Frank Weinrich were married in Sidney. They made their home in Culbertson together until Frank passed away Oct. 25, 1990.

During their life together, Frank and Blanche enjoyed traveling, camping, working with the kids at the Tastee Freeze and just life in general. When asked what were her greatest memories, she said, "Frank, of course, and my trips to Europe, Hawaii and Mexico."

In her later years, Blanche enjoyed the company of friends and those who would stop by and visit. She was especially grateful for the blessing of Steve Baldwin and his family in her life. She said she quite frankly did not know how she would have made it without them.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Frank; her parents, Tom and Marie; her two brothers, Clifford and Leroy Kateley; and her three sisters, Marion Fleming, Lois Haase and Margie Dorman.

Viewing will be 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Everson Clayton Stevenson Chapel in Culbertson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 23, at Everson Clayton Stevenson Chapel in Culbertson. Interment will follow in the Hillside Cemetery in Culbertson. The Everson Clayton Stevenson Chapel of Culbertson is entrusted with the service.

Lisa Rene Weis**MAY 23 2004**

Lisa Rene Weis, 40, went to live with God on Thursday, May 20, 2004. A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 24, at The First Church of The Nazareen. Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service is entrusted with arrangements.

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Eleanor Weisser

WISHEK, N.D. — Eleanor Weisser, 85, of Wishek, died Saturday afternoon, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Wishek Home for the Aged in Wishek.

Eleanor Staebler was born March 7, 1918, on a farm in Logan County near the McIntosh County line. She was the second child of 11 children born to John Staebler and Anna (Krein) Staebler. She attended the local rural school, where she received her elementary education, and grew to womanhood in the Wishek area.

She and August Weisser were married Nov. 21, 1937, southwest of Burnstad. They farmed west of Wishek until 1954, when they moved into Wishek. In 1966, he started working for Belgrade Enterprises as a line supervisor, and while working for Belgrade, he and Eleanor enjoyed traveling across numerous western states. They then moved to Wishek for their retirement. Following the death of her husband, March 23, 2002, she has continued to reside in Wishek.

She was a member of the St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wishek.

Surviving are two sons, Allen (Sheri) Weisser, Fremont, Calif., Williard Weisser, Billings; five grandchildren, five great-grand-

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children; three brothers, Solly, Ray and Duane Staebler of Billings; four sisters, Tillie Seiler and Vivian Ebel, both of Bismarck, Annetta Reich and Shirley Yerger, both of Billings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother and two sisters.

The funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wishek, with Rev. Brandon Woodruff officiating.

The burial will be made in the St. Luke Lutheran Cemetery at Wishek.

Arrangements are by the Haut Funeral Homes in Wishek.

Evelyn M. Welsz

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NOV 17 2004

RANCHESTER, Wyo. — Evelyn M. Weisz, 82, of Ranchester, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

At her request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the First Congregational Church in Sheridan. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Hazel Tebbs Welch

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LOVELL, Wyo. — Hazel Tebbs Welch, 95, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, in the Powell Nursing Home.

Hazel was born Dec. 21, 1908, in Cowley, the daughter of James S. Tebbs and Mary Alice Meeks. She was a lifetime resident of Cowley. She attended the Cowley schools and graduated from Big Horn Academy. She also attended the University of Wyoming, Utah State University, Brigham Young University and Northwest Community College. She maintained her interest in education through correspondence courses.

Hazel enjoyed beautiful things and had a wonderful sense of style. She was always generous, loyal and gracious. Through love and respect for family, as well as historical events, she taught those around her the beauty of nature and God's creations. She enjoyed the clouds, flowers, large and small animals, with a deep love of horses. Geological formations also fascinated her. Hazel had a rock collection gathered from traveling the world. Her love for cooking began as a teenager working as a camp cook on her father's road construction jobs. She loved entertaining family and friends. She also enjoyed handwork, sewing and art. Her unique sense of humor attracted people to her. Dancing, laughter and fun gave

her great pleasure.

Hazel was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Hazel married Louis B. Welch and they lived together in the log home built for her in Cowley by her husband. Through their years together, they owned and operated Louis B. Welch Construction Co., building many schools, churches and homes throughout Wyoming. Louis preceded her in death in 1969.

Hazel is survived by her sister, Vivian Robertson of Salt Lake City; a brother-in-law, Charles F. Welch of Cowley; eight children, Alyce Jones of Green Valley, Ariz., Louis J. and Carol Welch of Salt Lake City, Linda Croft of Logan, Utah, Joan and Nick Welch of Las Vegas, Bobi Jo and Chuck Leonhardt of Cowley, Annette and Larry Lee of Broomfield, N.M., Richard and Joan Welch of Salt Lake City and Cynthia Dill of Las Vegas; 39 grandchildren; 118 great- or great-great-grandchildren; a total of 165 descendants.

Visitation for Hazel will be Wednesday, March 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 4, at 1 p.m., at the Cowley LDS Chapel. Interment will be in the Cowley Cemetery.

Ina Mary Mearl Sunset Welling

THE RILLINGS GAZETTE

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LANDER, Wyo. — Ina Mary Mearl Sunset Welling passed from this life on Aug. 15, 2004, in Lander. She was surrounded by her family who supported her faithfully through her long struggle with cancer.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cowley. Viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell; also, one hour prior to services in the Cowley Chapel.



**INA
WELLING**

Ina was born July 7, 1922, in Forsyth, Mont. She married McKay Lyman Welling on the 6th of November 1943. To this union were born six children. She will be remembered as a caring mother, grandmother and friend.

She continually sacrificed her time, talents, energy and always had an open home. She was widely known for her generosity to her family and all those who were fortunate enough to know her.

As a grandmother, she will be remembered for her spirited, fun-loving, patient and gentle nature.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years and was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She leaves behind her six children, Linda (George) Johnstone and Laura Lee (Rick) Fagnant of Lander, Myra Welling and Marietta (Keith) Robison of Salt Lake City, Mike (Evie) Welling and Ed Welling of Missoula, Mont. Her memory will be forever cherished by her 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in the Cowley Cemetery in Cowley.

Ellen Wells

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PLAINS — Ellen Jane Wells, 74, of Plains, formerly of Miles City, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at the Clark Fork Valley Nursing Home in Plains.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Sept. 22, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be held at a later date.

Robert Wenande

OSHOTO, Wyo. — Robert "Bob" Joseph Wenande, 80, of Oshoto, died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, in Mesa, Ariz.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the Saint Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in Gillette.

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SAN PEDRO, Calif. — Sandy Wendell, of San Pedro, passed suddenly from our midst in the early morning hours of March 20, 2004. During a brief hospitalization, Sandy suffered a heart attack.

Formerly of Butte, Mont., Sandy was the fifth child of Melvin Erwin Wendell, Sr. and Beatrice Marie Johnson Wendell, born May 28, 1955. His childhood years were filled with many happy times afforded only to Butte kids of that era. Sandy's family loved to fish and hunt the surrounding lakes and mountains; particularly Georgetown Lake. Fond memories of such delights as the Columbia Gardens, pasties and big family gatherings shaped Sandy into the person loved by many; missed by all.

Serving honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1972 to '75 on board the USS Oriskany (CVA-34), Sandy began his food-service career. As a boiler technician and cook's helper, he began to develop lifelong passions for two things: the ocean and food. Soon after returning to Butte from Southeast Asia, Sandy enrolled at Missoula Vo-Tech and while there earned certification as a first cook. Sandy was employed by several Missoula restaurants, including the Edgewater and Alice's. As a creative and talented

chef, Sandy followed his dream to Colorado and then back home to Montana in 1992. Sandy continued to expand his abilities as well as his friendships during his time in the Billings area. He was very active in the local Chef's Association and was honored by them as Chef of the Year in 1998. Ice sculptures, giant gingerbread houses and the biggest BBQ cook-out imaginable were just a few of the delights he shared with us. No doubt the world is a tastier place.

While a student, he met and married Melanie Raines. To this union were born three children, all of whom survive him: Jasmin Wendell of Idaho Falls; Isaac Wendell and China Wendell, both of Missoula. Being a kid at heart, Sandy loved to be in the company of his children. Many an outing, whether it was to the river or to see Barnum and Bailey, can be added to the memory count. While his children were young, Sandy was a great volunteer, including Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

He is also survived by his brother, Melvin Wendell of Deer

Lodge, Mont.; two sisters, Dorothy Carey of Yerington, Nev., and Diana Fry (Steven) of Fontana. Emma and her daughter, Angelica, dear and close friends, of San Pedro, shared in the last of Sandy's time on the ocean. No doubt he is missed by many family members and great friends too numerous to mention, but in our thoughts often. By holding on to each of our memories of him, so he is with us always.

Sandy was preceded in death by his parents, brother William Edward Wendell and sister Linda Marie Wendell Betra.

Sandy has been laid to rest both over the Pacific Ocean and the Butte hills. No services are planned. May his spirit always be free to ride along that big highway in the sky on the best Harley ever.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the American Diabetes Assoc., the American Heart Assoc. or to The S. Wendell Children; 1250 Aabear Lane, Missoula, MT 59802.

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Alice Ethel Wentland

WIBAUX — Alice Ethel Wentland, 91, formerly of Beach, N.D., died at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker, on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004.

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Seventh day Adventist Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Sentinel Butte Cemetery in Sentinel Butte, ND. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge of arrangements.

Emma Wentz

Emma Wentz, born Jan. 27, 1914, in Kidder County on the North Dakota prairie, at the home of her parents, John and Maggie Kahler, of German heritage, passed away Aug. 4, 2004, in Billings. Emma was the fourth of 12 children.

She spent her childhood on the family farm. She and her brothers and sisters rode to school in horse drawn wagon at Heaton and Cathay, N.D., where she completed the seventh grade.

Emma worked for various families during harvest time; she was a homemaker and a waitress. To her family, she was the matriarch (the Boss), the glue that held us together and the one who kept track of where we hung our hats! She could cook up a grand meal for several people at a moment's notice and thrived on the company it brought to her home. Her place was the gathering place.

Emma married Newton Owen of Fessenden, N.D., in 1932; divorced Newton in 1950; married Elmer Wentz in 1951 and



**EMMA
WENTZ**

continued to reside in Fessenden until 1959, when they moved to Southern California. In 1976, they retired to Billings and Emma has lived in Billings until her death.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Newton Owen and Elmer Wentz; her sisters, Alma Kahler, Lydia Olofson, Violet Ochsner and Helen Beich; her brothers, Theodore, Robert, Walter and Edward.

Left to mourn are her sons, Nathan Owen of Phoenix, Ariz., Terry Wentz of Billings, and a stepson, Ronald Wentz; her daughters, Carol Owen-Grayson of San Diego and Candace Owen-Swift of Bandon, Ore.; her sisters, Clara Evans of Eugene, Ore., and Jacquelyne Lloyd of Apache Junction, Ariz.; her brother, Clifford Kahler of Missoula; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

We will miss your physical presence, but your spirit and perseverance will live on with us always!

Services at Smith's Funeral Chapel-West on Monday, Aug. 9, at 2 p.m. Interment at Mountview Cemetery immediately following services. Reception after interment at Smith's.

Helen Wenzel

BELLINGS GAZETTE

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BROADUS — Helen Wenzel, 65, of Broadus, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Broadus. A Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at St. David's Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

Duane Daniel Werk

THE BRITISH

MAR 21 2004

CHINOOK — Duane Daniel Werk, 68, former Chinook resident, passed way on March 18, 2004, in Belgrade following a courageous battle with cancer. Duane passed away in his sleep surrounded by family.



DUANE WERK

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2004, in the Chinook High School Gym. Burial will follow in the Kuper Memorial Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of choice. Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook.

Duane was born on July 12, 1935, to Charles and Calista (Barrett) Werk in Malta. He attended schools in Chinook and was raised in the Bears Paw Mountains. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and son, but most of all a cowboy.

In his early years, Duane served in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Miss., and was later a brand inspector in St. Paul, Minn. In 1959, he married Peggy Wilson and they had four children Debbie, Allan, Chuck and Sandy. They lived in the Shelby-

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Great Falls area where Duane was an ironworker and President of Ironworkers Local 815. In 1970, Duane and Peggy purchased Teegardens Bar in Shelby and operated that until 1973. Later that year they purchased a farm east of Chinook. While continuing on the farm, they purchased Bear Paw Livestock in Havre and built the new facility in Chinook. The first livestock sale in Chinook was in 1979 and it continues with livestock sales today. The business was sold in 1984 and Duane took a position with Con Agra. He remained with Con Agra until his retirement in 2000. His poor health caused the Werks to move to Belgrade in 2003. Duane's hobbies were as many as his friends. He mostly enjoyed rodeos, fishing, golf, a good game of cards and time spent with his family. His family and many, many friends will miss his unique sense of humor and straightforward ways.

Duane is survived by his mother, Calista Werk of Chinook; wife, Peggy Werk of Belgrade; daughters, Debbie (Keith) Duneman and Sandy (Eric) Burdette all of Bozeman; sons, Allan Werk of Billings; Chuck (Karla) Werk of Kalispell; grandchildren Brian, Collin, Kevin, Ashley, Ce Ce, George, Kaitlyn, Molly and great-grandson Colter Duane; sister, Vanda (Ralph) Montgomery of Chinook and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Werk and mother, Ivie Montgomery.

Charlotte Ann Werlinger THE RAILINGS GAZETTE

AUG 24 2004

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Charlotte Ann (Hanson) Werlinger, 68, of Greybull, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at the Washakie Medical Center in Worland.

Memorial funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Grace Southern Baptist Church in Greybull. Cremation has taken place. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc., are in charge.

Fred Wertz

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Fred Wertz, 64, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center.

Visitation is from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday before the service at 2 p.m. Friday, all at the Adams Funeral Home.

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Chester Oran West

BOWMAN, N.D. — Chester Oran West, 98, of Bowman, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at the Southwest Longterm Healthcare Center in Bowman.

A wake service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the

Bowman Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Bowman Lutheran Church. Burial will follow in the Bowman Cemetery. Krebsbach Funeral Service of Bowman is in charge.

Lois J. West, 86, of Billings, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004. Lois was born in Camas Prairie on April 20, 1918, the daughter of Louis and Fay Bauer.

Lois graduated from the University of Montana in 1940.

The first of her family to graduate from college, Lois loved her college years and her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta. Lois married Frank Nugent in 1941.



**LOIS
WEST**

He died in 1943, serving in the Army in WWII. During the war years, Lois was a high school teacher at Billings Senior High School. She married John W. West in 1946. Lois spent the next years raising her family, volunteering as a Pink Lady at Billings Deaconess Hospital, being involved with her PEO Chapter E and active in the Billings Hilands Club. Lois enjoyed playing golf and bridge throughout her life. She actively worked with her husband, John, in the S.M. West Insurance Company until their retirement.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents Louis and Fay Bauer; her brother, Wilmer "Bud" Bauer; her husband of 45 years and father of her children, John W. West; and their daughter, Sandra West Goldhere.

Lois is survived by her two daughters, Barbara Murphy (Gerald) of Billings and Nancy Martin (Shan) of Richland, Mich.; her son, Jock West (Gayle) of Billings; her son-in-law, Hal Goldberg of Denver; her brother Wayne Bauer of Las Vegas; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Lois was blessed with her lifelong friends from college, Park Lane, and finally, honored in the warm company of her dear friend, Alfred Fulton.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Lois' family remembers her with great love. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to Big Sky Hospice, 123 S. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101 or the charity of your choice.

Peace to her memory.

JUN 15 2004**Mary Beth West**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Mary Beth West, 54, of Gillette, died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at her home, of natural causes.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 18, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at the Black Hills Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.

William H. West

**SEP 25 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

GILLETTE, Wyo. — William "Bill" H. West, 65, of Gillette, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at his home.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Gillette. Interment will follow at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery.

AUG 21 2004

BROADUS — Mildred M. (Wakefield) Wetherelt, 92, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at the Powder River Manor in Broadus.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Powder River Congregational Church in Broadus. Interment will follow in the family lot in the Valley View Cemetery in Broadus.

Myron Jay Wetzel

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 24 2004

HARLOWTON — Myron Jay Wetzel, 98, a long time resident of Harlowton, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at Wheatland Memorial Nursing Home.

