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## Nels Yadon

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FAIRVIEW — Nels Yadon, 72, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at his home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery. Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney is in charge of arrangements.

## **Toni Jayne Yadon**

**OCT 7 2004**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**GLENDIVE —** Toni Jayne Yadon, 44, of Glendive, formerly of Fairview, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center - Extended Care Facility.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Fulkerson Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Sidney. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, N.D.

## Lois Jean Yake

GILLETTE, Wyo. — Lois Yake, 75, died Friday, March 12, 2004, at the Pioneer Manor Nursing Home in Gillette.

The family will receive friends and family from 4 to 7 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2004, at the Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home Chapel in Gillette, Wyoming.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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## **Gloria Grace Yancey**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**MAY 07 2004**

**LIVINGSTON — Gloria Grace Yancey, 75, of Livingston, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at the Frontier Assisted Living Community in Livingston.**

**Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. No services are planned.**

## Maxine Yankoff

BILLINGS GAZETTE  
NOV 02 2004

MILES CITY — Maxine Armajean (Haagenson) Yankoff, 77, of Miles City, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at a nursing home in Billings.

Visitation will take place until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow in the family lot of the Custer County Cemetery.

## John L. Yashinski, Jr.

THE BURLINGTON GAZETTE  
NOV 30 2004

RED LODGE — John L. Yashinski, Jr., 23, of Red Lodge, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, in Red Lodge.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Cremation has taken place.



## **Julia L. Yazosky**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**APR 14 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Julia L. Yazosky, 83, of Sheridan, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Sheridan Manor.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at Champion Ferries Funeral Home in Sheridan. Burial will be in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

# Narles Roland Yde-Layne

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ELLINGHAM GAZETTE

**HELENA** — Beloved son, brother, and friend. A young man with a smile that would light up a room, a heart of gold and the ability to make friends with anyone he met, Narles Roland Yde-Layne, age 18, died suddenly Oct. 4, 2004.

Narles was born on June 21, 1986, in Helena, to Rea Layne. He later became part of Chris and Ginger Yde's family and was adopted by them on Feb. 26, 2002.

He attended Bryant and Rossiter Elementary schools, C.R. Anderson Middle School and was a member of the graduating class of 2004 from Capital High School. Narles was a successful student, leader, friend and athlete. He was active in numerous activities and always gave 110 percent to whatever he did.

Some of Narles' accomplishments were: State wrestling champion at 152 pounds in 2004 and at 145 pounds in 2002, second place at State at 152 pounds in 2003. Bozeman Invitational wrestling champion in 2003 and 2004 at 152 pounds. He was the CMR Invitational champion 2003 and 2004. He received awards for most takedowns in 2003-04 with 102. He was a member of the Helena Wrestling Club and was a 2000 USA Wrestling National Freestyle and Greco champion. He was a recipient of the Robert Gerald "Bob" Bean Memorial

Most Outstanding Student Athlete award in 2004. Narle was part of the Capital High 2003 state champion football team. A the state power lifting championships, Narles won best dead lift for 2002 and 2004. He was the state long jump champion in 2003 and a member of the Capital High state champion track team in 2004. Narles was honored by Sports Illustrated as a member of the Starter All American Teen Team in the May 2004 issue.

He was recruited heavily by several colleges and universities but had made a decision to follow the football path and play for the Carroll College Fighting Saints. He was a member of the Fighting Saints football team and looked forward to several successful years.

Narles enjoyed hunting, playing pool, playing poker (even though he wasn't great at Texas Hold 'em) and having tea parties with his younger nieces. He liked to just hang out with his friends and talk. He loved to go camping and sit around the campfire telling stories and jokes and smoke one of his favorite cigars. One of his favorite pastimes was sitting in his truck and watching movies or playing Playstation with his friends or his Mom.



**NARLES YDE-LAYNE**

Narles was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Gram (Lorene) Yde. He is survived by his brothers, Robert of Helena and Brian Holzer of Livingston; sisters, Angie Grotjohn of Libby and Ronessa Strickland of Georgia; his mother, Rea Layne of Helena; mother and father, Ginger and Chris Yde of Helena; grandparents Gene and Eleanor Yde of Friendwood, Texas; and grandfather Carroll Smith of Libby; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Narles will be missed by all who knew him. He always put everyone else before himself and gave credit to his friends, teammates or parents for all of his accomplishments. He gave a lot to others and he enjoyed life to

the fullest. He worked hard for all of the success he received and never gave up, leaving us to wonder why he went to the Lord the way he did.

Funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Carroll College P.E. Center. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Narles Yde-Layne Memorial, c/o Wells Fargo Bank, 350 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601. Hagler Anderson Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Cyrus Yellowmule

BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAY 06 2004

**CROW AGENCY** — Cyrus "Cy," "Shnoo Boo," "BaahkuuloWiishish" (Returns with Good Fortune), departed this world to be with the Creator, surrounded by his loved ones, on May 3, 2004, at the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital, after an extended hospital stay.



**CYRUS  
YELLOWMULE**

He was born on Aug. 19, 1981, to Diane Not Afraid (Andrew) Russell and Levi (Cheryl) Yellowmule. He was a member of the Big Lodge and child of the Newly Made Lodge clans.

Cy grew up in Wyola raised by his grandmother Emma Yellowmule and his aunts and uncles. He attended elementary school in Wyola and in Hardin. While in high school at Lodge Grass and St. Labre, he excelled in cross-county, bringing home a first place trophy one year, third another year and received an all-state medal in 1995 and 1996 respectively. His team was State Class B champions.

Cyrus enjoyed participating in Crow cultural activities. He was champion medicine man for

the Wyola hand game team for one year. An accomplished singer, Cy enjoyed singing songs for hand games, powwows, '49s and peyote ceremonies. He assisted as fireman for the Native American Church. He respected the sweat lodge too. Cyrus liked the arrow throwing games as well. He was especially proud of his ability to set up camp during Crow Fair.

Cy was a member of the Kateri Tekawitha Catholic Church and the El Shadi Pentecostal youth group. He loved to sing and listen to Crow hymns and gospel music.

His favorite outdoor activities included running, hunting, fishing, moonlighting with Gary, hitchhiking, and cowboying in the mountains. Cyrus liked to play pool. Cyrus loved horses and working on the family ranch, especially during branding season. Cy was a jockey, liked galloping and won numerous stake racing in Indian Relay. His love for racing was evident when he once rode in a horse trailer to compete in Pendleton, Ore. He also participated in the Big Sky State Games, running the 10K event and received a gold medal.

In his young life, Cy accomplished much beyond his years and was all around. He was a self-taught computer expert, loved to tinker with old cars and made them run; he was proud of his ability to research historical information for his job. He volunteered his expertise and assistance with all that he could offer without any coaxing. He was always eager and willing to help everyone in need. His humor and positive outlook on life were infectious. He loved to joke, laugh and have fun with anyone he met. Everyone he was acquainted with will miss Cyrus. He leaves a void that can never be replaced.

Cyrus worked as a seasonal firefighter and most recently was a Planning Technician for the Crow Tribe before his automobile accident in June 2003.

His brothers, Garland "Buster" Yellowmule, Marlin "Woody" White, Lyndon White; sister, Pamela Stewart, and grandfather, Lewis Yellowmule, preceded Cyrus in death.

