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FERN SAPIENZA
1927-2017

Fern Sapienza, 90, passed away Dec. 17 at Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne following a brief illness.

She was born June 8, 1927, in Avery, Texas.

Fern was the daughter of Jewel and Lee Hegler, formerly of Texas, and the beloved wife of John Sapienza.

Fern grew up near Lydia, Texas. She had a hard childhood, surviving polio and a lengthy hospitalization at Shriners Hospital in Louisiana. She was a smart child and, despite her illness, she excelled in school. She went on to graduate college from Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos, Texas. She was teaching in San Antonio when she met John, who was stationed at nearby Lackland Air Force Base. Fern had a part-time job selling tickets at the local movie theater, and



when John realized he had already seen a movie for which he had just purchased a ticket, he asked her for a refund. She refused his 35-cent ticket cost, but they began a conversation... and the rest is history.

In 1950, after John and Fern were married, John was reassigned to F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne. They moved to Cheyenne where Fern began a long and distinguished teaching career. For most of it, Fern taught at Churchill Elementary, but over the course of 38 years, she also taught in one or two other schools. She taught sixth grade and loved every minute of it. She was a giving educator whose compassion and concern did not end when the children walked out the door on the way home. Many times she provided clothing, school supplies or food to children in need. Every night she would grade papers, and on the weekends she worked on the next week's lesson plans. Her classroom was always full of red and white geraniums that she would lovingly transplant into her backyard during the beginning of each summer and then replant in pots for her classroom as the start of school neared. Her

penmanship was extraordinary, and she demanded that her students aspire to the same level.

Fern was a wonderfully supportive and loving wife and mother. She stood by John when he tried twice to open restaurants in Cheyenne, and she waited tables after school. Then, when John decided to get his degree and become a teacher too, she was the sole breadwinner while he attended UW and commuted from Cheyenne daily. Later, Fern and John obtained their master's degrees and went on to get their MA+30 certifications.

Being teachers, Fern and John had summers off, but they spent this time and other school vacations hauling their children and her parents all around the United States in various motor homes, which Fern loved to drive. Always burdened by the crippling effects from her polio, she occasionally had trouble walking, but she never tired of traveling or seeing new sights. After she retired, she volunteered often at the pharmacy at the F.E. Warren Air Force Base hospital.

As she got older, Fern could often be found at the kitchen table of the house she loved on Maple Court, working on the crossword puzzle in the paper. She had heard this exercise was apt to stave off memory loss, and she was determined to do it as long as possible. Until her vision started fading a short time ago, she would sit at the table, occasionally reaching for the dictionary, and plugging away until the puzzle was complete.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, John; brother, Harold (Erma) Hegler of Daingerfield, Texas; children, John (Carol) of Leesburg, Va., Lynn (Tim) Olsen of Eugene, Ore., Jerral (Jennifer) of Hillsboro, Ore., and Laurie of Cheyenne; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

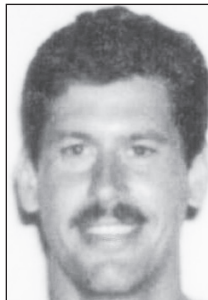
In October 2017, Fern was baptized into the Lutheran faith.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Davis Hospice Center.

TERRELL BLAKER
1960-2017

Terrell Jack Blaker, 57, of Cheyenne passed away early in the morning Dec. 16 at University of Colorado Hospital.

Terrell was born March 1, 1960, in Durant, Okla., a son of Jack Walton and Ila Juanita (Case) Blaker.



Terrell was raised in Atoka, Okla., and following his high school graduation, he attended East Central University in Ada, Okla., and also Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. As a young man, he worked for his father at a men's clothing store, and in 1987 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving for five years as a fire-fighter. He continued his work as a civilian fire-fighter until April 2014, working at F.E. Warren Air Force Base.

Terrell was an avid outdoorsman and his passion was hunting deer and fly fishing. His other interests included golfing and buying antiques. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, brother and friend, and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Terrell is survived by his loving wife, Barbara A. (McCleave) Blaker; son, Logan Terrell Blaker; three sisters, Theresa Gaye Dodderer, Regina Kaye Hall and Twyla Rae Deupree; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Ila Blaker.

Donations in Terrell's memory may be made to Lung Cancer Colorado Fund by going to www.uch.thankyou4caring.org/lungcancercolorado or by calling 720-848-7802.

Condolences may be offered to the family online at www.schradercares.com.

ELLAN BRYANT
1959-2017

Ellan P. Bryant, 58, passed away Dec. 16 in Denver after a brief illness.

She was born July 11, 1959, in Decatur, Ala., to Ed and Mary Hazle.

She enjoyed Alabama football, cooking, traveling and her collection of elephants.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Chuck Hazle.

Survivors include her beloved husband, Dave; her three children, daughters, Beth (Rich) Martin, Shellee (Parker) Reynolds and son, Andy Bryant; sister, Kaye (Terry) Moore; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Ellan is also survived by her very best friends Donna Whitten and Mary Ryder and so many other family and friends! Roll Tide!

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KERRY SKIDMORE 1948-2017

Kerry F. Skidmore, 69, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 14 in Cheyenne.

He was born Jan. 7, 1948, in Glenwood Springs, Colo., where he met and married his soul mate of 44 years, Val.

Kerry received his master's from BYU in library science with a minor in Russian history. He served honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1967-1971.

He was currently the curator at the Cheyenne Depot Museum, and previously a medical librarian at the VA for 30 years and St. Mark's in Salt Lake City.

Kerry's hobbies included trains, photography, models and the history of the Titanic. He was an author, fly fisherman and a world traveler, just returning from Australia and New Zealand.

He is survived by his wife, Val; sister, Querida (Joe) Slaughenhaupt; in-laws, Col. Frank F. Shelby Sr., U.S. Army Ret. (Angel), Robin Cooper, and Frank (Kathleen) Shelby Jr.; nieces and nephew, Erin, Evan, and Emma Shelby; and his beloved cats, Worf and Chewy.

Kerry was preceded in death by his parents, Earl "Skid" and Ann Skidmore.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Kerry's memory to American Heart Association, Wounded Warriors or Cheyenne Depot Museum.

Condolences may be offered online at www.wrcfuneral.com.



CHRISTINA RAMPONI 1941-2017

Christina "Christy" Ramponi, 76, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 15 at Davis Hospice Center.

She was born Nov. 7, 1941, in Belleville, Kan.

Christina was a day-care provider and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Council of Catholic Women and a faithful Adoration Chapel attendee.

She is survived by two daughters, Carla (Chad) Roberts of Cheyenne and Claudia (John) Ivester of Omaha, Neb.;



brother, John McCullough; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Christina was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Chuck" Ramponi; parents, Guy and Ruth McCullough; and a brother, Bill McCullough.

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ART DEXTER 1928-2017

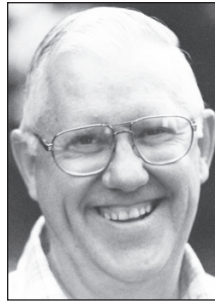
Art Neal Dexter, 89, of Rawlins passed away Dec. 12.

He was born Sept. 25, 1928, in Hanna to John and Margaret (Jack) Dexter. He graduated in 1946 from Rawlins High School. He then served in the U.S. Army for two years stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he served as an anti-aircraft artillery weapons mechanic. Art married Sharron Wetmore on April 5, 1955, in Salt Lake City at the LDS Temple. He was a member of the LDS Church.

Art worked at the Sinclair Refinery for 43½ years, retiring in 1990. He was a lifetime member of the NRA, past secretary of the Sinclair Rifle and Pistol Club, past president of the Parco Credit Union and an OCAW Union representative. He was an avid hunter and loved spending his days in the hills with his rifle. Art and Sharron also liked to travel and were able to make two trips to England to visit his cousins. They also went to Hawaii and took a cruise to Alaska, which was a lifelong dream of his.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Sharron of Rawlins; three children, Sherrill (Gregg) James of Casper, Stacey (Gordon) France of Rawlins and Linzi Barenz of Cheyenne; five grand-children, Chadd (Mindy) France of Green River, Brad (Nichole) France of Rock Springs, Wes (Alyssa) France of Rock Springs, Jessica (Bryce) Coffendaffer of Olathe, Kan., and Garrett (Trich) James of Green River; five great-grandchildren, Raymond Stocks, Taisa Stocks, Tailor France, Hailey France and Emersyn France; and three nieces, Margette (Russ) Arnell of Gilbert, Ariz., Paulette (Jim) Harkness of San Antonio, Texas, and Jacque (Bud) Henderson of Cottonwood, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, John Robert, Leonard Attryde and Oliver William; and a sister, Margaret Spackman.



Interment with military honors will follow at Rawlins Cemetery.

Tributes and condolences may be offered online at www.jacobycare.com.

GARY SMITH 1941-2017

Gary Smith, 76, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 8 in Cheyenne.

He was born Jan. 13, 1941, in Cheyenne to Louis and Pauline Smith. He married Joella Moore on July 27, 1968, in Cheyenne. He was a rancher and farrier and helped various grazing organizations.

He loved to hunt, fish and was a true cowboy, including riding saddle broncs, bare-backs and bulls. He could be seen mornings enjoying coffee and friends at McDonalds.

He is survived by his children, Harry L. (Linda) Johnston of Greeley and Kathy (Rick) Allen of Grover; brother, Donald Smith of Cheyenne; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially Jolynn, Maryanna, Zara, Skyla and Benny.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home and private services will be held. Condolences may be offered at www.schradercares.com.

Donations may be made to Platte River Fly Fishing Chapter of Project Healing Waters.

LOIS MOTTONEN 1929-2017

Lois Carolyn Mottonen, 88, of Cheyenne, the only child of Cecelia Sofia and Nestor John Mottonen, died Dec. 6 at Davis Hospice Center.

She was born April 14, 1929, in Rock Springs and lived in Wyoming all her life. She graduated with honors from Rock Springs High School where she earned a tuition scholarship to the University of Wyoming. It covered only a small part of her college expense. Student loans did not exist then. Her parents were not wealthy and sacrificed to provide the funds for her education.

Lois belonged to Chi Omega and many members became lifelong friends; she said this changed her life.

She majored in accounting and was the only woman in her class. She received



an honor book for her scholastic achievements. When she graduated, she couldn't get hired by a CPA firm because firms didn't hire women. Equal opportunity laws did not exist.

Dr. Clare Mundell, dean of the College of Commerce at the university, and Dr. W.E. Daniels, head of the Accounting Department, were both certified public accountants. They advised her to apply for a job with the U.S. Treasury Department. She was hired and worked as an internal revenue agent and manager from 1951 to 1979. She was nominated for the U.S. Treasury Department's annual Women's Award for promoting women's equity in government.

She was a pioneer in the field of accounting. She was the second Wyoming woman granted a CPA license. The Ford Foundation awarded her fellowship to the University of Virginia. She enrolled in the Graduate School of Public Affairs and Public Administration. From 1981 to 1995, she worked for the Wyoming Department of Education. Her job was funded by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act. The money promoted sex equity programs in school districts and community colleges.