He was born May 23, 1905, at Barvda, Mich., the son of Edward and Beatrice (Harrison) Wetzel. The family moved to Aberdeen, Wash., in 1916 and later to Vancouver, Wash., where he completed his school. He married Helen J. Bersch on Oct. 15, 1924, at Vancouver. To this union were born a son and daughter.

In 1922 Myron joined the JC Penney Co. and spent the next 25 years in Havre; Sandpoint, Idaho, and Spokane, Wash., coming to Harlowton as manager in 1937. Ten years later he and Helen purchased the confectionery store, at that time known as "Wil'Rays" (1947-1960). He worked part time at the Perkins Funeral Home until 1961 when the Perkins and Wetzels formed a corporation of the funeral home. In 1937, Mr. Perkins sold his stock to Kenneth Twichel of White Sulphur Springs. Myron held his stock and managed the business. In 1991 Myron retired and they sold the business to Larry Scholz.

He was past master of Masonic Lodge AF & AM No. 69 of Harlowton and also a 50-plus-year member. Myron was past president of the Kiwanis Club

served on the Cemetery Board for many years. He loved to take pictures, hunting, fishing, golf, and his home.

His wife, Helen of Harlowton; daughter, Joanne and Jack Collins of Shelton, Wash.; son, Norman and Mamie Wetzel of Stayton, Ore.; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren survive him. Also surviving are two nephews, Edward and Dorothy Greeno of Seattle and Gordon Greeno, Mexico.

Two sisters, Arlene Momot and Eurette Greeno, preceded Myron in death.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at Perkins Funeral Home with burial in Harlowton Cemetery.

Rosemary R. Westphal

THE OREGONIAN GAZETTE

APR 15 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Rosemary R. Westphal, 87, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 19, at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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Ruth Virginia Whalen, 80, a brave soul, passed away at her home in Billings on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, after a long, heroic battle with cancer. She was born Oct. 23, 1923, in Denver, Colo., to Olaf and Emma (Gustafson) Wassen. On July 5, 1950, she was united in marriage to Jerry F. Whalen.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Jerry, and their five children, each of whom she was very proud, Molly (Whalen) Mackay, professor of botany, Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia, and her husband, Duncan, and their daughter, Olwyn; William P. Whalen, in the insurance business in Missoula and Kalispell Mont., and his wife, Heidi, and their children, Taylor and Bryce; Cass M. Whalen, engineering manager, Ultrasound Division, North American Philips, Bothell, Wash., and his wife, Renee, and their daughters, Ashley and Chelsea; Eileen (Whalen) Hatrick, an elementary school teacher, her husband Joseph Hatrick, a mining engineer with Phelps Dodge Corporation, Copiapo, Chile, and their children, James, William, Monica, Raymond and Krista; Thomas J. Whalen, construction manager, The Irvine Company, Huntington Beach, Calif., and his wife, Karen, and their children, Tyler and Kristen. Ruth is also

survived by her sisters, Evelyn (Patrick) O'Keefe of Livonia, Mich., and Ellen (John) Sapp of Golden, Colo., and many nieces and nephews.

Ruth made the world a kinder, gentler, better place by being here.

The family is grateful for the long term professional services provided in a thoughtful and kind manner by Drs. Marchello, Anderson, and Terry of the Northern Rockies Cancer Center; Dr. Cook at Surgical Associates, Dr. Cheryl Cook of Internal Medicine, and their nurses. Who among us has the right to destroy another's hope.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at the Dahl Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Helen Wharton

Helen Wharton, 91, of Billings, passed away at St. John's Lutheran Home on Nov. 12, 2004, surrounded by her family.

Helen was born in Bruno, Czechoslovakia, on June 18, 1913, to John and Barbara Novacek. Shortly after her birth, the family emigrated to

America, where they resided in the Stanley, N.D. area. Years later, they moved to Opheim, Mont., where Helen graduated from high school, going on to attend the teachers college

in Dillon, Mont. for one year. She taught for two years until her marriage to William C. Wharton on Nov. 7, 1934, in Glasgow, Mont.

Their family started in Opheim, with the births of their first two daughters, Ruth and Janet. In 1941, they moved to Billings, where their third daughter, Carol, was born. After Helen raised her children, she found it time to return to work. She became a school secretary for Billings Public Schools, first at Garfield School and later at Riverside, until her retirement in 1978.

Helen was active in her community. She was a member of var-



**HELEN
WHARTON**

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ious organizations including the Friendship Chapter of Eastern Star, Billings Elks Club, and was a lifetime member of NARFE. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Billings and was involved in the Presbyterian Women Group. She was also an avid bridge player, belonging to several clubs.

Helen is survived by her daughters, Ruth Kaufman, of Billings, Janet (Ronald) Anderson, of Ballentine, and Carol (John) Harkin, of Walnut Creek, Calif.; sisters, Anna Fossum of Blaine, Wash., and Rose (Bob) Schliep of Libby; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters; and a grandson, Mark Lee Anderson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at First Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin at Michelotti-Sawyers at 2 p.m., on Sunday and continue through Tuesday, until 9 p.m. The casket will also be open one hour prior to the service at First Presbyterian Church.

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

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

AUG 17 2004

Don Ernest Wheatley, 60, died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Don was born in Detroit on March 16, 1944. After graduating from high school, he was drafted into the army and fought in Vietnam from September of 1968 to August 1969.

Don will always be remembered and loved, as he was a very kind-hearted man, always willing to help others in any way that he could. One of his favorite things was keeping his yard beautiful. He loved being outside and having Sunday barbecues or dinners with his family. Other hobbies he enjoyed were sewing, surfing the net, listening to Christian tapes and exercising.



**DON
WHEATLEY**

He had a great sense of humor and we will all miss him very much, yet we all know that you are free from pain and in heaven now.

Don is survived by his wife, Marie Wheatley; stepdaughters; Sheila Ramirez of Billings, Rachel and Margret Garza of Arizona; stepsons; Gilbert Campa of Billings, Daniel Garza of Arizona and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he was very fond of. Don was also very "tight" with one of his brothers-in-law, Julio Ramirez, whom he called "pisano."

Don's funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Smith Downtown Chapel. Interment with military honors will follow at Mountview Cemetery. A reception will follow at Pioneer Park at about 12 noon.

Dean Wheeler

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FAIRVIEW — Dean Wheeler, 52, died Friday, March 6, 2004.

Funeral Services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview. Interment will be in the Richland Memorial Park Cemetery in Sidney under the direction of the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney.

Dorothy L. Wheeler

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GOLDEN, Colo. — Dorothy L. Wheeler, 97, formerly of Billings Mont., where she lived for 87 years; survived by her daughter, Barbara (Graham) Curtis of Lakewood; grandchildren, Kay (Randy) Hunsaker of Los Angeles, Calif., Mark S. (Ronda) Curtis of Arvada, Carl M. (Paula) Curtis of Beijing, China; also survived by numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, at Mt. View Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in Dorothy's name to the charity of your choice.

Joseph Wheeler

FORSYTH — Joseph Wheeler, 81, of Forsyth, died March 2, 2004.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Forsyth.

THE BULLOCK GAZETTE
MAY 9 2004

Steven LeRoy Wheeler

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Steven LeRoy Wheeler, 51, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at Hope

Community Church.

A memorial service and committal of cremains will be held in Lander at a later date.

Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

Geoff Whipple**JUN 02 2004**

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Geoff Whipple, 32, of Buffalo, died Monday, May 31, 2004, at his home.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 3, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 4, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Buffalo. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery.

Emery Whitaker

MALTA — Emery Whitaker, 96, formerly of Augusta, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at the Phillips County Good Samaritan Center.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Saco Methodist Church in Saco. Cremation has taken place.

Interment of his ashes will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Augusta Cemetery in Augusta. Adams Funeral Home and Crematory of Malta is in charge of services. Gorder Funeral Home of Choteau is in charge of graveside services.

Arnold E. Whitcomb

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 25 2004

RED LODGE — On Jan. 3, 2004, Arnold E. Whitcomb, 94, went into the light to be with his Creator and with God's grace, to reunite with his mother and father and brother Byron.

Arnold was born on April 3, 1909, in Princeton, Minn., to Archie David (A.D.) and Edith Agnes Whit-



**ARNOLD
WHITCOMB**

comb; A.D. was a painter, farmer and blacksmith. Arnold attended public school and Sunday school in Princeton; he was a good student and enjoyed school drama. In 1925, Arnold (16) and his brother Byron (18) played on the Princeton School baseball team and in the same year, A.D. moved the family to Red Lodge, Mont., to establish an oil and gas business on the southeast corner of North Broadway and 9th Street. In 1926, A.D. was in business as the Eagle Oil Company.

Arnold graduated in 1927 from Carbon County High School, while also learning the oil and gas business. He played on the Red Lodge baseball team and refereed basketball games. Arnold was a champion golfer, having been introduced to the game by Red Lodge physician "Doc"

Adams; Arnold hit a hole-in-one on Oct. 20, 1977. He was a life member "51 years" of the Beartooth Elks Lodge, and a member of the Eagles Lodge for 16 years. Arnold was an avid reader and closely followed sports on radio and television. He was a faithful blood donor.

In 1935, Arnold married lovely Doris Charlotte Clark. They celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary Sept. 7, 2003. In 1936, A.D. constructed a new building and Whitcomb's oil and gas business would become the oldest Mobil dealership in the state of Montana. A wrecker service and tire service had been in place from the early years. Willy's jeeps were sold, and Whitcomb's bulk plant, which was serviced by rail, supplied gas delivered to area farmers and Whitcomb gas stations in Bridger, Cooke City (summers) and Rockvale, as well as Red Lodge. Texaco replaced Mobil in 1966. Arnold was a self-taught bookkeeper/manager. Several employees worked their entire careers with the

Whitcomb family business. In 1976 the A.D. Whitcomb Oil Company was sold to long-time friend Ray H. Judd, who had the Red Lodge Ford dealership next door.

Arnold and Doris spent many years traveling to Blythe, Calif. as snowbirds to the Astro Motel, where they made lifelong friends; Blythe had a great golf course. At home in Red Lodge, Arnold enjoyed "going to the station" to help out and to meet his golf friends who visited about golf and sports. Ray enjoyed their company and said, "They are an asset to the business."

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Byron David Whitcomb. Arnold is survived by his wife, Doris Charlotte Whitcomb, who recently moved from Red Lodge to Billings; daughter, Freda Ann Whitcomb of Billings; son, Clark E. Whitcomb (Laurie) of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; grandsons Diamond Rick Thompson, Dan Russell Thompson, Clark Charles Whitcomb, Joseph Enoch Whitcomb (deceased), David Luke Whitcomb; granddaughter, Anne Charlotte Williams; great-granddaughters, Misty Lynn Black, Emily Jo Williams; great-grandson, Robert Clark Daniel Williams; great-great granddaughter, Areyna Reighlyn Black; sister-in-law, Louise C. Whitcomb of Billings; nieces, Jaye Sundin

(Sherman), Karen Eide (Kendeceased); nephews, David Whitcomb (Cheryl), Donald Whitcomb (Carol); two great nieces; six great nephews; seven great-great nieces; and nine great-great nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2004, at the Red Lodge Community Church with Pastor David Munson officiating. The interment was Jan. 13, 2004, at the Red Lodge Cemetery. Thank you all who came on that very cold, snowy winter day to support the family.

Following the memorial service, please enjoy a luncheon for family and friends at the Red Lodge Senior Citizens Center, 207 South Villard Ave.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Deaconess Pastoral Care, Attention Pastor Doug Johnson, P.O. Box 3566, Billings, Montana 59103, or the Macular Degeneration Foundation, P.O. Box 9752, San Jose, CA 95157, or the charity of your choosing.

Dawn Fern White

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 13 2004

SACO — Dawn Fern White, 82, died Friday, July 9, 2004, at the County Home in Malta.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, July 15, at the Saco United Methodist Church with interment in the Grandview Cemetery. Adams Funeral Home of Malta is in charge of arrangements.

Delight White

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE
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Delight White passed away Monday, Dec. 29, at St. Vincent Hospital.

She was born Sept. 7, 1923, in Pendelton, Ore. Dee lived in Spokane, Wash., for many years before being transferred to Billings in 1976 by Conoco Pipeline company, working until retirement in 1995, at age 72.

Dee's life reflected her love for her family. That love spilled over onto many people through her years of involvement in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, PTA, and church youth groups. She had positive impact on many young people, and taught her children the value of spending quality time with their own families. Dee was a doting Grandma, enjoying nothing more than watching a soccer or hockey game, play or band concert. She was dedicated to doing the right thing at the right time and doing every job well, whether at home or at work. And there was nothing Dee loved more than the Big Sky of Montana.

Dee is survived by her five children, Connie (Gary) Good of Kent, Wash., Barry White, of Algona, Wash., Jill (Tim) Learn stationed on Okinawa, Rick White of Bothell, Wash., and Wendy (Ed) Fick of Billings; and her nine grandchildren; Jason and Tiffany Ormesher, Tom and Sally White, Erin Learn, Katv and

Kane White, and Charlie and Jenny Fick.

Delight is already missed by all who knew her.

As per Delight's wish, no services are planned. Cremation has taken place with Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary in charge of the arrangements.

DESTRY RENE Powell-White

Destry Renee, the beloved wife of Michael White, went to heaven peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at home, with all her loved ones around her.

Destry Renee was born April 14, 1969, to J.D. Powell Jr. and Joy Collier-Evans in Dinuba, Calif. Destry married Michael on Feb. 9, 1991.



**DESTRY
RENEE
WHITE**

She is survived by her beloved puppy, Wendy (wherever she may be); her husband Michael; her children, Rogan, Faith (Joe), Cory and Tiffany; and three and a half months before Destry went to heaven, she was blessed with a beautiful grandson, Ty-Alan; her parents, Joy Evans and J.D. Powell Jr.; her brothers, Joseph (Renee), Jeremy and Justin Powell, and Joshua Evans (Jennifer); her nephews, Christian and Vinnie; her grandmother, Mary Staton; her aunts and uncles, Mary Jo (Thomas) Wagoner, Ester Tuttle, Audrey (Bill) Parker, Jerry Collier, James (Janie) Collier, Larry Joe Black, Albert Black and J.C. Parker; and her many cousins.

Destry made some of the best Mexican food you would ever

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want to eat. One of the best things we all made together was tamales on the holidays.

She loved doing arts and crafts. She was an artist and a comedian. She made everyone laugh and enjoy themselves. She will remain close to us all in our hearts and will be greatly missed and loved by all. Her spirit will be watching over everyone and guide them through all the good times and bad.

She is preceded in death by her grandfathers, Joseph Collier and J.D. Powell Sr.; step-grandfather, George Howard Staton; her grandmother, Murl Powell; her brother, Jason Powell; her aunt, Lola Parker; and her uncles, Tommy and James Black.

A family memorial will be held at Smith Funeral Home Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., Billings, on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m.

Ervin White

PLENTYWOOD — Ervin White, 75, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Nursing Home in Plentywood.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Plentywood Lutheran Church. Interment will be in Plentywood Memorial Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood is in charge.

Gale Claude White

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

HOBSON — Gale Claude White, 75, died Aug. 14, 2004, in Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Hobson Public School. Cremation or Funeral Gallery is in charge of arrangements.

AUG 16 2004

Imogene White

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Henrietta Imogene White, 94, of Buffalo, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at the Beehive Home in Buffalo.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Burial will be in the Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to follow the funeral.

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Mervin 'Merv' White

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 24 2004

Mervin E. "Merv" White passed away Jan. 22, 2004, at his home.



MERV WHITE

He was born May 21, 1941, in Mills, Neb. Merv graduated high school in Worland, Wyo., in 1959 and moved to the Billings area in 1960 where he started his career in the trucking industry.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; four children, Jodi, Bart (Nanette), Michelle and Terri of Billings; his brother, Charlie (Jane) White of Riverton, Wyo.; his sister, Pam (Bob) Jarzyna of Worland; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three stepsons, Steve (Dulcey), Michael and Craig Eubank and their six children. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mattie White.

In addition to his love for his family, Merv had a great passion for fishing, camping and hunting.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Michelotti-Sawyers, 1001 Alderson, with a reception following at the VFW at 637 Anchor St.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

DAD — we love you dearly — we will always cherish our memories, holding them deep in our hearts forever!

