

Burton Loyd Gamble, 83

Burton Loyd Gamble, 83, died Oct. 22, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born in Whitehouse, Ohio, on June 23, 1915, to Glen and Regina Adler Gamble. He grew up in Rudolph, Ohio, and graduated from Bowling Green University, in Bowling Green, Ohio. On June 14, 1941, he married Janette Krautter. They had three children, Jeff, Joan, and Merry.

They lived in Cleveland, Ohio, for 10 years, then moved to Hinsdale, Ill. He worked in Chicago, as a research and development engineer for 27 years, until retiring to Montana. They lived in Paradise Valley near Livingston, for 10 years, before moving to Bigfork, in 1988.

He always had a garden and fruit trees and took great satisfaction in improving his home and grounds.

He was a Mason and a member of the Al Koran Shrine for over 50 years. He was a member of the Methodist

Church in Bigfork.

He enjoyed fly fishing, reading, woodworking and gardening. He also enjoyed playing tennis for many years.

He is survived by his wife Janette at the family home in Bigfork; one son, Jeff Gamble and wife, Linda, of Big Bay, Mich.; two daughters, Joan Gamble of Chicago Heights, Ill., and Merry Goldthorpe and husband, Chris, of Portland, Ore., also one granddaughter and two great-grandchildren and other family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at Monday, at 2 p.m. at the Bigfork Methodist Church, 750 Electric Ave. Bigfork, with the Rev. Jan Witman officiating.

The family suggests memorials be given to your own church or a charity of your choice.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Winifred Julia Ross Gantka, 82

Winifred Julia Ross Gantka, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went to be with her Lord and savior on Jan. 31, 1998. She passed away at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork at the age of 82.

She was born Sept. 18, 1915, to William and Stella Marshall Ross at Oldham, S.D. In 1920, she moved with her family to a farm near Hazelton, N.D., where she graduated from high school.

On Sept. 18, 1940, she married Charles Henry Gantka. They lived in Mandan, N.D. until 1997 when they moved to Bigfork.

She worked as a stenographer before and after her marriage, retiring from the livestock sanitary board office with the State of North Dakota.

She is survived by her husband, Charles, of Bigfork; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Verdeell Jackson of Kalispell, Rita and Stan Kenniston of Bend, Ore., and Janet and Rod Hillstrom, of Minneapolis, Minn.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Paul and Amber

Kenniston, and son, Zachariah, Julie (Hillstrom) and Dirk Clemens, April Jackson, Lori Kenniston and Jessica Hillstrom; nephews, Frank Purintun of Hazelton, N.D., Wayne Purintun of Wilmar, Minn.; sisters-in-law, Beryl Kiefer of Bismarck, N.D., Eula Hagge of Roseberg, Ore., and Inez Crimmins and brother-in-law, Dave Crimmins, of Mandan.

She'll be greatly missed by all of her family and friends. Mom, we love you dearly, you were the best mom anyone could have and we are looking forward to seeing you in Heaven.

She was active in her church, Redeemer Lutheran in Mandan, in the ladies aid society and library. She also did volunteer work for R.S.V.P.

She was preceded in death by her brother Emmons, sister Frances, and grandchild Joel Nathan.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary. A service is Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Reiner officiating. Burial will follow.

Katherine Lighthall Gardiner, 88

Katherine Lighthall Gardiner, 88, of Kalispell, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Monday, March 2, 1998.

She was born May 24, 1909, in Kalispell, the youngest of three children. Their father was the first druggist in Kalispell, had the first bicycle here and owned one of the first cars. She grew up in the Conrad Mansion neighborhood and she spent summers on Flathead Lake. She had studied ballet and took part in the Flathead High School Theater.

She spent a year in Phoenix, Ariz., and returned to Kalispell and worked at Hummer's, Anderson's Style Shop and the K.M. She enjoyed modeling clothes.

In September 1935, she married Earl "Curly" Gardiner, projectionist for the Anderson Theaters. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Her major interest was raising horses and hunting. She had been active and past president of the Kalispell Saddle Club. She also enjoyed cards, skating, swimming and outdoor activities. She had been raised in the Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her son, Richard Gardiner of Mesquite, Texas; granddaughter Tanya Nordberg and two great-grandsons, James and John Nordberg, all of Eureka, Calif.; nephew, Dan Bangeman of Somers; and nieces, Nancy Ryon and Barbara Hagland, both of Spokane.