Survivors include his parents, grandmother and his loving and caring companion, Kera Prettyweasel; son, Kaylob Yellowmule; daughters, Makayla Yellowmule and Tivanna Deputee; sisters, Leitha and Brena Yellowmule; brothers, Levi Brian and Brenner Yellowmule; stepsister, Adrie

(Justin), Hugs; stepbrothers, Clayvin Herrera, Cory, Boyd and Scott Russell; adopted brothers, Darrin Old Coyote, Rusty Ware, Jess Holds, Jasper Half, Jr., Cameron Half, Bruce White, Jr., Lawrence and Alvin Morrison, Nate Deputee and Darnell Phalen; adopted sisters, Nadia (Curtis) Bad Bear, LaVonna Little Bird, Eugenia Deputee; adopted parents, Bruce and Elizabeth White; his mentors, Henry Real Bird, clan uncle who named him, Donald Spotted Tail, George Reed and Clayton Mountain Pocket; grandparents, Starr (Hazel) Not Afraid, Pius Real Bird, Emma Yellowmule, Flora (Cyril) Not Afraid; aunts, Lavern Williamson, Geneva Other Medicine, Barbara (Frank) Bacon, Francine Amyotte, Delmyrna Yarlott, Paulette (Tony Pisano) Not Afraid, Marilyn Not Afraid, Arvilla Steffan, Valerie (Tim) Dust, Falistus (Clayton) Mountain Pocket, Marciel Yellowmule, Zita Yellowmule and Jacinta (Darryl) King; uncles, Marlin (Reva) Not Afraid, Garland (Berylene) Not Afraid, Les (Cammie) Not Afraid, Mike (Joy) Yellowmule, Dominic (Norma) Yellowmule, Gary and John Paul Yellowmule;

Cyrus Yellowmule

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adopted uncle, Carl Venne; adopted aunt, Alberta Dawes; all the extended family members of the Hogan, Real Bird, Reed, Yellowmule, Medicine Horse, Morrison and the Hugs and all of his cousins who so dearly loved him.

God Bless You, Cyrus, and may your Angels always watch over those of us that you leave behind. We will always cherish the time you shared with us.

Rosary will be recited 4 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Bullis Funeral Chapel. Funeral mass will be held Friday, May 7, at the St. Dennis Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Crow Agency Cemetery. Bullis Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Elizabeth Yerger

**ABSAROKEE** — Mrs.

Elizabeth Yerger went to meet her Lord on Oct. 22, 2004, at Edgewood Vista in Billings. Elizabeth was born at Pompeys Pillar, Feb. 23, 1915, to Fred and Mary (Kindsfather) Batt. Having

been raised on a farm in Shepherd, she later married John Yerger and spent many years in the dairy business and growing sugar beets.

They also enjoyed raising their three children, Ella, Doris and Johnny.

Our "Sweetheart" loved to garden, crochet, fish, cook and truly enjoyed the company of her friends and family. John and Elizabeth retired to Absarokee in 1972. In the early '80s, after John's passing, Elizabeth took the trip of a lifetime and traveled to Europe to take in the sights of England, France and Spain.

Those preceding Elizabeth in death include her husband John; daughter Ella (Crosby); and granddaughter Liz Crosby; as well as her brothers, Ed, Jake, Fritz, Connie and Dan Batt; and sister Mary Hofferber.



**ELIZABETH  
YERGER**

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Those who will especially miss "Grandma" include her daughter, Doris (Stacey) Vorhes of Absarokee; son Johnny (Judy) Yerger of Miles City; sisters Ruth Heth of Billings and Miriam Foote of Kalispell; as well as six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at Smith Funeral Chapel, 35 N. Diamond in Columbus.

A memorial service will be held at the Absarokee Evangelical Church at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26. Memorial gifts may be made to the Absarokee Evangelical Church.

**KEN YERGER**

Ken Yerger passed away on Feb. 17, 2004, at the age of 69, at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Ken was born on March 19, 1934, the son of Henry and Helen Yerger in Billings. Ken met his life-long best friend and true love of his life, Shirley Staebler, in 1952 and married one year later. To this marriage, Ken and Shirley were blessed with three children.

After their daughter Cindy was born in 1954, Ken entered the Army and was stationed in various places. While stationed in Germany, their son Kenneth Jr. "Buzz" was born. After serving his country, Ken and family returned to Montana to begin his farming and ranching career. In 1960, their son Mark was born.

Ken was always on the cutting edge of modern farming technology and his success was the result of his steadfast work ethic. His grandchildren will always remember the times they helped their Grandpa operate the backhoe as well as driving his four-wheeler.

Ken's dynamic sense of humor and warm smile will be missed by all. He was a devoted friend and his advice was always sought out. His knowledge and honesty have helped us all rise above life's challenges and obstacles.

Ken and Shirley were inseparable. She will always hold dear to her heart Ken's special poems and drawings. Ken loved crossword puzzles and reading about World History. Ken and Shirley loved spending their free time with family and friends and could often be found dancing on Sunday afternoons. Ken and Shirley celebrated their 50th anniversary last October, which was attended by over 100 friends and family members.

Ken is survived by his wife Shirley; brother Mel (Frankie); daughter Cindy Yerger Reno (Dan); son Buzz (Debbie); grandchildren Connie Jo, Krissy (Dusty), Jake and Kaycee; great-grandchildren, Morgan and Tarryn; and son Mark (Kathy) and grandchildren Miles and Kendall, along with numerous relatives and special close friends — you know who you are.

"GO FOR THE GUSTO!" as he always said.



Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 6774, 637 Anchor St., Billings, MT 59105.

Michelotti-Sawyers is in charge of arrangements.

# John Scott Yoder

**Dec. 30, 1942 — Sept. 25, 2004**

Surrounded by family, John Scott Yoder died at home in Billings on Sept. 25, 2004, following a valiant fight with cancer.

John was born on Dec. 30, 1942 in St. Louis, Mo., the son of Wilburn and Opal Yoder, the youngest of five children. His rich and creative boyhood was spent in Webster Groves, Mo., then Joplin, Mo., where he graduated from high school in 1960. He earned a Bachelor of Music Education from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1964, a MA in Student Personnel Services in 1965, a Ph.D. in Higher Education in 1974 from the University of Denver, and a J.D. from the University of South Dakota in 1979.

John married Roberta (Bobbi) Hippensteel June 13, 1964 in Chicago Heights, Ill. The next six years they lived in Denver, where John worked on his advanced degrees and taught at the University of Denver. Both of their children, Elizabeth and Timothy, were born in Denver. From 1970-1977, John was the Academic Dean at the National College of Business in Rapid City,



**JOHN YODER**

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S.D. After law school, the family moved to Billings where John practiced law until 2002.

John was an avid learner, multi-talented, and a natural caregiver for family, extended family and the community. Music was food for his soul and he sang in the choir of every church he belonged to, along with other community performing groups. He loved working with his hands, making candles, beautiful stained glass pieces, and wooden toys for his grandchildren. He derived great satisfaction from building, repairing, organizing and fixing-up, so he relished his latest job as Sexton of Mayflower Congregational Church. He loved camping and Boy Scouts. John and Bobbi treasured the time they spent together in the mountains.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Roberta Yoder; daughter, Elizabeth (Bernie) Brault, their children, Abigail and Jonathan of Billings; son, Timothy (Stacey) Yoder, and their children, Sydney, Tristan, and Chyanne of Idaho Falls, Idaho; his sister, Carolyn (Robert) Hemmerla of Wentzville, Mo., sister, Jeanne (Richard) Stewart of Pleasantville, Mo., sister, Willa (Tom) Kampman of Arvada, Co.;

and brother, Frank Yoder of Springhill, Tenn. John is also survived by 10 adored nieces and nephews and 11 darling grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Janet Yoder.

