

Bert Bidegaray

SIDNEY — Bert Bidegaray came to the United States from France in 1951 to operate his uncle's farm in Richland County. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church of Charley Creek and Knights of Columbus, and served on the Mona and Fairview school boards.

Mr. Bidegaray, 55, died Saturday in his home of an apparent heart attack.

Born in Mendive, France, he was a son of Jean and Graciane Bidegaray. On Feb. 15, 1958, he married Therese Ithurbide in Ahaxe, France.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Daniel; five daughters, Mrs. Tom (Kathy) Irigoin of Missoula, Mrs. Brent (Michele) Certain of Miles City, Debbie Bidegaray and Beverly Bidegaray, both attending Montana State University in Bozeman, and Mary Bidegaray; a brother, Jean of south Brockton; and two sisters, Marie Gracie Sallaberry and Lucie Bidegaray, both in France.

Rosary will be recited 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Fulkerson Memorial Chapel. Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Richland Memorial Park.