A memorial service is set for Thursday at 2 p.m. at the chapel in Johnson Mortuary. An inurnment will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. J. Torrence Harvey officiating.

Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Clara Joan Gardner, 67

Clara Joan Gardner, 67, died Thursday, July 16, 1998, at her home in Kalispell, of acute myloid leukemia.

She was born Oct. 25, 1930, in Kalispell, to Emil O. and Ellen Sydna Lanegan Mellem Sr. She lived all of her life in Kalispell.

She married Dallas E. Gardner on Dec. 1, 1950, and was married to her best friend for 47 1/2 wonderful years. They have resided in the same home on 3rd East for 33 years. They raised six children

She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed cake decorating (wedding cakes). She loved the Lord, Jesus Christ, with all her heart, soul, and mind. She was known for her faithfulness, deep love, compassion, and selflessness towards others. She was a member of Easthaven Baptist Church and was extremely active in it. She received recognition for her selfless giving of time and energy toward developing and maintaining Glacier Southern Baptist Association Camp, where she and her husband were groundskeepers.

She was a beautiful Christian woman and was and will always be beloved. She was loved by everyone who knew her. She was an incredible mother, wife, and grandmother. She

will be sorely missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her husband, Dallas E. Gardner, at the family home in Kalispell; six children, Jacqueline Hurley and husband, Mark, of Spokane, Holly Dornfeld and husband, the Rev. Steve Dornfeld, of Casper, Wyo., Michael Gardner and wife, Lana, of Kalispell, Curtis Gardner and wife, Terri, of Independence, Mo., Joey Gardner and wife, Debby, of Vallejo, Calif., and Julie Opperman and husband, Jeffrey Opperman, of Harker Heights, Texas; three sisters, Florence Robinson of Kalispell, Eleanor Naumann and husband, George, and Shirley Parker and husband, Gerald, all of Bigfork; a brother, Emil E. Mellem, and wife, Marie, of Kalispell; and 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Easthaven Baptist Church with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials go to Glacier Southern Baptist Association Camp, (GSBA CAMP) 644 3rd Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Frederick Albert Geiger, 52

The graveside service for Frederick Albert Geiger, 52, of Kalispell, was held Friday at Gotcher Cemetery in Williams, Ore. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Valley View Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1100 W. Reserve Dr., in Kalispell.

He died Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, Ore.

He was born Sept. 11, 1945, in Richland, Wash., to Delos and Florence Geiger. He was raised in Richland where he attended high school and was active in the track program. He was voted as most talented and enjoyed art.

On June 17, 1967, in Seattle, he married the former Verla Mitchell, who survives. He was a master electrician since 1967, working in Seattle from 1966 to 1974. He then moved to

Kalispell, where he owned and operated Riverside Electric, Inc.

He was an elder with the Jehovah's Witnesses and enjoyed researching the Bible, theological studies and astrophysics. He enjoyed his family, teaching, and storytelling and had an animated sense of humor.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Stephen Geiger of Kalispell, and Nathan Geiger of Libby; a daughter, Kelley Whitney, of Kalispell; his mother, Florence Geiger, of Phoenix, Ore.; two sisters, Rosalie Hughes of Boise, Idaho, and Delores "Sissy" Glass of Los Angeles; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Litwiller-Simonsen Funeral Home in Ashland, Ore.

Ralph Gibson Geldrich, 83

Ralph Gibson Geldrich, 83, of Kalispell, died on Tuesday, March 24, 1998.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1915, the son of Fred and Ann Irene Geldrich, in Nashville, Tenn. He married Minnie Battin on July 15, 1929, in Nashville.

He followed road construction all of his life, settling in Kalispell in 1964.

He retired in 1977, at which time he traveled living in Maricopa, Ariz., in the winter and returning to Kalispell each summer.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and Operating Engineers Local #400.



He enjoyed traveling, Keno and more traveling.

He was preceded in death by his wife Minnie Battin Geldrich and is now survived by two sons Edward Russell Geldrich of Columbia Falls, and Ralph Eugene Geldrich of Kalispell; one daughter, Ann Irene MacCary of Kalispell; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard Geldrich of Nashville; sister-in-law Johanna Geldrich of Ohio.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. on Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating.

Military honors will be conducted by Flathead United Veterans. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Ellis B. Gibson Jr., 71

Ellis "Junior" B. Gibson Jr., 71, died Monday morning, April 20, 1998, at his home in Martin City.