Phyllis White

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 11 2004

Phyllis White, 75, of Billings, went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 9, 2004. She was at home, surrounded by her family.

Phyllis was born March 1, 1929, in Livingston, the daughter of Albert and Flossie (Lear) Miller.

The family lived in various places in Park County as she was growing up. She married Bill Carr on Nov. 4, 1950,

in Livingston. She was married for a brief time before and had a daughter, Linda LeMoine. Her union with Bill Carr gave her a son, Bill Carr, Jr. They were later divorced and on Dec. 11, 1982, she married Tom White of Billings. He passed away Jan. 23, 2002.

Phyllis held many jobs throughout her life and retired from Herbergers in Billings in 1992 after 15 years of service. She enjoyed traveling but most of all, her family.

Survivors include her daughter Linda, of Billings; her son Bill (Bonnie) of Laurel; stepchildren Jeanette White of Utah and Rodney White of Billings; granddaughters, Leisa Watson and Holly LeMoine, both of Billings; grandsons, Christopher Carr of



**PHYLLIS
WHITE**

the United States Air Force and Nicholas Carr of Laurel. She has two great-granddaughters, Ashley and Brianna; and one great-grandson, Seth. Also surviving her are seven sisters, Betty (Jim) Reynolds of Philipsburg, Evelyn (Bob) Gwaltney of Caddis Mills, Texas, Donna (Ron) Schelske of Helena, Kathryn Davis of Wilsall, Joyce (Bill) Clausen of Helena, Gayle (Jim) Simmons of Wilsall and Judy (Gene) Parker of Gig Harbor, Wash.; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom White; her parents; a sister, Madeline; and her only brother, Lester Miller.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Aug. 13, 3 p.m., at Dahl Funeral Chapel, with burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow at the family home. A visitation will be held at Dahl Funeral Chapel on Thursday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings 59107 (247-3300).

Thank you, Mom, for trying so hard to stay here with us.

Love you lots and lots.

Ward Arthur White

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 03 2004

Ward Arthur White, age 75, passed away on Friday, May 28, 2004, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation in Billings, due to complications following a stroke.



**WARD
WHITE**

He was born on July 16, 1928, in Circle, to Arthur and Genevieve White. Ward attended school in Sheridan, Wyo., and was a 1946 graduate of high school in Riverton, Wyo. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, where he was member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. Ward graduated with honors from the University of Wyoming Law School in 1953.

He practiced law in Cheyenne, Wyo., for 45 years, first with the Public Service Commission and later associated with the firm Guy, Williams, White and Argeris.

Ward was an avid sports fan. In his youth, he aspired to become a professional baseball player, but at the age of 14, was stricken with polio, which left him crippled. He was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and

was able to attend several of their World Series Games. He also enjoyed fishing, especially at Yellowstone Lake, playing golf and reading history.

He was a member of the American Bar Association, the Wyoming Bar Association and served as President of the Laramie County Bar Association. He belonged to the International Lions Club and served as president of the Cheyenne Frontier Lions Club. He also served on the Board of Directors of Wyoming Independent Living Rehabilitation, which serves individuals with disabilities.

Ward was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his sister, Sharon Roland, of Billings; a daughter, Linda White of Lakewood, Ohio; a son, Jeff White of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and a nephew, Scott Roland of New Rochelle, N.Y.

At his request, he has been cremated and his ashes will be scattered at a favorite fishing site. A celebration of Ward's life will be held Friday, June 4, at 10 a.m., in the main lounge at Billings

Health and Rehabilitation, which is located at 2115 Central Ave.

The family wishes to thank Billings Health and Rehabilitation, where Ward received loving care. He enjoyed their trivia sessions, where he demonstrated an amazing knowledge of history and world affairs.

Memorials may be sent; to your local Lions Club; Wyoming Independent Living Rehabilitation at 305 West First, Casper, WY 82601, or the charity of your choice.

Mattie Nye Whiteaker

April 19, 1930 — Dec. 8, 2004

NYE — Mattie passed away peacefully Dec. 8, 2004, at the home of her daughter in Lampasas, Texas.

Mattie was born April 19, 1930, one of eight children born to George and Clara Graham.

Mattie grew up around livestock, and helped her father and brothers in the outfitting business. She was an expert at packing mules and horses. She enjoyed hunting, fishing and anything to do with the outdoors.

Mattie met the love of her life and married Hubert Ivan Whiteaker on Sept. 11, 1948. They had four children who grew to love the same things Hubert and Mattie did.

Mattie later worked on many ranches in the Nye and Fishtail area. She took many pack trips into the Beartooth Mountains. Hunters and fishermen always enjoyed the stories she told around the campfire.

Mattie worked on cattle ranches in the area. She was willing to help anyone who needed a hand, never wanting anything in return. She was a top hand.

Mattie was preceded in death by her parents, George and Clara; three brothers, Bob, George and Harry; two sisters, Evalyn and Gladys; and Mattie's husband Hubert.

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Survivors include one brother, Dean Graham of Billings; one sister, Jesse Kleth of Ekalaka; two daughters, Gerri Whiteaker of Lampasas and Linda Whiteaker of Red Lodge; two sons Hubert Whiteaker Jr., wife Linda, and Robert Whiteaker, wife Kelly, both of Fishtail; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at the Nye Community Church on Dec. 17, at 1 p.m., followed by a reception at the Cowboy in Fishtail.

Cremation has taken place. The ashes will be spread at a later date with a private family service.

Janis Whiteman

BILLINGS GAZETTE
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RICHEY — Janis Whiteman, 57, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Richey High School Gym. Burial will be in the Richey Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements.

John White Woman

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE.

AUG 27 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — John White Woman, age 43, of Gillette, formerly of Ashland, Mont., passed away Aug. 21, 2004, due to a vehicle accident.

John was born on July 16, 1961, the son of Rufus and Virginia White Woman. He made his home in Ashland with his wife of 12 years, Arlene Grey; his three sons, Austin John, Shiloh Donovan, Marcus Wayne; and his stepkids, Arlana Rose, Curtis Lee, Dion Curtis, Preston Reece; and his adopted daughter Anita Rios.

He was survived by his extended family Stanley and LaDonna Eagle's family, Jerry Rowland and Rosie Gray's family, Les and Nellie Hogan's family, Ray and Thee's family, Lynette Gray and kids, Wyman and Kim Gray's family, Eddie Gray and brothers-in-law Leland, Dorian, Leonard and Royce. John was also survived by his special bodyguard Keshia Lyn Rose and his adopted brother Ike Bement and sister-in-law Heriet Bear.

John loved playing horseshoes, fishing and camping at grandpa's. His favorite sport was softball.

At the time of his death, John was employed at Carefree Cleaning of Gillette, where he recently relocated. While there, he got his MSHA training. We Love You Dad!

Walter Lyle Whiting

CODY, Wyo. — Walter Lyle Whiting, 90, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at West Park Hospital.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Ballard Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, at the United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

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Wesley Whitish

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 09 2004

HARDIN — Wesley "Pete" Whitish, 75, of Hardin, passed away peacefully on Nov. 7, 2004.

He was born June 8, 1929, to parents Peter and Clara Whitish of Plentywood.

He moved to Hardin in October of 1979, where he resided in the Maverick Group Home and late at the Crawford Group Home, until his death.

Pete enjoyed working outdoor, his passions were dogs, horse, tractors, cigarettes and "going to town." He enjoyed the companionship of his many friends, staff and neighbors. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. A memorial luncheon will be held at noon on Tuesday Nov. 30, at the Big Horn Industries building. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Alfred Whitman**JUN 02 2004**

ST. MARIE — Alfred Whitman, 75, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

No services are planned. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge.

Luella M. Whitman

WINTERSVILLE GAZETTE

JAN 11 2004

WINTERSVILLE, Ohio — Luella M. Whitman, 75, formerly of Billings, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Trinity Medical Center West in Ohio.

She was born on Feb. 1, 1928, in Webster, Wis., the daughter of the late Frederick and Ann Mulroy Gabert. Luella was also preceded in death by her husband, Frederick S. Whitman Jr., in June 1992; two brothers, Pfc. Lavern Gabert and Eddy Gabert; and one sister, Florence Kinney.

Luella was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wintersville.

Luella is survived by one daughter, Rhonda Sheets, and her husband, John, of Cadiz; one son, Frederick S. Whitman and his wife, Martha, of Danfield, Ill.; one grandson, Michael Whitman of Charleston, W.Va.; one granddaughter, Emily Luella Whitman, of Danville; one great-grandson, Nathan Whitman of Charleston; and one sister, Alice Schessler of Billings.

Funeral service will be 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Wintersville. Graveside services for Luella will be at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings. Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of graveside services.

JUN 30 2004**Burleigh F. Whitney**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Burleigh E. White, 79, of Lancaster, N.H., died June 28, 2004.

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

NOV 13 2004**Ruth Bice Whitney****May 11, 1921 — Nov. 12, 2004**

COLUMBUS — "If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, we would walk right up to heaven and bring you back again." We love and miss you.

Your beloved family: daughter, Carole Whitney; LaCenter, Wash.; grandson, Bob Bair and wife Audrey; great-grandchildren, Zachary and Taylor, all of Harrisburg, Ore.

**RUTH
WHITNEY**

Memorial services to be held at Beartooth Manor, Columbus, on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3:30 p.m. Sharing of memories encouraged at the memorial service.

Sharon Whitpan

CODY, Wyo. — Sharon Louise Whitpan, 59, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

Memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Cremation has taken place. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Joan Irene Whittinghill

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Joan Irene Whittinghill died on Jan. 29, 2004. She was born Aug. 29, 1928, in Jerome, Idaho, and soon moved to Montana to spend the rest of her life.



**JOAN
WHITTINGHILL**

Joan loved children and devoted her life to raising and caring for her own and many others. She believed that there was always another seat at the table and another place to sleep. She will be remembered for her quick wit and loving nature. Her smile warmed hearts and dried tears. Known for her prowess as an entertainer, Joan loved to host parties for both children and adults. Her graciousness, warmth and kindness will always be remembered by those she touched.

Joan graduated from Billings Senior High School and attended St. Mary's College in Kansas. She met her husband Whit, a Billings pediatrician, during a clinical rotational at Children's Hospital in Denver. They were married in Billings in 1950, where they raised their seven children. In 1990, they moved to Helena, Whit's hometown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John "Whit" Whittinghill, her parents and a brother. She is survived by her sister, Fern Martin of Helena; her brother and sister-in-law Bud and Rose Richey, of Las Vegas, Nev.; her children and their families, John and Marisela Whittinghill, their children, Helena and Grace of Puebla, Mexico; James and Nancy Dorn Whittinghill, their children, Caroline and Patrick of Arlington, Va.; Mary Whittinghill and Terry Swope of Helena, and their children, Charlotte and Bruce Lauerman, their son, Henry, of New Tripoli, Pa., and John Hilton and his fiancée, Tammie Gorsich, of Helena; Ann and Kevin Bauer, and their children, Christopher, Brooks and Catey of Billings; Susan Whittinghill and Skip Beadle, and their daughter, Francie of Bozeman; Jean Whittinghill and Mike Arnold, and their daughter, Audrey of Helena; and Joseph Whittinghill and Blake Takamura of Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services will be held at the Cathedral of St. Helena on

Monday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. The vigil will be held the evening prior, at Hagler-Anderson Funeral Home at 7 p.m., 650 Logan St.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be sent to the John and Joan Whittinghill Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Endowment at St. Vincent Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 35200, Billings, MT 59107, or the Cathedral of St. Helena, 530 N. Ewing, Helena, MT 59601, or Hospice of St. Peters, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601.

Leroy J. Whittle

DUBLIN GAZETTE

FEB 02 2004

GLASGOW — Leroy J. Whittle, 83, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, at First Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Highland Cemetery. Bell Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

James E. Wick

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 01 2004

LEWISTOWN — James E. Wick, 61, of Lewistown, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at his home, of an apparent heart attack.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation has taken place, at his request.

William Alvin Wick, Sr.

LAME DEER — William Alvin Wick, Sr., "Vohponeo'koesta'e," a Sundance name: "Dancing White Shirt," named for the shawls used in the Sundance worn by the men; his second name was: "Vohpo'voh," White Cloud. Willie, as he was known by everyone, entered this world on Nov.

27, 1960, at the Belboa Navy Hospital in San Diego, to Elsie and Don Wick. While his mother, Elsie Wick, was carrying him, his two grandmothers were writing letters suggesting names. Don and Elsie decided to keep peace in the family, so, they named him after Elsie's grandfather William Swallow and Don's father, Alvin Wick. His uncle, Bill Big Head, gave him his Cheyenne names; his uncle was a veteran of WWII.

He passed away Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004.

Willie attended school at St. Labre Indian School, he worked as a dry-waller, carpenter, plumber and painter throughout his life here on the Northern Cheyenne reservation. His mechanic skills was a natural attribute, he loved to take something apart to see how it worked. Willie, at the time of his death,



**WILLIAM
WICK**

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was doing what he loved most, to fix or work on cars, doing mechanics. He kept the cars of family members running smoothly. He never refused people asking for his help, he was a big-hearted person. He enjoyed being a father and a grandfather. He loved family gatherings, teasing his brothers and sisters, joking with them.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Swallow/Standingelk; a son, James Dennis Wick; aunt Stella Donges (Everett); aunt Susan Wick; father Donald Alvin Wick; uncle Danny Wick; and a year ago, grandfather, Alvin Wick; and uncle Bill Big Head.

He leaves behind his sons from his first marriage, David (Therese), William Jr. (Kristin) and Tre; his daughters, Christy Jo (Robert) of Spearfish, S.D., and LuAnn Wick. He leaves behind his (second) wife, Tonia (Jorgenson); from his second marriage: daughters, Jenny Rose, little Katherine Wick and stepson Kris. He also leaves behind his mother, Elsie Standingelk/Wick; sisters, Christine (Bitty) and Donna Wick/Brien (Steven); his brothers, James (Lori Jo) and Dennis (Monika) Wick; his aunt, Evelyn and uncle Corky Two

Bulls; two uncles, George and Edwin Standingelk; aunt Kathey Hurr; Grandma Katherine Wick and Chuck Wick; and other members of the Standingelk and Wicks families; his nieces, Lloydine, Bryaria, Mari, Brittany, Nanaia, Shannara, Stella; and nephews, little Otto, Don Henry Limberhand, little Bill, Dennis Jr., Brett Donges; his grandchildren (babies) Maleah, David Jr., Mia, Kyle and Courtney; his favorite cousin, Hank Donges of Phoenix; cousin Henry Standingelk of Riverton, Wyo. Included are our closest relatives, the Kalines, Medicine Bulls, Bearings, Elk Shoulders, Big Heads, Strange Owls, Bearchums, Pryors, White Dirts, Big Backs, Little Coyotes, Browns, Shave Heads, and members from his second marriage. Also, the members from his first marriage, the Yellow Robes, Ida May and family.

Wake Service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m., at the St. Labre Catholic Church, in the Social Room. Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 10 a.m., at the St. Labre Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Busby Cemetery.

Condolences can be sent to the Wick family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com.

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

Jeannette Wicker**JUN 02 2004**

HUNTLEY — Jeannette Wicker, 70, of Huntley, died Sept. 18, 2003, at her home.

A graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Huntley Cemetery.

Elmer R. Wickman

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Elmer R. Wickman, 89, passed away Oct. 18, 2004, at St. Johns Nursing Home, where he had lived for four years. He was born June 27, 1915, in Billings, the son of Henry and Anna Wickman. His parents and his brothers, Sam, Henry and Harry, all preceded him in death.

Elmer married Alice Berst on June 2, 1950, in Great Falls. After farming west of Billings for many years, he moved to town and worked for the City of Billings until his retirement. He also worked winters at Great Western Sugar while farming. He enjoyed raising a garden and taking care of his yard.

Survivors include his wife, Alice; one son, Wayne Wickman (Linda) of College Station, Texas; stepson, Galen Berst (Jeannine) of Billings, John Berst (Carolyn) of Big Timber; and stepdaughter Loretta Diede (Jim) of Missoula; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Smith's West Chapel, with interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens, at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

The family extends a big thank you to the staff of St. Johns Nursing Home.