We will celebrate John's life at a memorial service 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 29 at Mayflower Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Mayflower Congregational Church, UCC; or KEMC-FM Public Radio Station; or the American Cancer Society.

## **William Henry Yoder**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

COLUMBUS — William H. Yoder, 69, died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Beartooth Manor.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial service will be June 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Towanda, Pa. Cremation or Funeral Gallery was in charge of arrangements.

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## William H. Yoder

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MAY 26 2004

COLUMBUS — William H. Yoder passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2004. He was born in Pennsylvania and resided there until diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, when he came to Fishfall to live with his sister Sarah. In 2002, he entered Beartooth Manor, where he resided until his death.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service in Towanda, Pa., on June 4.

Memorials may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, Towanda, PA 18848.

## **Darrell L. Yonts**

**BASIN, Wyo.** — Darrell L. Yonts passed away Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at the Wyoming Retirement Center, Basin.

Funeral services for Basin resident Darrell Leon Yonts, age 82, will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m., at the First Southern Baptist Church, Powell, with Pastor Pete Kuhn and Pastor Allen Pomeroy officiating. Burial will follow at the Crown Hill Cemetery, Powell.

A viewing will be held at the First Southern Baptist Church, Powell, one hour prior to the services on Friday, from 9 to 10 a.m.

Darrell Leon Yonts was born on Sept. 7, 1921, in Sherlock, Kan., the son of Claude E. and Olla O. (Brown) Yonts. He received his schooling in Kansas and in Wyoming. He came to Wyoming in the early 1930s and lived in the Whistle Creek area, Powell, Lovell, and finally in Basin.

Darrell gave service as a Seabee in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for a

seismic crew for many years all over Wyoming, Montana and Canada, and then worked at the Wyoming Highway Department for many years until he retired from the work force.

He enjoyed building things with his hands and built a speedboat and many pieces of furniture. He was also an avid fly-fisherman.

Darrell was a member of the Grace Southern Baptist Church of Greybull.

Darrell is preceded in death by his parents; his son, Kenneth D. Yonts; two brothers; and his wife, Dorothy, on Sept. 7, 2000.

Darrell is survived by four children, Doyle R. Yonts of Basin, Doreen C. Hanich of Tonto Basin, Ariz., Dennis L. Yonts of Billings and Sandra J. Wirth of Ferron, Utah; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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

Lydia (Frank) Yost, age 88, of Billings, formerly of Big Timber, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at Aspen Meadows in Billings.

Lydia was born in Fromberg on Sept. 30, 1915, the oldest of seven children born to Henry and Catherine Frank.

At the age of 4, the family bought a farm south of Laurel. Lydia assisted her father with all aspects of farming. She drove a team of draft horses to help cultivate

crops, milked cows and helped weed sugar beets. She assisted her mother with cooking, sewing and caring for family members.

On Feb. 11, 1934, Lydia married John E. Yost in Billings. They lived and worked on a farm west of Billings with his brothers until 1947, when they moved to a ranch near Melville. It was there that they raised their three daughters: Dolores, Florence and Linda. In 1981, they retired and moved to Big Timber, where they lived until moving to Billings in 1997.

Lydia was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a creative homemaker, superb cook and outstanding seamstress. In addition to managing the home, family and garden-



**LYDIA  
YOST**

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ing and assisting John with their family cattle ranch business, she raised chickens and milked cows. Lydia was an active community "team" player and leader in both the Melville and Big Timber communities. She helped organize the first 4-H club in the Melville area and was the 4-H leader for 25 years. She was on the county and state committees for Sweet Grass County Farm Bureau and was an organizer and officer for the T-Bone Cowbelles. In Big Timber, Lydia was a member of the First Congregational Church and the Eastern Star and was a Past Worthy Matron.

Lydia provided encouragement for friends and family to pursue education through 4-H, schools and other interests.

Lydia is survived by three daughters, Dolores Olson (Ralph) of Lake Wildwood, Calif., Florence (David) Riter of St. Louis, Mo., and Linda (Harry) Berg of Great Falls; five grandchildren, Karen (Paul) Harrison of Castro Valley, Calif., Lori (Scott) Givans of San Mateo, Calif., Valerie (David) Kimmle of Highland, Ill., Carolyn (Ralph) May of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Eric Berg at MSU-Bozeman; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Victor Frank of Phoenix, Ariz;

and two sisters, Amelia Michael of Laurel and Miriam Ostwalt of Billings.

Lydia was preceded in death by her husband John in 1998; her parents; a sister, Martha; and two brothers, George and Samuel.

In Billings, visitation will start 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Smith's West Chapel, 304 34th St. West. The family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by a service at 7 p.m. at the chapel.

On Saturday, Sept. 11, a service will be 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 402 Anderson in Big Timber. Visitation will start 1 p.m. at the church. Interment will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Big Timber.

Memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church in Big Timber, Big Sky Hospice, Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107; or charity of choice.

Smith's West Chapel of Billings is in charge of arrangements.



## Alfred L. Young

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

MAR 28 2004

Alfred L. Young, 74, died March 20, 2004, at Billings Health and Rehabilitation from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Alfred was born March 23, 1929, in Minot, N.D. His parents were Myrtle and John Young.

He married Joyce MacHaffie on April 29, 1975, in Helena.

He graduated from the University of Denver in 1951 with a degree in accounting and became a CPA in 1952. This was followed by three years as an agent for the Internal Revenue Service.

After passing the California Bar, he moved to San Mateo, Calif., in 1960 and began an active law practice with an emphasis on trial work, real estate and taxes.

He received a master's degree in taxation from Golden Gate University in San Francisco in 1978.

After 40 years of legal work, he retired to Billings.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his sister, Leona Anderson, Billings; sister, Myrtle Altizer, Phoenix, Ariz.; Billings nieces, Lori Mading and Jeannine Schalla; and seven other nieces and nephews located throughout the U.S.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Leora Stoland; and a brother John Young.

Private family services will be held on a later date.

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Friends may make memorials to American Parkinson Disease Association, 1250 Hylan Blvd. Suite #4B, Staten Island, NY 10305, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10164-3773, or a charity of their choice.

# Betty 'BJ' Young

THE GAZETTE  
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Betty "BJ" Young, 80, of Billings, passed to the home of the Lord, Tuesday morning, Dec. 14, 2004, at St John's Lutheran Ministries, with loved ones at her side.

Betty (BJ) was born on Oct. 19, 1924 in Akron Ohio, and overcame a challenged childhood, through an unwavering belief in the "good found in everyone" and a positive, never give up attitude.



**BETTY  
YOUNG**

As a young woman, she completed high school and worked in the restaurant industry, traveling from Ohio to Montana, before becoming married in 1947.

Betty gave birth to two children before moving to Billings, where her big smile and quick wit charmed many customers in some of Billings finest restaurants.

In 1963, Betty traveled east to Columbus, Ohio and returned in 1972 to manage an apartment complex, where she remained until health disabilities placed her in a "new home" at St. Johns Lutheran Ministries.

During her years at St. Johns, Betty's positive attitude and

strong will allowed her to survive many health issues that would have proven fatal to a lesser person, and built a bond with the wonderful associates of St. Johns that assisted her with "living" every day, that she affectionately called "family."

Betty found the Lord through her association with the Billings Bible Church, and then with the fellowship of the 48th Street Church of Christ. As her health declined and kept her from going to church, the church was brought to her through the love and association of the members of the 48th Street Church of Christ, until her passing.

