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J G. Davis II

Family

Deaths

J Gilbert (Jim) Davis II, 83, West Virginia University in 1977 the South Pacific. Casper, Wyo., a retired petroleum and also earned fire boss, shot firengineer, and father of Scott (Jan) er's and coal miner's certificates. and Evan (Regena) Bar-

num of Colby, died Jan. 13, 2009, at his home.

He was born Oct 2, 1925, in Denver to J Gilbert and Norma Wilhelmina (Daenitz) Davis. He graduated from high school in Ponca City, Okla., and after Army service, received Bachelor of Science and Master

engineering from the University the Alaskan Pipeline. of Tulsa. While there, he married Shirley May Pollock on Sept. 1, 1949. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta .

He worked for the Continental Oil Co. (Conoco) for nearly 40 years, working all over the world. He began working in the field at Big Spring, Texas. Over the next 20 years, he was transferred several times between Ponca City, Cody, Wyo., Denver and Lynch, Wyo, where he was head engineer. He earned the certificate of registration for professional engineers.

The Davises separated, and Jim married Mary Lou Ann Snyder in gineering professional, and he did January 1964 in Casper, with her three children, Dallas, Cass and Shelley.

City and then to Morgantown, his friend, Larry Burgess. During

died Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at the a staff sergeant. Cheyenne County Hospital.

Jaqua Township west of St. Francis. He attended rural schools and the Zion Lutheran Church parochial school. He graduated from eighth grade, then went to work on the family farm.

he was a communications line- ters, Vanieda Eichstadt and Anna man for Gen. George Patton's 3rd Klemm. Army in Europe. He was awarded

James H. Briard, 80, Oakley, son, Jason Skeers. formerly of Colby, a retired agent He is survived by his wife, of for the Union Pacific Railroad, the home; three daughters, Rita died Friday Ian 16 2009 at the (Ray) Hartman of Bisbee Ariz

His research convinced Conoco that it was not efficient to import oil shale from Indonesia. After 17 years, he and

J Gilbert (Jim) Davis

Mary Lou divorced. Jim moved back to Casper, where he met and married Ellen Riggs on Jan. 1, 1982. He transferred to Anchorage, Alaska,

where he worked at of Science degrees in petroleum Prudhoe Bay at the beginning of

He and Ellen moved from there to the United Arab Emirates during the Persian Gulf War. He sometimes had to be transferred by helicopter by night to avoid unfriendly fire, as he engineered living quarters on oil platforms. He retired in 1988 to Tucson, Ariz., and the couple moved back to Casper in 1992.

Jim was proud of his nearly 40 years of service to Conoco and held several patents because of his work there. When he retired, he was only one of four in the firm to achieve the rank of senior enconsulting work for the company worldwide

Mr. Davis also co-owner of a Jim transferred back to Ponca ranch in central Wyoming with W.Va. He received a master's de- World War II, he was as a corporal Casper was in charge of arrangegree in mining engineering from with a 105 mm howitzer battery in ments.

He became a vocational education instructor and was active in the Casper chapter of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering, serving as president of the Wyoming section in 1963.

Jim and Ellen enjoyed traveling to dozens of countries around the world. He enjoyed fishing, rock hunting, guns and spelunking in his retirement and went out with his sons and friends as often as possible. He became an active member of Walking With Christ ministries in Mills, Wyo., near Casper, serving as chair of the trustees.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

He also leaves his wife, Ellen, another son, Dr. Grant (Carol) Barnum of Osage Beach, Mo.; three step-daughters, Carol (Dennis) Williams of Casper, Elizabeth Riggs of Indianapolis, Ind., and Jeanne Riggs of Tacoma, Wash.; seven grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and five step greatgrandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at the church. Cremation.

The family suggest contributions to the church, 320 Second Ave., Mills, Wyo. 82644, or the Denver Rescue Mission at www. denverrescuemission.org

Newcomer Funeral Home in

Henry Fredrick Shirmer

Henry Fredrick Shirmer, 90, a the Bronze Star. After the war, he tha (Gus) Zweygardt of St. Francis St. Francis area farmer and father served six months an interpreter in of Relda (Tracey) Galli of Gem; Germany, then was discharged as

He and Deloris H. Nietzel Mr. Shirmer was born March marred June 3, 1962, in Good-15, 1918, at the family home in land. He raised Shorthorn cattle before he retired and moved to St. Francis. He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church and taught Sunday school for more than 30 vears.

He was preceded in death by Drafted into the Army in 1942, his wife in 2006, and two sis-

He also leaves two sisters, Mar-

and Erna (Dean) Blume of Goodland, and a brother in law, Paul

Eichstadt, Wolsey, S.D. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at the church, with military graveside rites at the St. Francis Cemetery by an honor guard from Fort Riley.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Knodel Funeral Home.

The family suggests contributions to the church or the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis in care of the funeral home at Box 606, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press Junior Tiffany Wilson served at Heartland Christian School's annual barbecue on Sunday.

Corrections

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our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.



or all your prayers, food cards, phone calls, visits, your donations to Darlene's memorial, the Berean ladies for the amily dinner and the snacks after the service were great. Darlene will be missed by many. As we miss her we need to ejoice with her that she has gone home. What a wonderful ime when she finally meet her Jesus.

We won't forget the care and concern we received from he staff at Citizens Medical Center, Dr. Slavens, Andy Rose Don and Cathy Harrison.

Thank you for your love and strength you gave us at

this time. May God bless each and everyone of you

Lyle Gillispie, Sherri Hiebert, Marsha Crook, Jodie Ackerman, Randy Gillispie, Richard Gillispie and families



Max & Debra Mountfords 40th Wedding Anniversary on January 25thl

Their children request friends and family shower them with cards. Please mail cards to their new address: 7801 West 99th Street **Overland Park, KS 66212** 6 8 8 0

Tasty barbecue draws crowd





Logan County Hospital in Oak- and Monica Porter and Roxie (Edley.

Lodgepole, Neb., to Leo and Mary (Brunette) Briard. Most of his life and five grandchildren was spent in Colby and Oakley.

of the Korean War and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He married Mildred E. Eiring on etery. Oct. 3, 1954, in Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Joyce Skeers; and Betty Simkins; and a grand- 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

die) Skeers of Oakley; a brother, He was born June 30, 1928, in Arthur Briard of San Francisco; a sister, Sara Bruce, of Davis, Calif.'

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Briard was a Navy veteran Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, with burial in the Oakley Cem-

Visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and after 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests contributwo brothers, Jerry Briard and Leo tions to the Logan County Manor Briard; two sisters, Sally Clark in care of the funeral home, Box

William Young

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IN RECIPES

James H. Briard

William Young, 82, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, of natural will be held in June for his friends causes.

He is survived by three sisters, Delma Voisin, Rita Jones and Norine Lehocky.

and family. Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby is handling the arrangements.

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