Gus Wickstrom

HELENA — Gustaf Richard "Gus" "Grandpa Gus" Wickstrom, 77, of Helena, formerly of Baker, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at a care facility in Helena.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Retz Funeral Home Chapel in Helena.

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Robert 'Bob' Wiecki

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. — Robert "Bob" Wiecki, 67, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, at his home after a five-year battle with illness.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Mortimore Funeral Home in Thermopolis with burial on Wednesday in the Lovell Cemetery.

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Toby V. Wiedmer

SIDNEY — Toby V. Wiedmer, 62, of Sidney, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Cremation will follow the services.

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Charlie Wiegand

SEP 7 2004
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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Charlie Wiegand, 66, of Gillette, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at his home, of natural causes.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Gorder Funeral Home Chapel in Choteau, Mont.

Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service at Gorder Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at the Choteau Cemetery in Choteau.

Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette and Gorder Funeral Home of Choteau are in charge.

Shawn Richard Wieland

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Our son, Shawn Richard Wieland, has gone to be with God. Following a seizure, he left us suddenly on Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital, surrounded by family.

Shawn was born in Glendive on Aug. 10, 1980, a son of John and Carrie (Kinsey) Wieland. His passion was riding his motorcycle with his Dad and Mom, and living life to the fullest.

Shawn is survived by his parents, John and Carrie; and a brother, Eric, all of Billings; his



**SHAWN
WIELAND**

great-grandmother, Barbara Marquart of Dickinson, N.D.; grandmothers Velma Kinsey and Dorothy Wieland, both of Glendive; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He is also survived by a very special friend, Sarah Kremer of Laurel. Shawn was preceded in death by his grandfathers Edward Kinsey and Chuck Wieland.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Smith Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St., with Father William Hogan officiating. Cremation has taken place and Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

JAMES ALFRED WIEMALS

James Alfred Wiemals, 75, passed away Nov. 7, 2004, at his home in Billings.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1928, to Philip and Genevieve (Lesman) Wiemals in Billings.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at St. Pius X Catholic Church. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, also at the church.

Jim graduated from Billings Senior High and served in the U.S. Army. He married Joan Kerr on Jan. 26, 1950, in Billings, and they had six children. Jim worked at Conoco Refinery in Billings for 41 years. Later, he owned and operated his own business, Woodbine Instrument Services.

After his wife died of cancer, Jim married Betty (Hoag) Griffiee of Billings. She brought five children to the marriage.

Jim was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, and participated in square dancing clubs for many years. He enjoyed fishing, camping, playing cards, and watching NASCAR, especially racer Jeff Gordon. He traveled to Alaska to fish and to Las Vegas to watch the



**JAMES
WIEMALS**

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races. He enjoyed everything from cooking to politics to the stock market.

Jim is survived by his children, Sue (Roy) Roesler of Dickinson, N.D., Mike Wiemals and close friend Randi of Billings and Peggy (James) Cresswell, Faye Eastman, Phyllis "Kyle" (Steve), Ford (Nancy) Griffiee, Sue (Jim) Bodine-Van Ruth and Winn (Berta) Griffiee; 20 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Lenora Duncan in Schenectady, N.Y., and Delores (Don) Duncan of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; both wives; and two sons, Robert and Richard Wiemals.

Memorials may be made to St. Pius X Catholic Church, 717 18th St. W., Billings, MT 59102.

Aileen G. Wilcox

POWELL, Wyo. — Aileen G. Wilcox, 83, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at the Powell Valley Care Center.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, at Crown Hill Cemetery in Powell.

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Aileen Gale Wilcox

THE POWELL
TRIBUNE
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Graveside services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12 at Crown Hill Cemetery for Aileen Gale Wilcox, 83, Powell, who died Monday, Nov. 8 at Powell Valley Care Center.

She was born Feb. 5, 1921, in St. Joseph, Mo., daughter of Roy Harrison and Bessie Gale (Crouse) Stapp. During her early years, she lived with her parents in Orfino, Nebr., then moved with her family to Cozad, Nebr., until 1937. The family then moved to California, and she graduated from high school there.

She met and married Harvey R. Wilcox in Kansas. They lived in Cozad, Nebr., until moving to Wyoming in 1948. They settled in Cody and lived there moving to Powell in 1967.

In Cody, she was employed by Husky Oil Company until her retirement. She was a member of VFW Auxiliary and Eastern Star.

She enjoyed many hobbies such as crocheting, rug hooking and ceramics. She loved to go fishing and camping and loved to be around her children, grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Rolanda (Lanny) Mees and husband Kenney of Powell and Vickie Sanders of Thermoplis; two brothers, Roy Stapp of Mountain Home, Ark., and Raymond Stapp of Cozad, Nebr.; one sister, Violet Power of Cody; four grandchildren, Travis Sanders, Dawn Bazzell, Danyle Sanders and Trinity Edwards; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, Harvey; her parents; a brother, Kenneth; two sons-in-law, Les Andrews and Virgil Sanders Jr.; and two grandsons, Jeff and Scott Andrews.

Visitations will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday, Nov. 11) at Ballard Funeral Home in Cody.

Those wishing to make memorial donations may do so to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 556, Casper, WY 82602 or to a charity of choice.

Audrey M. Wilde**MAY 21 2004**

CODY, Wyo. — Audrey M. Wilde, 93, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center in Cody.

A private graveside service will be held at the Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Terri Ann Wilkerson

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CODY, Wyo. — Terri Ann Wilkerson, 48, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Wilkerson

CODY, Wyo. — Terri Ann "Teet" Luthy Wilkerson, 48, passed away in her sleep at home on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2004.

Terri Ann was born July 4, 1956, in Lovell, Wyo., the daughter of Al and Peggy Luthy, and was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lovell and confirmed at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cody. She attended school and graduated from Cody High School in 1974. She then acquired an associate degree from The University of Wyoming.

She followed her calling to work with children and became a special education teacher's aide in Riverton. After moving to Cody, she continued with special education at both the Junior High and Eastside Schools. She also dedicated her time to coaching swimming and diving as well as cheerleading. She was very protective and proud of the kids she taught and coached.

Recently Terri Ann was able to pursue another of her great loves, that of flowers and shrubs. She worked at Northern Gardens, and as usual for Terri, she put everything she had into this effort. Her love of living things was reflected in the glorious flower gardens surrounding her home each summer. Her outpouring personality shone through, as she was gener-

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ous with her time and support for anyone who needed her.

She loved and respected nature and the outdoors. She loved to accompany her family hunting, camping and fishing, and looked forward to the float trip on the North Fork of the Shoshone and the fish fries that followed.

Terri loved antiques and old things, and also old people. One of her great pleasures was going to yard sales with her mom and showing and sharing the things they found. Her home holds many of her priceless discoveries from yard and estate sales and gifts from her many friends.

Terri was a hard worker, sometimes working two jobs at a time and was always loyal to those she served. She took pride in doing everything to its very utmost. She loved being around her children and their friends, and her children's friends loved her and considered her a second mom. They will miss her and they will benefit throughout their entire lives from her unselfish giving of herself and her concern and love for them.

She was proud of being born on the Fourth of July and always expressed her pleasure that the

ity of Cody went to such lengths
o celebrate her birthday.

Terri Ann married Steve
Drake in 1979. Out of this union
came her two greatest accom-
plishments, her children Ty and
Chelsea. Terri felt so blessed by
her children and was so proud of
the people they have become.
Nothing made her happier than to
see her kids happy.

She married Stephen
Wilkerson in 1995. They made
their home in Cody, Wyo., where
they reared their two children.

Terri is survived by her hus-
band Steve, her son Ty, daughter
Chelsea, parents Al and Peggy
Luthy, brothers Pete (Barb) and
Paul (Sandy), Grandpa K., many
nieces, nephews and cousins, and
her father and mother-in-law,
Buck and Shirley Wilkerson

Our lives were enriched by
Terri Ann. Each of us who knew
and loved her has gained from
our relationship with her. Her
kind heart and nonjudgmental
ways often found her lending a
helping hand to someone in need.
She knew no strangers and her
door and her heart were always
open to all. Terri Ann is now with
her Lord and Savior and she will
be remembered as a loving wife,
mother, sister, daughter and a
loyal and generous friend. We will
always remember her infectious
laugh, her beautiful smile and her
love of life itself. Her example will
serve as an inspiration to all she
touched.

A memorial fund is set up at
Pinnacle Bank to assist her chil-
dren, Ty and Chelsea, in complet-
ing their education.

Randy Richard Wilks

Randy Richard Wilks passed away at his home Sunday morning, April 25, 2004.

Randy was born in Billings, Nov. 8, 1951, to Frances and Richard Wilks. He attended Billings schools and graduated from Senior High School.

He married Karen Kaufman on April 15, 1972, and to this marriage a son, Jayme Richard Wilks, was born on July 7, 1975.



**RANDY
WILKS**

Randy worked for Treasurer State Plumbing, then went into excavating, operating a back hoe.

He loved to restore hot rods, build motors, go to car races, hunting and fishing.

Randy is survived by his former wife, Karen, of 30 years; son Jayme Richard of St. George, Utah; mother Frances of Billings; sisters, Debbie of Las Vegas, Stacey of Butte; brother Greg of Billings; nephew Chaz of Las Vegas; nieces Kaitlin of Sturgis, S.D., Jessica of Billings; cousins Curt Wilks, Dwight Letasky, Vicki Leatherberry, Mary Letasky and Nancy Valley.

Preceded in death by father Richard, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

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Dad always said you could pray to God anywhere.

Funeral services will be held April 29, 1 p.m., at Smith Downtown Chapel, cremation to follow.

Smith Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Williams

Dorothy Williams, 74, of 2726 Custer Ave., Billings, passed away Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, in St. Vincent Hospital, of complications during corrective heart surgery.

She was born in Missoula on 3 January, 1930, a daughter of William and Katherine Popp. She married Ben L. Williams on 6 December, 1947, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Billings, where she was a member. On 21 June 1950, Dorothy gave birth to beloved son, Don, her greatest joy. After the death of her beloved husband in 1983, she accomplished one of her life's goals and obtained a GED.

One could find Dorothy and Ben in a camping ground near a fishing area nearly every weekend. Dorothy found time with her husband to be members of the 59ers, the Challengers Square Dance Clubs Silhouettes Pound Dance Club, Sunday Dancers Round Dance Club and an honorary member of the Retired Billings Police Protective Association. She was involved in and was a facilitator for Weight Watchers, a facilitator for Billings Deaconess Hospital Grief



**DOROTHY
WILLIAMS**

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Support Group and was an election judge. Dorothy was a large supporter of Boy Scout Troop #23 while her son was a member.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a niece (her goddaughter), Teri Lynn Popp; and her brother, Bob Popp. Survivors include her son, Donald D. Williams, U.S. Navy Seal, retired, of Billings; her brother, Jim (Elaine) Popp of Billings; her sister, Darlene Crosby of Billings; and several nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace; you always had a shoulder to lean on and a smile for everyone.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Smith's Downtown Chapel, 120 N. 26th St. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Eunice Williams

**THE DUNDAS GAZETTE
FEB 12 2004**

SAVAGE — Eunice Williams, 79, of Savage, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Lonsdale United Methodist Church in Sidney. Interment will be in the Sidney Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge.

Glenn Albert Williams

SEP 16 2004

FORSYTH — Glenn Albert Williams passed away on Sept. 14, 2004, at Friendship Villa in Miles City.



GLENN WILLIAMS

Glenn was born to George and Minerva Williams in Leesville, La., on April 8, 1927. Upon graduation from Beaumont High School in Beaumont, Texas, Glenn enlisted in the U.S. Navy and saw action in the Pacific and Korea in World War II. After his transfer to the Naval Reserve, he attended McNeese Junior College and Louisiana State University where, he earned a Bachelors of Education degree.

Glenn married Alice F. Smith "Faye," on Nov. 8, 1946. Glenn returned to active Navy service during the Korean War and served as a Chief Petty Officer until his retirement in 1974.

Upon his retirement from the Navy, Glenn taught NJROTC for three years at Billings Senior High School, before attending the University of Montana, where he received a Masters of Education degree with a specialty in counseling. In his 20-year career as a counselor and educator, Glenn served as Principal and Superintendent at Richey

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schools, Counselor in Leesville, La., and Counselor at Hysham and Rosebud. After retirement as an educator, Glenn retired to Forsyth, where he served as a City Alderman and as President of the Forsyth Development Foundation, during the time in which Riverview Villa was created.

Glenn was elected and was serving as Illustrious Grand Master of the Cryptic Masons of Montana upon his death. He was also a past District Commander of the American Legion and an active member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Alene; his sons Bryan and Robert; his daughter Katherine and grandson Will Jones. He is survived by his wife, Faye, of Forsyth; his sons, Tim and wife Joyce of Keller, Texas, Steve and wife Cindy of Fort Worth, Texas, Patrick and his wife Jackie of Billings; and Bryan's wife, Michelle of Chula Vista, Calif.; as well as his daughters, Sue Miles and husband Tim of Miles City, Glenda Cady and husband Randy of Park City, and Kathleen Jones and husband Vernon of Helena. Glenn is also survived by 23 grandchildren and

Margaret Ellen Williams

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

BELLEVUE, Wash. —

Margaret Ellen Williams passed on peacefully on March 1, 2004, at home in Bellevue.

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She was born in Billings on Nov. 5, 1916, to Margaret E. Robertson and Frank Edward Williams, pioneers of Billings in the early years of 1900. The Billings area was Margaret's

home for most of her life.

She attended University of Colorado at Greeley, Eastern Montana State College at Billings and received a graduate degree from University of Montana at Missoula and taught elementary school for many years in Lewistown and Billings.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Franklyn E. Reed and brother, Robert D. Williams. She is survived by her twin sister, Marion M. Miller of Bellevue and 11 nieces and nephews.

A family memorial service will be held in Bellevue.

Ray Williams

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MAY 27 2004

HARLEM — Ray Williams, 72, of Harlem, formerly of Joliet, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at his apartment, of natural causes.

Funeral services will begin 10 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at the New Horizon Day Center. Burial will follow in the Joliet Cemetery at 4:30 p.m. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is in charge.

Ronald "Henry" Williams

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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OSWEGO, Mont. — Ronald "Henry" Williams, 34, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2004 at his home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Frazer High School Gymnasium. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point. Bell Mortuary of Glasgow is in charge of arrangements.

Troy Allen Williams

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LAYTON, Utah — Troy Allen Williams, 36, of Layton, Utah, formerly of Hardin, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1967, in Billings, to Cheri Williams Frickle and Francis Williams. He moved with his family to Hardin in 1969, where he grew up and attended Hardin schools, graduating in 1986. In 1990, he moved to Clearfield, Utah, attended Job Corps and graduated as a machinist and welder. He continued in this profession for approximately 13 years.



TROY
WILLIAMS

Troy married Chanda Henderson on July 16, 1990, in Clearfield, Utah. Together, they had two children, who were the joy of his life: son Dustin Ray, who is 12, and daughter Destinee Illene, who is 10. Troy and Chanda were later divorced.

Troy had a wonderful sense of humor, he loved to joke and make people laugh.

He was a kid at heart who always had a smile on his face. He had an independent spirit and enjoyed spending time with his

many friends.

His grandfather, Claude "Red" Evans, preceded Troy in death.

Survivors include his mother Cheri (Les) Frickle of Hardin; sister, Kendra (Bruce) Bahm of Hardin; brother, Ron Williams of Utah; his children, Dustin and Destinee of Texas; his grandmother, Edith Evans of Hardin; two nephews, Landon and Tristan; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

"For now I would be lying down in peace; I would be asleep and at rest." Job 3:13.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Wilton Williams

THE BILLINGS GAZET

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Wilton Jack "Bill" Williams, 48, died Monday, July 5, 2004, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

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Alfred Williamson**JUN 22 2004**

MILES CITY — Alfred Williamson, 71, of Miles City, died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 28, in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles.

Glenn Morris Williamson

GLENDIVE — Glen Morris Williamson, 82, of Glendive, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at the Deaconess Billings Clinic.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Glendive Alliance Church. Interment will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 17 2004

Ruth Baker Williamson

MOORE — Ruth Baker Williamson, 99, of Moore, formerly of Lewistown, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at her home, south of Moore.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 29, in the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Virgil D. Williamson, Sr.