In 1995, the U.S. Women's Bureau in the Department of Labor celebrated its 75th anniversary. Lois was invited to the workshop. The final event was an afternoon tea on the White House lawn. President Bill Clinton and his wife shook hands with the guests. Because of cultural impediments to equal opportunity for women, she was a lifelong advocate for women.

Lois was the first woman in government elected president of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants. Its membership was 5,000. The United Nations proclaimed 1976-1986 as the "Decade for Women." At the 1976 AWSCPA annual meeting of the organization in Philadelphia, the officers chose the highest ranking woman member of the United Nations to be the banquet speaker. It was Her Excellency Helvi Sipilä, the assistant secretary general of the United Nations for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. Mrs. Sipilä was a noted jurist and attorney in Finland. Her address was "Women of the World in the Next 100 Years." Since Lois' grandparents were immigrants from Finland, she felt a kinship with the speaker.

In 1976, Good Housekeeping Magazine invited 200 women leaders from across the country to a workshop titled "Women in Passage." Its theme was "Who Should Speak for American Women in the Era of Change." Lois was invited.

For 12 years Lois was on the College of Commerce Advisory Board at the University of Wyoming.

She was a member of the Wyoming Alumni Awards Committee for six years. The Alumni Association recognized her as an outstanding alumna. The Wyoming Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons appointed her its state communications coordinator. Her work was to publicize the benefits of belonging to AARP. She held the job for nearly four years. The Western Region of AARP honored her with an award for her work.

Her interest in Wyoming history culminated in her being the president of the Laramie County Historical Society for seven years. For eight, years she arranged programs for the State Employees Retirement Group.

Playing tennis was a lifelong pursuit. She played for several decades and won many trophies. After retirement, she studied handwriting analysis and became a member of the International Graphoanalysis Society.

She is survived by cousins in Wyoming, Virginia, Washington, Utah and California.

A private interment has been held at Lakeview Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to the National Women's History Museum, 205 South Whiting St., Ste. 254, Alexandria, VA 22304; or to the American Civil Liberties Union, 125 Broad Street 18, Floor New York, NY 10004-2400.

Condolences may be offered to the family online at www.schradercares.com.

JEAN BRADWAY 1925-2017

Jean S. "Jeanie" Bradway, 92, passed away Dec. 2 in Cheyenne.

Jeanie was born Oct. 30, 1925, in Hopewell Township, N.J. She graduated in 1943 from Bridgeton High School in New Jersey.

Jeanie was joined in holy matrimony to Bill Bradway of Haleyville, N.J. She accepted Christ and was a born again Christian. She and Bill were musical evangelists traveling the United States, ministering the gospel through music. She was an accomplished organist, pianist and guitarist.

Jeanie is survived by her children, Gina



McGee-Bradway and William Bradway; two grandsons, Donald Cooper and D.J. Vegh; four grandchildren, Tyler, Channing, Jaxson and Caleb; nephews, Wayne Wright and David Wright; niece, Nancy Wright; and sister, Millie Nordhagen.

Jeanie was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents; her husband, Bill; sister, Dorothy Wright; and nephew, Carl Wright.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Deerfield, N.J.

Cremation is under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home. Flowers and cards can be sent to 4109 E. Pershing Blvd., Apt L-158, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

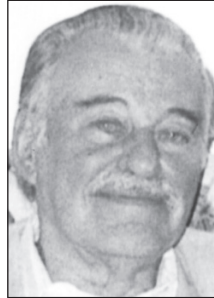
Condolences can be made online at www.schradercares.com.

CHARLES ANDERSON 1924-2017

Charles Anderson, 93, died Dec. 12 at his home in Cheyenne.

He was born May 28, 1924, in Cheyenne.

Condolences can be made online at www.schradercares.com.



MILTON RENNER 1929-2017

Milton Renner, 88, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 13 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 3, 1929, in Columbus, Ohio, to Edwin and Clara Renner.

He married Marilyn Wilke on Sept. 18, 1954, in West Miltona, Minn.

He graduated from Ohio State with a degree in agriculture, and being alumnus, followed the Ohio State football team.

Milton and Marilyn traveled and lived around the world, eventually coming to Cheyenne in 1968 and being stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. He retired as a major from the U.S. Air Force, and then worked on the base in civil service. Later, he enjoyed working with the trees and customers at Riverbend Nursery. He had a green thumb and loved tending to his trees and garden around his house. He was a member of Ascension Lutheran



Church and the Cheyenne Stamp Club.

He is survived by his children, Debra (Bradley) Vilen of San Diego, Steve (Carolyn) Renner of Lander and Rich (Barbara) Renner of Cheyenne; grandchildren, Michael Fargo, Gabrielle Vilen, Tyler (Audra) Renner, Tanner Renner, Cody Renner and Abigail Renner; stepgrandchildren, Luke (Sami) Haugh and Olivia Haugh; and stepgreat-grandchildren, Aubrynn and Kyden Haugh.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; parents; and siblings, Elton Renner and Charlyne Bullard.

Those who wish may contribute to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission School in Rocky Point, Ariz.

CLARA MEREDITH 1940-2017

Clara Annette Kimmons Meredith, 77, of Cheyenne died Dec. 12 in Cheyenne.

She was born May 19, 1940, in Bagdad, Fla., to Andrew Kimmons and Annie V. Hill Kimmons.

Clara married Dull Edward Meredith on March 17, 1959, in Brewer, Ala.

Clara is survived by five children, Marshal (Brent) Butterfield of Wyoming, Deanna (Brian) Wakeling of Nevada, Duane (Dixie) Meredith of Montana, Elizabeth (Ross) Bringham of Arizona and Edith (Jeff) Cox of Wyoming; four siblings; 25 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren, soon to be 25.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and son, Dully C. Meredith.

Condolences may be left at www.wrcfuneral.com.



PAUL HAVNER 1950-2017

Paul M. Havner II, 67, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 12 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 18, 1950, in Moses Lake, Wash., to Paul and Madonna Havner.

Before retiring, he was employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield, EchoStar and Lowes. He was a member of



the Airport Golf Club and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his mother, Madonna Havner of Cheyenne; children, Michele (Heber) Edwards of Cheyenne, Cory Havner of Gillette and Tyler Myrick ofocatello, Idaho; siblings, Nathan (Marcy) Havner of Sundance and Donna (Ernest) Haste of Cheyenne; grandchildren, Jordan Edwards, Ashley Pitmon, Dawson Ed-wards, Eve Edwards, Tayler Havner, Haiden Havner, Devyn Havner, Trenton Eldridge, Landon Eldridge, Sage Eldridge, Dominic Myrick, Ariaunna Myrick, Caoimhe Myrick and Kamille Myrick; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul M. Havner; and an infant sister, Wendy Sue Havner.

Those who wish may contribute to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Schrader Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home and private family services will be held. Condolences may be offered at www.schradercares.com.

REX KARSTEN 1950-2017

Rex Karsten, 67, formerly of Cheyenne, passed away Dec. 11 at his home in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

He was born June 9, 1950.

Rex worked at Laramie County Community College for 14 years.

He recently retired from the University of Northern Iowa, where he was a professor of management information systems.

Rex is survived by his wife, Laurie of Cedar Falls; daughters, Kristen (Michael) Landau and Kali (Jared) Chappelle, all of Cedar Falls; grand-sons, Jack and Edward Chappelle; mother, Ethel Karsten of Grandville, Mich.; and brother, Jeff (Rose) Karsten of Grandville.

He was predeceased by his father, Ray Karsten.

Memorial services were held in Iowa. Memorials may be directed to Pheasants Forever, St. Paul, Minn.

Richardson Funeral Service assisted the family (www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).



EDWARD THORSON
1936-2017

Edward Frederick Thorson, 81, passed away peacefully Dec. 9 in Independence, Mo.

Born June 14, 1936, in Duluth, Minn., to Erik and Florence (Strand) Thorson, Ed served in the U.S. Marine Corps and later the U.S. Army.

Honorably discharged, Ed returned to Duluth where he became a master welder and boiler-maker with U.S. Steel. He married Barbara Freeman, mother of his children, Feb. 8, 1969, in Duluth, Minn. His career took him to the Atlantic City iron ore mine outside of Lander. When the mine closed, he started his own metal shop. His work can be seen all over Fremont County, earning him the title "Man of Steel" from the Lander Journal, in which his creative work was often reported.

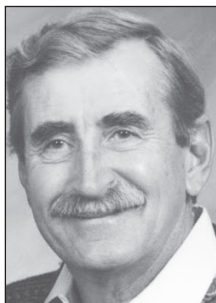
Ed married Mary Anne Tholkes on Feb. 17, 1990, in Lander. They served for years as Forest Service hosts outside of Dubois.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Therise Holmburg and Alvera Shatto; and brother, Herbert, formerly of Casper.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne of Independence; son, Timothy (Elizabeth) of Cheyenne; daughter, Kathryn (Richard) Hossner of Omaha, Neb.; stepsons Larry, Dave (Sue) and Brad Skalicky; brother, John (Denny); sister, Arlene (Roger) Halverson; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ed was a remarkable man who was deeply loved. He is remembered by all who knew him for his humility, endurance, integrity and playfulness.

He will return to Wyoming for burial and memorial next spring. Condolences may be shared at www.meyersfuneral-chapel.com.



Omaha, Neb., in 1948 and graduated from Omaha Technical High School in 1954. During high school, he was active in the Sea Scouts earning the Quarter Master Award (equivalent to Eagle Scout). After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy serving in Guam as a Seabee.

After being discharged from the Navy, he married the love of his life, Lois Eddy, on Dec. 28, 1956, in Omaha and enjoyed a loving marriage for more than 60 years. He was plant manager at Rapid Printing in Omaha, and during that time four children were born.

In 1973, Dick accepted the position of pressroom superintendent at the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. Under Dick's leadership at the newspaper, the commercial print shop was started and color pages came to the citizens of Cheyenne. In 1993, he was promoted to production director and became a member of the executive committee. He retired at the end of 1997.

Since retiring, Dick and Lois have spent winters at the Tropic Star Resort in Pharr, Texas, and enjoyed their time with many friends.

Dick loved photography, woodworking, reading, family and friends. He was an excellent photographer, spending many years in the photo pit at Cheyenne Frontier Days. He has a photograph on display at the Cowboy Hall of Fame. He enjoyed teaching his children and many others his woodworking skills and turning expertise.

Lois and Dick have been Presbyterians since moving to Cheyenne, attending Highlands United Presbyterian Church for 40 years and then transferring to First Presbyterian Church in 2015.

Dick was preceded in death by his father in 1948 and mother in 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Moody; sons, Rick (Cathy) Moody, Scott Moody and Jim (Kim) Moody; daughter, Jean (Donald) Cole; grandsons, Noah Moody and Jeremiah Moody; and stepgrandchildren, Cristy Cabrera, Eric Hankins and Bob Hankins.

Condolences may be offered to the family online at www.schradercares.com.

REBECCA CAMPBELL
1954-2017

Rebecca "Becky" S. Campbell, 63, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 18 at Davis Hospice Center.