He was born Aug. 1, 1926, in Grantville, Pa., to Ellis B. and Annie B. Gibson. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, two brothers, and a grandson.

He is survived by his friend, Ella Davenport of Martin City; three daughters; a son; three sisters; three grandchildren;

one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Lion Hill Baptist Church in Martin City. The Rev. Patrick Pierce will officiate. A reception will follow at the church.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Home Options Hospice. Columbia Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

23 June 1998 Marian E. Gilbert, 82

Marian E. Gilbert, 82, died Tuesday at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 24, 1915, in Chicago, to Henry and Henrietta Staub Eck.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth, daughter, Lynn Sundelius, and her husband, Walter, with grandsons Andrew and

Matthew, all of Kalispell; and a son.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Cascade United Methodist Church in Great Falls. Burial followed at Cascade Cemetery.

Great Falls arrangements are handled by Croxfords Mortuary. Local arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Helen T. Gilbertson, 87

Helen T. Gilbertson, 87, died Sunday, March 22, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 14, 1911, in Fargo, N.D., to Peter Miller and Marie Collins, both of Emmetsburg, Iowa. Her mother was born in Ireland. Shortly after her birth she was adopted by Edwin and Betsy Everson. She was raised on their family farm near Walum, N.D.

She later moved to Kalispell, where she lived with her sister, Myrtle Iverson, while attending Flathead County High School.

In 1932, she was married to Elmer Gilbertson in Kalispell. This union produced two children, Geraldine on March 14, 1934, and James on Jan. 9,



1937.

She was employed for many years as a bookbinder at the O'Neil Printers in Kalispell.

She was a member of the Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for the past 32 years.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Geraldine on Sept. 25, 1959, and by her husband, Elmer, on Aug. 27, 1969.

She is survived by her son, James, at the family home in Kalispell; her grandson, Jim Jumper and his wife, Vicki, and their two children of Eatonville, Wash.

Cremation has taken place and interment will be in the family plot at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Friday at 11 a.m. Friends are welcome to attend.

Arrangements by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Norma Ann Gillies, 81

Norma Ann Gillies, 81, a retired nurse and resident of Havre, died May 19, 1998, in a Havre hospital of complications due to cancer.

She was born Jan. 18, 1917, near Glasgow, to Aquilla and Normal Boozel. She was raised in Great Falls and attended school there. She graduated from Great Falls High School and the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing.

After graduation she moved to Havre and was employed by Dr. Houtz for approximately five years.

On Oct. 25, 1941, she married Clifford E. Gillies. After their marriage they lived in Havre. The couple owned and operated the Model Grocery Store in Havre in the early '50s.

She was a nurse at the Havre Clinic for 25 years until her retirement. She enjoyed her family and her grandchildren who were the center of her life.

She was a member of the Northern Montana Health Care Volunteers and a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and St. Cabrini's Circle. Her

hobbies were grandchildren, painting, crafts, writing, walking and playing pinochle.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clifford E. Gillies in 1989; and a brother, Dale Boozel.

She is survived by sons, Gary and daughter-in-law, Valerie Gillies, of Havre, and Jerry and daughter-in-law, Pat Gillies, of Kalispell; daughter Joyce and son-in-law, Joe Perczyk, of Havre; sisters Shirley Sabinsky of Escondido, Calif., and Pearl Pyatt of Helena; sister-in-law, Geneieve Boozel of Great Falls; a very good friend, Martha McKay of Havre; eight grandchildren, Kari McLaughlin, Matt and Kirk Perczyk, Janelle Gillies, David and Brian Harris, Shilo and Brandy Gillies; one great-grandchild, Steven Harris.

Funeral mass was held today at St. Jude Catholic Church in Havre. Burial followed at the Calvary Cemetery. Memorials will be established at a later date. Holland & Bonine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Vernetta May Gillen, 82

Vernetta May Gillen, 82, died Saturday, June 6, 1998, at Brendan House Nursing Home.

She was born March 6, 1916, in Kalispell, to William and Margaret Koegler. She grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1933.

After graduating she went to work for the Forest Service. After a few years she moved to Seattle, and there married Walter Michael Gillen on Jan. 6, 1940. They then moved to California. She worked for the GAF Corporation for 23 years as a secretary. They returned to Kalispell in 1973, and spent many summers at their lake cabin on Bitterroot Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Walter; sister

Bernice; and brother-in-laws, Marland Kelly and Robert E. Harris.