ANADARKO, Okla. — Virgil Dix Williamson, Sr., 66, of Anadarko, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at his home.

"Bunting," as he was affectionately known, was born April 20, 1937, in Crow Agency, Mont., a son of Dexter Williamson, Jr. and Rose Takes Gun. He was raised by Louis and Inez Caplett and grew up with Sylvia Caplett and Irene House in the Crow Agency area.

He attended area schools and Hardin High School, where he was a Boys State delegate, before graduating in 1955. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine



**VIRGIL
WILLIAMSON**

Corps and later received his Honorable Discharge. After his discharge, he attended Healds College in San Francisco.

Virgil worked in the San Francisco area, primarily in Golden Gate Park for many years. He returned to the Billings area in 1988 and worked for the Crow Coal Coalition, before retiring and moving to Oklahoma in 1994.

He married Myrna Wassana in 1994 in Anadarko, where the couple made their home. She died in 2001.

Virgil was a member of the

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Catholic Church, Native American Church, Whistling Water Clan and was a child of the Big Lodge Clan. He enjoyed returning every April and May to the Crow Reservation to participate in traditional hand-games. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, photography and traveling.

His children, Virginette, Virginia, Cookie, Dixie and Jimmy preceded Virgil in death.

Survivors include his sons, Vernon (Doreen), Desmond and Virgil (Butch) Williamson, Jr.; his daughters, Virgileen (John) Dust, Virjane (Florian) Fairbanks, Virjama (Ronnie) Flatmouth, Virlee and Virna Williamson; his brothers, Aloysius, Frank and Albert Caplett, Jr., Ivan Morning, Tim Rondeau Sr., Henry Rondeau, Jr. and Garland Williamson; his sisters, Colleen (Arlo) Dawes, Lou Old Coyote, Annie and Katherine Stops, Lavern (Trunson) Big Hair, Ada (Floyd) Horn, Olive, Senora and Maude Williamson; an adopted daughter, Laura Smith; his adopted sisters, Betty Caufield, Belva Tushka, Leda Falls Down, Shirley Stewart and Effie Bear Track; his

adopted brothers, Greeley Not Afraid, Burton Pretty on Top, Frank, Dexter, William and Adlai Falls Down; his aunts, Sylvia (Hartford) Stops, Irene House Reed, Marjorie Wilkinson, Deann and Sonja Round Face; his great aunts, Evelyn Old Elk, Eloise Pease and Julia Not Afraid; his uncles, David Bad Bear and Eddie Round Face; as well and his extended family, including the Agnes Shaffer Holds, Good Horse/Reed, Takes the Winkle and Bravo families. His many Oklahoma friends and hand-game team members also survive him.

Rosary will be recited 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, April 19, in the Crow Agency St. Dennis Catholic Church. Interment with military honors will follow in the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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Virgil Dix Williamson Sr.

ANADARKO, Okla. — Virgil Dix Williamson Sr., 66, of Anadarko, died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in Oklahoma.

Rosary will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel in Hardin, Mont. Funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, April 19, in the Crow Agency St. Dennis Catholic Church.

Interment will follow in the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Cemetery.

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Wilma L. Williamson

WOLF POINT — Wilma L. Williamson, 84, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at NEMHS/Trinity Hospital.

Visitation is from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel. A vigil begins at 7 p.m. Thursday. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

Leila Willian

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 05 2004

SAVAGE — Leila Willian, 85, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at the Sidney Health Center.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the United Church of Christ. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements.

Eva Lou Marchant Willis

On Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, our mother, Eva Lou Marchant Willis, died peacefully due to complications from ALS. She was surrounded by her family who supported her faithfully through her illness.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cowley. Visitation will be at Haskell's Funeral Home in Lovell, Friday Sept. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. Also, one hour prior to funeral services.

Eva Lou was born Nov. 29, 1921, in Cowley, Wyo., to Charles W. Marchant and Eva Leone Lewis Marchant. Mother had three sisters and five brothers. She married Bob Liggett in 1942; they had one son, Rue Liggett. This marriage later ended in divorce. She worked in Denver at Boeing Aircraft and helped build B29 bombers during WWII. She married V.C. Willis in 1947. Mother and Dad lived mostly in Cowley, and moved to Billings in 1976.

Our Dad, V.C. Willis, preceded Mother in death. Her grandson, Tracy Rue Liggett, also preceded her in death.



**EVA LOU
WILLIS**

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She is survived by all of her siblings; and her children, Rue Liggett (Susan), Deborah Wambeke (Harry) of Cowley, Todd Willis (Debbie) and Terry Willis, of Billings, Eric Welling (Mike) of Missoula, Edward Willis (Kayleen) of So. Jordan Utah, and Wendy Gaetz (Alan) of Billings. She leaves behind her 4 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all of her life. She was our wonderful mother who could do anything and supported us in all we did. She was beautiful, classy and smart and would lend all of her talents selflessly. She was always there for us — her children and her grandchildren. We love you, Ma.

Nellie M. Willis

THE BILLINGS HERALD

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Nellie M. Willis, 76, of Sheridan, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at her home.

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

Les Willumsen

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — On May 18, 1918, Les was born in Dagmar, Mont.

Les and wife Marjorie made Arizona their home in 1980. Les drove cars for Budget Rental Cars and volunteered at Scottsdale Health Care. He continued this until he was disabled by a stroke.

Les entered into rest Oct. 10, 2004. Services were Oct. 14.



**LES
WILLUMSEN**

Les is survived by his wife Marjorie; four daughters, Marcia Cahill (Jack), Prescott, Joan Zahorka (Karian), Mesa, Barbara Wright (Ronnie), Roberts, Mont., Susan Musser (Merton), Billings; and brother Lloyd Willumsen (Evelyn), Missoula, Mont.; eight grandchildren and many friends.

Esther V. Wilmont

UTICA — Esther V. Wilmont, 93, of Utica, died Monday, March 8, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Creel Funeral Chapel in Lewistown. Burial will be in Lewistown City Cemetery.

THE BULLOCKS GAZETTE

MAR 9 2004

Agnes Wilson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

PLENTYWOOD — Agnes Wilson, 75, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at Plentywood Memorial Hospital.

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Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Fulkerson Memorial Chapel with interment in the Plentywood Cemetery.

Doris E. Wilson

BISMARCK, N.D. — Doris Ebeling Wilson, 91, passed away on Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at a Bismarck care center.

Doris was born in Adams, on April 30, 1913, to Emil and Martha Ebeling. The family moved to

Brockway (actually Paris, which is a community that no longer exists) and homesteaded there. When Doris was 6 years of age, they moved to Terry, Mont., where her

father worked as a barber. Mrs. Wilson received her elementary and high school education in the Terry Public Schools. Upon completion of high school, she attended college at Minot State College, Minot, and later received her BA degree from Eastern Montana College, Billings.

Doris was a teacher who started in the rural schools and ended her teaching career in Billings. She began teaching at Olanda, Mont. (Olanda no longer exists), a rural school outside of Terry. Later, she became Assistant County Superintendent of Schools in Terry and did teach one year of Commercial at Terry High School. Doris then moved to Helena, Mont., where she worked



**DORIS
WILSON**

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as a secretary and chief bill clerk in the Montana State Senate. Next, she moved to Bozeman, Mont., where she served as secretary to Dr. R. R. Renne of Montana State College for four years. Finally, she moved to Billings and worked as a secretary at Lincoln Junior High and later at Billings Senior High. After completing her BA degree at Eastern Montana College, Doris taught fifth grade for 15 years in the Billings Public Schools until her retirement in 1975.

In 1940, she married Robert E. Wilson "Bert" in Terry. They were married 61 years until Bert's death in May 2002. They have three children: R. Brent Wilson and his wife Dale of Denver, Janis Rosenkranz and her husband James of Anoka, Minn., and Karma Anderson and her husband Laurence of Bismarck; one sister, Gladys Garton of Tubac, Ariz.; and one brother, LeVerne Ebeling of Billings.

Mrs. Wilson enjoyed dancing, bridge and ushering at Alberta Bair Theater in Billings, where she earned a name plate for 1,000 hours of service which has been placed on a chair at the theater. She was a longtime member of the Community Concert

Association. Doris also worked as an election judge for many years. She loved to travel and she and Bert saw most of the U.S., Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, the Caribbean and the Bahamas.

She cherished her church family and was a member of First English Lutheran Church and Chrysolite Circle for more than 50 years. She was also a member of the Elks, Yellowstone Valley Retired Teachers Association, American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Billings Historical Society.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry Dee; and two brothers, Lloyd and LeRoy Ebeling.

Doris has six grandchildren: R. Seth Wilson (Airon), Denver, Dr. Shan Rosenkranz, St. Paul, Minn., Erik Rosenkranz, Seattle, Brynn Culloton (Michael), Rochester, Minn., Jordan Anderson (Natalie), Minneapolis, Joseph Anderson, Loveland, Colo.; and two great-grandchildren, Zoey and Ava Wilson.

A memorial service is planned for summer 2005 (TBA). Cremation has taken place (Eastgate Funeral Home, Bismarck). All memorials may be made to First English Lutheran Church, 1243 N. 31st Street, Billings, MT 59101.

Elinore Wilson

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 17 2004

POWELL, Wyo. — Elinore Jeannette Wilson, 89, died Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, at Powell Valley Health Care Center.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Union Presbyterian Church in Powell. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

Elinore Jeannette Wilson

Memorial services are scheduled at Union Presbyterian Church Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. for Elinore Jeannette Wilson, 89, who died Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Powell Valley Care Center.

The Rev. C. William Hassler will officiate. Cremation has taken place.

She was born Sept. 26, 1914, in Missouri, daughter of John Albert Baxter and Ruby (Stewart) Baxter. She attended Smithville High School in Smithville, Mo.

She moved with her family from Missouri to Powell and married Harry Wilson in Billings, Mont., on Dec. 17, 1938.

She worked for a number of years as a retail clerk at Bonner's Variety Store.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and served as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School. She was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed sewing and making Barbie Doll clothing.

Survivors include her husband, Harry Wilson, of Powell; two daughters, Alberta Jeanne Storeim (Jerry) of Greybull and Georganna Takacs (Jim) of Nome, Alas.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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

For those who wish, contributions to the E. Jeannette Wilson Memorial at Union Presbyterian Church would be appreciated by the family.

George C. Wilson

SEP 12 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

ASHLAND — George C. Wilson (Uncle George), age 75, decorated war hero and member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe, lost his final battle to lung cancer on Sept. 8, 2004.



**GEORGE
WILSON**

Funeral services will be at 7 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, at the Troy Wilson residence in Ashland. A wake will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, also at the Troy Wilson residence in Ashland. Burial will be in the family cemetery in Birney.

George will be missed very much by all who knew and loved him. Goodbye, Dad, brother, grandpa, uncle and friend.

Condolences can be sent to the Wilson family at www.stevensonandsons.com.

Helen Maurine Taylor Wilson

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WHEATLAND GAZETTE

POWELL,
Wyo. — Helen Maurine Taylor was born May 3, 1903, to Noland and Elizabeth (Shouse) Taylor in Nelson, Mo. She graduated from high school and began teaching in rural schools



**HELEN
WILSON**

around Nelson. She took "normal training" (teacher preparation courses) at Central Missouri State Teachers College (Warrensburg, Mo.) and at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. In the late 1920s, Helen traveled west to accept a teaching position in a rural school outside of Broadus, Mont. In 1929, she moved to Wheatland, Wyo., where she taught two years in rural schools. She taught first through eighth grades, built the fire to heat the school and cleaned the school — all for \$35 per month. Helen met Carl B. "Cap" Wilson in Wheatland and they were married May 17, 1931. The marriage ended her teaching career as married women were not allowed to teach at that time.

Cap and Helen lived on the O-O Ranch west of Wheatland

where they ranched with Cap's brother, Dick Wilson. Later, they bought the H.T. Fish farm north west of Wheatland. In 1943, their only child, Charlotte, was born. They lived on the farm until 1981 when they moved to Powell to be closer to their daughter.

Helen cooked for haying crews, sheep shearers and other hired help. She was famous for her "from-scratch" four-inch angel food cakes and lemon meringue pies. She always had food to share and was a gracious hostess. She enjoyed gardening and raising flowers. Until recently, Helen had a keen interest in politics and current events. She voted in the 1924 election (the first time she could vote since women had been given the right to vote) and voted in every election since then. Helen took great pride in her ability to speak and write the English language well. She greeted people with a smile and was careful about her appearance. She had a great sense of humor. When asked on her 100th birthday if she had any advice for living a long, successful life, she said, "Do your very best and keep in good shape, the way you should. Keep working as long as you can at something."

Helen and Cap celebrated 50 years of marriage in 1981. Cap

died in 1985 and Helen continued to live at Cactus Garden Trailer Court until 1995 when she experienced some health problems and moved to the Powell Valley Care Center. She enjoyed the activities provided for the residents and was appreciative of the excellent care given by staff. She celebrated her 100th and 101st birthdays with many friends and family members. Those celebrations provided wonderful memories of a life lived fully and well. She died, following a brief illness, on Oct. 26, 2004.

Helen was a member of the Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church. She attended Union Presbyterian Church in Powell with her daughter and family.

Survivors include: daughter, Charlotte (Hunter) Patrick; grandchildren, Michael (Paulette) Patrick of Billings, Mont., and Colleen Patrick of Indianapolis, Ind.; great-grandchildren Eagan Phillips and Lela Phillips of Billings, Mont., a sister, Mattie Griffis of Norman, Okla., a niece, Patricia (Louis) Thiel of Marshall, Mo., and a nephew, Louis (Molly) Griffis of Norman, Okla. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Marion, Clarence and Claude; and sister Rowena.

Cremation has taken place and private family services will be held at a later time. Miratsky Funeral home is in charge of

arrangements. Internment will be in the family plot at the Nelson, Mo., cemetery. If one wishes to honor Helen's life, please share a smile, share a kind word of deed, bake something and share it, use the English language correctly and keep a sense of humor. Memorials may be made to the Powell Valley Care Center Activities Fund, 999 Ave. G, Powell, WY 82435, or to the charity of one's choice.

Irene Wilson

**SEP 29 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Irene Clara Wilson, 76, of Sheridan, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at Westview Health Care Center.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

JoAn N. Wilson**JUN 04 2004**

CODY, Wyo. — JoAn N. Wilson, 75, of Cody, died June 1, 2004, at Central Wyoming Hospice Home in Casper.

Services will be held at a later date at Riverside Cemetery in Cody. Newcomer Funeral Home and Crematory of Casper is in charge.

Lillian I. Wilson**MAY 27 2004**

BEACH, N.D. — Lillian I. Wilson, 93, of Beach, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at St. Benedict's Nursing Home in Dickinson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 29, in the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home Chapel in Beach. Interment will follow services at the Beach City Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is entrusted with arrangements.

JAN 24 2004

Marjorie E. Wilson, age 72, of Billings, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

**MARJORIE
WILSON**

She was born one of four children to loving and devoted parents, Audy E. Baumgardner and Alma M. Baumgardner in Laurel, moving with them to Billings when she was 10 years old.

She attended grade schools in Billings and graduated from Billings Senior High School in 1949. Following graduation, she worked for several years in her parents' place of business and then several years for the City of Billings.

Marjorie married her beloved husband Richard T. Wilson June 6, 1969. He preceded her in death Nov. 7, 1997.

She was a member of the National Audubon Society, Yellowstone Valley Chapter; her interest in bird identification was shared by her husband Richard and afforded them great joy for many years.

Marjorie also enjoyed sponsoring an eight-year-old boy in Western Uganda through the Christian Children's Fund.

Marjorie is survived by her brother, Roy D. Baumgardner and several nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Joyce E. Swift and Adella A. Bradford.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Interment will follow at Rockvale Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Big Sky Hospice, P.O. Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Scott Kevin Windsor

BOZEMAN — Scott Kevin Windsor, 41, of Bozeman, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at his home.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held. Cremation or Funeral Gallery of Belgrade is in charge.