She was born Feb. 8, 1954, in Berkeley, Calif., to Sam and Maye



Minnich. She grew up mainly in the South, graduating from high school in Marceline, Mo. in 1972.

She moved to Rawlins in 1975 and over the years operated a fabric store, worked in daycare and was a licensed real estate agent; all in addition to raising four wonderful children. She returned to school after raising her children and obtained a master's degree which enabled her to work as a mental health counselor. She loved working with kids of all ages and had the opportunity during her many years with Laramie County School District 1. She was a member of the United Methodist Church.

She married Thomas Campbell on Feb. 1, 1997, in Rawlins and they moved to Cheyenne in 2001.

Her children and grandchildren were the love of her life, and she never seemed to hit any limits in sharing her time, her love and her enthusiasm for life with them. And she always had some left to give to the next person she ran across who needed a little support.

Her smile and love of all people endeared her not only to her family and friends, but everyone who had the occa-

sion to meet her. Anyone around her for more than 15 minutes learned she was beautiful inside and out.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Campbell of Cheyenne; children, Jennifer (Jim) Piggott of Longmont, Colo., Josh (Amanda) Dorrell of Laramie, Dan (Tanya) Dorrell of Riverton, Heather (Ely) Luckett of Rock Springs; stepchildren, Heather (Steph) Albright of Seattle, Wash., Tara Suzik of Tacoma, Wash., Jenny (Matt) Shatzkin of Mechanicsburg, Penn., and Thomas C. Campbell of Raleigh, N.C.; 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She leaves them all behind with broken hearts, but grateful for having had her in their lives.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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RICHARD MOODY
1936-2017

Richard M. "Dick" Moody, 81, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 18 at Davis Hospice Center.

Dick was born Jan. 10, 1936, in Fremont, Neb., to Claude and Anne Moody.

He moved to



EDWARD KRANZ 1955-2017

Edward A. "Ed" Kranz, 62, of Carpenter passed away Dec. 19 after losing a battle with cancer.

Ed was born Feb. 13, 1955, in Cheyenne, a son of Walter G. and Norma J. (Harms) Kranz.

Ed began his working career for Halladay Motors and later for the Pine Bluffs John Deere dealership. He transitioned to working for Bill Gross' ranch and Pete Anderson's ranch until establishing his own repair business. He owned his business for 14 years and then returned to farming and working for a fertilizer company. Ed also owned his own truck, and he drove truck in addition to farming until poor health resulted in his retirement.

Ed's many interests included wood-working and making barn wood picture frames. He also enjoyed antique tractor pulling and serving with his church family at Trinity Lutheran Church. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Julie C. (Gossett) Kranz; three

children, Lavern Kranz of Carpenter, Veronica Jacob and husband, James of Buffalo and Rodney Kranz and wife, Krissy of Carpenter; six siblings, Barbara Ittig and husband, Tom of Hemet, Calif., Leona Kranz of Elwood, Neb., Albert Kranz and wife, Michelle of Pine Bluffs, Ivan Kranz and wife, Kim of Carpenter, Jane Pihland husband, Ivar of Powell Butte, Ore., and Don Kranz and wife, Lynne of Carpenter; three grandchildren, Scarlet Jacob of Buffalo, Haley Jacob of Buffalo and Casie Kranz of Aurora, Colo.; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Jack R. Kranz.

Condolences may be offered to the family online at www.schradercares.com. Those who wish may contribute memorials in Ed's name to Trinity Lutheran Church and School.



JEFFERY BILLIS 1955-2017

Jeffery D. "Jeff" Billis of Fayetteville, Ark., passed away Dec. 17 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was born May 24, 1955, in Denver to Lawrence "Bud" and Marilyn (Churches) Bills. He was an athlete in school and after graduating in 1973 from Cheyenne's East High, he joined the U.S. Navy to serve with the United States Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the Seabees or C.B.

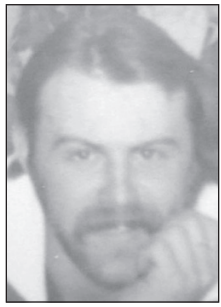
He was an accomplished musician from a very early age, playing many instruments but most notably the electric guitar; he entertained many in the United States and Canada. He had a zest for life that could be seen with his sense of humor, the continuous smile on his face and the way he interacted with family and friends. He was unselfish and strong, as he never complained about his own problems to others. He loved his kids as much as a father can, and that is where he gathered the strength to live the life that was his.

He is survived by his father and mother, Lawrence and Marilyn Billis of Fayetteville; daughter, Megan M. (Billis) Conner; husband, Brandon; and son, Erik D. Billis, all of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister, Jodi L. (Billis) Lanigan of Goshen, Ohio; and one brother, James M. (Jim) Billis of Bentonville, Ark.; two granddaughters and a grandson, Londyn, Autumn and Dawson of Colorado Springs; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by the loving mother of his three children, Martha L. Billis on Jan. 19, 2000, at the age of 36; and his eldest son, Marshall Trent Billis on Sept. 9, 2003, at the age of 17.

Services will be determined at a later date and have been entrusted to Memorial Funeral Home, 3926 Willowood Avenue, Springdale, AR 72762.

Online condolences may be made to www.memorial-fhspringdale.com.



MOISES GARCIA 1939-2017

Moises Garcia Jr., 78, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 20 in Cheyenne.

He was born Dec. 3, 1939.

He is survived by his brother, Elias Garcia of Greeley, Colo.; his children, Kathleen (Luis) Rojas of Evans, Colo., Moses Garcia of Loveland, Colo., Sylvia Nunez (Art Hererra) of Cheyenne, Nicole (Victor) Chavez of Cheyenne, Glen Garcia (Darlene Montoya) of Cheyenne, Berlinda White (Jack Lyman) of Cheyenne, Edward Martinez of Greeley, Colo., Nathan Martinez of Cheyenne and Marie Castruita of Cheyenne; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held by the family.



AIDEN MULLINAX 2013-2017

Aiden A. Mullinax, 4, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 12 in Cheyenne.

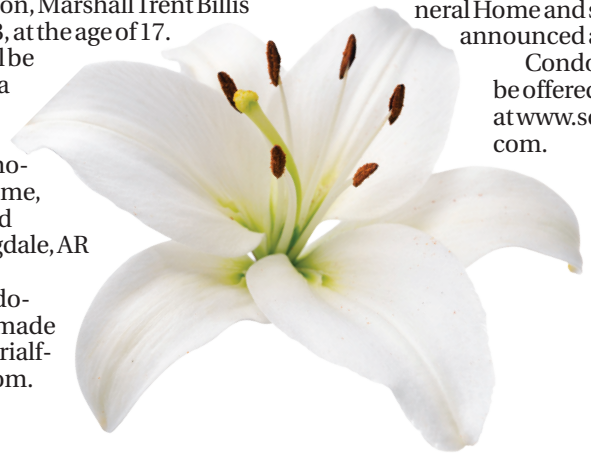
Aiden was born March 9, 2013, in Phoenix.

He is survived by his mother, Ashley Nowlin of Cheyenne; grandparents, Bobbie Mills of Cheyenne and Marc Zaler of Granby, Colo.; and uncles, Erik Zaler of Granby, Stephen Mills and Ethan Mills of Cheyenne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Zaler.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home and services will be announced at a later date.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.schradercares.com.



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BILLIE BEGANICS**1930-2017**

Billie J. Beganics, 87, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 20 in Cheyenne.

She was born April 27, 1930, in Cambridge, Neb., to Russell and Laura Henry.

She married John Beganics on June 14, 1962, in Great Falls, Mont. She had retired as a hairdresser and bartender.

She was a member of Moose Lodge, American Legion Post No. 6 Auxiliary, Elks Lodge Women's Bowling Association and was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She is survived by her children, Laura L. (Kenneth) Freimuth of Cheyenne, John E. (Jennifer) Hamilton of Gertie, Okla., Jude (Jim) Loiselle of Guffey, Colo., Patty (Jim) Schade of Cheyenne and Breck Collier of Cheyenne; brother, Edward (Carolyn) Henry of North Platte, Neb.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; children, Deborah Hamilton and William Hamilton; grandson, David Lee Oisten; and siblings, Russ Henry, Bobby Henry, Alf Erickson and Peggy Pitts.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Joseph's Children Home, 1419 Main St., Torrington, WY 82240.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.schradercares.com.



(Jarrod) Wernick, Chris Garcia, Hannah Stowers, Rachel Stowers, Danielle Glowacki, Michael Stowers and Brooke Stowers; great-grandchildren, Rowan Blanchard, Paisley Blanchard, Teagan Wernick and Madison Wernick. He is also survived by a sister, Wanda Williams of Indio, Calif.

A celebration of life will be scheduled for a future date in the spring.

BYRON KNEPP**1943-2017**

Byron W. Knepp, 74, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 18 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 5, 1943, in Portland, Ore., to Paul H. and M. Freda Knepp.

He married Darlene M. Wolf on June 24, 1963, in Beaverton, Ore. He was an educator and later was self-employed, most recently owning and operating DCP Sharpening. He was a member of Elk's Lodge No. 660.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Knepp of Cheyenne; children, Paul (Valerie) Knepp of Cheyenne and Donna (Rick Pearo) McDaniel of Beaverton, Ore.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Donald Jack Knepp of Salem, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and M. Freda Knepp; and a grandson, Justin Morrison.

Those who wish may contribute to Needs, Inc.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home and private family services will be held.

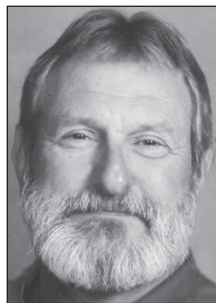
Condolences may be offered to the family at www.schradercares.com.

BENJAMIN CROWDER**1952-2017**

Benjamin H. Crowder, 65, of Glenwood, Iowa, formerly of Cheyenne, passed away Dec. 21 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ben was born April 6, 1952, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Calvin C. and Helen (Tranda) Crowder.

He graduated from Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln High School in 1970. Ben married Mary Lou Rosman on Oct. 15, 1971. They were blessed with two



children, David and Michelle. Ben and his family moved to Cheyenne in 1978 and lived there until moving back to Council Bluffs in 2014. He was an engineer for the UPRR for 43 years, retiring in 2012. Ben was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs, and a member of the UTUE and NARVE.

Ben is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Lou Crowder; son, David B. Crowder, both of Glenwood; mother, Helen Crowder of Council Bluffs; and other family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle Crowder in 2006; and his father, Calvin C. Crowder in 2012.

The family will direct memorial contributions.

LARRY SEAVER**1934-2017**

Larry Lee Seaver Sr., 83, passed away Dec. 22 at his home in Cheyenne, with family by his side, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's.

He was born April 10, 1934, to Earl Edgar Seaver and Marie Zitek in Wakarusa, Williamsport Township, Kan.

He moved to Hereford, Colo., at the age of three, and spent his youth in the area surrounding Pine Bluffs.

Larry married Mary Inez Cornwell on Oct. 28, 1956, at her parent's home in Grover, Colo.

Larry worked as a lineman for the Rural Electric Company in Pine Bluffs from 1950 to 1953.

