

# LARRY G. GAFFANEY, 88

*August 21, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Larry G. Gaffaney, 88, passed away at Heritage Place Nursing Home in Kalispell, on July 9, 2005.

He was born July 19, 1916, in Cut Bank, to Clyde Gaffaney and Annie (Connolly) Gaffaney. He attended the Lake Five School, Kalispell schools and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1937.

Larry served in the Army Air Force during World War II from July 1943 to October 1945, serving in Luzon and New Guinea.

Larry married Florence Nordgren on July 15, 1933, in Kalispell. They resided at Half Moon Lake, Kalispell, Seattle, Cut Bank, Spokane and Coram. Larry enjoyed dancing, fishing and hunting, especially with his children and grandchildren. He loved to cut firewood and spend time at his cabin on Trail Creek in the North Fork.

Larry worked at various jobs including, surveying, drilling rigs in the oilfields, engineering and as a sawyer. In 1955, he returned to school at Montana State University in Bozeman where he received a bachelors degree in teaching. He later received his masters degree. He taught in Frenchtown, Spokane, Idaho and at the Columbia Falls Jr. High. After retiring, he and Florence spent winters in Arizona, where he prospected for gold and enjoyed square dancing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence; two sisters, Patricia Tough and Mary Hudson; and great-grandson, Aaron Pitman.

He is survived by two daughters, Naomi Hoiland and husband, Duke, of Trail Creek, Maureen Pitman and husband, Harry, of Coram; one son, Larry C. Gaffaney and wife, Gayle, of Deer Lodge; a sister, Vivian Tilton of North Carolina; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

"A special thank-you to Sheila, staff and friends at Wel-Life Assisted Living for the caring and fun times you provided for Larry. Thanks also to the staff at Heritage Place."

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Pitman home at 545 Seville Lane in Coram.

# FRANK BENJAMIN GAMMA, 83

*August 07, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Frank Benjamin Gamma, beloved father, grandfather, and friend passed away Aug. 4, 2005, at his home at Ashley Lake near Kalispell.

Frank was born May 24, 1922, at Ashley Lake to Anton and Bessie (Arnold) Gamma. Frank attended Mountain View School and completed eighth grade. He then began herding sheep around the Ashley Lake area.

He dedicated his life to God in 1939 and his faith was his mainstay through his last day.

He married his cherished wife, Hazel Glynn Ackrill, in Kalispell, on May 25, 1943, and they treasured each other for 60 years until her death in May 2003.

He logged and owned a sawmill with his brother, Henry, and brother-in-law, Rueben Hoversland, while working on the family ranch. He took over the ranch in 1952 where he made his life for 31 years. He employed many local area young people both on the ranch and in his sawmill.

While their children were in high school, both he and Hazel became active supporters of FFA. They established a scholarship to help send one sophomore to the National Convention each year.

Frank retired from ranching in 1982 and moved to the lake. He was dedicated to preserving the salmon habitat and devoted much of his time to trapping predators and monitoring the creeks flowing into Ashley Lake. He was honored as Landowner of the Year in 1988 by the Montana Wildlife Federation. He was glad to be a part of a new project hatching Ashley Lake salmon eggs at the Creston Hatchery and returning the fry to the lake. This year's hatchlings were returned to the lake on the day of his death.

He was a legendary ice fisherman, and he enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping, gardening, woodworking, metal crafting, the outdoors, reading, and writing humorous poetry. He loved most to be at home and once upon returning from an extended trip to Europe said, "Why would I want to go anywhere else?"

While Frank lovingly cared for his family, many others found sanctuary under his roof. Many will remember the annual 4th of July and Labor Day picnics held at the lake. He was a great listener, patient, kind, slow to anger, and was well known for his sense of humor.

Frank was preceded by his brother, Joseph; and foster son, Jim McDonald and wife, Hazel.