Betty is survived by her two children, Judy and Gerry; daughter-in-law Cindy; seven grandchildren, Jeremy (Melanie), Jason, Jerad, Marianne and Kelly (Matt); four great-grandchildren Annabella, Braeden, Taylor and Emily.

Memorial services will be held at the chapel of St. Johns Lutheran Ministries on Friday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Jeff Olsgaard conducting the services.

## **Elsie Mae Young**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JAN 25 2004**

**LIVINGSTON —** Elsie Mae Young, 86, died at Livingston Health and Rehab Center on Friday evening, Jan. 23, 2004.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St. in Livingston.

Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

**Helen Young**  
**1931—2004**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**JUN 08 2004**

Helen Theresa Young died peacefully in her sleep at St. Vincent Hospital on Tuesday, June 1, 2004. She had been battling emphysema for the past few years. Helen was born April 20, 1931, to Sophia and Adam Jankowski in Manhattan, N.Y. She was one of nine children.

Helen married William T. Young, June 1, 1953. Helen and William had one son, Lenny, born Feb. 25, 1954. Lenny and William preceded Helen in death.

Helen's greatest reward for 40 years of service at St. Vincent Hospital was the wonderful friendships she had with her coworkers. Helen was a very honest, hardworking friend. She loved her dogs and adored children. She was very independent and deeply loyal to her friends — always extending a helping hand.

She was family to her many friends at Tiny's Tavern and she will be dearly missed. Helen left her mark in the hearts of all who knew and loved her, a wonderful way to be remembered. We all have a great memory and a story or two about Helen, and we will miss her.

Helen did not want a funeral service. Rather, she wanted a gathering of her friends and coworkers to share their memories and stories.

Please join friends at Tiny's Tavern, June 13, from 3 to 5 p.m., to remember and celebrate Helen's life.

# John Henry Youngbauer

John Henry Youngbauer, 82 died June 3, 2004, of emphysema at the Valley Health Care Center.

John was born to Joseph Wilhem Youngbauer and Gladys Viola (Hicks)

Youngbauer at Crow Rock. He attended grade school at Crow Rock and later went to Custer County High School in Miles City. John and Veryle Zona



**YOUNGBAUER**

Horr were married on June 24, 1942, and were to celebrate 62 years together this month. To this union, three children were born.

During World War II, John served with the 163rd Infantry in Africa and Italy. After returning to Miles City, John began a career of contract hauling and trucking. In 1962, John and family moved to Billings to continue contract hauling for the Billings Gazette and the U.S. Post Office in eastern and northern Montana.

John's pleasures in life were: in his early years, stock car racing, and a lifelong love of camping, fishing and watching and feeding birds. He and Veryle also delighted in following the Billings Mustangs (for many years having

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box seats to get closer to the action) and the Atlanta Braves. Above all, he drew great pleasure from his family.

John is preceded in death by his parents and infant daughter, Terry Jean. He is survived by his wife, Veryle; son and family, Mick and Jean Youngbauer of Billings, and their children, Nathan and Natalie, and Natalie's son, Xavier; daughter and family, the Reverend Don and Zell Derryberry, of Sheridan, Wyo., and their children, Nicola Derryberry and Adam Maurer; three brothers, Ray (Eva) Youngbauer of Miles City, Gail (Rose) Youngbauer of Forsyth and Pat (Joan) Youngbauer of Lewistown; half-sister, Joan Keys (Jim) and half-brother, Mel (Jeannie) Barber; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, at Dahl Funeral Chapel, with son-in-law Reverend Don Derryberry officiating. Memorials may be made to the National Audubon Society or to the charity of one's choice.

# Ronald David Youngblood

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
**APR 18 2004**

**ROUNDUP** — Ronald David Youngblood, 65, went to be with the Lord suddenly on April 13, 2004, as the result of a horse accident.

An avid sportsman, Ron appreciated every day of his 25 years in Montana. He was a loving husband, father and brother and never happier than when helping his friends and family with one of his many talents. He loved his ranch land, horses, hunting and to build things of wood — from barns to furniture.

Ron was born in Pocahontas, Ark., and raised in Warren, Mich. Following high school he joined the Marine Corps and was a proud Marine Security Guard at the American Embassy in Bonn, Germany, and Brussels, Belgium. After his Marine tours, he joined the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service and served in the American Embassy communications section in Paris; Taipei, Taiwan; Bujumbura, Burundi and Rome. While in Paris he met his wife, Dorothy Paine of Atlanta, Ga. They were married in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1964. In 1971, they moved back to the United States with son, Shawn, and Ron went to work for South Central Bell Telephone in Louisville, Ky. In 1979, when an opening occurred at Mountain Bell Telephone in

Roundup, he jumped at the opportunity to transfer to the West and live his lifelong dream. He retired from U.S. West Telephone after 20 years of service. He then joined Mid-Rivers Telephone Co-Op and retired after more than three years service with Mid-Rivers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Theodore Franklin Youngblood and mother, Ouida Crosby Youngblood Verkler. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Dot; son, Shawn M. Youngblood of Byers, Colo.; brothers, Jim Verkler of Martinez, Ga. and Joe Verkler of Vero Beach, Fla.; sisters, Yvonne Youngblood Domka of Hendersonville, N.C., Phyllis Verkler of Deltona, Fla. and Mary Elizabeth of Charlottesville, Va.; and several nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Roundup with Pastor John Iverson officiating. Cremation will follow. Funeral arrangements are being made by Wier Funeral Home in Roundup.

Memorials may be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church, 602 Main Street, Roundup MT 59072 or Roundup Memorial Hospital Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 40 Roundup, MT 59072.

## Guy E. Younge

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 28 2004

Guy E. Younge, 86, of Billings passed away Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at the Valley Health Care Center,

Guy was born in Billings on Dec. 9, 1917, a son of Guy N. and Jennie E. (Crowe) Younge. At the age of five, he moved with his family to Maine, where he graduated from high school.

In 1937, Guy returned to Montana and on Sept. 20, 1942, he married Bonnie Brewer in Red Lodge. From 1942 to 1946 he served with the Army Air Force and upon his return to Billings began a career as a cabinetmaker. He was employed by Northwest Fixture Company for 25 years and then began his own business.

Guy is survived by his wife, Bonnie, in Billings and numerous nieces and nephews.

As he had requested, cremation is planned and no services are scheduled. Smith Downtown Chapel is assisting with these arrangements.



## **Jacob Ross Younghawk**

**SEP 24 2004**  
**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**ASHLAND —** Jacob Ross Younghawk, age 18 months, of Ashland, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, as the result of a car accident.

Wake Service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in Birney. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Ashland Flats. Burial will follow. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Forsyth is in charge of these arrangements.

## Jacob Young Hawk

SEP 25 2004

WAKPALA GAZETTE

WAKPALA, S.D. — Jacob Ross Young Hawk, infant son of April Carter and Phillip Young Hawk, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, due to injuries received in a one vehicle rollover near Wakpala.

Jacob Ross Young Hawk was born on Sept. 27, 2002, in Mobridge, the son of Phillip Young Hawk and April Carter. He lived in Ashland; Wellington, Kan.; and in Wakpala.

Jacob is survived by his parents and one brother, Cody Young Hawk, all of Wakpala; grandparents, Rolland Thunder Shield of Little Eagle, Bernadette Hill of Minneapolis, Ronald and Stella Carter of Ashland, Mont.; numerous aunts, uncles and grandparents.

He was preceded in death by his uncle, Ross Carter; grandparents, Faye Nelson Young Hawk; grandfathers, Freemont Tiger and Fred Hill.