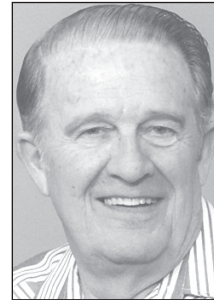
He served his country for 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, from 1953 to 1979. He was a gifted aircraft mechanic for the Air Force as well as an auto mechanic on the side for many friends and neighbors. He retired from the Air Force as a minute man missile technician with the rank of master sergeant.

He spent 13 years, from 1979 to 1992, in maintenance at Laramie County Community College.

Larry really loved his family. He enjoyed camping, hunting and four-wheeling. He cherished the time that he spent making memories with his children and grandchildren.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Barbara Krantz; brother, Merle Seaver; son, Larry Lee Seaver Jr.; and grandson, Nathan Vassallo.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; sister, Joan Gatling (Muriel); daughters,



Cherie Cox (Wayne), Debbie Grubbs (Steve), Toni Seaver and Mary Kyle Strauch (Billy); daughter-in-law, Rie Seaver; grandchildren, Vicki Vassallo, Haley Keller (Tory), William McFaul, Margot McFaul, Evan Wortman (Jordan), Michaela Wortman, Corey Seaver, Nichole Seaver, Trevor Strauch (Kenzie) and Christopher Strauch; great-grandchildren, Natalia Cox-Vassallo, Braden Cox, Lucas Keller, Autumn McFaul, Liam and Sawyer Wortman; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Online tributes can be sent to the family at www.wrcfuneral.com.

JAMES HARNISH**1932-2017**

James Ross Harnish Sr., 85, of Cheyenne passed away December 20 at Davis Hospice Center. He was born Jan. 9, 1932, in Horse Creek to Charles and Bonnie, one of nine siblings.

After graduating Wheatland High School, he served in the U.S. Army as a musician. He attended the University of Wyoming earning a civil engineering degree in 1956.

He married the love of his life, Marnie on June 9, 1957, in Cheyenne where they raised their four children. Jim went on to work for the Wyoming Highway Department for 32 years.

He was a talented musician and led country western bands for 35 years. He joined the Moose Fraternity after college where he was a devoted member, earning the Pilgrim Degree.

Jim was a devoted family man whose main focus in life was taking care of his family. His passions were hard work, hunting and fishing, all of which he passed on to his family. Most at home at his cabin, Jim was an avid outdoorsman. Jim was an expert with a crossbow or fishing pole and knew where the deer and elk were hiding and where the fish were biting. Always ready with a story to tell and a patient, listening ear, Jim's infectious smile, quick laughter and ingenuity will be missed by all who knew him, especially his family.

James is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marnie; brother, Bennie Harnish; children, Lynette Kranz (Don), Sheryl McIrvin (Matt), Valerie Spencer (Leigh) and J. R. Harnish; grandchildren, Jason (Lauren) Williams, Joshua (Carrie) Williams, Melissa (Joe) Buljung, Morgan (Eric) Shabe, Tricia Spencer and Stephanie King; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Davis Hospice Center. Condolences to www.wrcfuneral.com.

PHILLIP STOWERS**1941-2017**

Phillip Stowers, 76, passed away Dec. 19 at his home in Cheyenne.

He was born July 8, 1941, in San Diego. He retired from the Wyoming Highway Patrol in 2003 and had worked in law enforcement in California and Wyoming for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Stowers; daughter, Shannon (Robert) Garcia; sons, Bowdy (Rene) and Shaun Stowers; granddaughters, Nicole (Byron) Blanchard, Cortney





JAMES MOORE 1936-2017

James "Jim" Moore, 81, of Albin, Wyoming died Dec. 13 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.



Jim was born March 17, 1936, in Burns. He graduated from Albin High School and then joined the U.S. Army, serving in Korea. He attended the University of Wyoming and the University of Alaska. He was an independent truck driver for 22 years.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jonne Kenzy Moore; children, Shannon (Que) Mangus, Shelly Livingston, Jay Moore and David (Vivian) Maxwell; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Marianne (Frank) Shenefeld and Louise (Bob) Anderson; brothers, Bob Moore, Bill Moore and Dale Anderson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

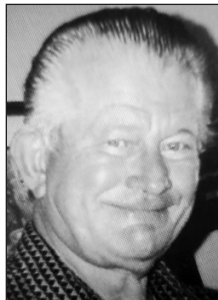
He was preceded in death by his parents, Doris Bare (Moore) Anderson and Chad Moore; and sister, Jane Davey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Albin Baptist Church or Albin Ambulance Fund.

Condolences may be offered to the family online at www.schradercares.com.

GARY CUMMING 1945-2017

Gary John Cumming, 72, of Cheyenne passed away Nov. 26 in Granbury, Texas.



Gary was born Oct. 11, 1945, in Spokane, Wash., to Leroy and Violet Cumming.

Gary graduated from Shadle Park High School in Spokane. After high school, he attended community college in Spokane. Gary proudly served in the U.S. Army and was a diver, where he had two tours of duty in Vietnam.

Gary was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt everything including elk, deer, bear, pheasant, antelope and grouse. He also loved fishing and his favorite was fishing for walleye pike.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Theresa Cumming; his mother, Violet Walle; stepmother, Nita Cumming; chil-

dren Krystal, Allen, Ami and Wesley; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Jerry (Stephanie) Cumming; sisters, Sharon Johnston, Christine (Jane) Walle, Susie (Mark) Corbett and Barbara Hill; and many nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Leroy Cumming; stepfather, Chris Walle; and grandson, Gabriel Shorky.

Condolences can be made online at www.schradercares.com.

FLOYD MARSDEN 1934-2017

Floyd Junior Marsden, 83, of McCook, Neb., died Dec. 24.

He was born May 2, 1934.

Floyd leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Juanita Marsden; his son, Tony Marsden; his daughter, Roxanne Harmon and son-in-law, Joel Harmon; three grandsons, one great-grandson and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Thomas Marsden.

Floyd was a man of strong faith and integrity and an inspiration to many. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was always known for having a smile that would light up a room.

At his request, no service will be held, but at a later date there will be a graveside service in McCook.



MARY BROWN 1958-2017

Mary Annette Brown, 59, of Casper, formerly of Cheyenne, passed away peacefully Dec. 25.

She was born Oct. 28, 1958, to Mary Lou and David Jean Fountain in San Angelo Texas. She had fond memories of growing up with her sister and brother, Debbie and Randy. Being a military family, they moved often, and finally settled in Cheyenne.

Annette had four children she loved dearly, Michelle, Les, Amy and Rodney. Annette enjoyed spending time with her family. She loved baking, playing board games with her children and grandchildren and watching her son, Rodney, play



his guitar.

Despite the hardships she suffered during her life including breast cancer and COPD, she truly enjoyed every moment and lived life to the fullest. She found peace and solace in her relationship with Jesus by talking to him every day and reading her Bible.

Annette is survived by her parents, Mary Lou and David Jean Fountain; sister, Deborah Fountain; brother, Randy Fountain; children, Michelle (Cory) Johnston, Les (Stisha) Brown, Amy (Brandon) Klungness and Rodney Grekoff; grandchildren, Ashly (Anthony) Turpin-Johnston, Kelly Schmidt-Johnston, Brody, Braylee and Bridger Brown; and great-grandson, Kaeden Duran; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded by her grandma and grandpa Fountain, and grandma and grandpa Hensley.

Annette was a loving daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. She had the biggest heart and kindest soul. She'll be missed by all. Until we meet again.

LYNELLE SHIREMAN 1957-2017

Lynelle Janicek-Shireman, 60, of Loveland, Colo., passed away at 2 a.m. Dec. 27.

She was born March 23, 1957, to Donald and Betty Janicek in Kimball, Neb., and was raised in Pine Bluffs.

Lynelle is survived by her loving husband, James Shireman, along with ten sisters and brothers and their families.

To leave condolences, go online to www.viegutfuneralhome.com.



ROBERT LOVATO 1928-2017

Robert James Lovato, 89, of Artesia, N.M., formerly of Rawlins, died Dec. 25 at his home.

He was born July 10, 1928, in Rawlins, the son of Delfino Lovato and Julia Aurelia Cordova.



to Artesia in April 2013.

He was a clothier and entrepreneur; owning restaurants, clothing stores, gold mining claims and designing his own line of fragrance. He never met a stranger and called every waitress by name. Robert believed life was meant to be lived to the fullest. He enjoyed painting, music, studying scripture, gardening and spending time with his bride and family.

He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Elks Lodge, Lions Club and was founder of the Latin American Club in Wyoming.

Robert served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Roma of Artesia; sons, Otto Lovato of Wyoming, Anthony Lovato of Arizona, Michael Lovato of Wyoming and John Lovato of Wyoming; daughters, Judene Lovato of Oregon, Roma Audiss of South Dakota, Aurmelia Decker of Wyoming, Robin Romero of Nevada, Bernadette Lovato of Wyoming and Anastasia Lovato of Artesia; 29 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ernest Lovato; a brother, Ernie Lovato; and sisters, Mary Duran, Emma Harris and Dora Lujan.

WILSON SELLNER 1935-2017

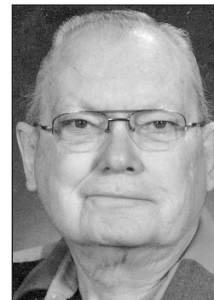
Wilson F. Sellner Sr., 82, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 29 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 5, 1935, in Faribault, Minn.

Wilson served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Korean War veteran. A graduate of Louisiana State University, he also received a music degree from Laramie County Community College. He was a cartographer for the Wyoming Department of Transportation before his retirement.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, the director of the Cheyenne Civic Concert Band for 25 years and the CFD Parade Committee for more than 40 years, becoming a HEEL in 1995. He also volunteered at the hospital information desk for 11 years.

Wilson is survived by his three sons, Eric Sellner, Paul Sellner and Wilson F. "Rick" Sellner Jr.; brother, Herbert Sellner; three grandchildren and two great-



grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; and parents, Walter and Grace Sellner.

Condolences may be left at www.wrcfuneral.com.

FAITH WHIPPLE 1942-2017

Faith Henderson Whipple, 75, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 27 in Cheyenne.

She was born June 9, 1942, in Colby, Kan.

Faith worked for the Wyoming Department of Health, retiring after 38 years.

She enjoyed exercising at Smart Sports and playing tennis with her friends.

She volunteered two afternoons a week at the Laramie County Library.

Faith is survived by her husband of 40 years, Kenneth Whipple; sister-in-law, Dixie Lee Barnhart of Cody; and her beloved Boomer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley and Mary Henderson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cheyenne Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be left at www.wrcfuneral.com.

CHARLES COOPER 1928-2017

Charles L. Cooper, 89, of Cheyenne died Dec. 13 at the VA Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 8, 1928, in Salida, Colo.

Charles proudly served in the U.S. Marines.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church and Elks Lodge. He had many hobbies and interests throughout life, including jewelry making, billiards, waterskiing, handball, snowmobiling, stock cars, gold trading and watching football.

He is survived by eight children, Charles, Daniel, Anne, Constance, Kent, Douglas, Margaret and David; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Cooper; parents, Elmer and Margaret Cooper; and eight siblings, Floyd, Marion, May, Ellen, Margaret, Elmer, George and Daniel.