Frank is survived by his sister, Mary Hoversland and her husband, Rueben, of Ronan; brother, Henry Gamma, of Kalispell; daughters, Sharon Walker and her husband, Ernie, of Wasilla, Alaska, and Shirley Gamma of Corvallis; sons, Doug Gamma and his wife, Mary, and Joe Gamma and his wife, Dianne, all of Ashley Lake; 10 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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Viewing will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Services will be held 10 a.m. Aug. 9, at his lake property at 5790 North Ashley Lake Road (left at the Y, mile marker 9). All are welcome. A potluck lunch will follow.

Memorials may be sent to Home Options Hospice.

# CHARLES HENRY GANTKA, 98

*August 28, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Charles Henry Gantka passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center a few weeks before his 99th birthday.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1906, in Hazelton, N.D., the son of Charles Henry and Magdalena (Preszler) Gantka. He grew up on a farm near Hazelton.

Charles married Winifred Julia Ross on Sept. 18, 1940. They had three daughters, Linda Mae, Rita Frances, and Janet Sue.

Charles worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad as a section worker until his retirement, residing in Mandan, N.D. He was a longtime member of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Mandan. In November of 1997, Charles and Winifred moved to be near their daughter, Linda.

Charles taught by example. He passed on his Christian faith by seeing to it that the family was always in attendance at church and Sunday school, even in a North Dakota blizzard. With a meager income, he put his daughters through Lutheran colleges, determined that they would have the education he never had. He also left a legacy of gardening behind, as he often planted three large gardens each summer. He loved to play cribbage and was winning cribbage games a few days before his passing. He also loved baseball, especially the Minnesota Twins.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Buffalo Hill Terrace, Immanuel Lutheran Home, and Kalispell Regional Medical Center for taking such good care of Charles in the last years. A special thank you to Jerry Schreck from Trinity Lutheran Church for his visits where he shared the Gospel, prayed, and encouraged.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Winifred, in 1998; four brothers, Llewelyn, Fred, Lynn, and Floyd; three sisters, Adeline Perry, Inez Crimmins, and Velma Dietzman; also a grandson, Joel Nathan Hillstrom.

Charles is survived by three daughters, Linda Jackson and husband, Verdell, of Kalispell, Rita Kenniston and husband, Stan, of Bend, Ore., and Janet Hillstrom and husband, Rod, of Plymouth, Minn.; two sisters, Beryl Kiefer of Bismarck, N.D., and Eula Hagge of Roseburg, Ore.; five grandchildren, Lori Forrest and husband, Dan, Paul Kenniston and wife, Amber, Julie Clemens and husband, Dirk, Jessica Hillstrom, April DeZell and husband, Jason; and six great-grandchildren, Zachariah and Gabriel Kingston, Erin and Emily Forrest, and Jacina and Josiah DeZell.

Funeral services for Charles Henry Gantka will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Cutler officiating and Jerry Schreck as liturgist. Burial will precede the service at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery at 10 a.m. Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, prior to burial and funeral services.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Charles' family.

# DARLENE AMALINE GARDNER, 71

*August 09, 2005 at 6:08 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Darlene Amaline Gardner, 71, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005. "She met the Lord in her sleep."

Darlene was born July 5, 1934, in Crosby, N.D., to Anton and Carrie Madeline Sandberg. She married Alfred Gardner on Nov. 28, 1959, in Williston, N.D.

Alfred and Darlene moved to Columbia Falls in 1964. She lived in her current home from 1965 until the time of her passing. Over the years, she had 23 foster children come through her home.

Darlene's life ambition was to lead girls to Jesus Christ. For the last 26 years of her life, Darlene taught first- and second-grade girls at Christian Center and Columbia Falls Assembly of God.

Her life touched many as her interests were vast. She was the president of Church Women Reunited, a Campfire leader for 10 years, a Girl Scout leader for 20 years, an avid seamstress, Klothes Kloset volunteer and loving wife and attentive grandma.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred Gardner; daughter, Lorie Bailey; and grandson, Bill Bailey.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, in Kalispell.