There will be an all night wake service starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Wakpala, under the direction of Oster Funeral Home of Mobridge.

A second wake service will be held on Monday, Sept. 27, at the St. Labre Catholic Church in Ashland.

Funeral services for Jacob Young Hawk will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the St.

Labre Catholic Church in Ashland. Pastor William Carter will be officiating. Burial will be at the Young Hawks Resting Place in Ashland.

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

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

JUL 20 2004

**POPLAR** — **Floyd Youngman, 63, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, in Poplar, due to natural causes.**

**Viewing will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Poplar Cultural Center, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 22, in the Cultural Center. Interment will follow in the Chelsea Cemetery in Poplar. Clayton Stevenson Memorial Chapel is in charge.**

## Mary Lenore Youngman

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JUL 20 2004

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ROBERTS — Mary Lenore Youngman went home to be with her Lord on July 17, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Billings. She was born to Albert and Mary (Schmidt) Crans on Feb. 8, 1929, in Laurel. She attended school in Roberts and Laurel, and then graduated from Red Lodge High School in 1947. Lenore worked in the Laurel Cafe and the Red Lodge Bakery. She was a Victory Farm Volunteer and a 4-H member.

Lenore married Virgil B. Shorten on June 19, 1947. Together, they had four children and farmed outside of the Fox community. Lenore helped Virgil on the farm and enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening and canning for her family and friends. She raised her children with a strong foundation of faith and love for her Lord. She taught Sunday School at the Roberts United Methodist Church. She was President and Secretary of Extension Homemakers. In 1972, her beloved husband Virgil passed away. In June 1973, she married long time mutual friend John W. Youngman and moved to Ohio, where she made a home for John and his son. She was active in her church, the American Legion and various other organizations. She also became an avid teddy bear col-



LENORE  
YOUNGMAN

lector and enjoyed crafting. She continued her sewing with making unique and special baby quilts for family and friends.

John died on Jan. 1, 1994. In April 2003, Lenore returned to Roberts to be near her family and friends.

Lenore wanted to be remembered as a person with a "veracious" faith and love for Christ. She believed that God has a purpose and plan for everything in life.

Lenore is survived by her four children, Elaine Shorten of Sheridan, Wyo., Eugene Shorten of Copper Creek, Alaska, Trisha

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Shorten and fiancé Larry Armstrong of Cushing, Okla., and Jessie Huston of Sheridan, Wyo.; a stepson, Michael (Shelby) Youngman of Brewster, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty (Clifford) Long; and one niece, Pearl (Tom) Stoner. She is preceded in death by her parents and husbands, Virgil and John.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 20, at the Roberts United Methodist Church, at 2 p.m. Burial of ashes will be Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m., at the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-252-5470. Arrangements are being made by Dahl Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge.

## Gertrude Lefler Yunek

Gertrude Lefler Yunek, 100 years old, joined her Lord on Oct. 7, 2004. Gertrude was born at home on March 11, 1904, in Woodward County, Okla. She was the seventh of 12 children born to Ben and Mary Cellan. Her surviving sister, Olive Parker, lives in Highmore, S.D. She remembered traveling as a young child by covered wagon with her family to Nebraska with a "sea of horns" and feared falling



**GERTRUDE  
LEFLER  
YUNEK**

and being trampled by long horn steers. She completed the seventh grade and left home the eve of her 12th birthday to begin her life journey of hard work and survival.

At the age of 17, she met the handsome cowboy who would steal her heart, Ralph Lefler. They rode horseback to a little country store to be married on Oct. 21, 1921, in Gann Valley, S.D. Most of their children were born at home, with Ralph delivering them, and were raised south of Highmore during the Great Depression. Gertrude made clothes for her children by dyeing and sewing old flour sacks. They traded chickens with the local Indians for her first cook stove. Meat was buried in the ground with salt for refrigera-

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tion. Living far from a church Gertrude taught her children about God, even writing prayer and Bible verses on the walls of their home. They had a hard life but she said it was a good life.

They moved to Forestburg S.D., in 1940, only to lose their home and all meager possessions in a fire within a month. Their temporary shelter was a barn where they slept in the hay mow and Gertrude cooked in a root cellar.

In 1951, they moved to Billings Mont., and Gertrude ran the Tri-Line Café, where her homemade pies got their reputation. Ralph and their sons built Lefler's Truckstop and Café on Highway 10 East in 1954. The 24-hour café was turned into an antique shop in 1969, shortly after their eldest son Ben was killed in a tragic horse accident. They operated their business until Ralph's health failed and he died in 1980. She married Louis Yunek, who is also now deceased. She never lost her love of antiques, even after her own health failed.

Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years Ralph Arden Lefler; sons Ben, Bill, and Bob Lefler; daughter Nadine Magee and husband Larry; and grandsons Larry Caldwell, Micky

Berdlow and Dugan Lefler.

Gertrude is survived by her daughters, Marjorie Lefler of Port Angeles, Wash., Jean Knutson and husband Leonard of Billings, sister Olive Parker (S.D.); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews; daughter-in-law Bobbie Lefler, and many friends.

Gertrude loved flowers, gardening, cooking, sewing, bowling, dancing, reading, collecting antiques and dolls. But her favorite love was spending time with her family, especially at Christmas. Gertrude will be remembered by her resiliency and strength, her quick wit and sense of humor, her intelligence, her love of Christmas, her home-made gifts of love and surviving against all odds. She will always be loved and remembered.

A funeral service to celebrate her life will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11, at Smith West Chapel with a reception to follow.

## Haris L. Yunek

LEWISTOWN — Haris "Jack" L. Yunek, 74, of Lewistown, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, during surgery, in Lewistown.

A gathering of family and friends will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the hospitality room of the Meadows at Sixth and Brassey. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment in the Lavina Cemetery will take place at a later date. Cloyd Funeral Home of Lewistown is in charge.

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# Lillian 'Dolly' Zahller

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 18 2004

**POMPEYS PILLAR** — Lillian "Dolly" Zahller, 82, formerly of Huntley, passed away Saturday, July 17, 2004, at the Billings Health and Rehab Center following an illness with Alzheimer's.

She was born in Huntley on May 5, 1922, the daughter of Marie Osness and Olaf Pederson. Her stepfather was Lawrence Osness.



**LILLIAN  
ZAHLLER**

She graduated from Huntley Project High School in 1940 as valedictorian of her class. She graduated from Normal (MSU-Billings) and taught in Fromberg and Hysham before marrying Howard Zahller in 1946. After their family was raised, she substitute taught at Huntley Project schools for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Ole (Olaf), Arthur (Artie), Paul, Irvin and Lloyd Peterson; and sisters, Margit and Helga.

Survivors include son Alar (Jacque) of Worden; daughter Peggy Jensen (Ken) of Pompeys Pillar; grandchildren, Brad Zahller, Candi (Bill Buck) Zahller, Lisa Lile (Bob), Mark Jensen (Ronda, Jeff Jensen); two great-grandchildren, Charlie Buck and Leslie Lile.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 18, 1-8 p.m. at Smith's Downtown Chapel. Funeral services will be held Monday, July 19, at 2 p.m. at Smith West Chapel, 304 34th St. W. Interment will follow at the Huntley Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Huntley United Methodist Church or the Barkemeyer Park c/o Steve Erb, Huntley, MT 59037 or the charity of your choice.

# Juanita 'Nita' Mae (Montford) Zarembo

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

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Juanita "Nita" Mae (Montford) Zarembo was born in Childress, Texas, Aug. 7, 1925, the only child of Ethel and Charles Montford. Nita attended local schools and graduated from high school in Carey.