Condolences to www.wrcfuneral.com.



LORETTA BOUCHER 1915-2017

Loretta (Bor-der) Boucher, 102, passed away Dec. 27 in Cheyenne.

Loretta was born Feb. 26, 1915, in Cheyenne.

Imagine the history she witnessed and the changes she experienced during her centurion lifetime.

In 1933, she married John R. Boucher and, other than a couple of years in Elko, Nev., they made their permanent home in Cheyenne. At 102 years of age, her mind and sense of humor were still sharp, she had a sweet and caring personality, and her unwritten store of memories was fantastic.

In her younger years she was proud of her job, tinting (colorizing) black and white photos for Epperson's Photography. She was an excellent cook and baker (her lemon pies were prize worthy), an amazing seamstress; was creative and enjoyed crafts and stitchery. She loved to fish, go to Black Hawk to play the slots and to play Bingo on Sundays, but her great love was her family and little cat.

She was past Grand Matron in Mizpah Chapter of Eastern Star, helped start Bethel #33 of Job's Daughters and later served as Guardian, XJWC's and was active in several other organizations over the years. Loretta was a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Betty Ann Luckie of Simi, Calif., and Marilyn Palmer of Cheyenne; grandchildren, Vicki (Kenneth) Wilkins of Cheyenne, Marlene Kayser of Kingman, Ariz., David (Judy) Palmer of Delta, Colo., Loriel Luckie of Maui, Hawaii, Janet Luckie of Simi, Calif., and Marla (David) Rosenbloom of Simi.; 26 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John; great-grandson, Cody Wilkins; granddaughter, Kim Luckie; sons-in-law, Everett Palmer and Bill Luckie.

Our mom loved animals; if you would like to honor her memory, please remember her to the Black Dog Rescue, Cheyenne Animal Shelter or charity of your choice.

A memorial and celebration for this special lady and her life will be announced at a later date. We know she has gone to a better place, is with God,



our father, and hopefully there is lots of chocolate in heaven.

Cremation is under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home.

Condolences can be made online at www.schradercares.com.

JAN LAMBERT 1950-2017

Jan C. Lambert, 67, of Cheyenne went to be with the Lord on Dec. 25.

She was born Jan. 29, 1950, in Rawlins. She lived there with her parents, Charles Christensen and Mary Kinkade and two siblings.

Jan married Kent Lambert on July 3, 1975, in Cheyenne. Jan worked as an educator for LCSD1 for 36 years. She was a gifted teacher with a passion for learning. She also coached after-school athletics as well as worked with All City Children's Choir. Jan enjoyed traveling with Kent and friends on cruises.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Earl Christensen.

She is survived by her husband, Kent; sister, Suzi Pace; daughters, Tera Knickerbocker and Talan Premier; sons-in-law, Chuck Knickerbocker and Bradley Premier; and granddaughter, Bailey Knickerbocker.

In lieu of flowers, the family would ask that a donation be made to the ALS foundation.



EARL DIEMEL 1924-2017

Earl Walter Diemel, 92, of Greybull passed away Dec. 23 in Greybull.

He was born Dec. 25, 1924, in Summit Lake, Wis., a son to George and Emma (Reimer) Diemel.

Earl worked as an electrician for 50 years. He married Muriel L. Chadwick on April 14, 1946, in Deerbrooke, Wis. They lived in Cheyenne and then Douglas before settling in Greybull.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Muriel Diemel; a son, Dennis Diemel; two sisters, Marie and Clara; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.wrcfuneral.com.



VERAL SMEDLEY 1922-2018

Veral Nate Smedley, 95, of Cheyenne died Jan. 2 at Davis Hospice Center.

He was born May 24, 1922, in Dingle, Idaho, and had lived in Cheyenne since 1989.

Veral was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy as a first class petty officer electronic technician. He was a system construction engineer for the UPRR and a member of American Legion Post 6.

Mr. Smedley loved building bridges, hunting, fishing, camping and Mended Hearts.



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He is survived by his wife, Mary Smedley, whom he married Jan. 11, 2002; sons, Edward Smedley (Helen) and Walt Connell (Susan); daughters, Debbie Neal (Randy), Sara Young (Pete), Shauna Smith (Ed) and Cindy

Reynders (Rich); and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Veral was preceded in death by his wife, Cleo; parents, Edward and Sarah; two brothers, Donald and Forrest; and a sister, Ione Hansen.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Davis Hospice or a charity of your choice.

RONALD COLE 1978-2018

Ronald B. Cole Jr., 39, of Cheyenne died Jan. 3.

He was born July 18, 1978, in Cheyenne and had lived here most of his life.

Ron loved music, especially Elvis. He played guitar, sang in several choirs and was knowledgeable and passionate about music trivia. He also loved all things Southern, especially food.

Ron didn't know a stranger. He was very outgoing and wheelchair all over downtown Cheyenne talking to everyone, and was drawn to ministering to the homeless. Ron was a member of the Knights of the Turntable and volunteered at the VA and Salvation Army.

He is survived by his parents, Dianne Lowe Carpenter (Tom) and Ronald B. Cole Sr.; siblings, Ryan Cole, Rachel Bauks (Ben), and Jeremy and Cody Hudson; and a niece, Gracie Bauks.

Friends may visit his webpage at www.wrcfuneral.com.



B. SUE MCCOWAN 1937-2018

B. Sue McCowan, 80, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 3 at Davis Hospice Center.

She was born Sept. 30, 1937, in Charleston, W.Va., to Otho and Veda Maddox. She married Everett "Tip" McCowan on May 13, 1961, in Arlington, Va.

She was retired from the Laramie



County License Bureau and was a member of Son Rise Church of Nazarene.

She is survived by her husband, Everett "Tip" McCowan of Cheyenne; sister, Frances Bailey of Florida; and several nieces and nephews, including Randall Bailey and Lisa Osterman.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has taken place.

Online condolences may be offered at www.schradercares.com.

ROBERTA MECOMBER 1940-2017

Roberta J. Mecomber, 77 of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 26 at home with her daughters by her side.

She was born Feb. 26, 1940, in Pine Bluffs to Mildred and Gene Land. Both sides of her family homesteaded the Wyoming-Nebraska and Wyoming-Colorado-Nebraska lines.

She was the vice president of Alert Communications, Inc. in Denver from 1972-2001. Upon retirement she moved back to Cheyenne.

Bobbi married Walt Mecomber in 1957 and they had three children, T.J., Chele and Brad.

Bobbi had a huge heart and took in any kid in need, the family lost count of how many mouths were fed at her table. When asked what she most wanted to be remembered for, her reply was, "a good mother." Mission accomplished.

Bobbi is survived by daughters, TJ (Norm) Russi and Chele (Doug) Porter of Burns; granddaughters, Robbi (Larry Jares) Russi of Cheyenne, Kylie Porter of Burns and Eylisch Porter of Laramie; grandson, Brandon Russi of Burns; and great-grandson, Braden Jares.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walt, in April 2017; her son, parents and three brothers, Frank, Dean and Jerry.

Per her request there will be no funeral or celebration of life.

Donations can be made to: Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, Department 4298, Attn: Memorial Donation for Roberta Mecomber, 1000 University Ave, Laramie, WY 82071.



DONALD SCHOENING 1935-2017

Donald J. Schoening, 82, passed away Dec. 31 in Cheyenne.

Don was born Nov. 18, 1935, in Red Oak, Iowa, to James and Elizabeth Schoening.

He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force.

Don married the love of his life, Birdie Head, in 1960. He worked in the medical field as a medical lab technologist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center until his retirement.

Don was an active member of North Cheyenne Hills Baptist Church for 36 years.

Don is survived by his wife, Birdie; four children, Mary (Gerry) Gardener, Donna Hermann, Karen Mattison and Paul (Ambika) Schoening; 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Rose Elkins and Virginia Paap; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, James and Elizabeth.

Cremation is under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home.

Condolences can be made at www.schradercares.com.



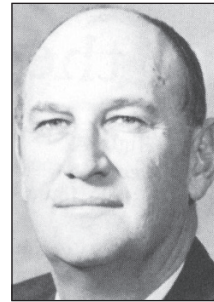
WINFERD OYLER 1931-2017

Winferd "Fred" Oren Oyler, 86, passed away at home Dec. 29 in Cheyenne, where he resided since 1977, following a heart attack.

Fred was born March 30, 1931, in Ingalls, Kan., the son of Fred Elso Oyler and Minnie Marie Russell Oyler. His family was engaged in farming.

He moved to Wyoming as a child, where his father worked in ranching. He graduated from Cheyenne High School in 1949. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1949 and was honorably discharged in 1952. He married Elizabeth "Betty" May DuVall on Dec. 5, 1954.

His next occupation followed in his father's footsteps. He worked on ranches around Cheyenne and Miles City, Mont., until joining the Wyoming Highway Patrol in 1959. His first duty station was



Riverton, where he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Rock Springs in 1964. A promotion to lieutenant moved him to Rawlins in 1968, until he was promoted to major and relocated to Cheyenne in 1977. Thereafter, he was raised to the rank of colonel/director of the Wyoming Highway Patrol in 1982, where he served until his retirement in 1985.

Fred was a man of many talents and interests. He loved the outdoors where he was active in hunting for most of his life, continuing elk hunts right up to the present.

Not ready to fully retire, he returned to his roots, rejoining the ranks of ranching for a time, and never lost his touch with a horse. He rode and enjoyed the motorized version as well, owning and delighting in a variety of motorcycles over the years. His skills in the automotive realm were extraordinary and well known to many. And he could weld with the best of them. Leather and wood working were likewise skills he possessed. He could fix about anything and often built from scratch whatever was needed. In many areas, his abilities seemed boundless and his generosity in helping others the same.

He will be much remembered for his special sense of humor and quick wit. That recollection will bring many a smile to all who knew him. He was a blessing to friends and family with his big heart and caring spirit. Those who cared for him are sure to affirm how their lives have been enriched.

He is survived by his sons, Jess (wife, Susan) Oyler of Cheyenne and Fred (wife Julie) Oyler of Cheyenne; grandchildren, Shawna (husband, Brandon) Mandros of Green River and Levi Oyler of Cheyenne; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" May Oyler; and parents, Fred and Minnie Oyler.

Memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, Box 758540, Topeka, KS, 66675-8540.

An expanded obituary may be viewed at www.schradercares.com.

CODY ALLEN 1985-2017

Cody Allen, 32, died Dec. 28 in Cheyenne from a heroin overdose.

His body and soul had suffered enough and couldn't handle anymore. He is in a much better place, free from



his burdens.

Cody Wayne Allen was born Sept. 19, 1985, to Bill and DeeAnn Allen in Casper.

He attended Paradise Valley Elementary, CY Junior High and graduated in 2004 from Natrona County High School. Growing up he played hockey and discovered his lifelong love for the game of baseball. He hit his first homerun at Washington Park. He was so proud.

He had resided in Cheyenne for the past 7 years. He worked a variety of jobs where he never met a stranger. In the short 32 years that Cody was with us, he impacted countless lives, more than he knew. He enjoyed spending time with his family, loved fishing and the outdoors, and going to baseball games.