She will be remembered for her selfless service for Jesus Christ and passion for ministry.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for her family. Lawrence Norman 'Buster' Knutson, 79  
Lawrence Norman "Buster" Knutson, 79, passed away Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, at his home in Kalispell. He was born July 23, 1926, a twin, in Kalispell to Fred and Hattie Clara (Conrad) Knutson. Buster grew up in the Batavia area working on his uncle's ranch until he was 18 years old. He enlisted in the Navy in October 1944 and was honorably discharged in June 1946. He had obtained the rank of gunner's mate 3rd class. Buster returned to the Flathead Valley and worked at ranching for a short time. He then began a career working in the woods. Buster married Arlene Kinshella on May 17, 1952, in Kalispell. After retiring from the Royal Logging Company in 1981, he went to work for the Nevada Test Site outside of Las Vegas until 1988, when the couple moved back home to live out their lives. Buster enjoyed western culture and rodeos. His hobbies included playing guitar, woodworking, fishing, camping and horseback riding. He was a member of the Sheriff's Posse and one of the early organizers of the Junior Sheriff Posse Drill Team. Buster was preceded in death by his parents; and his twin brother, Clarence. He is survived by his wife, Arlene; daughter, Connie Fischer, and husband, Dan; and son, Larry Jr., and wife, Diane, all of Kalispell. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Norma Brumbaugh and husband, Harold, of Richmond, Wash., and Betty Brown and husband, Ransom, of Burley, Idaho; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation for Buster will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Aug. 9, at the Johnson Mortuary. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Jim Holman officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Military honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Buster's family. Marion

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Sebrowsky, 88 Marion Sebrowsky, 88, an Army veteran, died of natural causes Sunday, Aug. 7, 2005, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. Marion was born June 23, 1917, in Detroit to Polish immigrants. He attended school and college in Detroit when he entered the Army at the outbreak of World War II. He served for four years in the Pacific campaign, where he attained the rank of First Sergeant. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor and various other unit citations. After the war, he owned and operated a grocery store for 11 years when he sold the business and became employed at General Motors as an accountant. After 23 years, he retired and moved with his wife to Montana in 1985 to be near his sons in Whitefish. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Julia. Marion is survived by his two sons, Ken and his wife Peggy, and Greg, both of Whitefish; step-granddaughters, Cheryl of Gulfport, Miss., and Stephanie of Bellingham, Wash. Cremation has taken place. At his request, no services are planned. Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

# MORRIS CALVIN GARDNER, 81

*March 06, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Morris Calvin Gardner, 81, passed away peacefully at his home in Corvallis on Thursday morning, March 3, 2005. His wife Arthella and longtime friend Ron Wolsky were at his side.

Morris was born Nov. 4, 1923, at Grant, Idaho, the sixth child of Francis and Rosa Gardner. He spent the early years of his life living in a number of small Idaho communities farming with his father. In 1939 the family moved from Fort Hall to Nyssa, Ore. It wasn't long before Morris found out there was a livestock auction in Nyssa, so one afternoon every week he would skip school to work at the auction yard. At the end of the auction they would let Morris sell the wiener pigs and the baby calves. This was the beginning of his life long passion ... auctioneering.

While attending high school in Ucon, Idaho, Morris met Arthella Ferguson and on Dec. 19, 1942, they were married. In the spring of 1943, Morris and Arthella moved to St. Ignatius, where they continued to farm. The next year they moved back to Idaho where their first child, a son, Davar, was born. In 1946, Morris was drafted into the Navy. At the conclusion of the war he was honorably discharged.

After returning home from the Navy he began farming again and working in the potato warehouses. On Nov. 10, 1948, Morris and Arthella attended the Idaho Falls LDS Temple where their marriage was sealed for time and all eternity. On July 13, 1949, their first daughter, Valene, was born.