**JUANITA  
ZAREMBO**

She met Jack Zarembo while working at Malstrom Air Force Base. They married on Aug. 16, 1952, in Amarillo, Texas. She followed Jack in his Air Force career, working in finance and accounting for the Civil Service at various bases in the United States and abroad. She later worked for various businesses in Billings and Glendive.

Nita and Jack had two children, Cynthia and Charles, and raised a foster daughter, Janet (Miller) Pierce.

She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter Cindy. Nita is survived by her husband, Jack; son, Charles; foster daughter, Janet; and numerous aunts, an uncle and cousins in Texas.

She never met a stranger and was well liked by all she came in contact with.

The Zarembo family wishes to thank Dr. Marty Lucas and her nurse, Lori; Dr. Ed Malter and his staff and the staff of the St. Vincent Hospital Oncology Ward for their compassionate care.

Services will be held 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 6, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Laurel. A vigil service will be held 7 p.m., Monday, at Smith Funeral Chapel-Laurel. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Hospice.

**James A. Zaring****MAY 28 2004**

CODY, Wyo. — James A. Zaring, 91, formerly of Basin, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004.

Memorial funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, at the United Methodist Church in Basin. Cremation has taken place. Burial of cremains will follow the services at Mount View Cemetery in Basin. Atwood Family Funeral Directors, Inc. are in charge.

## Mary Angela Zeimer

WIBAUX — Mary Angela Zeimer, 46, of Wibaux, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, at her home.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Wibaux County High School in Wibaux. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is in charge.

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## Claire A. Zeiner

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SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Claire A. Zeiner, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, in Sheridan Manor.

Graveside committal of her remains will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Mary Louise Zeitner

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUL 3 - 2004

HERNDON, Va. — Mary Louise Zeitner, 58, died Thursday, July 1, 2004, at Reston Hospital. Beloved wife of Chris; loving mother of Heidi (Archer) Carr, Derik, Heather and Samantha; daughter of Mabel and the late Harold Anderson; sister of Don Anderson, Debra DeCock, Karen Berland and the late Jim Anderson; sister-in-law of Lynnette Gainan. She is also survived by one grandson, Freddy Carr.

Family will receive friends at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden St., Herndon, Va., on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Interment private.

# Kortney Sue Zeman

POMONA, Calif. — While hiking in California, Kortney Sue Zeman was caught in an unusual storm and perished Feb. 5, 2004.

She was born Feb. 1, 1981. Kortney resided in Regan House, a living collective in California, where she was part of a dedicated community that worked toward peace, social justice and environmental protection. She loved selling Nikken, taking art classes, eating chocolate and meditating.

Kortney is remembered as a free spirit — a passionate and



**KORTNEY  
ZEMAN**

generous person who challenged others to speak up and speak out. Collecting poems, books, drawings, candles and frogs were among her favorite hobbies. She was ever the individual, from her

style of dress to her exploring adventures. She will be missed tremendously, but she gave us

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enough memories for a lifetime.

She is survived by mother Kim, sister Kandice, father Kevin and many grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Cremation has already taken place.

Open house will be Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 3511 Windmill Circle, Billings, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Donations can be made to the Ronald McDonald House, the Food Bank or to her community — Friends of Regan House, 997 Bradford St., Pomona, CA 91767.

Peace!



## **Birdie Zemliska**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 10 2004**

**WILLISTON, N.D. — Birdie Zemliska, 94, of Williams County, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at the Mercy Medical Center.**

**A funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at First Lutheran Church. Friends may call from 1 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, at the Everson Funeral Home of Williston, and at the church for the hour before the funeral. Interment will follow services in Round Prairie Cemetery, west of Williston.**

JUL 18 2004

LIVINGSTON — Kenneth Leroy Zentner, 59, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at Billings Deaconess Clinic.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 20, at Franzen-Davis Funeral Home in Livingston. Graveside committal and burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery.

## **Bill Zeuschner**

**SEP 18 2004**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**PLEVNA —** Bill Zeuschner, 76, formerly of Baker and Plevna, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, in Walla Walla, Wash.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Plevna Community Union Cemetery in Plevna. Stevenson Funeral Home of Baker is in charge.

## Mathilda 'Tillie' Ziebarth

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 08 2004

LIVINGSTON — Mathilda "Tillie" Ziebarth, 95, of Livingston and former Forsyth, Mont., resident died at Frontier Assisted Living Center early Friday morning, Nov. 5, 2004. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Concordia Lutheran Church, 310 N. Eighth St. in Forsyth, with the Rev. John Vallie officiating. Graveside committal and burial will follow in the Forsyth Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, 118 N. Third St. in Livingston.

Mathilda was born April 16, 1909, in Beresina, Russia, the oldest of five children of John G. and Elizabeth Lang. When she was 9 months old, her family made the long and difficult journey to America, settling in Ashley, N.D. In 1917, they moved to a ranch north of Ingomar, Mont., where Mathilda spent her early life and attended school. She helped with various chores on the family farm, including milking cows, churning butter and raising crops and livestock. Her family purchased a Model T Ford when she was 18 years old, but Mathilda never learned to drive. She remembered that the first movie she ever saw starred Will Rogers and Shirley Temple. On Nov. 27, 1937, Mathilda married Edward F. Ziebarth in Ingomar. He was a carpenter, and together they built a home in

Forsyth. Mr. Ziebarth died on Nov. 2, 1980, and in 1993 Mathilda moved to Livingston to be near her family.

She was an active member of Concordia Lutheran Church in Forsyth. She enjoyed gardening, taking delight in her huge garden of many flowers and vegetables, which provided food throughout the winter. While in Livingston, Mathilda enjoyed crocheting, sewing and bingo.

Survivors include her son, Ray (Cathy) Ziebarth; granddaughters, Kelly (Jackson) Welker and Jamie Ziebarth, all of Livingston; her sister, Emma France of Carthage, Mo., and a brother, Chris (Jean) Lang of Ingomar. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Julius and Albert Lang.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to RSVP Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 807 N. Tracy, Bozeman, MT 59715.

## **Thelma Amalia Zielsdorf**

BEACH, N.D. — Thelma Amalia Zielsdorf, 91 of Wibaux, Mont., formerly of Beach, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the First Lutheran Church in Beach. Interment will follow at the Lutheran Cemetery in Beach. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Beach is in charge.

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**Mary K. Zier****MAY 20 2004**

**MISSOULA** — Mary K., 73, of Missoula, died Jan. 26, 2004, at St. Patrick Hospital. She was reunited with her mom (Anna), dad (Henry), brother Bill.

Survivors include sister Betty of Cheyenne, Wyo.; brothers, Robert (Mary Ann), Missoula, Duane (Linda), Stockton, Calif.; John (Brenda), Billings; sister-in-law, Nancy and aunt Amy Ruff, both of Billings; also many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place by Garden City and the urn placed in the Bridger Cemetery.

# Laura Lee Zierk

SIDNEY — Laura Lee Zierk, 45, of Sidney, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, in Sidney.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Graves Eastern Montana Crematory. No services are planned. Private inurnment will follow at later date.

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# Joseph Ziler, Sr.

BILLINGS GAZETTE

NOV 11 2004

**HARDIN** — Joseph Ziler, Sr., 95, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, in the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

He was born May 1, 1909, in Irby, Wash., a son of Conrad and Mary Heimbichner Ziler. He

moved to Montana in 1911 with his family to the O'Donnel ranch near Huntley, where he began his education at the Emerson school, later moving to Hardin in 1923.