While Cody struggled with addiction for more than half his life, it did not define who he was. To know Cody was to love him. He had a big smile, gave great hugs, had a charismatic personality and a dry wickered sense of humor.

Cody was preceded in death by his hero, his dad.

Cody is survived by his mom and stepdad, Dee and Joe Thoms; sisters, Amy (Mason) Sale and Stephanie (Josh) Hardee; nieces, Chloe, Macy, Elsie and Quincie Sale, Lauren and Claire Hardee; nephew, Dawson Hardee; and beloved dog, Tonto.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the COMEA Shelter, 1504 Stinson Avenue, Cheyenne, 82001, or the Black Dog Animal Rescue, 3619 Evans Avenue, Cheyenne, 82001, in Cody's memory.

In the New Year, please resolve to mend, build and strengthen relationships because tomorrow isn't promised and life is too short.

Condolences to www.wrcfuneral.com.

DON SANDS 1941-2017

Don Sands, 76, passed away Nov. 21 at home, losing his final drag race to cancer.

He was born May 16, 1941, and was raised in Cheyenne, graduating from Cheyenne High School in 1959. He worked at McDonalds while in school and styled his own hamburger that he called the "Sands" burger. As late as 1981, you could still order a "Sands" burger.

Cars and drag racing were his passion and Oldsmobile was his brand of choice.



He was known as Cheyenne's oldest teenager; most kids with a car knew Don.

He retired from Wycon Chemical and devoted more time to racing his cars. Don never married. He will be missed and remembered for the unique person he was.

A get together in his memory is planned for a later date. Later, Dude. Rest in peace.

SHARON GOSS 1942-2018

Sharon Draper Goss, 75, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 1 at Davis Hospice Center.

She was born May 13, 1942, to William Allen and Delores Titus Draper in Park City, Utah, where she attended school, graduating from Park City High School in 1960.

The family moved to Salt Lake City where she worked at Valley Bank and Trust. She married Richard Goss on June 4, 1965, at the Salt Lake City LDS Temple, and they lived in Sandy, Utah, until moving to Cheyenne. They had three children.

She is survived by her husband and two children, Kirstin Dobson (Joe) of Cheyenne and Allen (Morgan) Goss of Tooele, Utah; and was preceded in death by son, Aaron Goss.

She is also survived by her brother, Riley (Beth) Draper of Murray, Utah; and eight grandchildren, Kristina (Nathan), Joseph, Kathryn, Jakob, Aaron, Zachory, Kaydon and Piper.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Hospice or Humanitarian Aid of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

JOHN LIVERS 1944-2017

John Paul Livers, 73, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 26 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 19, 1944, the son of Rev. Christopher and Charldean Holloway Livers. He was raised in parsonages across Nebraska.

In 1963 he graduated from Stapleton Nebraska High School where he played sports. He later attended Southwestern College in Waxahachie, Texas.

He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was honorably discharged as a SP5. Later he attended Evangel College in Springfield, Mo.

He was an office manager for Lock Trucking of Wheatland and for Pepsi Cola in Cheyenne. He donated a kidney to his brother, Jim, in 1986, which lengthened his brother's life by many years. He en-

joyed cross-word puzzles and watching sports.

John is survived by two brothers, Glenn (Tomise) Livers and Raymond Kent; brother-in-law, Butch Hassler; sister-in-law, Marilyn Livers; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ruth Hassler; and brother, Jim Livers.

Condolences to www.wrcfuneral.com.

FAYANN CAIN 1930-2017

Fayann G. Cain, 87, of Kimball, Neb., died Dec. 31 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

Fayann was born Sept. 20, 1930, in Cheyenne, the daughter of William and Ina (Ballard) Cain. She attended high school in Burns.

Survivors include her sons, Dr. David W. (Theresa) Cain of Florida and Dr. Michael B. (Lisa) Cain of New York; grandchildren, Nolan (Kristen), Jessica, Ross and Taylor; great-grandchildren, Cason and Ryann; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many close personal friends.

Her parents and husband preceded her in death.

Private family inurnment will be at Kimball Cemetery.

Friends may visit www.cantrellfh.com to view Fayann's tribute wall and leave condolences for the family. Memorials may be given to The Kimball High School Booster Club or Trinity United Methodist Church.

The services for Fayann have been entrusted to the Cantrell Funeral Home.

ELEANOR DORAN 1928-2018

Eleanor L. "Tutt" Doran, 89, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 3 at Granite Rehabilitation and Wellness.

She was born Aug. 30, 1928, in Wellington, Colo., to Daniel and Ora Gallatin. She married John Doran and retired from Teledyne Waterpik.

She is survived by her husband, John Doran of Cheyenne; children, Gloria Farmer and Dan Farmer of Windsor, Colo.; brothers, Bruce Gallatin of Elbert, Colo., Sherman Gallatin and William Gallatin of Fort Collins, Colo.; and several grandchildren.



She was preceded by her parents and several siblings.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home and condolences may be offered at www.schradercares.com.

ROBERT JENKINS 1920-2017

Robert H. Jenkins, 88, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 29 at Davis Hospice Center.

He was born March 20, 1920, in Bangor, Maine, to John and Jennie Jenkins. He married Phyllis Chapel on April 27, 1951, in Denver.

He was retired from the U.S. Air Force, serving as a firefighter. He was a member of First Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Jenkins of Cheyenne; children, John Jenkins of Arlington, Va., Vicki Denmon of Phoenix, Linda Jenkins of Denver and Lisa Jenkins of Denver; grandchildren, Luke Denmon, Robbie Jenkins and Kristie Aukee; brother, Jim Jenkins of McCook, Neb.; cousin, Clayton Rogers of Brewer, Maine; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Those who wish may contribute to Davis Hospice Center.

Services are under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home, and condolences may be offered online at www.schradercares.com.

NOREEN LEMOND 1937-2017

Noreen Christina LeMond, 80, of Cheyenne died Dec. 30 at Davis Hospice Center surrounded by her family and friends.

She was born July 11, 1937, in Clonmel, Ireland.

Noreen was a judo instructor.

She is survived by two daughters, Tracie Shelton (Fred) and Christina Horton (Dusty); a brother, Steven O'Callaghan; two sisters, Margaret Brannam (Harry) and Mary Cerasoli; a granddaughter, Caitlin Kent (Rashan); and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Noreen was an amazing mother, grandmother and friend through her heart and judo. She touched many lives.

Cremation will follow.

Friends who wish may visit her webpage at www.wrcfuneral.com.



KENNETH FELTMAN**1941-2018**

Kenneth H. Feltman, 76, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 1 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

Kenneth was born Jan. 19, 1941, in Grafton, N.D., son of Konstanty and Julia (Wosick) Feltman.

As a young adult, Kenneth enjoyed working on the family farm. He was also a heavy equipment operator, establishing his own business in North Dakota and later working construction and trucking. He was a "tinkerer" who enjoyed working with wood and repairing vehicles. He loved visiting and made many friends at PACE.

Kenneth is survived by his children, Armand Feltman, John Feltman and Tammi (Tim) Fuchs; sister, Frances Riskey; and granddaughter, Emily Fuchs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Shirley (Lorenzen) Feltman; and brothers, Leo and Cyril Feltman.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Cremation is by Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home.

**NADINE JORDAN****1935-2018**

Nadine Jordan, 81, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 2 at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 19, 1935, in Solgochachia, Arkansas.

A U.S. Air Force wife, she enjoyed making a home for her family. Once her daughter was in high school, she joined the civil service, retiring after 21 years from F. E. Warren Air Force Base.

Nadine enjoyed retirement, traveling with her husband and seeing the country. One of her greatest pastimes was settling down for the day with a good book or socializing with friends.

Nadine is survived by her husband of 63 years, Joe Jordan; and her daughter, Julia Jordan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Carlena Bostian Evans; sisters, Wanda Soule and Ruby May; and her brother, Dwight Evans.

Cremation will take place under the care of Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel. Services will be held later.

Online condolences can be sent to www.wrcfuneral.com.

**GINO TRUJILLO****1970-2017**

Gino Leon Trujillo, 47, of Albuquerque, N.M., passed away Dec. 24 in Albuquerque, N.M.

He was born Oct. 14, 1970, in Oceanside, Calif.

He is survived by father, Jesse Trujillo; mother, Mary Cavinder; sister, Stephanie Trujillo; brother, Elijah Cavinder (Sarah); children, Joshua, Taylor, Jordan and Lazuli; maternal grandmother, Velen Pena; fraternal grandfather, Jesse Trujillo Sr.; nieces, Racheal, Jessica, Ashley and Audrey; uncles, Arthur, Junie, Greg, Joe, Eliseo, Robert, Jimmy, Jackie, Junior, Don, Joseph and Carlos; aunts, Margie, Annie, Lori, Beau, Christina, Judy, Jeannie, Vickie, Sandra, Josie, Janet, Ann Marie and Lola; and numerous cousins in Colorado and Wyoming. He also had many friends who loved him. He will be greatly missed; Tim West, Glenn Hodgen, Steve Wilburn, Mike Chavez and David Hargrove.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Serrano; and grandmother, Josie Trujillo.

Till we meet again, rest in God's peace, my son.



ished and golfed.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Thompson of Cheyenne; brother, Harlan Thompson of Arizona; sister, Florence Rempfer of Oklahoma; brothers-in-law, Bill Boyd and Duane Keslar; and sister-in-law, Jan Anderson, all of Wyoming.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Elizabeth Thompson.

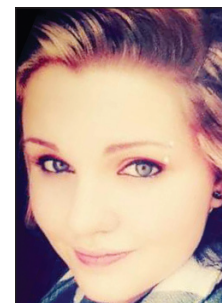
Tributes can be sent to the family at www.wrcfuneral.com.

PAIGE JOHNSON**1997-2018**

Paige Allison Johnson, 20, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 1 in Fort Collins, Colo.

Paige was born April 15, 1997, in Cheyenne and was a graduate of Triumph High, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, head of the student body and prom queen. She also was a member of the ACDA Honor Choir.

Paige is survived by her loving parents, Joseph Johnson (Kimberly) and Ashley Reis (Michael); her siblings, Matthew, Ryan and Morgan Johnson, and Nicholas Reis; her paternal grandparents, Bill and Sandra Johnson; her maternal grandmother, Debra Traister; her loving fiancé, Anthony Glass; and many loving extended family members and friends.

**E. DARLENE BLISS****1936-2018**

E. Darlene Bliss, 81, of Cheyenne died Jan. 3 at Davis Hospice Center.

She was born Dec. 27, 1936, in Burwell, Neb., a daughter to Orville E. and Margrete (Theiman) Van Pelt.

Darlene attended schools in both Torrington and Casper, later settling in Cheyenne where she worked for the clerk of court.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy (Brad) Hovey of Florida and Terri (Jim) Huck of Centennial, Colo.; a brother, Harold Van Pelt of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Bliss; and her parents.

Cremation has taken place at Cheyenne Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.wrcfuneral.com.