In 1950, Morris and his family moved to the Bitterroot Valley, where he purchased a farm just north of Woodside. In 1952 he went to work for the U.S. Soil Conservation service conducting snow surveys in the winter and engineering work in the summer.

On April 17, 1956, a son, Kevin, was born and on Jan. 26, 1960, their last child, a daughter, Vickie, was born. In 1960, Morris saw the realization of his life long dream when he opened his own auction business, Gardner Auction Service. Morris continued to work a 40- hour-week for the SCS and in the evening he would accept consignments, haul furniture and set up for his weekly auction. Because of his hard work and dedication his auction business continued to grow and prosper and in 1972, he retired from the SCS to devote all of his time and energy to the auction profession.

In 1971, son Davar opened his auction business in Kalispell and 1974, son Kevin opened his auction business in Missoula. From small beginnings with a weekly consignment auction, Morris built his business to include farm and real estate auctions plus auctions for the SBA, GSA, banks, and other government agencies. He was also co-owner of the Hamilton Livestock auction. His greatest auction was without question the one he and his family conducted to liquidate the contents of the Marcus Daly Mansion in 1986.

Morris served as president of the Montana Auctioneers Association and was a lifelong member of the National Auctioneers Association. He was the Montana State Bid Calling Champion in 1979. He was inducted into the MAA Hall of Fame in 1994. He was very proud of his two sons, one son-in-law and two grandsons, also auctioneers.

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Morris was a man of the highest character and integrity. He was a generous person willing to help anyone in need. He conducted hundreds of fund raising auctions. Last September he received a special award from the Bitterroot Chapter of Trout Unlimited for 25 years of volunteer service.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, three sisters and one brother

Survivors include his wife Arthella; a sister, Mary Graff; a brother, Milton Gardner; son, Davar and wife, Vicky; daughter, Valene and husband, Rod Osburn; son, Kevin, and wife, Lynda; and daughter, Vickie and husband, Randy Kearns; plus 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hamilton Ward Chapel, 401 North 8th Street, Hamilton. Viewing will be from noon to 1 pm. Graveside services will follow at the Corvallis Cemetery with military honors presented by the Corvallis American Legion Post 91.

Arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

Memorials may be made to the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospice Center.



# MARION E. GARROW, 77

*August 04, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Marion E. Garrow, 77, of Saint Mary, died of unknown natural causes Thursday, July 28, 2005.

There will be a memorial service 1 p.m. on Sept. 3, at the Johnson's Campground Pavilion in St. Mary. Cremation has taken place.

Survivors include her sons, Steve of Kalispell, Shawn and Carol of Saint Mary; daughter, Susan of Coram; and grandchildren, Casey and Lindsay; great-grandchildren, Mikell and Robert; ex-husband, Bob; a sister, Dolly; a brother, Robert of Wisconsin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frances Olson and Ethel Boyd; sister, Frances Harris; and brother, Melvin Olson.

Marion was born July 15, 1928, in Janesville, Wis., to Frances and Ethel Olson where she was raised and graduated from Janesville High School. She worked a year at a Chevrolet Plant in Janesville.

On her first vacation she visited her sister Frances at a ranch north of Browning after World War II. She fell in love with Montana and moved to Browning in 1946. There she met and married Robert Garrow; they later divorced.

Marion worked for the Sherburne Mercantile Store and Glacier County Welfare Department before her 20 years as the Clerk of the Browning School Board until her retirement in the late '70s; she then moved out to Saint Mary where she was employed by Lester and Ruth Johnson. She managed the camp store during the summer at Johnson's of Saint Mary. She spent her winters in Rincon de Guayabitos, Mexico, where she truly enjoyed her time "away from the snow." She loved the beach, whale watching and her extended Mexican families and friends.