She is survived by her sister Verlie A. Harris; nephew Bill Harris and special friend, Jocelyn Clise; nephew Ray Kelly and wife, Nancy; nephew Pat Kelly and wife, Merry, and their sons, Sean, Michael, and James; great-nephew Bob Harris and wife, Diana, and their sons Nicholas and Jacob.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Bruce Cameron of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

David H. Gneiting, 69

David H. Gneiting, 69, died Saturday morning, March 14, 1998, at his home near Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 21, 1928, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Ludwig F. and Mary Gneiting. He was raised and educated in Idaho Falls.

He served in the Navy from 1947 to 1952. After his discharge from the Navy, he returned to Idaho Falls. He worked for the railroad for a short time and then worked at the mills in Libby.

He worked for the Kalispell Dental Lab in Kalispell for five years and in 1975, he started the Flathead Dental Lab in Kalispell. He retired in 1988.

He was married to Joyce I. DeVall on March 25, 1983, in Idaho Falls.

He was an avid outdoorsman.

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

He is survived by his wife Joyce at the family home near Kalispell; two sons, David Gneiting of Portland, Ore., and Ronald Gneiting of Salem, Ore.; four stepdaughters, Nola Cestnik and her husband, Michael, of Shelton, Wash., Lynn Daniels and her husband, Doug, of Anchorage, Alaska, Anenette Lopez of Kalispell, and Laura Gneiting of Mesquite, Nev.; a stepson, Scott DeVall and his wife, Sharry, of Kalispell; 19 grand-



children; five great-grandchildren; four brothers; two sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday afternoon at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Cremation will follow the service.

Alvin 'Rod' Gleason, 72

Alvin "Rod" Gleason, 72, died of cancer on Thursday, June 11, at his home.

He was born Sept. 7, 1926. He was a beloved father, grandfather and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen, at the family home; daughters Terri and Patti Gleason; sisters Lois Burrel and Doris Renalds; brother Bob Gleason; grandchildren Eric Bartel, Deana and Tina Oldfield and Tory Daigle; great grandchildren Devin Leim and Jamie Bartel.

He was a veteran of World War II and the war in Korea.

He was loved by all who knew him. He raised 33 foster children and his memory will carry on through many



generations. His great love was fishing and he had a talent for making everyone laugh. He used to say: "I cut it off twice and it's still too short."

In our hearts, we will always mourn Rod, but in heaven, an angel is born.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, D. D. Bartel, and sister, Viv Christionson.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Johnson's Funeral Home. Graveside rites will be held later at the Little Brown Alliance Church in Bigfork.

Richard K. Gordon, 75, a longtime resident of Whitefish passed away at his home on Larch Ave. of natural causes. *7/16/1998*

He was born on May 20, 1922 in Chetek, Wis., the son of Edna & Robert Gordon. He was raised and attended schools in the Chetek area. He married Margaret Ann Sorger on Sept. 22, 1956 in Waukegan, Ill., and the couple lived in Waukesha, Wis. He had been a steam & electrical engineer

working for a munitions factory in Wisconsin. The family came to Whitefish in 1973 where they have resided since.

He belonged to the Moose Lodge and liked to fish and repair automobiles.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura, in 1980; four brothers and his parents. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Gordon at the family home; two sons, Tom and Jack

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Gordon, both of Whitefish; two daughters, Kathy Gordon of Waukesha, Wis., and Barbara Connors of Windsor, Calif.; three brothers, Augie Gordon in Whitefish, Tom Gordon in Sequim, Wash., and Bob Gordon of Ohana, Wis.; two sisters, Gladys Thalacker and Helen Cronick both in Wisconsin; and seven grandchildren.

No public services are planned. Cremation is under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Royal 'Augie' Gordon, 89

Royal "Augie" Gordon, 89, died Saturday, May 23, 1998, at the North Valley Extended Care Center in Whitefish.

He was born Nov. 10, 1908, at Chetek, Wis., to Milo and Edna Gordon.

For most of his life he worked in the electrical trade with the exception of a few of his early years when he traveled and sang with a vaudeville troupe.

In 1969, he married Lucile Linn and is survived by her at the family home.