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Carolyn Winkler

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Carolyn Winkler, 66, of Billings, formerly of Greybull, Wyo., died Monday, March 8, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Cremation has taken place at Cremation or Funeral Gallery. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Basin, Wyo. Inurnment will follow in Hillside Cemetery.

Gayle Dolores Winship

Gayle D. Winship, 80, of Billings passed away Tuesday evening, June 22, 2004, at home, of a fading heart, surrounded by family.

Gayle was born March 16, 1924, in Fargo, N.D. She was adopted at birth by Charles and Kathryn DuBord. She graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in Fargo. After graduation, she worked for the First National Bank in Fargo.

The fall of 1944, a few years after her father's sudden death, she and Kathryn moved to Choteau. In Choteau, she worked at the Teton County Treasurer's office for Gordon Monkman.

She met Wallace Winship in Choteau in November of 1944. After a short courtship, they were married in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Choteau on Jan. 9, 1945. She was Wallace's partner in everything for 59 1/2 good years.

Gayle and Wally settled on land on the east side of the Fairfield bench. The home place sat on a hill over looking the Sun River valley and Square Butte



**GAYLE
WINSHIP**

BILLINGS GAZETTE

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could be seen in the distance. I was there they raised three children and the "city girl" wore many farm shoes, from cooking for thrashing and haying crews to helping deliver baby calves. She didn't enjoy driving the tractor pulling the hay baler, but she did a fine job. She put her foot down when it came to riding horseback to help move cattle. Throughout the years, they always had a camper and spent many happy times in the mountains of Montana and Canada. To see Gayle fix and eat a marshmallow over a campfire would put a smile on anyone's face. "Shop till you drop" was Gayle's motto, and she and her daughters did it well together.

In the late fall of 1993, they moved to Billings and set up the family home. They enjoyed traveling in their fifth wheel throughout the United States and spent many years at their winter home in Yuma, Ariz. Gayle always said they went south so Wally could

golf year round.

Gayle is survived by her husband Wally and their three children, Gary (Sally) Winship of Big Fork, Kathy (Marvin) Johnson of Billings and Lori (Jay) Lambert of Chula Vista, Calif. Also surviving her are five grandchildren, Lisa (Paul Stetzner) Miller of Helena, Jason (Rachel) Winship of Kent, Wash., Kody Johnson of Billings and Jesse and Sarah Lambert of Chula Vista; and her three great-grandchildren, Jessica, Derek and Reece Miller of Helena. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Dorothy (George) Jahnke of Augusta, the friend that introduced Gayle to Wally.

She is preceded in death by her loving parents; an Uncle Harry Gray; and cousins Grant and Bob Livingston.

Gayle's vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 717 18th St. West in Billings, Wednesday, June 30. The memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 1, at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Following a reception at the church, inurnment will be at the Mountview Cemetery Mausoleum at 1:30 p.m., with "Amazing Grace" played on the bagpipe.

Memorials in Gayle's memory can be made to the Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation, PO Box 3566, Billings, MT 59103 or Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107.

Fred R. Winterholler

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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GILLETTE, Wyo. — Fredrick Richard Winterholler, 76, died Sunday, April 25, 2004, at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Gillette.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 30, at the Lovell Cemetery in Lovell. Another visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, at the Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell.

Betty Winterholler

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 02 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Betty Winterholler, 76, of Gillette, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 3, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Gillette. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the Stevenson Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette, and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 4, at the Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell, with a graveside service at 11:45 a.m. in the Lovell Cemetery.

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**CASSIE WINTERS**

Catherine E. 'Cassie' McCartan Winters

Catherine Esther McCartan was born in Butte on March 26, 1918, to Arthur McCartan and Annie Nolan McCartan. She died on Nov. 12, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Billings, where she has lived for the last eight years.

Cassie attended Immaculate Conception School and Butte Girls Central High School. When she met Ed "Lefty" Winters, she knew at first look that he was the one for her. They had their first date on Valentine's Day in 1936 and were married at St. Patrick's Church on July 25 of the same year. They shared 64 years of love and laughter until Lefty died in November of 2000. They raised a son, Dennis, and two daughters, Cassie Lee and Nancy. Cassie lived her life in Butte, the home of her heart, except for a short time in Reno, Nev., and her last years, when she moved to Billings to be near her family.

Cassie worked as a cashier in grocery and drug stores and retired in 1980 from Skaggs Drugstore in Butte. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Butte, a member of the Retail Clerks Union and a lifelong Democrat. By example, she taught her children the importance of work well done with a good heart. She was the soul of unconditional and unselfish love. She was a gentle woman who could be fierce in defense of those fortunate enough to be loved by her.

Her blue Irish eyes and laughter will be missed by her son, Dennis Winters and his wife Michelle LeFurge of Arnold, Md.; by her daughter, Cassie Schomburg and her husband Bob of Columbia, S.C.; by her daughter Nancy and by her beloved son-in-law Ed Traeger of Billings; by grandchildren Daniel Schomburg, a student at Clemson University, John and wife Karen Traeger of Laurel, Jennifer Traeger of Portland, Ore., Bill Traeger of Spokane, Wash., Douglas and wife Angela Traeger of San Rafael, Calif.; and by great-grandchildren Cole and Kelcy Traeger of Laurel. She also leaves faithful friends Bob and

Kathy Pavlovich and their children with whom she and Lefty shared years of happy memories, and dear friends Jan Butorovich and the Babb family. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, and by friends in Billings and Butte.

She was preceded in death by her dear Lefty; by her parents; a brother, John McCartan and his wife Loretta; and sisters Mary Metcalfe and Ann Lee; sisters-in-law Irene Reynolds, Edna Howell, Jean Apostle, Lee Oslund and Rickie Cross.

Cassie and her family are thankful for the kind, professional care provided in her last years by the wonderful CNAs, nurses, and staff of St. Johns Lutheran Home and by Dr. Stephen Shaub.

Friends are asked to join the family Saturday, Nov. 20, after 9:30 a.m., in St. John the Evangelist Church for visitations. Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the Church. Interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Johns Lutheran Home, 3940 Rimrock Road, Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of your choice.

Leon H. Winward

Leon H. Winward, 81, of Billings, passed away April 15, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings. He was born June 3, 1922, in Whitney, Idaho, to Abraham and Cecelia Marie Winward.

Leon met Louise Wynn while attending Preston High School in Preston, Idaho. Later, they both attended Brigham Young University before they were married in the Logan Temple in 1942. Leon loved his sweetheart of 62 years, and they were rarely separated.

To this union were born six children. Leon was an avid hunter and sportsman and loved to play various sports with his children. He spent many pleasant hours on Saturday afternoons watching BYU football.

His family was his life. He loved to have his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren around him. He insisted on having regular family reunions so that the grandchildren and great-grandchildren could know that they were part of a much larger family and that they could have meaningful relationships with their cousins. He was also the instigator



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of many pranks at family gatherings, though he always denied it.

Leon was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. World War II interrupted his mission plans, but he didn't let that stop his missionary efforts. He spent the next 60 years sharing the Gospel with everyone he met. He enjoyed the time he spent working in the Billings LDS Temple.

He was a farmer and dairyman until he switched careers and sold tools for Cornwell, Mac, and Matco. This career change moved the family from Idaho to California in the early 1960s and then later to Montana in the late 1960s, where he was regional manager.

He is survived by his wife, June Louise Winward; daughters, Louise Coffman, Beverly Clawson (Leslie), Karen Redder (Guy); sons, Mark Winward (Katy), and Carl Winward; 37 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren; sisters Ida Roberts and Cecelia Jensen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents, Abraham and Cecelia Winward; a son, Leon Richard Winward; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Janine Collier Winward; a

granddaughter, Becky Winward; a son-in-law, Lance Coffman; brothers, Russell, Glenn, Morris and Whit; and sisters, Harriet Winward and Grace Anderson.

Visitation will be Monday, April 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Whitney LDS chapel, followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. Interment will be in the Whitney Cemetery, Whitney, Idaho. Webb Funeral Home of Preston, Idaho, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Katherine Wiper

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Mary Katherine Wiper, 28, Albuquerque, formerly of Bowbells, N.D., Grand Forks, N.D., and Billings, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, as the result of a lightning strike while hiking in the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

Mary Katherine Wiper was born on June 21, 1976, in Sioux City, Iowa, the daughter of Ray and Sandra (Wockenfuss) Wiper. The family lived in Sioux City, Iowa, and Beresford, S.D., before moving to Bowbells in March of 1978.



MARY
WIPER

Mary attended grade school and high school in Bowbells, graduating from Bowbells High School in 1994. While in high school, she participated in cheerleading, speech, band and chorus, was a class officer, and co-editor of the yearbook. She also attended Girls State and was elected the Superintendent of Public Instruction. She attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in the fall of 1994, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Honors Program, Summa Cum Laude in May of 1999, majoring in English, with a minor in women's studies.

She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as a junior in 1998. While at UND, she participated in the UND Writer's Conference, sang in the UND Chorus, volunteered at the North Dakota Museum of Art and actively participated in an environmental organization, working to establish an Earth Day celebration, and a long-term recycling system on campus. Her North Dakota roots and her passion for learning, matched her abiding love for literature, film, music and the outdoors.

Following graduation from UND, she accepted a position for the Sierra Club in the summer of 1999 working in the Badlands of South Dakota. That fall, she accepted a full time position as a Conservation Organizer for the Billings Chapter of the Sierra Club. While in Billings, Mary volunteered her time to help children learn to read. Members of the conservation community remember her as a passionate advocate whose bright personality helped soften the edges of controversy over environmental issues in Montana, and subsequently in New Mexico. Wiper

worked in Billings for two and a half years, notably on efforts to protect Weatherman Draw. During 2002, Wiper was successful with spearheading an effort to preserve sacred Native American lands, known as The Valley of the Chiefs, or Weatherman Draw, which contains 1,100-year-old rock art that is sacred to several tribes. She utilized her many talents to bring together broadly different individuals and entities, such as activists, local and national tribal members, local and national legislators, geologists, attorneys, archeologists, oil industry representatives and Bureau of Land Management personnel. As a result of their efforts, the oil and gas company dropped plans to drill at Weatherman Draw.

She left Billings in February 2003 when a grant that funded her position ended. In May 2003, Wiper was rehired and promoted as Sierra Club's Associate Field Representative for the Southwest. Her offices were located in Albuquerque, where she worked mostly on energy issues. She oversaw projects in New Mexico, including the Sierra Club's participation in campaigns against oil and gas drilling at Otero Mesa and coal mining at the Zuni Salt Lake.

She was widely respected by Montana and New Mexico's environmental communities and will be remembered as dedicat-

ed, thoughtful and always upbeat.

A public memorial service was held in her honor at La Posada de Albuquerque.

Mary cultivated relationships with people of all ages and walks of life wherever she went. Mary was a loving, gentle, and generous daughter, sister and friend. "Mary was a warm, wonderful, caring person," said Stephen Capra, executive director of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance. "The whole situation is a tragedy and an enormous loss to the conservation community in New Mexico." Jeanne Bassett, executive director of the New Mexico Public Interest Research Group, agreed. "Mary had only been in the state a short time and had already made tremendous contributions through her work to protect New Mexico's health and environment," she said.

All those who knew Mary will remember her warmth, enthusiasm, integrity, and love of life. Our loss is great, but our memories of her life, laughter and joy will be with us always.

Survivors: mother, Sandra Wiper, Cedar Rapids; father and stepmother, Ray (Joyce) Wiper, Bowbells; sister, Ann (Peter) Gerber, Studio City, Calif.; brother, Robert Wiper, Eden Prairie, Minn.; four step-siblings, Chad (Donna) Mahlum, Surrey, N.D., Cameron Mahlum, White Bear Lake, Minn.; Chara (Chris) Anderson, Apple Valley, Minn.,

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and Charisse (Devin) Rawn, Prescott, Wis.; aunts and uncles, John (Bev) Wiper, Minneapolis, Clyde Wiper, Minot, N.D., Joan (Gene) Guidebeck, Clinton, Iowa, Ed (Lynn) Wockenfuss, Louisville, Ky. A number of cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Edgar and Marie (Knutson) Wockenfuss, Elmhurst, Ill., and Raymond and Violet (Norlin) Wiper, Bowbells.

Memorial service: Saturday, Aug. 7, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bowbells.

Visitation: Saturday, from noon until 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bowbells. The family will be present at that time to visit with friends and family.

Memorials are preferred to the Sierra Club, a Humane Society or Pet Rescue, or the UND Honor's Program. Memorials received by the family will be divided among these organizations or you may choose to forward them individually in her name.

Those wishing to sign an online guest register and share memories can go to www.thompsonlarson.com.

Walter H. Wirtala

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LOVELL, Wyo. — Walter H. Wirtala, 82, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at New Horizon's Care Center.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral Home is in charge.

NOV 14 2004**Marjorie Ann Wirtzfeld**

BEACH, N.D. — Marjorie Ann Wirtzfeld, 56, died at St. Alexis Medical Center in Bismarck on Friday, Nov. 12, 2004.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 15, at the Beach Lutheran Cemetery in Beach, with Rev. Warren Maxted officiating. Arrangements are entrusted with the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach.

PFC Owen D. Witt

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SAND SPRINGS — Pfc. Owen D. Witt, age 20, of Jordan, died in Iraq on May 24, 2004. His mission was to serve his country, which he chose by enlisting in the United States Army. Owen was extremely affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and was determined to defend the United States.



**PFC OWEN
D. WITT**

He was born Dec. 6, 1983, in Lewistown. He attended Benzine Country School through the eighth grade, and graduated from Garfield County High School in 2001. He was involved in the 4-H, basketball team, and loved to be at the ranch and spend time with his family. Owen was a terrific person. He was kind, loving and caring with a great sense of humor and wonderful smile. He lived with his family on a working ranch in Montana. He was an artist, working at painting in oils. Owen wanted to ranch, raise a family and paint. He liked country and western music and was a very gregarious fella.

He is survived by his mother and father, Karen and David Witt of Sand Springs; grandparents, Alvin and Patsy Clark of Brusett;

three brothers and their families, Cody and Christina Witt of Missoula, and their children, Catherine and Corbin, Kelly and Michelle Witt of Sand Springs, and Troy Witt, and his fiancée Margo of Sand Springs, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins and a special friend, Janina Behen of Germany.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 4, 2004 at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Jordan. Funeral services will be held on at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2004 at the Garfield County High School Gymnasium. Interment will follow in the family plot at the Steve Forks Cemetery with full military honors. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Jordan is in charge of the arrangements. Should friends desire, condolences may be sent to the family by visiting stevensonandsons.com.

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The love and prayers of family and friends help to fill the emptiness. The void that we experience is made less lonely by the good, happy and bright thoughts we share of Owen. We are the better for having known him! His mom, Karen, feels that this was Owen's destiny. She is glad in the thought that Owen is safely home. We believe that God is lucky to have him. We are grateful that we knew him for his 20 years on the earth. We miss him always. Our Faith will sustain us! God Bless you Owen! We love you!

Robert Vern Witter

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CODY, Wyo. — Robert Vern Witter, 93, died Friday, June 11, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Private interment services will be at Riverside Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

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After a long fought battle with a relentless illness, Emma went home to her Savior. The core of our apple and the heart of our family, she will be dearly missed.

Ever willing to help in any way capable, Emma was loved by many. Her passions were her children, grandchildren, her work as a beautician and her Father in God. She was actively involved in all until her closing moments.

Born in Conrad on March 16, 1946, to Mabel (England) and Frank Horak, Emma was the first of three children. She attended high school in Dutton and graduated in 1964. She then enrolled in the ACME Beauty College, graduating in 1965.

Emma Horak married Ron Wittman in October of 1965 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. After some time spent in Idaho and Montana, they had their first child in 1966. Ronya Lynn Wittman blessed them for two years before she passed away in November 1968. The Wittmans then had daughter Deanne and son Brandon in 1969 and 1970 respectively. Ron and Emma moved to the Huntley area in the late 1970s and have called it home since then.

She worked as a beautician for well over 30 years, in addition to serving as a foster parent. Emma was an active member of St. Cyril

and Methodius Church. She participated in numerous bible studies and served several years on Parish Council.

Like a scene right out of "Steel Magnolias," Emma's beauty shop was the hot spot in Huntley for many years. Whether it was a quick hair cut or a long conversation over a cup of coffee, or other beverage, it was a wonderful place to be.