"Fondly known as "Tootsie" by her kids, we will have forever the great memories of our time together with "Tootsie" especially playing golf, out on the Pacific Ocean watching the whales and the annual "Booze Cruise" on Upper Saint Mary Lake. She will be truly missed by all."

Marion was a breast cancer survivor; memorials are suggested to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Whitted Funeral Home of Cut Bank is in charge of arrangements.

# GEORGIA A. (SCHRLAU) GAWE, 63

October 11, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Georgia A. (Schrlau) Gawe, 63, of Clifton Park, N.Y., died peacefully with her family by her side Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, at her residence. She was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on Dec. 30, 1941, and was the daughter of Marie Hildebrandt Theall of Binghamton, N.Y., and the late George Schrlau and stepdaughter of the late Duane Theall. She had lived in Clifton Park since 1975 and was formerly of East Granby, Conn.

Georgia was a graduate of Hawley High School in Pennsylvania and she attended Barrington College, (now known as Gordon College), in Barrington, R.I. As a matchless "people person," throughout her career Georgia greeted many clients with her brilliant smile of sunshine working as the office manager for Dr. Allan Rosell, DDS in Clifton Park, N.Y., for 22 years and most recently with Dr. Mark Roschinsky, DDS in Round Lake, N.Y., for the past four years until her retirement Aug. 8.

Those around her were unconditionally loved by her unforgettable presence and selfless demeanor. It had been said, "To know Georgia is to love Georgia." Full of vitality, she loved life and all of its simple pleasures like animals, flowers and music. She was, indeed, a gourmet chef (Who could say "no" to those chocolate-chip cookies?) and a devoted care taker to her beloved family of adopted cats. Georgia was definitely, "one in a million." Above all, her steadfast love for God and her family and they for her was a most precious gift.

She married the love of her life, David C. Gawe, on June 27, 1964. As a nurturing and giving person, she was the wonderful mother of Carrie Lynne (Dale) Newhart of Clifton Park and David C. (Mindi) Gawe Jr. of Whitefish. She was the caring grandmother of Rachael Lynne Newhart and Christian David Newhart. Her mother, Marie Theall, resides at Susquehanna Nursing Home in Johnson City, N.Y. Her sister, Nancy (Schrlau) Baker of Port Crane, N.Y., also survives as well as several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Georgia's life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Temple Baptist Church, 142 Lower Newtown Road, in Halfmoon, N.Y., with the Rev. Duke Hergatt, pastor, officiating.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today and from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home, 1550 Route 9, Clifton Park, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Georgia's memory to SEND International No. 56171534, P.O. Box 513., Farmington, MI 48332.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted by the family to the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home, 1550 Route 9, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065. 518-371-5454.

# SYLVIA ALICE GELINAS-LANGSTON, 71

*December 18, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Sylvia Alice Gelinias-Langston, 71, of Elmo, passed away suddenly Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005. Sylvia died while visiting family in Pomona, Calif.

She was born in Springfield, Mass., on Dec. 30, 1933, to Lawrence and Marion Agan. Sylvia was the older of two daughters.

Sylvia married Raymond Allen Gelinias Sr., on Jan. 24, 1953, in Springfield. Ray and Sylvia moved to Kalispell in June of 1964.

Sylvia was widowed in 2004 and remarried to FA Langston on Dec. 6, 2004, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Sylvia was a loving and dedicated wife to FA for one year and Raymond for 51 years. She was the loving mother of eight adoring children and 18 grandchildren.

Sylvia attended Springfield College and Flathead Valley Community College, receiving an Associates of Arts and Associated Applied of Science degrees in human services.

She was an active member in the Bread of Life Church in Kalispell. She was an avid reader, and enjoyed playing cards, gardening and puzzles.

She was preceded in death by two of her children, Raymond Jr., and Laurie Ann.

