Mabel Lou Fortin
July 19, 1915 - Nov. 27, 2004

Mabel Lou Fortin was born July 14, 1915, in Dresden, the daughter of Roy and Ida (Koehn) Fortin. She spent her childhood in the Phillips County town of Parshall, North Dakota, attended school at South Bethlehem, Jenkins and South Bend, Idaho. On Jan. 9, 1935, she married Eugene M. Fortin in Lovell, Wyoming. They lived in a farm home in the Bitterroot Valley of Montana, and in 1940, moved to Los Angeles, California. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1951. She was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Trona.

Mrs. Fortin was preceded in death by two of her five children, her son Eugene M. Fortin, and her son Richard W. Fortin. She is survived by her son Ronald M. Fortin, his wife Sharon and their daughter Sarah, of California; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Bessie Brown, Anna Blanton and Delores Allison, of Montana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Paris Presbyterian Church in Trona, California. The Rev. George Koehn will officiate. Burial will be in the Trinity Manor Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Meredith Jay Wiltfong
Oct. 10, 1930 - Nov. 29, 2004

Meredith Jay Wiltfong was born Oct. 10, 1930, in Clayton and George and Louise (Butler) Wiltfong. He attended school in the Norton area and graduated from Kansas State University as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Following graduation, he served for a short time as an intern with the Veterinary Corp. He then served in the United States Army Veterinary Corps. He was a founding member of the Norton State Bank.

While in Omaha he established the Benson Animal Clinic, Travel with the VCA Veterinary Medical Association. He was the veterinary consultant for the ARS Research and Development Department at Creighton University. He served on the Nebraska Humane Society Board of Directors, and the Rosalia High School Board. He was a director of the American Veterinary Medical Association serving as president of the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association.

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