Emma is preceded in death by her father, Frank; and her daughter, Ronya Lynn. She is survived by her husband, Ron; her daughter, Deanne; her son, Brandon and his wife, Sonya and their two children, Mariah and Marcus; her mother, Mabel; and her two brothers, Don and Frank and their families.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at St. Bernard's Parish. The funeral mass will be held at noon on Wednesday at St. Bernard's Parish. Rite of Committal will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Barkemeyer Park, c/o Steve Erb, Huntley, MT 59037, or to St. Cyril and Methodius Church, Ballantine, MT 59006.

Our mother, grandmother,
wife and friend. May she continue
on in Heaven free of suffering
and pain. We love you, and we
miss you. *You will be forever in
our hearts and minds.*

Evelyn Woerner

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 18 2004

LAUREL — Evelyn D. Woerner, 85, passed away at home with her loved ones, Monday morning, May 17, 2004, following a brief illness. She was born June 26, 1918, in Denver, the oldest daughter of Cloid and Signe Deter.



**EVELYN
WOERNER**

On March 7, 1941, Evelyn was united in marriage to Bert Woerner. It was a loving marriage that lasted 61 years until Bert's passing in May of 2001.

Evelyn is survived by her son Don and daughter-in-law Bobbie of Laurel; their children, Russell and his wife Lisa and Doug and his fiancée Shadnam; daughter, Lorraine Walden and husband Jerry of Washington State; their children, Scott and his wife, Carol and Rhonda and her husband Pat; four great-grandchildren, Ashley, Lindsey, Tori and Clay. Evelyn is also survived by her two sisters, Ellen and Dorothy.

Family was Evelyn's most important priority. Her hobbies included reading, cooking and needlework. She loved to paint beautiful pictures and then give them away. She was interested in

everything and everybody. She was always helping other people. Evelyn loved animals and was never without a pet (or two or three).

Evelyn and Bert traveled everywhere. Together, they visited all 50 states and many foreign countries. They were the best of friends, doing almost everything as a couple.

Evelyn was crippled by severe arthritis in her later years but she didn't complain and never let it get her down. She fought one courageous bout with cancer and won.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at the First Baptist Church in Laurel. A short reception with refreshments will follow.

Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice or the Special K Ranch. Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel was in charge of cremation.

Wade Woith

GREAT FALLS — Wade Eugene Woith, 55, 1725 41st St. S., Great Falls, died April 12, 2004, at a Great Falls Hospital.

Visitation will be at Schnider Funeral Home on Thursday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Private graveside service will be held at Highland Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church on Friday, April 16, at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow at the church. Memorials are suggested to Salvation Army.

Wade is survived by his wife Barbara Blyth Woith, and his two sons, Spencer and Russell, all of Great Falls; a sister, Sue Wilson of Hardin; a brother, Hugh Woith; his mother-in-law Peggy Blyth; sisters-in-law, Debby Blyth and Janet (David) McFarland; brother-in-law Bob (Connie) Blyth and cousins Gary and Verlene Kaiser.

Wade was born March 28, 1949, in Red Cloud, Neb. He was raised in Billings and Hardin, graduating from Hardin High School. He then attended and graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman with a bachelor of science degree in engineering.

Wade moved to Great Falls and worked for Turnbull & Plummer before venturing out on his own with Woith Engineering.

He married Barb Blyth at

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Faith Lutheran Church in Great Falls on June 14, 1975.



**WADE
WOITH**

Wade was a member of the Sun River Skeet Club and a past member of Meadowlark Country Club.

Wade was very involved in sporting activities with his two boys, Spencer and Russell.

Little League baseball was of special interest when the boys were younger but he was more involved with golf and skeet shooting most recently. Wade played in numerous golf tournaments, often teaming up with his children to win. He also shot league skeet with his boys as team members. Wade and his wife could be found at all of the boys' middle and high school sporting activities; legion baseball, basketball, football and wrestling. He rarely missed a road trip for any of their activities. He also developed a passion for GFHS wrestling, which continued after Russell's graduation, rarely missing a home match and making most out of town tournaments.

He also cherished his time at the family cabin on Lake Blaine, near Kalmipell. The drive to the cabin was especially enjoyable for him in his sports cars.

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HARLOWTON

Former longtime Harlowton resident Edward T. Wojtowitz, age 91, passed away Monday, April 19, 2004, at Tobacco Root Mountain Care Center in Sheridan. He has resided there for the last four years.

Ed was born in Saratoga Township, Winona County, St. Charles, Minn., March 10, 1913, to John and Hazel (Nisbet) Wojtowitz. The family homesteaded in Grass Range and later moved to Lewistown. Ed graduated from Fergus County High School in 1931. He attended General Motors Institute of Technology in Flint, Mich., after graduation.



**ED
WOJTOWICK**

On June 14, 1937, he married Jeanne Verne Baker at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Lewistown. In December 1940, Ed and Jeanne purchased Hiway Mobile Service from Dick McQuitty in Harlowton. In 1953, he purchased Joe's Motor in Lewistown, returning to Harlowton in 1954. In 1957, they purchased the GMC Dealership from Olaf Lain in Harlowton. Ed offered complete sales and ser-

vice to many loyal customers and became known as "Honest Ed" at Wojtowitz Motors. In 1965, Ed and Jeanne sold Wojtowitz Motors to Robert Willems. After retirement, Ed sold Founders Mutual Funds and spent winters with Jeanne in Tucson, Ariz.

Ed was a pilot who owned his own airplane in the '30s. He was an avid sportsman, spending leisure time hunting and fishing. He passed these legacies, in both sound business and outdoor recreation, to his family.

Ed is survived by his children Joan (Russell) Fisk, Dillon, Mike (Marilyn) Wojtowitz, Havre, Kaye (Robert) Franks, Davis, Calif., Donna (Paul) Krause, Clarkston, Wash., Gail (Dean) Leary, Sheridan, Tim (Julie) Wojtowitz, Harlowton; daughter-in-law Mary Lynn Wojtowitz, Great Falls; sister Marie (Gil) Harper, Centennial, Colo.; sister-in-law Marge Wojtowitz, Lewistown; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Hazel Wojtowitz; his wife of 65 years, Jeanne, in February 2003; sister Ruby Kimpel; brothers Robert

and Milton Wojtowick; son Gary Wojtowick in 1993; and two granddaughters.

Services are Saturday, April 24, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Harlowton. Visitation begins at 9 a.m., Rosary at 10 a.m. and Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial is in the Catholic Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Church. Memorials may be made in Ed's name to St. Joseph's Catholic Church park fund in Harlowton.

JOHNNY CHRISTIAN WOLF

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CIRCLE — Johnny Christian Wolf, age 93, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Monday, July 5, 2004, at the McCone County Nursing Home in Circle.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel in Circle.

Services will be held on Saturday, July 10, at 11 a.m. at the Salem Lutheran Church in Circle, with Pastor Nelson officiating. Committal will follow in the Riverview Cemetery in Circle.



**JOHNNY
WOLF**

Johnny was born on July 23, 1910, at the family home in Hazen, N.D., the son of Johann Jacob and Katherina Morast Wolf.

Johnny came to the Circle area in his early 20s; his dream was to be a cattle rancher. He worked for a local rancher for a while, and then he went to work on the construction of the Fort Peck Dam and worked there for several years until the end of 1939.

On Oct. 1, 1939, Johnny married the love of his life, Martha Marie Gebhardt, in Circle. For the first few months of their marriage, they lived in Fort Peck, where Johnny continued to work on the

dam. Then they rented some land and farmed and ranched near Circle. In 1941, Johnny and Martha purchased the farm 8-1/2 miles northwest of Circle along the Horse Creek Road, where they farmed and raised cattle, a variety of animals and two sons. Oct. 1, 2003, they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

Johnny had a rich and rewarding life. He was raised in a family of 10 boys and three girls. In his early years, he became a good boxer. He loved baseball and was the pitcher for the local team where he lived. He especially enjoyed listening to and watching the Minnesota Twins play in his later years. He also loved to play pool.

Johnny always liked to kid and joke with anyone who was around, even up till the last few months of his life.

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Johnny was baptized and confirmed a member of the Lutheran Church and has been a devoted member his entire life. He had a great love for his Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ, and enjoyed reading the Bible. He found great joy in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Johnny was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, of 64 years; his father, Johann Jacob Wolf and his mother Katherina (Morast) Wolf; eight brothers and three sisters. He is survived by two sons, Victor (Rochelle) of Glendive and Larry (Sandra) of Circle; grandchildren, Kris Richardson of Tacoma, Wash., Kathy Ulrich of Glendive, David Wolf of Orlando, Fla., Cindy Porter of Tooele, Utah, Larry R. Wolf of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Marcyne K. Wolf of Murray, Utah; great-grandchildren, Victor, Phillip and Payton Wolf of Orlando, Michael and Audrey Clemo of Tacoma, Melanie, Rhiana and Austin Porter of Tooele, Brittany, Keisha and Hailey Wolf of Idaho Falls; a brother, Ted Wolf of Hazen; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

George Wolfe

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LEWISTOWN — George Paul Wolfe, 93, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at the Central Montana Skilled Nursing Center, following a stroke.

At his request, cremation has taken place. Private family inurnment of cremains will be in Highland Cemetery in Great Falls. Creel Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Ann Wolff

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TERRY — Ann (Hoagland) Wolff, 65, of Terry, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at the Prairie Community Health Center in Terry.

Visitation will be Friday, Aug. 13, at the Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Terry, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Fallon Evangelical Church in Fallon. Interment will follow in the Prairie County Cemetery.

Elliott Wolff**MAY 16 2004**

Elliott Wolff, lifelong Billings resident, died on Thursday, May 13, 2004.

Beloved brother of Rita Rosenberg and Craig Wolff and father of Tommy Lee McDonald-Wolff.

Memorial service will be held at Faith Chapel Foursquare Church, 517 Shiloh Road, Billings, on Tuesday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Rocky Mountain Chapter, at 1-800-475-6447.

MILES CITY — Elsie Wolff, age 87, of Miles City passed away at the Holy Rosary Extended Care, following a brief illness, in Miles City on Aug. 29, 2004.

Elsie was born on Feb. 10, 1917, to John and Christina (Borth)

Schlinker in Gackle, N.D.

The family lived and worked on the

family homestead on the Wason Flats

near Brockway, where she attended country school. On

Sept. 10, 1936,

she and Jacob (Jake) Wolff were married, and they moved to Crow

Rock Community near Little Sheep Mountain. Together, they

farmed and ranched, working side by side. Elsie enjoyed raising

poultry and sold eggs to several stores and local residents, delivering them in Miles City. In 1961

they moved to Kinsey where they resided until retiring in 1971. After

retiring they moved to Miles City, where they constructed their retirement home where Elsie has

resided since. In the wintertime she spent many hours crocheting,

knitting and sharing craft projects with family and friends. Playing

cards was a favorite activity for the Wolff family, and she was

always actively involved in the



ELSIE WOLFF

game of whist. Her greatest enjoyment came from having family and friends share a meal and fellowship in her home.

Elsie is survived by two sons Don (Margot) Wolff of Miles City, Harvey (Linda) Wolff of Miles City; her daughter, Delores (Gene) Desjarlais of Roundup; a daughter-in-law, Lucetta (Jim) Wolff of Miles City; a brother, David Schlinker of Miles City; a sister, Leona Patrick of Deer Lodge; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake; one son, Jim; a brother, Emil Schlinker, and sister, Pauline Sundberg.

Visitation will be held on Thursday at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. The family will be receiving friends on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery in Miles City.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.stevensonandsons.com. If desired, memorials may be made to the Jim Wolff FFA Scholarship Fund, 515 N. Earling, Miles City, MT 59201

Lester H. Wolff

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Lester H. Wolff, 89, of Billings, passed away on April 22, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare. He was born on Dec. 13, 1914, in Gage, near Musselshell, to Harry and Hattie Wolff.

Lester attended schools in the rural area and graduated from Ryegate, where he excelled in basketball and track. He was very proud of his letterman sweater.



**LESTER
WOLFF**

Following high school, Lester went to work for the CCC and helped with the maintenance of the Milwaukee Railroad and the Beartooth Highway. He was drafted into the Army in 1942 and assigned to Panama, where he was a member of the Signal Corps. He was also stationed at several bases in the United States before being honorably discharged.

When he returned home from the service, he resumed his position at the U.S. Postal Service and was proud to be a Letter Carrier. Prior to entering the service, he met a lovely young lady at the Elmo Club in the Heights and on May 7, 1945, he married the apple of his eye, Loretta Sherman, at St.

Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings. To this union, three children were born; Michael, Ronald, and Beverly. Lester and Loretta resided in Billings for the duration of their 49 year marriage.

Lester loved to tinker with just about anything. He could turn nothing into something with just a little time and planning. He never knew a stranger and always had time for a good conversation with family, friends, and newly formed acquaintances. Always a joker with a good sense of humor, he enjoyed pulling pranks on anyone, especially his coffee buddies. He loved his garden and spent time caring for plants, including those that grew voluntarily. Following his retirement from the Postal Service, he and Loretta traveled, visiting destinations across the United States.

Following Loretta's death in 1995, Lester and a group of five other widowers would spend the mornings over coffee at the local Donut Hole or the Evergreen IGA. They would visit friends and offer communion to residents of various nursing homes in Billings. He was faithful to his family and would enjoy Sunday

family dinners and going to lunch with them.

He was a member of St. Pius X Church, St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral, the Knights of Columbus and National Association of Letter Carriers.

Saturday night was a time for Lester to attend Mass at St. Pius X Church, so Sunday would be freed up to assist with the senior citizens bus at St. Pat's. His faith in God made him a strong man and he was very loyal to his church.

Lester's family and friends will remember how much he loved to talk, eat and shop. They will remember him as a kind and gentle soul and will miss him greatly.

Lester is survived by his three children, Michael, and his wife, Diann, of Billings, Ronald Wolff of Yreka, Calif., and Beverly Wolff Daubert and her husband, John, of Billings; 14 grandchildren, Janna O'Brien and her husband, Shane, Pam Stading and her husband, Greg, Lori Goldthwaitte and her husband, Bob, and Michael Wolff; Jason, Timothy, Steven, and his wife, Candy, Stephanie, Roger and Loryn Wolff, Brian Daubert, Nicole Trahan and her husband, Rod, Scott Daubert and his wife, Sheri, and Kimberley Daubert; three step-grandchildren, Mark Deichl and his wife, Emily, Susie Lopez and her husband, Bobby, and Paula Jackson and her husband, Josh. 17 great-grandchild-

dren and three step-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his sister, Bernice Fry, of Billings, nephews, Bob Fry, and his wife, Sheri, and Jerry Fry, and a niece, Colleen Kriskovich, and her husband, Ed, as well and the Sherman in-laws and the Wolff and Grandy cousins.

Grandpa was the kindest man we ever knew. He is loved and greatly missed.

Lester was preceded in death by his wife Loretta, his parents and his sister Evelyn.

Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral. Vigil Services will be held at 6:00 p.m. the previous night, Tuesday, April 27, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Rite of Committal will follow Mass in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House or the Animal Shelter.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth G. Wollman

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

KING COLONY — Elizabeth G. Wollman, 61, of King Colony, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at her home, of natural causes.

JUL 16 2004

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 16, at King Colony Ranch. Burial will follow in the King Colony Cemetery. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

Joseph Paul Wolney

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Joseph Paul Wolney, 95, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of Sheridan County.

Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Funeral liturgy will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Elks Cemetery.

MAR 5 2004

CHARLES D. WOLZ

THE BIDDINGS GAZETTE

APR 25 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Charles D. Wolz, 92, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at the West Park Long Term Care Center.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ballard Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Stake Center. Interment will follow in the Byron Cemetery. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge of arrangements.

Fern J. Wolz**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

AUG 23 2004

CODY, Wyo. — Fern J. Wolz, 93, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at West Park Long Term Care Center.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Ballard Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center.

Interment will follow in the Byron Cemetery.

Dixie Wood

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 22 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Dixie Wood, 64, of Gillette, died July 12, 2004, at her home, of natural causes.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 23, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home in Gillette.