She is survived by her husband, FA Langston, of Elmo; children, Mary Randall and husband, Dave, and Matt Gelinias and wife, Kathy, of Kalispell, Lucinda Tkach and husband, Fred, of Phoenix, Tim Gelinias and wife, Donna, of Sammamish, Wash., Sara Valente and husband, Peter, of Seattle, Rebecca Radar and husband, Jon, of Kenmore, Wash, and Ray and Susan Junk of Kalispell; and 18 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held the summer of 2006 date with location to be announced.

# DONALD RICHARD GERMAN, 63

*May 14, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Donald Richard German, 63, died Thursday, May 12, 2005, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 10, 1941, in Swathmore, Pa., to Earl and Anna Belle (Duffy) German. He attended schools in Hialeah, Fla.

On April 1, 1978, he was united in marriage to Tessa Flye at Lake Worth, Fla. He worked as a truck driver in Miami, where he was a member of Teamsters Local 769 from 1973 until 1994. He also did electrician work in Palm Beach County until his retirement. Following his retirement they moved to Kalispell.

He was an avid reader of the Civil War era, loved antique cars, the outdoors and camping and truly loved Montana. He enjoyed family gatherings; especially barbecues. He exercised and lived with strong Christian values.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Bud German; and a sister, Dorothy Zelenick.

He is survived by his wife, Tessa German, of Kalispell; four sons, Donald German and wife, Stefanie, and Michael German and wife, Christine, of Pennsylvania, Paul German and wife, Dawn, and David German, all of Kalispell; three daughters, Ann Ford and husband, Tim, of Pennsylvania, and Kristen German, Shana MacNair and husband, Jacob, all of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren, Andrew, Bobby, Christopher, Autumn, Tessa, Alexandria, Serene, Sierrah, Ashleigh, Donald and Benjamin; a brother, Walter German and wife, Pat, of Florida; and a sister, Barbara Crosby of Montana; nephew, Dennis Ramsey and wife, Bonnie, of Montana; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

A public visitation for Donald Richard German will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, May 14, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. No services will be held at this time.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Donald's family.

# ELLEN MARGUERITTA LOOS GIESEY, 92

*April 29, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Ellen Margueritta Loos Giesey, 92, passed away at home on the family farm Tuesday, April 26, 2005, in Kalispell.

She was born on May 14, 1912, at Minda, Alberta, one of 13 children born to Frank and Edla (Badie) Loos.

Ellen married Clifford Giesey on Oct. 13, 1932, in Polson. They owned and operated a dairy farm in Smith Valley for over 50 years. They then farmed and raised beef cattle until 2000.

Ellen had a great capacity to love people for who they were. She loved to play the harmonica and to dance. When she had her sight, she loved bird watching. In her younger days Ellen liked to draw. She always looked forward to family picnics. Ellen absolutely loved having her grandchildren come to see her and the love they brought was deeply cherished. "What a wonderful Mom."

Ellen was a longtime member of the "Living Church of God."

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents and 12 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford Charles Giesey; two sons, Elmer and wife, Betty, of Rapid City, S.D., and Ted and wife, Beverly, of Marion; and one daughter, Alice Gleason and husband, Larry, of Ronan; 13 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren.

Memorial services for Ellen will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Roc Corbett officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Ellen's family.

# JOHN HENRY JOSEPH GILDERSLEEVE IV, 67

*October 16, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

John Henry Joseph Gildersleeve IV, 67, of Helena, passed away at Peace Hospice House in Great Falls, on Oct. 13, 2005, from natural causes.

He was born April 29, 1938, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., to Henry and Marie (O'Brien) Gildersleeve.

John was proud of his service in the United States Marine Corps, where he achieved the rank of sergeant at the age of 18. He subsequently went into the field of respiratory care and worked in hospitals and other facilities in that capacity for 30 years.

He moved to Montana in 1976, and met and married his wife, Karen, in Whitefish, in 1985. Their greatest joy came from one another, serving their Lord, their families and children, and enjoying beautiful Montana in hunting, fishing, and camping.