Other survivors include two sisters; two brothers; a daughter; sons Donald, Richard and Michael of Whitefish; stepson John Linn and stepdaughters, Patricia Jarvi and Zoe and her husband, Don Gustafson, all of Whitefish; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

No services are planned. A Irish wake will be held by his sons at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home, where cremation has taken place.

Mary Elizabeth Gould, 92

Mary Elizabeth Gould, 92, died Saturday, June 13, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell, of natural causes.

She was born March 20, 1906, in Ottertail County, Mo., to Peter Alvis and Clair Margaret Rohr Olson.

She was a longtime resident of Sunburst. She spent her days of retirement in Florida and more recently in Kalispell, near her daughter and husband, Bob and Jean Dundas of Bigfork.

She was active in the Methodist church and in the Order of the Eastern Star, where she served as wor-

thy matron in the Shelby Chapter. She will be best remembered for always being ready to lend a helping hand.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; one son, Robert and a daughter, Rita. Besides Jean, she is survived by eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

At her request she was cremated and her ashes will join her husband's in the Gulf of Mexico.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Immanuel Lutheran Home Fund in Kalispell, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Hannah Freida Graf, 85

Hannah Freida Graf, 85, died Friday, Aug. 7, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born June 25, 1913, in Ute, Iowa to Louis and Lena K r o w l

Borcherdt, one of 11 children. She received her early education in Iowa but was unable to continue due to the need for help with the family farm.

In 1934, she moved with her sister and brother-in-law to Illinois to find work. It was there that she met Robert Ernst Graf and married him on Aug. 9, 1935, in Glenview, Ill. They then settled into the community and remained there until moving to Wheeling after their retirement in 1987.

After her husband's death in



December of 1996, she moved to Kalispell to be closer to her daughter. She was always active writing and calling the family and was the link that held the family together.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Robert, four brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Douglas and husband, Stephen, of Kalispell; two sons, Roger Graf and wife, Gale, of Bradenton, Fla., and Robert Graf and wife, Barbara, of Daphne, Ala; three sisters, Marie Borcherdt and Lucille Krie, both of Fort Dodge, Iowa and Caroline Jordison of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jerry Schreck officiating. Urn burial will take place at a later date in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Glenview, Ill.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Iris Patricia 'Patti' Graham, 71

Iris Patricia "Patti" Graham died Monday morning Sept. 28, 1998, at her home in Whitefish.

She was born April 27, 1927, in Elnora, Alberta. She was raised in Glendive, and Dickinson, N.D., where she attended Dickinson State Teacher College.

She was married to Charles S. Graham in 1948, in Dickinson. They then went to Chicago for three years before moving to Whitefish where they made their home and raised two children, Heather and Ian.

She was an avid golfer and bowler. She was active in the women's golf league for many years. She also enjoyed camping and fishing with friends and relatives. Her other talents included art and she was a fabulous cook.

She also enjoyed taking trips with her sister Betty and her husband Paul, visiting her son Ian and his wife Christa and their children,



Megan, Morgan and Stuart of Richland, Wash. She also had recently taken a trip to Florida to meet and visit with in-laws.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Heather, and her parents.

She is survived by her son Ian and his wife Christa and their children, Megan, Morgan and Stuart; her sister Betty and her husband Paul of Miles City; former husband Charles; nephews, Jim of Missoula, Bob of Oak Harbor, Wash., Bruce of Hettinger, N.D.; nieces, Linda of Scobey, Vicky of Rapid City, S.D., and Brenda of Oklahoma; and sister-in-law Barbara and her husband Tom of Hettinger; and their respective families.

She was a wonderful lady who had many friends and will be deeply missed by all.

Any memorials are suggested for the Leukemia Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation, or Childrens Hospital.

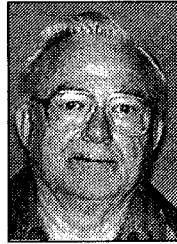
A funeral service will be held Thursday, at 4 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Lois Lyford officiating. Private inurnment will follow in Whitefish Cemetery.

Max Kenneth Graham, 75, died in his sleep July 18, 1998, while on a hunting trip with friends of 50 years.

He was born and raised on a cotton farm in West Texas. He attended school in and around Stanton, Texas, graduating from Martin County High School. He was a craftsman with wood, who built everything from houses to dollhouse furniture. Of his many hobbies, hunting, fishing, and bird watching were at the top of the list.

