Gregorio A. 'Greg' Zaballero Jr., 38

Gregorio A. "Greg" Zaballero Jr., 38, passed away on April 20, 2002, just south of Swan Lake as the result of an auto accident.

Greg was born on March 22, 1964, in the Philippines.

He moved to the United States in 1982, and then to Montana in 1993.

He went to work for Hohman Brothers Painters as a painter. He loved the Flathead Valley and has lots of friends and family who will greatly miss him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gregorio Zaballero Sr.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Cathy; his children, twins, Justin and Sara; his mother, Agripina Zaballero; two sisters, Rebecca Ramos and Merliza Alcala; four brothers, Rogelio Manebo, Renato Zaballero, Dannito Manebo and Emer Zaballero.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Deacon Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be held in California.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Russell Leo Zabel, 80

Russell Leo Zabel, 80, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 4, 1921, in Kalispell, to Henry and Myrtle (Lewis) Zabel.
Russell received his early education in the Flathead Valley, lettering in track and field and graduating from Flathead County High School in 1941. As a teen-ager he fought fires in the Flathead forests.

On Dec. 11, 1941, Russell enlisted in the United States Navy. He served on the USS Argonne and was stationed on USS Marcus Island during his tour of duty. He also received the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Ribbon with four Bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the American Theatre Good Conduct Medal before separating from active duty on Nov. 3, 1945. On Dec. 11, 1945 Russell re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy until May of 1947.

Russell returned to the Flathead Valley where he met and married Anna Mae Hullett on Nov. 21, 1951; they were divorced in 1971.

Russell married Alma Olson on Aug. 14, 1972, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Russell worked at the Hungry Horse Dam, and retired from the Anaconda Aluminum Plant.

He loved to hunt and fish and provided many great meals as a result of his expertise. He also loved telling his grandson, Irie, stories about his youth and his love of the outdoors. Russell and Alma also made many trips to Spokane to visit Heide and Toby Hern. They shared many wonderful hours being a part of their childhood; as well as trips to Albuquerque, N.M. to visit Jerry Olson and his children. A favorite conversation was a trip to Mexico with Jerry and his family.

During the summers, Russell enjoyed the pleasant breeze at his daughter's home, watching birds, deer and coyotes, as well as the progress of the vegetable garden and fruit trees. "We will all miss you."

Russell was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Willis, Albert and Sam; his sisters, Nellie, Pearl and Isabel; and his wife Alma Zabel and his ex-wife, Anna Mae.

He is survived by his daughter Vicki Zabel, her husband Arrow Anderson and their son Irie Zabel Anderson all of Kalispell. He is also survived by Diane Olson of Spokane; Jerry Olson of Albuquerque, N.M.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 9 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.
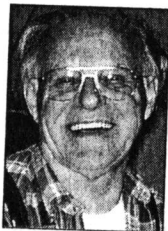
Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Benjamin F. 'Benny' Zablotney, 77

Benjamin F. "Benny" Zablotney, 77, passed away May 13, 2002, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Benny was born April 15, 1925, south of Benedict, N.D., to John and Natalia "Nellie" (Bostow) Zablotny. Benny attended rural schools in McLean County. He married Evelyn Roll in Brinsmade, N.D., on Oct. 20, 1956. They were divorced in 1991.

Benny farmed in McLean County until 1960, when he put the land in the soil bank. He then moved to Minot, N.D., in the fall of 1957, and built a mobile home park and owned a mobile home and RV sales business there until his retirement in 1979. During the mid 1970s Benny purchased a ranch in Kalispell.

He enjoyed traveling, bicycling, reading and music. Benny was a Seventh-day Adventist by faith.

Benny was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lillian, and brothers, Abraham, Aleck, and Mack.

He is survived by two sons, Clifton of Kalispell, and Devan of Minot; one sister, Dena, of Delanson, N.Y.; brothers, Paul of Ogden, Utah, and Joseph of Dunkirk, N.Y.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Douglas Leonard Zachary, 50

Douglas Leonard Zachary, 50, "passed on to a better life, a life free of pain" on Friday, Oct. 4, 2002. He was born March 1, 1952.

Doug was injured in a swimming accident 17 years ago in Sarasota, Fla. He was wheelchair- and bed-bound, with no use of his legs and only partial use of his hands. Doug was very active in the Disabilities Acts; he was both an inspiration and counselor for other disabled people.