**JOE  
ZILER**

He assisted in the digging of the Two Leggings irrigation canal, hauled stone from the Big Horn Mountains for the construction of the County courthouse and was a part of the startup farming operation for the Campbell Farming Corporation.

Joe married Anna Schuppe on March 2, 1935 in Hardin. The couple farmed south of Hardin for several years, then ranched in the Red Lodge area for nine years, moved to Wyoming south of Belfry for five years before their retirement in the Shepherd area. He never lost his love of the land and always maintained a large garden. The couple would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in March.

He was a member of the Christ E & R Church and the Huntley Senior Citizens.

He was a kind, loving good-natured man who cherished his family.

An infant daughter; five brothers; four sisters and great-grandson, Ryan preceded Joe in death.

Survivors include his wife, Anna of Hardin; two sons, Joseph (Gay) Ziler, Jr. of Billings and Gerald (Carey) Ziler of Ashland; a brother, Laurence (Dena) Ziler of Sidney; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

We appreciate all of the care and compassion provided to our loved one by the doctors and staff at the Heritage Acres Nursing Home.

Cremation has taken place in the Bullis-Eastern Montana Crematory. Memorial funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Bullis Funeral Chapel.

Inurnment 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 Heritage Acres Nursing Home, Hardin, MT 59034.



# James Zimmer

GLENTANA — James Zimmer, 85, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 19, at Bell Chapel in Glasgow. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Glentana. Interment will be in Glentana Cemetery in Glentana.

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# Phyllis LaFever Zimmer

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BUSBY — Phyllis Roberta LaFever Zimmer, 77, of Busby, passed away Friday evening March 12, 2004.

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She was born March 21, 1926, in Lame Deer, a daughter of Robert and Hattie Walker Burns. She grew up in the Lame Deer area, receiving her education locally before graduating as salutatorian from Colstrip High School in 1944. She later attended college for one year.

Phyllis married Kenneth LaFever on Aug. 29, 1944, in Lame Deer and the couple made their home on the family ranch in the Busby-Kirby area. Mr. LaFever died in 1981.

She married Milton Zimmer on July 18, 1983 on the ranch. She was a member of the Catholic Church, Big Horn Cow Belles, the Busby Women's Club and was a Paul Harris Rotary Fellow. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, crafts and making quilts for her children and grandchildren. However, she was most happy when she was near her beloved "red hills" and, in recent years, her beloved grandchildren.

Mom was the heartbeat of our family. Family members often looked to her for guidance and her advice was sought out

and respected, not only by her family, but also by her many friends.

Phyllis, to the best of her ability, reflected Jesus' teaching of love your neighbor. She saw the best in every person and would do whatever needed to help, support and nurture others. A selfless giver with a strong work ethic, she was not one to be idle. When asked to describe her, her grandchildren said: loving, interested in others, beautiful person, humble, giving, very lovable, concerned about the welfare of others, kind-hearted, and fun to be around. Already she is sorely missed and will be remembered forever.

Her grandson, KC LaFever; and two brothers, Dempsey and Bobby Burns preceded Phyllis in death.

Survivors include her husband, Milton; her daughter, Lori (Gavin) Limberhand of Busby; her son, Dick (Mary) LaFever of Alaska; her six grandchildren, Scott and Martin LaFever, Brandon Clamplatt, Jessica (Brandon) Waters, Skyler and Ashley Limberhand; her five great-grandchildren, McKayly, Justus, Lyra Star, Brandon and Jasmine; as well as a host of friends.

Wake and rosary services will be recited 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Lane Deer Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Church.

Rite of committal will follow in the LaFever Family Cemetery on the home ranch. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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RONAN — Dorcas Kelleher Zimmerman, 88, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, of natural causes.

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A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Aug. 9, at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hot Springs. Graveside services will follow the service and reception at Plains Cemetery. Bunch-Toews Chapel of Plains is in charge of the arrangements and cremation.

# Richard J. Zimmerman

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

JAN 04 2004

Richard John Zimmerman, 79, passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. He was born March 14, 1924, to Benjamin and Grace (Pickart) Zimmerman in Winona, Minn. Richard enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943 and served in the European Theater during World War II. On March 6, 1954 he married Shirley Troppe. They made their home in Billings where they raised six children. Richard founded and operated Zimmerman Studio, retiring in 1992. He loved boating with his family in the Big Horn Canyon.



**RICHARD  
ZIMMERMAN**

Richard is survived by his wife, Shirley; his children, Robin (Tom) Donnelly, Ron (Ashley) Zimmerman, Ronnalynn Wiser, Randy (Beth) Zimmerman, and Rayne (John) Martin; a sister, Norma Lanz; two daughters from a previous marriage, Terry Cords and Susie Fleming; 16 grandchildren, Benjamin, Bryan, Danniele, Marie, David, Brandon, Bailey, Breanna, Hilary, Hannah, Heidi, Heather, Scott, Jason, Sammy and Alice; and seven great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, and a grandson.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to the Elks Lodge #394, 934 Lewis Ave., Billings, MT 59101.

# Rodney F. 'Bud' Zimmerman

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

MAR 20 2004

Bud Zimmerman quietly passed away on the morning of March 18, 2004, at the Zimmerman homestead.

Bud was born on this ranch west of Billings to Maxwell O. and Elizabeth (Jahke) Zimmerman on Oct. 18, 1918.

Bud spent his life farming and ranching this land, located below the Zimmerman Trail on Grand Avenue. The



**BUD  
ZIMMERMAN**

Trail was originally built by his grandfather, Joe Zimmerman, in order that their livestock could be run from the home place to pasture on top of the Rimrocks. Bud loved his life of farming and ranching.

During World War II, Bud entered the service as an Air Force Cadet and received his training in California. Bud served in the Military Police for most of his service and made many lifelong friends. Upon the death of his father, Bud was discharged and returned to the family farm.

Bud married Lila Anderson on Nov. 12, 1951. Bud and Lila were devoted to each other throughout their lives, and taught their children the true meaning of eternal love and family.

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Bud is survived by his children, Don (Sue) Zimmerman, Alan (Barbara) Zimmerman, Lori (Jerry) Moro, Roy (Lynne) Zimmerman and Lyle (Leita) Zimmerman. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and his brother Joe (Mary Jo) Zimmerman.

Bud was preceded in death by his loving wife Lila in April 2003 and his sister Marine Cover in 1995. Bud spent a full life of hunting, fishing and years of flying his Piper Cub airplane. Mom and Dad always opened their home and hearts to many friends and family. His love, humor and his great stories will be greatly missed. Dad thoroughly enjoyed life and made life enjoyable for others.

A vigil service will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 22, at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. A funeral mass will be offered at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Rite of Committal will follow at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings, MT 59107 or to the charity of one's choice.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



## Howard Zimmerschied

DEC 22 2004

CARLILE, Wyo. — Howard Zimmerschied, 92, of Carlile, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at the Crook County Memorial Hospital in Sundance.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Oshoto. Stevenson-Wilson Funeral Home of Gillette is in charge.

## **Bill Zinda**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**  
DEC ~~22~~ 25 2004

**WIBAUX** — William "Bill" Marvin Zinda, 85, of Wibaux, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, in Wibaux.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Rite of committal will be in the Wibaux Cemetery.

Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is in charge.