At the beginning of WWII, Max moved from Texas to Portland, Ore. to work in the Oregon shipyards. It was there that he met Rita Devitt. Feeling the need to serve his country, he enlisted in the Navy; however, before shipping out to the Pacific, Max and Rita were married in San Diego, Calif., on Aug. 7, 1943. During the war, he served on the R.P. Warner and William S. Ladd, both of which were sunk during sea battles. After receiving an honorable discharge, Max and Rita returned to Kalispell, where they built a small cabin on Lake Blaine, and Max studied for and obtained a private pilot's license.

For the next 40-odd years, Max and



his family lived in the Kalispell area, with occasional winters spent at his home in West Texas. They raised three children: Jackie, Tracey and Rexanne. Recently, Max and Rita had become snowbirds, spending winters in Camp Verde, Ariz., and returning to the old cabin at Lake Blaine for the summers.

Max spent his life building. He worked as a carpenter, initially for Erickson Brothers, and later as an independent contractor. Over the years, he either built, remodeled or repaired hundreds of homes in the Kalispell area.

Max was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother Gene and an infant son Kenneth.

Survivors include his wife, Rita; daughter and son-in-law Jackie and Gene Lenz of Kalispell, son Tracey Graham of Apple Valley, Calif., and daughter and son-in-law Rexanne and Steve Forbes of Seattle; his brother, J.W. Graham, of Midland, Texas; four grandchildren: Rhonda Cronk of Seattle, Levi Cronk of Kalispell, Tammy Maxton of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Emilee Forbes of Seattle; and two great-grandchildren, Jacob Maxton and Tucker Cronk.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. and Tuesday until the service. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the VFW.

Ruth E. McHenry Gregg, 98

Ruth E. McHenry Gregg, 98, died Friday, Sept. 18, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 28, 1899, in Nebraska, to Charles and Eta Mae Andrews. She moved with her family at a very early age to Demersville and Somers. She later moved to the Flathead Indian Reservation near Lonepine.

In 1916, while living in Lonepine, she married Doke McHenry. They homestead in the Lonepine valley, where they raised three children. Doke died in 1963.

She married Ollie "Nip" Gregg in 1972. They lived close to Dayton, until he died in 1986.

She was very active in the communities and churches where she lived. She also belonged to numerous clubs

and organizations.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, a son Melvin McHenry, a grandson, a granddaughter; four sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by a daughter and her husband, Clara Mae and James Bauer of Kalispell; a son, Lyle McHenry of North Dakota; two brothers, Jim and Gene Andrews; seven grandchildren and great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Urn burial will follow at Murray Memorial Cemetery in Lonepine. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Norma Marie Grenier, 74

Norma Marie Grenier, 74, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 1998, at her home in Creston.

She was born July 26, 1924, in Detroit, Mich., to Anthony and Emilia Pitagora.

She is survived by a daughter, Denise Grenier of Kalispell; two sons, Steve and Ron Grenier; and one grandson.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of cremation and arrangements.

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Gladys Grier, 89



Gladys Grier passed away at Village Health Care in Missoula on Thursday, Jan. 1.

She was born March 19, 1908, in Cleo Springs, Okla. She was fourth of 11 children born to Benjamin and Priscilla Puckett. She spent her early childhood in Oklahoma and Texas. She married George Coan in Oklahoma. In 1931, they moved to Coram, where she lived until 1946. Then, the family moved to Eureka, and later to Seeley Lake. In 1986, she moved to the retirement home in Missoula and later to Village Health Care Center, with a brief time at Mountain View Manor in Eureka.

She spent her entire life devoted to her family. She was a devoted wife, wonderful mother, grandmother and sister. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Stars No. 64 in Eureka and the American Legion Auxiliary in Arlee.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands: George Coan, George Cook and John Grier; five brothers; three sisters; a daughter-in-law; a grandson; a great granddaughter; two stepsons and a step grand-

son.

She is survived by a son, George Coan and his wife, Myrtle, of Evansburg, Alberta; daughters Patsy Anderson and husband, Ron, of Kennewick, Wash.; Barbara Parac and husband, Rudy, of Tonopah, Nevada, and Verna Allen, of Missoula; treasured friend and caregiver Jim Allen, of Missoula; brother Clarence Puckett, of Kuna, Idaho; sister Pearl Schreiner, of Ft. Morgan, Colo.; stepdaughters Violet Hutchinson, of Drayton Valley, Alberta, Eleanor Foreman and husband Alvin, of Edmonton, and Barbie Cook, of Juneau, Alaska, Ellen Wittingham, of Lebanon, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren and many step grandchildren, step great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A service will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, at the Baptist Church of Eureka. Burial will be at the family plot in Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Gerald Puckett, Brad Puckett, Mervin Anderson, Wesley Beare, Steve Weseman and Casey Arciniega.