Doug lived many places in his life. His father was a military man, and he moved around every two years or so.

His favorite place was in Kalispell, where he loved to hunt, fish and camp out with his son and brother.

Doug is survived by his mother, Nell Mosley of Sarasota, and his father and stepmother, Cecil and Patricia Zachary, of Bigfork; one son, Benny Reed, of Denver; sisters, Dottie and Rebbecca of Gardiner, Karen of Sarasota, Shannon of Phoenix, Georgann of Great Britain, and Donna, Marlene and Phyllis of Bigfork; brothers, Kurt of Sarasota, Dale of Aurora, Colo., Cecil Jr. "Louie" of Oceanside, Calif., and Ronnie and Glen of Bigfork.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Randy.

Doug was cremated at his request, and will be interred at his church in Sarasota, where his grandparents are.

No services will be held locally.

Daniel LaMar Zachreson, 49

Daniel LaMar Zachreson, 49, died Wednesday, June 26, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He is survived by his wife Jerrile, his children, Dan Jr., Sarah, Kathryn, Rachael, Matthew Ryan and Emma; and his mother, Janet Leonor.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Libby. Viewing will be Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home and Monday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Relief Society Room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Memorials may be made to the Daniel Zachreson Memorial Fund at Glacier Bank to help son, Daniel, on his mission.
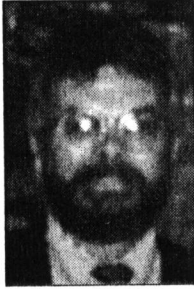
Mark Launi Zollinger, 53

Mark Launi Zollinger, 53, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on June 8, 1949, in Great Falls. His father was in the military and he was raised in various places.

In 1970, he married Sandy Mullins in El Cajon, Calif. Together they enjoyed 22 years of blissful marriage until the time of Sandy's death in 1993.

Mark was a car salesman and also owned his own insurance business. He volunteered for the food bank and his hobbies included fly fishing and hiking.

Mark "came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour in the summer of 2001. He has lived his life for God ever since and died with the peace of knowing he was going to see his Lord."

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sandy Zollinger.

He is survived by Annie Bukacek; parents, John Zollinger and Margaret Zollinger; daughter, Kim Dasen, and husband, Jeremy, of Kalispell; his grandchildren, Jordan, Haley, Ellie, and Grabriel Dasen; and his brother, David Zollinger.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or to the Flathead Food Bank.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Genevieve 'Gen' A. Zook, 83

Genevieve "Gen" A. Zook, 83, of Helena, "went to her Lord" Oct. 14, 2002, at Big Sky Care Center of natural causes.

She was born Nov. 28, 1918, in Anaconda, to Frank and Antonia Petrovich. She graduated from Anaconda High School and attended the College of Great Falls.

On Sept. 21, 1941, she married Raymond L. Zook in Great Falls. The couple lived in Ferndale, Polson and Great Falls. In 1997, Gen moved to Helena.

She was preceded in death by both her parents; her beloved husband of 54 years, Raymond; one daughter, Marilyn Zvonar; one son, Wayne Zook; her brothers, Felix, Eugene, Stephan, Eberhard and Alfred Petrovich; and her sisters, Mary Petrovich and Virginia Gates.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell and Carina Zook of Helena, David and Cindy Zook of Semora, N.C., Ronald and Shirley Zook of Bigfork, LeRoy and Sandra Zook of Honolulu, Hawaii; her daughter and son-in-law, Jeanine and Gordon Bernhardt of Billings; and son-in-law, Frank Zvonar of West Richland, Wash. Gen is also survived by her grandchildren, Dr. Jason D. Zook of Chicago, Sara Anne Zook of Semora, N.C., Melissa (Zvonar) Miner of Kennewick, Wash., Paul Zvonar of Spokane, Corey, Derek and Bryan Zook of Bigfork; and great-granddaughter, Stephanie Foley-Miner of Kennewick; also her sisters and brother-in-law, Marion and Terry Caulfield of Anaconda, Jeanette Matosich of Anaconda; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Henry and Jane Petrovich of Mequon, Wis., and Fredrick and Nikki Petrovich of Anaconda.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Hagler-Anderson Mortuary and before Funeral Mass at St. Mary's. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. on Friday with the Rev. James A. Connor officiating. A reception will be held following services at the church. Interment services will be at 4 p.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls.

Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association, 7 West Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59601.