## **Elsie Margaret Zinda**

**BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**NOV 01 2004**

**WIBAUX —** Elsie Margaret Zinda, age 95, died in Glendive on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at St. Peter's Catholic Church. A Vigil will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, in the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Wibaux. Rite of Committal will follow services at the Wibaux Cemetery.

## **Robin Sue Zinda**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

AUG 1 - 2004

GLENDIVE — Robin Sue Zinda, 40, died Friday, July 30, 2004, at the Glendive Medical Center.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Interment will be in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

## **Helen Zingham**

**THE BILLINGS GAZETTE**

**DEC 29 2004**

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Helen Zingham, 86, of Sheridan, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

## **Richard G. Zingham**

OCT 13 2004

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Richard G. Zingham, 79, of Sheridan, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at the Sheridan VA Medical Center.

Cremation has taken place in Sheridan. Private family services will be held. Kane Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

# Louis E. Zinne

Joliet, Mont.

1918-2004

BILLINGS GAZETTE

JUN 03 2004

JOLIET — Louis Ewert Zinne, 86, of Joliet, died May 31, 2004 at Beartooth Manor in Columbus.

Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 7, at St. John's Catholic Church, Joliet. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. A rosary service will be held Sunday, June 6, at 7 p.m., at the church.

Louis Ewert Zinne was born in Ryegate on May 1, 1918, to Louis H. and Minnie (Ewert) Zinne. He was raised and educated in Ryegate, where he graduated from high school in 1935. He worked on the family farm and later for the CCC.



LOUIS  
ZINNE

Ewert entered the U.S. Army on Sept. 1, 1942, and served as a medic in France. He was discharged March 12, 1946, and returned to farming at Ryegate. On Feb. 13, 1947, he married Marie Schaff and together, they had three children.

Ewert began employment with ASCS at Ryegate in 1960. He transferred to Baker and then to Joliet where he retired in August, 1983.

Ewert is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marie; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Rebecca of Watford City, N.D., Richard and Lisa of San Diego; one daughter and son-in-law, Louise and William Rensvold of Wolf Point; five grandchildren, Brandon and Jayden Zinne, Kalli (Robby) Schell, and Elizabeth and Jarred Rensvold; one great-granddaughter, Taylor Zinne; one brother, William of California; and many nieces and nephews.

Ewert was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Carl, Alvin and James. The family suggests memorials to St. John's Catholic Church in Joliet or the donor's choice.

# Barbara Lee Zinnecker

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE

DEC 28 2004

Barbara Lee Zinnecker, 68, of Billings, was welcomed to Heaven on Christmas day, 2004, her favorite day of the year.

Barb was born Sept. 27, 1936, in Lewistown, the second child of Michael and Alice Simonfy. She attended Lewistown public schools for 12 years and graduated from Fergus County High School in 1954. She attended the University of Montana for two years. Barb married Duane N. Zinnecker on Aug. 4, 1956.



**BARB  
ZINNECKER**

Barb and Duane started a family and worked on the family partnership farm in Central Montana immediately after Duane's discharge from the Air Force. They moved to Billings in 1960, where Duane was the owner/operator of a service station. However, the dream was farming, so Barb and Duane returned to Central Montana in fall of 1961 to raise their family and begin building a successful farming operation, based in Hobson. Barb and Duane sold the farm and moved to Billings in 1981.

Barb was dedicated to her family and friends. She enjoyed creating crafts, sewing, gardening, trips to Las Vegas and time with

her family. She will be missed and always be remembered for the foundation she provided.

Her husband, Duane, and her parents, Michael and Alice, preceded Barb in death.

Barb is survived by her son, Wade and wife Connie, and grandchildren Colin and Tara of Billings; daughter, Pam of Billings; daughter, Gayla and husband Bob McCutchin of Duvall, Wash.; brother, Michael of Denver; and brother, Steve of Lewistown.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Billings. A reception will follow at Dahl Funeral Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the Big Sky Hospice, PO Box 35033, Billings MT 59107.



## **Doris Zirpolo**

*THE BILLINGS GAZETTE*

AUG 20 2004

**CODY, Wyo. — Doris Theresa Zirpolo, 82, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Deaconess Billings Clinic.**

**Private family services will be held in Cody and in Maine. Ballard Funeral Home of Cody is in charge.**

## Michael John Zorn

DEATH NOTICE

MAY 27 2004

Michael John Zorn, age 43, passed away at his home in Billings on May 24, 2004.

He was born to Richard and Ann (Easton) Zorn on Jan. 6, 1961, in Stillwater, Minn. Mike graduated from high school in Glendive and went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in Micro-Biology from MSU. Mike was an avid bicyclist and martial arts student for as long as he was able.

Mike is survived by his parents; three brothers and a sister, Steven (Coral), Tim (Heather), Brian and Amy; six nephews and a niece.

A private family memorial service will be held.

Memorials may be made to the Mayo Clinic Liver Transplant Fund, Dept. of Development, Mayo Foundation, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905 or the American Diabetes Association, 3203 Third Ave. N., Billings, MT 59101.

Dahl Funeral Chapel will be making all the arrangements.

## **Katherine N. Zullig**

PUEBLO, Colo. — Katherine N. Zullig, 91, of Pueblo, formerly of Sheridan, Wyo., died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, in Pueblo.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, in the Masonic Circle of Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. Champion Ferries Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge.

**THE SHERIDAN GAZETTE**  
APR 02 2004

## Lloyd L. Zumbrun, Sr.

**RED LODGE** — Lloyd L. Zumbrun, Sr., 86, of Red Lodge, passed away early Thursday morning, April 29, 2004, at Edgewood Vista in Belgrade.

Lloyd was born on May 4, 1917, at Boyd, a son of Clarence and Hedwig Zumbrun. When he was 4, his father died, and his mother later married Richard Platt, who helped raise Lloyd on the family ranch between Boyd and Roberts. Lloyd attended the Selemes School.



**LLOYD  
ZUMBRUN**

After working in the Butte mines, Lloyd served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He returned to the home ranch following his discharge.

On March 21, 1946, Lloyd married Gladys Graham in Billings. For a time, he worked for NP Transport in Billings.

In 1948, they purchased their ranch on the West Bench near Red Lodge, and ranched there until retiring in 1988, when they

moved into Red Lodge. Mrs. Zumbrun died in 2000. A brother, Everett also preceded him in death in 2003.

Lloyd loved working the ranch, and he enjoyed fishing, hunting mushrooms and gardening. He was a member of the Beartooth Elks Lodge of Red Lodge, the Red Lodge Roping and Riding Club, the Cooney Dam Water Board and the American Legion Carbon Post #17.

Survivors include his six children, Lloyd, Jr. (Sherrie) Zumbrun of Red Lodge, Evelyn Jean (Ty) Typolt of Bozeman, Earl Dean (Cindy) Zumbrun of Red Lodge, Gary (Heidi) Zumbrun of Roberts, Tammy (Denny) South of Absarokee and Timothy (Johna) Zumbrun of Absarokee; one brother, Earl O. (Bertha) Zumbrun of Billings; five sisters, Ida Schwend of Red Lodge, Irma Ellis of Billings and Hazel Conway, Florence Steiner and Norma Freeman, all of Billings; 13 grandchildren, Tanya, Zane, Ryan, Josie, Lyle, Kristin, Shanc, Stetson, Seth, Colter, Tyler, Brandon and Trevor; and two great-grandchildren, Fallon and Cole.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Smith-Olcott Funeral Chapel in Red Lodge. Interment will be in the Joliet Cemetery. Memorials for Alzheimer's research may be sent to the National Disease Research Interchange (NDRI), 1628 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103.