Memorials may be made in her name to Mountain View Manor, Box 327, Eureka.

Verda 'Dude' Grisby, 76

Verda "Dude" Grisby, 76, died on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1922, to Claud and Verda Greer Chapman in Owensboro, Ky.

On Jan. 20, 1941, she was married to Verda Boyd "Whitey" Grisby in Owensboro.

She will always be remembered for her gardening, flowers and crocheting. Another interest of hers was showing her grandchildren love.

She attended school in Owensboro. She went to live in Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana, moving each time with her husband as he worked in the construction fields. She went on to retire in Libby in 1969.

She was a member of the Christian

Church in Libby.

She was preceded in death by her husband and both parents.

Survivors include son Hershel and Betty Grisby of Bend, Ore.; daughter Mona Brue of Libby; sister Pauline Tapp of Owensboro; granddaughter Donna Sharp and Jeremy of Eureka; grandson Adam of Bend, Ore.; great-granddaughter Taylor Sharp of Eureka; numerous nieces, nephews, many relatives.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Libby at the Libby Christian Church.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. If questions should arise please, call 1-800-272-3900

Johnson Mortuary Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

Charles Robert Gross, 64

Charles Robert Gross, 64, died Monday, March 23, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 24, 1933, in Roneys Point, W.Va. He was one of 12 children born to Albert Herman and Dorothy Beebe Gross.

He served in the Air Force and was discharged on March 12, 1952. On Aug. 20, 1955, he married Joyce Amelia Sutter in Polson. They lived in the Flathead Valley where he worked various construction sites; he also worked for Libby Dam and the Glacier National Park Service.

In 1972 he began his own excavating and landscaping business, where he worked until his health failed.

He enjoyed the citizen band radio, fishing, snowmobiling, traveling and his work.

He was preceded in death by both parents; his brothers, Herman Gross, Tom Gross, Harry Gross; and his sister Freida Webber.

He is now survived by his wife,



Joyce A. Gross, at the family home in Kalispell; three sons, Gene Gross and wife, Rhonda, of Bigfork, Rick Gross and fiancée, Holli, and Bill Gross and wife, Lois, all of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Wanda Galloway and husband, Lloyd, of Superior, and Bonnie Riedel and husband, Dick, of Kalispell; two brothers, Jim Gross of Gettysburg, Pa., and Glen Gross of Fort Scott, Kan.; five sisters, Alberta Snyder of Barnesville, Ohio, Betty Foster of Orange City, Fla., Evelyn Goodwick of Orange City, Ida Boehning of Whitney, Texas, and Alice Ludewig of Wintersville, Ohio; also 18 grandchildren.

The family would like to acknowledge a special thanks to the nurses and staff of the Kalispell Dialysis Center in Kalispell, for the special care and support given to Chuck and the family.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Mennonite Church at 795 Mennonite Church Road in Creston, with Bud Bower officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Annabel R. Gross, 81

Annabel R. Gross, 81, a well known Bigfork western artist and illustrator of Montana ghost towns, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell, of natural causes.

She was born Oct. 24, 1916, in Seattle, to John and Myrtle Goss Hallson. She grew up and received her early education in Seattle, graduating from Hallson High School. She attended Commercial Art School in Seattle, and then began working for Francis Wright, a maker of specialty candy boxes. She designed fancy boxes for various west coast candy makers as well as for Brown & Haley.

Art, particularly water color and oil painting, always was a passion for her. A stickler for detail, she perhaps was best known for her paintings of the several historical ghost towns throughout Montana. With the persistent ravages of time, elements and development, some of her paintings stand among the few records remaining of particular buildings and sites.

When not pursuing her own art interests, she could often be found teaching and encouraging others in their artistic efforts. She taught art privately and publicly at her home and elsewhere such as at Bigfork High School, Flathead Valley Community College and the Village Square Art Cultural Center. As an early member of the Village Square Board of Directors, she was a champion of the founders original vision of a showcase for local artists.

