

## Julie Britton Qualls, 94

Julie Britton Qualls, 94, a resident of Polson, died peacefully at home of natural causes on April 18, 2000.

She was born on March 15, 1906, to George F. and Helma H. Britton at Brainerd, Minn. As a child, she moved with her family to a ranch near Phillip, S.D., where her parents homesteaded.

After high school, she graduated from nurses training in Rapid City, S.D. Shortly thereafter she met and soon married John R. "Happy" Qualls in 1929. They moved to Moskee, Wyo., where her husband suffered a severe head injury from a falling tree, necessitating a move to Rushville, Neb. into the family home until he recovered from his injuries.

In the early depression, they and Happy's brother Martin were itinerant cherry and apple pickers in Washington, living in a tent and a Model T Ford. In 1930, they came to the Flathead Valley to pick cherries, got the opportunity to clear land in exchange for land and thus established a cherry orchard of their own. During this time she also cooked in construction camps. In 1935, their fledgling orchard froze out, forcing them to replant. They continued to work at any odd jobs they could find. In the mid-1950s, they sold the orchard and moved to Kent, Wash., where she worked as a registered nurse until 1968. They then returned to Yellow Bay on the east shore of Flathead Lake into the old family home and again farmed cherries until 1979, and their last move to Polson.

She had a tremendous green

thumb, and was known for her ability to graft trees and grow anything. She was innovative and independent, and was planning her vegetable and flower garden for the coming summer. A favorite saying of hers was: "Do everything you can, then just a little bit more." She loved telling stories of her many escapades as a child and of the depression years with Happy.

She enjoyed card games, especially bridge, and delighted in throwing dice, usually collecting all the nickels everyone brought to the game. Senior Citizens of Polson was a favorite place of friendship for her where she spent several days a week playing and playing bridge. She was always an avid fan of baseball and was able to quote detailed statistics on players and teams.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years in 1991; her parents; her sisters, Francis Kennedy, Margaret Gelino, and Jean Tiensvold; and her brother Arthur Britton.

She is survived by brothers, John L. Britton and wife, Mary, of Ridgecrest, Calif., and Michael P. Britton and wife, Kathryn, of Kalispell; and by numerous nieces and nephews and their many children.

Memorial contributions may be made to Polson Senior Citizens or to the Polson Library Memorial Foundation.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Gary Reller at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Interment will occur at a later date.

## Harold Peter Quande, 85

Harold Peter Quande, 85, passed away July 3, 2000 at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He was born Dec. 4, 1914 in Sisseton, S.D., to Peter and Alma Brantsej Quande.

He graduated from Sisseton High School in 1932. On April, 2, 1944, he married Lillian Helene Grimsrud in Sisseton. He worked for Lockheed Air Craft in Burbank, Calif., and served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945. After his marriage to Lillian, they moved to Pensacola, Fla., and to St. Louis, Mo., and back to Sisseton before

moving to Kalispell in 1950. He was a loving husband and father, and special friend to everyone he knew. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, communing with nature, and spending time with his children and his special Chesapeake dog.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell, the Montana Fish and Wildlife, and was employed with the Montana Employment Service until his retirement.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Lillian Quande; two sons, Bruce Harold Quande and his

wife Susan, and Steven Peter Quande, all of Missoula; one granddaughter, Kirsten Kay of Missoula; one sister, Helen A. Kreiser of Fergus Falls, Minn., and many relatives and close friends.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Doug Nemitz officiating. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in his memory.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.