**AFTON GREEN****1930-2018**

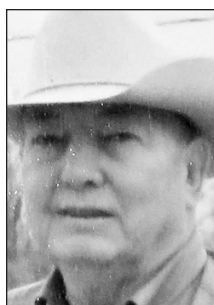
Afton "Babe" D. Green Jr., 87, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 3 at Heritage Estates in Gering, Neb.

Babe was born Sept. 19, 1930, in his grandmother's home in Loveland, Colo.

During his one and only hospital experience, he remained kind and sweet to the very end.

Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Memorials of the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family. The casket will be closed.

**RUSSELL THOMPSON****1937-2017**

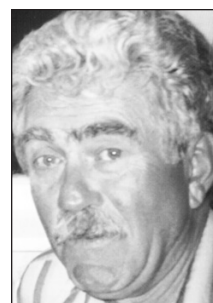
Russell G. Thompson, 80, of Cheyenne passed away Dec. 27 at Surprise Post Care Unit Hospice Center in Surprise, Ariz.

He was born Nov. 14, 1937, in Pine Bluffs to Dan and Elizabeth Thompson, where he was raised and graduated high school in 1956.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on July 2, 1958. Russell had already started college at the University of Wyoming for pre-engineering. He discharged July 1, 1963, and earned his master's in electric engineering in 1967.

He met and married Barbara Boyd in 1963 in Cheyenne. Russell worked in management for defense contractors until retirement.

The couple loved to travel and winter in Arizona and Arkansas, where Russell

**LAVERN LAWHEAD****1938-2018**

LaVern "Maggie" Lawhead, 79, of Cheyenne passed away peacefully Jan. 5 at home.

He was born Dec. 7, 1938, in Lexington, Neb., to Beryl and Mary (Hermerick) Lawhead.

He was married to Natalie Kurzyna from 1959 to 1984; they had four sons.

Maggie worked for Keirnes Livestock Hauling and Duggan Trucking for many years hauling livestock.

In 2000, he met his best friend Bea Valdez. He enjoyed traveling, spending time with family, stock car racing, activities with the Cheyenne Hot Air Balloon Club and Moose Lodge, and was a member of American Legion Post 6.



He is survived by sons, Larry (Becky), Dick (Tammy), Bill "Zeke" (Deb), and David (Linda); eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Bea Valdez and her children, Joseph (Ginger), Maria (Brian) and Shelley; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, whom he considered his own; and two sisters, Bonnie Ives and Donna Williams.

He was preceded in death by parents; sisters, Betty White, Golda Hermerick; and brother, Virgil Lawhead.

There will be no funeral service. Memorial donations to a charity of your choice.

WILLIAM CHAVEZ

1940-2018

William Roy Chavez Sr., 77, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 3.

He was born Nov. 22, 1940, in Monte Aplanado, N.M., near the small town of Mora, N.M. He worked for Union Pacific until 2004, after which he greatly enjoyed working and spending time with his boys, grandchildren and many young ones who called him Pampoo.

He is survived by Naomi Chavez and their seven children, Sheryl, William, Lonnie, Brian, Darlis, Cynthia and Eric; seven siblings, Rosalie, Cecelia, Grace, Frank, Erleene, Daniel and Hannah; 19 grand-children and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Acianita; three sisters Leslie, Marcella and Estella; one grandson, Steven; and one great-grandson, Matthew.

For the complete obituary, please visit www.schradercares.com.



ROBERT GARCIA

1940-2018

Robert Garcia, 77, of Fort Collins, Colo., passed away Jan. 5, surrounded by his family.

He was born April 29, 1940, in Cheyenne, a son to Alfred and Hortensia (Luque) Garcia. Robert attended St.



Mary's School and graduated from Central High School.

Robert had many jobs throughout his life. He worked from 1973-1991 for Varsity Contractors. In 1991, he partnered with Varsity to form his own company, System 1 Total Facility Services, where he currently served as chairman of the board.

Robert had many hobbies: hot rod cars, telling jokes, spending time with his grandkids and eating out, where he could start up conversations with the waitress. He was an avid John Wayne fan and could quote most movies.

Survivors include his loving wife for over 53 years, Diana (Gibbens) Garcia; son, Robert K. Garcia and his wife Candace Dolph-Garcia; grandchildren, Candra (Justin) Myers and Brendan Garcia; great-grandchildren, Alexander and Sophia Myers; siblings, Charles Garcia, Anna Fitzsimmons and Richard Garcia; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Hortensia, Lupe and Lucy.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the American Cancer Society in Robert's name. They also ask that you wear red to the funeral in honor of Bob's favorite color.

The family thanks the amazing staff at the Fort Collins UC Cancer Center and the UC Anschutz Medical Center.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.wrcfuneral.com.

BRUCE LEANDER

1958-2018

Bruce A. Leander, 59, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 8 in Cheyenne.

He was born Nov. 2, 1958, in Sacramento, Calif., to Matthew and Betty Leander.

He married Julie on July 30, 2005, in Virginia City, Nev. He most recently worked at Lowe's Distribution Center.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Leander; children, Jeannie Leander of Cheyenne, Christy (Nolan) Brady of Cheyenne, Zachary (Mindy) Leander of Sacramento, Arthur Leander of Cheyenne and Anthony (Jonathan) Leander of Cheyenne; grandchildren, Jaden Rose Leander and Joshua Brady; mother, Betty Harbridge of Spokane, Wash.; and siblings, Connie Clark, Steven Leander and Craig Leander, all of Spokane.

He was preceded in death by a brother,



Gary Leander.

Those who wish may contribute to Denver Children's Hospital.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Schrader Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home, and private services will be held.

Condolences may be offered at www.schradercares.com.

DENNIS SHAMBORGUER

1997-2018

Dennis "DJ" Shamborguer Jr., 20, of Cheyenne died Jan. 9 in Cheyenne.

DJ was born Oct. 12, 1997, in Detroit.

He graduated from Cheyenne's Central High in 2016, and began working at Lowe's Distribution Center and attending LCCC.

DJ was a great athlete who excelled in track and loved martial arts. He had a beautiful heart, an infectious laugh and could brighten up any room with his smile. He was always gracious, kind and loving.

He is survived by his "Mom," Andy Jones; siblings, Willie, Jayla and Jordan Jones; biological mother, Monet Shamborguer; aunts, Brooke and Heather Spence, Melba Williams, Karyn Deveraux, Liz Eisenhart and Allison Murphy; uncles, Kenny Williams, Victor Jones, Jon Murphy, Bill Eisenhart and Kevin Shamborguer; grandparents, Jay and Cynthia Deveraux; and many cousins who love and will miss him.

DJ was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Edward and Celestine Williams; his guardian, Willie Jones Sr.; and maternal grandmother, Beverly Spence.

In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to Cheyenne Brazilian Jiu Jitsu or Grace for 2 Brothers Foundation.

Friends may also visit his webpage at www.wrcfuneral.com.



EUGENE POTTER

1924-2018

Eugene F. Potter, 93, passed away Jan. 7 at Cheyenne Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Born July 27, 1924, in Sumner, Neb., to Floyd and Francis Potter, he enlisted in the U.S.



Army after completing school. He served four years during World War II, was injured and awarded the Purple Heart.

He completed the Boilermaker Apprenticeship program, and after moving to Cheyenne in 1948, proudly carried the No. 1 boilermaker card issued in Wyoming. He served on the Cheyenne Police Department for many years and retired from Frontier Refinery.

He is survived by children, Richard Potter (Pat) of Cheyenne, Sharon Karaica (Paul) of Henderson, Nev., Jeri Coe (Gordon) of Gold Canyon, Ariz., and Patricia Boyle of Sebastopol, Calif.; seven grandchildren, including Shane Potter (Brittany) of Cheyenne; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers Charles and Robert; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister; and two brothers.

There will be no service.

BETTY MILLER

1926-2018

Betty J. Miller, 91, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 7 at Life Care Center of Cheyenne.

She was born June 13, 1926, in Fort Collins, Colo., to Henry and Hanna Frank. She married Clayton Miller and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her children, Kevin (Karen) Miller of Wheatland and Bonnie (Tom) Shaw of Cheyenne; grandchildren, Sean Shaw, Robyn Glasscock and Ronny Gasscock; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; daughter, Sandy Miller; and brothers, Raymond and Harold Frank.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home and private interment services will be at Beth El Cemetery.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.schradercares.com.



**HELEN LAUB
1916-2018**

Helen C. Laub, 101, of Cheyenne died Jan. 6 at Life Care Center.

She was born March 17, 1916, in Hamburg, Iowa, a daughter to Arthur and Bessie (Robinson) McAdams. Helen graduated from high school in Lincoln, Neb., and moved to Cheyenne in 1957.

Helen enjoyed reading and attending garage sales.

Survivors include a son, Jack Laub of Vancouver, Wash.; three daughters, Mary Benzel of North Platte, Neb., Gay Robbins of Cheyenne and Kay Laub of North Platte, Neb.; five grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, G. Paul Laub; her parents; a son, Gary Laub; two brothers, Dale and Wayne McAdams; and a sister, Marjorie King.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.wrcfuneral.com.



Dennis (wife, Terri and children, Kendra, Cameron and Clay) of Cheyenne; and aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews all over the country.

Gregg was preceded in death by all of his grand-parents and a very special niece, Katie.

Our hearts are filled with treasures and memories of Gregg, and knowing he rests peacefully in the heavenly arms of Jesus.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be forwarded to causes dear to Gregg's heart.

A memorial service will take place this summer. Contact family for details.

**ALFRED RENNEISEN
1947-2018**

Alfred J. Renneisen Jr., 70, formerly of Cheyenne, succumbed peacefully to pancreatic cancer Jan. 7 at his Jackson home.

The bright-smiling student of life marked his 70th and last birthday in Jackson Hole during the August eclipse.

Al was born Aug. 21, 1947, in San Jose, Costa Rica, to Soledad and Alfred J. Renneisen Sr., who was then serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Al moved to Cheyenne as a boy when his father was transferred to the F.E. Warren Air Force Base.

Grandparents, parents and seven siblings lived in the Renneisen home.

"We were a big family raised in a small house," Renneisen wrote in November.

"Somehow that physical closeness helped create friendships and attachments that we share today."

Al's love of golf began on the F.E. Warren course where he worked in the pro shop. Many Wyoming evenings, Al was charged with retrieving practice balls that had been hit so errantly they landed beyond the easy collection area of the driving range. Using only his left hand, Al would drive the balls back into the short grass, building a sweeping path that had at its core a fencer's balance.

The arcing motion helped Al win the Wyoming Jaycee Tournament as a



youth and play late into his last summer.

He loved hitting and watching others hit "pure" golf shots. They brought glimpses of fleeting human grace and nobility. Whether on the course or in the town, Renneisen believed many people had more pureness in them than they were able to let out.

Renneisen graduated from Cheyenne Central High School in 1965 and attended the University of Wyoming, getting what he described as "a great education." He played for the Pokes golf team.

He later studied court reporting in Denver.

Al married childhood friend Julie McCabe on June 7, 1975, in Cheyenne, and the couple honeymooned in Jackson. They raised four children, Steve, Shane, Lindsey and Catherine, primarily in Newcastle and Gillette. Catherine graduated from Jackson Hole High School.