BILLINGS GAZETTE
NOV 15 2004

Harold Wayne Wood

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Harold Wayne Wood, 80, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Graveside services will follow at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Norman L. Wood

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

POWELL, Wyo. — Norman L. "Pete" Wood, 94, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Powell Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. **Tuesday, March 2**, at the First United Methodist Church in Powell. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Miratsky-Easton Funeral Home of Powell is in charge.

FEB 24 2004

Fern Woodhams

WORLAND, Wyo. — Fern Woodhams, 93, of Worland, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at her home.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the United Methodist Church in Worland. Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge.

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Donnaleen A. Woodley

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 30 2004

ELK GROVE, Calif. — Her fight with cancer ended on Jan. 25, 2004, with her family at her side.



**DONNALEEN
WOODLEY**

Born Donnaleen Rae Amen to Lucretia and Ervin Amen, she and her two sisters were raised in Park City, Mont. After graduating from Park City High School, Donnaleen attended Montana State University in Bozeman, where she met and later married Rick Woodley of Billings. The couple enjoyed more than 31 years together.

While Donnaleen worked a variety of jobs throughout her lifetime, she was best known for her kind and giving heart, helping aging relatives or those needing a little extra assistance. Up until her death, Donnaleen put the needs of others before her own. She was a thoughtful and loving mother, wife and friend.

Donnaleen was preceded in death by her father Ervin, and is survived by her husband Rick of Elk Grove; daughters Lt. Jolene Woodley, also of Elk Grove, Amy Kochel of Kennewick, Wash., and Jennifer Woodley of Sacramento; her mother,

Lucretia Amen of Park City; and her two sisters, Cindy Gaissen of Las Vegas and Carol Castellano of Billings. Donnaleen adored her grandson Gavin Kochel and was a special aunt to her niece Megan Gaissert and nephews Kyle and Tyler Castellano.

At her request, her body will be cremated. Family and friends are welcome to attend a memorial celebration, Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Park City. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, local hospice organizations or to a favorite charity.

Richard M. Woods

OCT 26 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

CODY, Wyo. — Richard M. Woods, 80, of Cody, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at his home.

Memorial graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Riverside Cemetery. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at the VFW Post #2673, with a luncheon to follow. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.

Anna Fern Woody

LEWISTOWN — Anna Fern Woody, 82, of Lewistown, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Cloyd Funeral Home Chapel in Lewistown. Interment will follow in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 17 2004

Matthew James Wooldridge

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 13 2004

SCOBAY — Matthew James Wooldridge, 21, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, in Ames, Iowa.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Scobey Lutheran Church. Walker Funeral Home is in charge.

JAN 23 2004

Wesley T. Woolley passed away Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Home.

Wes was born in Richmond, Calif., on Sept. 21, 1918, to Wes and Dora (Baker) Woolley and lived in the Bay Area until the Standard Oil Co. transferred him to Alaska in 1978. Wes graduated from Richmond Union High and attended Santa Rosa (Calif.) College.

Wes met Ruth Bryant while still in high school, and they were married in Reno, Nev., on April 13, 1940. The newlyweds returned to Richmond where they raised their family. In 1943, Wes was called to service and served in the South Pacific and with the occupational forces in Japan. After discharge, he began his career with Standard Oil and worked in the refineries at Richmond, Calif.; Pascagoula, Miss., and Kenai, Alaska, until his retirement in 1980. They moved to Klamath Falls, Ore., and lived there until moving to Mission Ridge in Billings in 1999.

Wes was a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Richmond and First Methodist Church in Klamath Falls. He was



**WES
WOOLLEY**

active as a leader in the Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts and was honored with the Scout Leader of the Year award in 1962. Wes was involved in BPOE Lodge 1251 in Richmond and received the Elk of the Year award. He also served on many committees over the years.

An avid outdoorsman, Wes enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family and friends. Wes was a member of Reames Country Club in Klamath Falls and played golf there for many years. In 1991, while playing with friends, Wes achieved that golfer's dream of shooting a hole in one.

His parents, a sister, Jesse Budd, and his grandson, Richard, all of California, preceded him in death.

Wes is survived by his wife, Ruth, his brother Donald of Cottonwood, Calif.; two sons, Ross of Laurel and Earl of Vallejo, Calif.; three granddaughters, Cheryl Linsay of Fairfield, Calif., Lori Linan of Green Valley, Calif., and Andie Burns of Lander, Wyo.; and six great-grandchildren, Mike, Daniel, and Jianna of California and Abby, Ella, and Eann of Wyoming.

Memorial services will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Lillis Chapel of Mission Ridge. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to
Alzheimer's Association of
Montana Chapter, 3010 11 Ave. N.,
Billings, MT, 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in
charge of arrangements.

FRANK E. WOOLAN

FALLON — Frank E. Woolan, 75, of Fallon, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., where he was visiting a brother.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 19, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in the chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 17 2004

Wilda Worman

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

FEB 04 2004

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Wilda Worman, 94, of Gillette, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at her son's home in Gillette.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, and from 10 a.m. until noon, Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the First Presbyterian Church in Gillette. Interment will follow the funeral services at Gillette's Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

R. Cameron Worstell

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

AUG 19 2004

HAVRE — R. Cameron Worstell, 65 years of age, an instructor/associate college professor and a resident of Havre, died on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, peacefully, surrounded by his family, at a Billings Hospital, of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Aug. 20, at 11 a.m., at the Van Orsdel Methodist Church in Havre, with Rev. VaunDalee Delong officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Memorials in his honor may be made to the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church, 410 Fifth Ave., Havre, MT

59501, or to the MSU-Northern Foundation, PO Box 1691, Havre, MT 59501, or to a charity in Cameron's name. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.



**R. CAMERON
WORSTELL**

Cameron was born Nov. 9, 1938, at Big Sandy, the son of Richard A. and Wilda Ann (Augustine) Worstell. His family moved to Great Falls, where he attended school and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1956. He then attended and graduated from Northern Montana College in Havre. He married

Ruby M. (Davey) April 3, 1959, at Havre. He served in the Montana Air Natl. Guard. He taught at Montana State University-Northern, 1965 to 2004. He also worked as a realtor/broker with Witt & Loranger and later with Witt Realty from 1971 to 2002. Early in his career, he worked for Herrigs machine shop, Modern Machine Works, Valley Motor Supply and Blairs Ironworks as a machinist and welder. He also owned Milk River Machine Shop from 1975 to 1992. He was an owner/manager of rental property from 1959 to the present. His hobbies included performing magic shows, RVing and being a Lions Club member.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Worstell of Havre; three daughters, Paula Beilke of Havre, Terri Linn (husband Donni) of Saco, Patti Culver (husband Kerry) of Moses Lake, Wash., one son, Dave Worstell (Jackie) of Billings; a sister, Ann Jean Cloonan (Cliff) of Los Osos, Calif.; and nine grandchildren

Lt. Col Clayton L. Wretlind, Ret.

BOULDER, Nev. — Lt. Col Clayton L. Wretlind, Ret., passed away Sunday, June 20, 2004, at the Nevada Veterans Nursing Home in Boulder City. Mr. Wretlind was born in Fergus Fall, Minn., in 1923, to Earnest and Sophie Wretlind and passed away the day before his 82nd birthday.

As a career military man and veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, Mr. Wretlind was recipient of the Bronze Star, the Silver Star and many other commendations and medals, including the Combat Infantry badge with Star.

After retirement, Mr. Wretlind was Executive Secretary of the Billings Multiple Listing Service, member of the Billings Board of Realtors and Montana Assoc. of Realtors and co-owner of a Billings Real Estate Agency. He was a member of the Elks, Midland Empire Charter American Red Cross, Yellowstone Valley Kennel Club and the Retired Officers Association.

He was active in raising and showing championship dogs and gardening. He was a kind and

generous and loving husband and father and was preceded in death by wife Marion and daughter Nicki. His wife, Charl, survives him.

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

George Richard 'Ricky' Wright

BILLINGS GAZETTE
MAY 25 2004

George Richard "Ricky" Wright, 21, passed away Saturday, May 22, 2004, in Billings. He was born to Richard Alan Wright and Gloria (DeMarco) Wright on Feb. 11, 1983, in Payson, Ariz. He spent his early years in Joliet, Ill., and attended high school in Billings.

Ricky was a loving and loved son, brother, uncle and grandson. He was a true, caring friend. He had a sensitive heart full of love. Ricky was a kind and gentle soul that touched many, many lives. His family and friends meant everything to him. Words cannot describe what he meant to all of us. We love you Ricky, forever and always in our hearts.



**RICKY
WRIGHT**

Ricky is survived by his parents; his twin brother Paul; his brother Robert; his sisters Gigi (Mac) Sowa-Guzman, Kristy (Garland) Stenulson; his grandfathers George Richard Wright and Theodore Paul DeMarco; nieces Mia and Vanessa; nephews Mac Jr., Zachary, Jeremy, Austin and Devin; numerous aunts, uncles

and cousins. He is also survived by special friends, Coft, Matt, Ken, Jeff, Andy, Rob, John, Zach, Gidget, Bill, Wilma, Billy and special girl Ashley Marie.

A private family service will be held. Dahl Funeral and Cremation Service is making the arrangements.

Inez Kramlich Wright**JUN 16 2004**

BOZEMAN — Inez Kramlich Wright, 82, of Bozeman, died June 10, 2004.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Miles City. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge.

Inez Kramlich Wright

SEP 29 2004
MILLING GAZETTE

BOZEMAN — Inez Kramlich Wright, 82, of Bozeman, died June 10, 2004 in Bozeman.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

Jean Wright

THE BILBO'S GAZETTE

GREYBULL, Wyo. — Priscilla Jean Wright, 77, of Greybull, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at the South Big Horn County Hospital between Greybull and Basin.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at the new location of the Atwood Family Funeral Chapel, 620 Greybull Ave., in Greybull. Burial will immediately follow services in the Hillside Cemetery in Greybull. A viewing will be held prior to the services from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, at Atwood Family Funeral Chapel.

DEC 11 2004

Margaret Clark Wright

Margaret Clark Wright, 73, of Billings, passed away Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Margaret was born in Billings on Jan. 26, 1931, a daughter of Thomas and Myrtel Clark. She grew up in Billings and at the Twin Bridges Orphanage. Maggie, as many called her, went to Independent Elementary School and graduated from Billings Senior High in 1949. During her high school years she lived with her foster parents, James and Marie Hamilton.



Maggie left Billings with her baseball-player husband to seek their fortune in the game. She and Charles Wright moved to Springfield, Ore., where they had three children: Kelly, Sherrie and John. Maggie loved her ranch, animals and family. She became a nurse in 1962 and continued to work in the field for many years.

Mom was kind and generous and helped anyone she could. For years, she sponsored children through the Christian Children's Fund. She cherished her children and always had a couple of dogs to keep her company.

OCT 18 2004
BILLINGS GAZETTE

Margaret is survived by her brother, Clyde Clark of Billings; a son, Kelly Wright and wife Tina and their son Taylor Wright of Ogden, Utah; a daughter, Sherrie Wright Baldner and husband Phil and their children, Acacia and McKenzie of Bend, Ore.; and a son, John Wright and wife Tammy of Lima, Ohio.

A private service for family was held. Smith Downtown Chapels assisted with arrangements.

**MAGGIE
WRIGHT**

Marilyn Kay Wright

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 29 2004

SPEARFISH, S.D. — Marilyn Kay Wright, 57, died Monday, July 26, 2004, at her home of cancer.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Mountain View Baptist Church in Spearfish. Burial will follow at 4 p.m. at the Boyes Cemetery in Boyes, Mont. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Broadus is in charge

Ruby Wright

BUFFALO, Wyo. — Ruby L. Steiner Wright, 80, of Buffalo, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Johnson County Health Care Center in Buffalo.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday, April 4, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery with graveside rites to follow the funeral.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

APR 02 2004

Dale D. Wyckoff

THE YELLOWBERRY GAZETTE

BEACH, N.D. — Dale D. Wyckoff, 72, of Beach, died Aug. 17, 2004, in Beach.

AUG 19 2004

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at the United Community Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Beach City Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

Barbara Ann Wynn

MAR 24 2004

YUMA, Ariz. — A beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend left this earth to be with the Lord on March 20, 2004, in Yuma.

Born June 29, 1936, in Nashville, Tenn., Barbara attended school in Ashland City, Tenn., and graduated from St. Thomas Nursing School in 1957. She worked as a nurse for many years, beginning in Louisville, Ky., as a pediatric nurse. She met Tom Wynn in October of 1957 and married in February 1958. They raised their three boys in Montana, where Barbara continued her nursing career. In 1987, the Wynns moved to Yuma, where Barbara worked as a nurse at Yuma Regional Medical Center. She and Tom have owned and operated two Blimpie Subs shops in Yuma beginning in 1996.

Her parents, Aubrey Bruce Johnson and Burneta Sheets; and her brother, Randall Aubrey Johnson, precede Barbara in death. Survivors include husband, Tom; son Todd (Lisa) and granddaughters Amanda and Abigail of Peoria, Ariz.; son Christopher (Jon) of New York City; son Paul of Yuma; and sister Jeannine Johnson of Ashland City.

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Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary, 1415 South First Ave., in Yuma, on Wednesday, March 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 9 to 10 a.m. prior to the service that begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, at LDS Stake Center, 4300 West 16th Street, Yuma. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

APR 17 2004



JACK WYSE

John 'Jack' W. Wyse

GLENDIVE — John "Jack" W. Wyse, age 79, of Glendive, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive, with Father Joseph Ponessa, Father William Hogan and Father Thomas Harney officiating. Rite of Committal will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements.

Jack was born on Aug. 7, 1924, in Savage, the son of S.D. and Emma (Mahlstedt) Wyse. In 1930, he moved with his family to

Seattle, where he was raised and educated. In November of 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during World War II. He was discharged in February of 1946. Jack was united in marriage to Alice Hartse on March 17, 1959; at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive. While owning and operating the Montana Inn Supper Club through the 1970s and 1980s, he continued to serve the community not only with his music, but also with a great meal.

Jack's love of music started with the purchase of his first guitar at the age of 11 and continued throughout the rest of his career. Jack's music touched many lives from nightclubs to weddings, anniversaries, funerals, cursillo's and cattle drives.

Horses have always been an important part of Jack's life. He raised, trained, showed, judged and traded horses and mules.

Jack enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, visiting with friends, painting, and carving. He has passed his love for music, horses and art onto his family. One of his greatest accomplishments was being inducted into the Western Swing Society in 1997. During his retire-

...nent years, cooking for and being
involved in cattle drives was his
passion.

Jack was a devoted husband,
father, grandfather and friend. He
will be greatly missed.

Jack was preceded in death by
his parents; one brother, George;
one sister, Bernie Donald; sister-
in-law, Carryl Wyse and broth-
ers-in-law, John Hanson and Dick
Ford.

Survivors include his wife,
Alice of Glendive; his daughter,
Jackie Chelgren and her husband,
Gary of Shepherd; two sons, Cy
Wyse of Glendive and Shawn
Wyse and his wife Sandi of
Williston, N.D.; his sister-in-law,
Gert Wyse of Camamo Island,
Wash.; his brother-in-law, Jim
Donald and his wife Maxine of
Seattle; his siblings, Margaret
Hanson of Seattle, Dorothy
Rankins and her husband
Clarence of Seattle, S.N. "Bud",
Wyse and his wife Alma of
Kingston, Wash., L.E. "Hap"
Wyse of Woodinville, Wash., and
Mary Ford of Gustine, Calif.; his
grandchildren, Cherié Taylor and
her husband Jay of Decker,
Michael Chelgren of Shepherd,
Steve Wyse of Minneapolis,
Matthew Wyse and Shelly
Hayden and her husband,
Donovan and their children,
Kaden Olson and Ethan Hayden,
all of Williston.

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

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John W. Wyse

GLENDIVE — John "Jack" W.
Wyse, 79, of Glendive, died
Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at the
Eastern Montana Veterans Home
in Glendive.

Vigil service will be at 7:30
p.m. Friday, April 16, at the chapel
of Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home
in Glendive. Mass of Christian
Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday,
April 17, at the Sacred Heart
Catholic Church in Glendive.
Rite of committal will be in the
Dawson Memorial Cemetery in
Glendive.