She was a charter member of the Montana Watercolor Society and was among the first exhibitors and continued doing so, for more than a dozen years at the Spokane Museum of Native American Culture Art Show. She especially enjoyed exhibiting each year at the Bigfork P.E.O. Art Show. More than one nationally known western artist considered her to be among the best watercolorists in Montana. It was a cruel twist of fate that a virus quietly evolved into sight-robbing glaucoma, stealing much of her precious vision in recent years.

As passionate as she was about art, she also threw herself into other interests with equal zeal. She was a charter member of the Flathead Valley Sports Car Club in the mid-70s, enjoying tours and rallying in her AH Sprite and F.I.A.T. OSCA.

In the mid 1950s, she helped organize and produce various talent shows and programs at the Swan River Community Club. She always was a strong supporter and enthusiastic participant in home extension clubs

and projects. Perhaps one of her most favorite activities was her involvement in the Puttering Potters Ceramics Club, which still meets regularly after more than 30 years. After creating the club with a handful of eager house and farm wives, she said she always was pleased to see the same inherent talent the women displayed in their cooking and homemaking efforts reflected in their clay and glaze creations.

For some seven years, she was a well-known and anticipated Avon salesman in the Bigfork area, earning several awards for her marketing accomplishments. But she often said making a sale was incidental to simply visiting with and looking in on her "regulars." She was active in the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as worthy matron of the Flathead Lake Chapter No. 128 in Bigfork.

Back in 1941, while still in Seattle, she found herself unwillingly going out on a blind date with an equally reluctant Naval aviation machinist's mate, a handsome, blond cowboy from Montana. She and Don Gross this summer celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. Immediately following World War II until 1954, the couple operated a cattle ranch between Valier and Dupuyer. Along with her husband, she always enjoyed good horseflesh and as a young girl herself had a five-gaited American saddle horse, Pete, with whom she effectively competed in amateur dressage. The financial restraints of the Depression, however, kept her from serious competition. She had lived in the Swan River area with her husband, Don, and family for 43 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents in Seattle.

She is now survived by her husband, Don, at their family home in Bigfork; two sons, Lynn Gross and wife, Terry, and Guy Gross and wife Becky, all of Bigfork; four grandchildren, Emilie, Ward, and Chris Gross and Steve Delmere.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, at the Bigfork Masonic Lodge, with a short ritualistic service conducted by Flathead Lake Chapter 128, OES.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Bigfork Quick Response Unit, Bigfork, MT 59911 or to the Bigfork Masonic Lodge scholarship fund for High School Students, P.O. Box 628, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Lorretta Paulene Waller Grove, 66

Lorretta Paulene Waller Grove, 66, died May 25, 1998, following a long illness.

She was born Feb. 8, 1932, in Shepherd, to George and Minnie Waller who are both deceased.

She had a brother, Cork Waller who is also deceased.

She is survived by her husband Gerald; daughter Linda Musgrave; son Richard Grove; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, all in the Seattle and Montana areas; three brothers, Ken of Hawaii, Richard of Seattle, Gerald of Dillon; sister Bernice Bestul of Kila.



She attended Riverside School in Shepherd, and Shepherd High School. She graduated from high school in 1950 and married Gerald Grove on June 23, 1950.

They moved to Kalispell and resided here until the fall of 1965, where they built a new home in Kenmore, Wash., where she resided until she moved into a nursing home in Seattle after she had a stroke.

She worked part-time for 10 years for Sears in Seattle. Her real interests were her children and grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

There will be a pot luck at Julie's following the services.

1998 Kenneth Gwynn, 83

Kenneth Gwynn, 83, a longtime Eureka area businessman and resident, died Thursday, Sept. 3, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 27, 1915, at Raymond, Ohio, to Thurman and Edna Gwynn. He came to Eureka, with his family in 1928, where he attended school, graduating from Lincoln County High School.

He operated Midnite Oil Company; Gwynn's Lumber Company; and Montana Market and later had numerous, diverse business interests which he remained active in until the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife LaDonna in

1952; and one grandchild.

Survivors include his wife Helen of Kalispell; a son, Mike Gwynn of Eureka; three daughters, Mary Ann Gwynn of Chewela, Wash., BeeGee Cole of Eureka, and Patsy Ramesz of Whitefish; a brother, Bill Gwynn of Eureka; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Private family graveside services will be conducted at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210-2472.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.