"Julie gave me strength, purpose and joy," Al wrote. "What could have been chaos became order. Her love didn't make me perfect, but her love was perfect."

Al worked as a carpenter for four years before starting as a court reporter in eastern Wyoming. The legal work offers a glimpse into Al's kindness.

In 1991, Rhonda Officer started as a court reporter in Gillette, and Al served as her mentor.

"While reporting school taught me how to write, Al taught me how to be a reporter," Officer said.

He helped her with the technical intricacies of the job, found ways to bring laughter into the day, helped her deal with lawyers and judges, and served as sounding board when she needed to "hash over some of the craziness that happened in our courtrooms."

"But probably most of all, Al gave me confidence to do my job," Officer said.

Officer became friends with the Renneisen family, who also proved caring.

They "were always supportive of me and my young children," Officer recalled.

In the 1990s, Fred and Liz McCabe needed help with the Jackson Hole News and Guide. Fred's health was declining and the paper was suffering from internal instability while competing against Jackson Hole News.

The McCabes asked Renneisen to serve as general manager, and

he moved his family to Jackson in 1996. He eventually worked as co-publisher with Liz.

Along with oversight of the businesses, including the McCabe commercial print shop and commercial and rental properties, Al helped at the Guide with copy editing, laughed with staff as he cooked Milk Can Stew at the summer party, spent late nights helping foreman Dan Fauver keep the presses running, swore at the unethical and complimented a well constructed sentence.

Before Fred died in 1997, he asked Al to "help take care of Liz." No small task.

Renneisen helped the News and Guide merge in 2002. Al continued to work in management, eventually retiring from the community newspaper business in 2005.

Although he stepped away from the office, he remained in the paper's partnership group and continued to help Liz take her weekly Valley cover photo.

"Liz gave more than you could give her," he wrote.

After Liz died, Al and Julie travelled; they couldn't see enough of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Though they had ties to Montana, Colorado and other parts of Wyoming, the Renneisens remained in Jackson.

Even as his final days approached, Renneisen remained a humble student and philosopher — learning what death had to teach.

"Life is fragile, more so than I ever realized," Al wrote. "I guess time will tell if I did some good in my life, but I give thanks for family and friends."

Al loved his family and wife, Julie. He was kind, especially to children. He loved it when something, whatever it was, was pure; he could hit pure golf shots. He liked good food and drink, and he loved to laugh.

He could spend long hours doing hard work, which helped him as general manager and then co-publisher at the Jackson Hole Guide and in management at the Jackson Hole News & Guide.

He liked to read and talk about philosophy and quote the likes of Nietzsche. He was curious about the universe and its inhabitants. His mid-career, 18-year job as a Wyoming court reporter placed him squarely in one of society's main philosophical crucibles: the judicial system.

Al worked with Judge Terrence O'Brien, who is now a circuit judge on the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Al took his job seriously, and O'Brien noticed — not just his work ethic, but also his engagement.

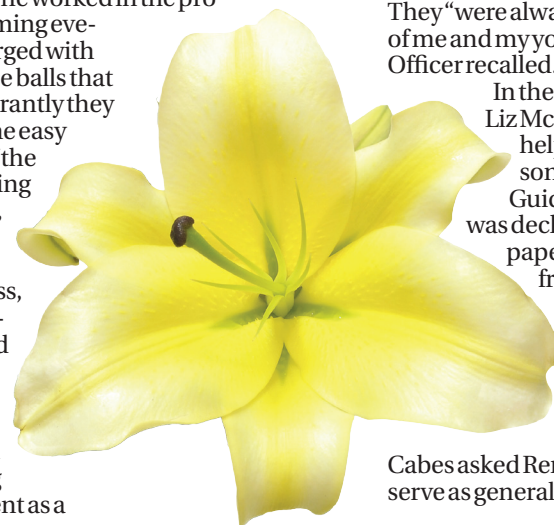
**GREGG BROWN
1958-2018**

Gregg Allen Brown, 59, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully Jan. 1 in Anchorage, Alaska, on his way back to his current teaching assignment in Akiak, Alaska.

He was born Dec. 3, 1958, in Cheyenne to Wayne and Jean Brown. He was raised here, graduating in 1977 from Cheyenne Central High School and in 1982 from the University of Wyoming.

Gregg's love of travel and adventure sent him to employment in teaching and coaching in California, Colorado, back and forth to Wyoming (Riverton and Cheyenne), and most recently to several villages in Alaska. Other travels back and forth through his beloved Wyoming employed him at Dairy Gold Foods, Cheyenne Frontier Days and landscaping with his brother, Dennis to name a few.

He is survived by his parents, Wayne and Jean Brown of Cheyenne; brother,



"He was quite interested in philosophy, particularly ethics, about which he was well-read and ever capable of informed discussion," O'Brien said. "He was a dedicated, disciplined and conscientious court reporter."

When he moved to Teton County to help run the Guide, owned by in-laws Fred and Liz, Al would need his philosophical background, work ethic and patience. Renneisen stepped into a job as general manager of a paper covering a busy town and competing with a cross-town rival.

The job was unrelenting, but Renneisen used humor to keep perspective. In his office he kept a drawing of a grizzled cowboy on the range. The cowboy states: "There were a helluva lot of things they didn't tell me when I hired on with this outfit."

Al is survived by his wife, Julie; four children, Steve Renneisen of Gillette, Shane Renneisen of Laramie, Lindsey Morrison of Fort Collins, Colo., and Catherine Jones of Belgrade, Mont.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his mother, Sally Renneisen of Cheyenne; six siblings; and a large extended family in Costa Rica.

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

The family thanks the Jackson Hole caregivers who helped Al during his final months. In lieu of flowers, donations may go to St. John's Medical Center Foundation to support oncology care.

A private celebration of Al's life will be held in the summer.

MARK LEE 1960-2018

Mark Lee, 57, of Burns died Jan. 11 at Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne.

He was born Feb. 9, 1960, in Casper.

Mark was a postal carrier for the USPS and enjoyed riding ATV's, camping, fishing and motorcycling.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sherry, who died just hours earlier.

Mark is survived by a son, Michael Smith; daughters, Melanie Courchaine (Thomas) and Christina Jensen (Jake); siblings, Bill, Jack, Melody and Todd Lee; and five grandchildren, Brady, Dakota, Logan, Ethan, and Harper.

Mark was also preceded in death by his parents, William and Pearl Lee; and a daughter-in-law, Kristina Smith.



In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Stride Learning Center.

Friends may also visit her webpage at www.wrcfuneral.com.

SHERRY LEE 1962-2018

Sherry C. Lee, 55, of Burns died Jan. 10 at Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne.

She was born March 1, 1962, in Tacoma, Wash.

Sherry was a billing specialist at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. She enjoyed riding ATV's, camping, fishing and motorcycling.

She was survived by her husband, Mark, who passed away the day after she died, also at Davis Hospice.

She is survived by her son, Michael Smith; daughters, Melanie Courchaine (Thomas) and Christina Jensen (Jake); and five grandchildren, Brady, Dakota, Logan, Ethan and Harper.

Sherry was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Janice Nicholson; a brother, Wade Nicholson; and a daughter-in-law, Kristina Smith.

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NORMA FORCE 1936-2018

Norma Claire Force, 81, of Cheyenne died Jan. 13 at Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne.

She was born Aug. 9, 1936, in Sheridan to Kenneth and Hazel Samson.

With great joy, yet sorrow as strong as the Wyoming winds, Norma now rests in the loving arms of her Lord. She spent most of her younger years in Gillette, graduating in May 1954 from Campbell County High School.

She married the love of her life, Dave Force, on Aug. 10, 1959, who remained at her side until she arrived home.

To know Norma was to love her! She touched lives beyond measure through her numerous volunteer efforts and was the epitome of love, grace, patience,



virtue and especially faith, apparent to all in her service. She was the ultimate homemaker, caring for family, friends and community as well as her beloved church, as a founding member of Highlands Presbyterian Church.

Her service included treasurer, secretary, Sunday school teacher and more. Her adventure into scouting began as a den mother for Cub Scouts, moving to Girl Scouts, which she actively remained involved in years after her daughters were past their age. She served as president of the Wyoming Chapter; the highlight of her service. She participated in dress-a-doll competition (awarded top honors); ribbon cutting for the new Governor's Mansion; numerous teas at conferences, NYC included, camps and more. Rodeos were always a part of her life; it naturally followed as her youngest daughter belonged to Little Britches, so did Norma, volunteering her time, sewing numerous outfits required for princess/ attendant roles, and state competitions.

She ran the gamut on other services from election worker until retirement. Norma delivered for Meals on Wheels with Dave. She loved camping, putting waders on to fish, creating gorgeous dolls and especially her famous German chocolate cakes, and canning syrups, jellies, peaches and corn. Norma began classes at LCCC, proud of straight As as her youngest entered teens, leading to her work at SE Wyoming Mental Health where she enjoyed close friendships.

Norma also had a passion for cards, especially Bridge. She enjoyed sewing and crocheting, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Norma loved life, lived fully and taught others to do the same.

Norma was preceded in death by her first husband, O. Paul Dobbs; father and mother, Kenneth and Hazel Samson; brothers, Ken (Butch) and Robert Samson; and a daughter, Kathy Boheler.

She leaves behind a legacy of love with her husband, Dave; her children, Lloyd (Brenda) Force of Georgia, Barbara McAmis of Colorado and Janice (Matt) Hills of Texas; son-in-law, Kevin Boheler of Wyoming; along with seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Highlands Presbyterian Church or Girl Scouts of America.



DONA SIMPSON 1929-2018

Dona Mae Simpson, 88, of Cheyenne passed away Jan. 6 in Westminster, Colo., surrounded by family.

She was born Sept. 7, 1929, in Wheatland to Frank and Rue Tucker.

They later moved to Cheyenne, where Dona graduated from Cheyenne High.

She was a devoted wife, adoring mother, loving grandmother and true friend to all. Her smile and giggle live on in the memories of all who knew her.

Survivors include her children, Todd (Sally) Whelan of Cheyenne, Missy (Lornie) McCall of Denver, Jerry Simpson of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Janny (Rich) of Utah; grandchildren, Ben (Steph) McCall, Jared McCall, Haley (Lee) Whelan and Matthew Whelan; and great-grandson, Cooper.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings; and sons, Dennis Simpson and Randy Whelan.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.wrcfuneral.com.





Jon and Bridgette Radomsky and the staff of Wiederspahn-Radomsky Chapel would like to thank the community of Cheyenne and the surrounding area for the confidence and trust you have instilled in us in allowing our family to take care of your family.



Amy
Peterson



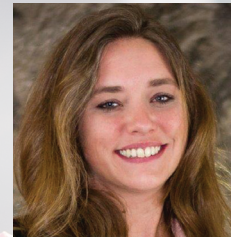
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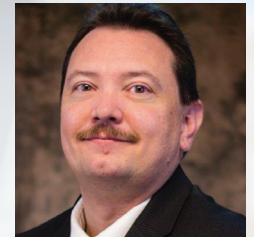
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