John became an ordained minister of the gospel in 1988, and has served as the pastor of the Pentecostal Family Fellowship in Helena since March of 1993.

Both his parents preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Karen; his sons, Henry and Kim Gildersleeve, of Downingtown, Pa., and Eric Boyd of Helena; daughters, Kathleen Gildersleeve of Carlisle, Pa., and Joanne and Chip Walker, of Schoharie, N.Y.; sisters, Karen and Robert Leffler of East Nassau, N.Y., and Susan and Hugh Gelston of Lafayette, La.; and one granddaughter, Celia Rose Walker.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at the Pentecostal Family Fellowship Church, 6145 North Montana Ave., in Helena. Russ Genaw and Terry Lowder will officiate.

Memorials are suggested to the Pastor John Children's Project; c/o Pentecostal Family Fellowship Church, 6145 North Montana Ave., Helena, MT 59602.

Cremation and service arrangements are under the direction of Retz Funeral Home in Helena.

# MARY ANN GILES, 77

*July 29, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Mary Ann Giles, 77, a longtime resident of Columbia Falls, passed away July 26, 2005.

Mary Ann was born April 11, 1928, the daughter of John and Elizabeth "Betty" Deutsch in Far Rockaway, N.Y. Mary Ann and her husband, Ken, moved their family from New York to Columbia Falls in 1966.

Mary Ann enjoyed playing softball, bowling and watching her favorite sport, baseball, on TV. She retired from the City of Columbia Falls in 1994. She spent much of her time as a volunteer, most recently at the Columbia Falls Food Bank. Her Bible study group was very important to her, as were her friends in that group, whom she cherished very much.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken, in 2001.

She survived by her children, John Hendrickson and Marlene of Missoula, Kathy Froystad and Norm of Kalispell, and Ken Giles Jr. and Staci of Spokane. She is also survived by five wonderful grandchildren, Brett, Katie, Karissa, Erik and Evan; brother, John Deutsch of California; sister, Irene "Rene" Schmitt and Paul of Florida; her good friend and "sister"-in-law, Jan VonLindern and Jack of Columbia Falls; sisters-in-law, Lois Gookin and Dal of Forsyth, and Jean Giles of Minnesota. She was blessed with and will be missed by all of her nieces and nephews and many friends.

Visitation will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, August 1, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Father Rudy Bullman will officiate. Burial will be after the Mass at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Columbia Falls Food Bank or charity of their choice.

# HELEN KATHRYN GILLIGAN, 85

*April 24, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Helen Kathryn Gilligan, 85, died on Thursday, April 21, 2005, after a long illness, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 3, 1919, in Brockton, the daughter of John Joseph and Barbara Teresa (Noehl) Gilligan. Helen graduated from Brockton High School and attended Kinman Business College in Spokane.

She worked as a secretary for the U.S. Navy during World War II and, after the war, she worked for the U.S. State Department in Germany. Helen attended the Nuremberg trials, through which the world sought some measure of justice for the millions killed by the Nazi's during the war. She made her career at the University of Washington, where she worked for many years as an administrative assistant in the college of arts and sciences. She also attended the university, where she studied art and creative writing; her sister, Margaret, cherishes one of her drawings, "The Ribbon Man".

Helen read widely and loved classical music. For many years, she was the secretary of the Seattle Youth Symphony. She was fiercely proud and independent and never married. She cared for her sister, Dorothy, throughout her terminal illness many years ago, and was the primary care giver for her mother, Barbara Gilligan, until her death in 1975.

Helen's life was informed and defined by her deep and profound Catholic faith. She was a Third Order Dominican and a faithful supporter of the mission, especially the Divine Word Missionaries, which her cousin, Father Bartley Schmitz, still serves as a priest. She also supported the work of Francis Cardinal Arinze of Nigeria and the Franciscan Missionaries throughout the world. Helen was a special friend of an order of Carmelite Nuns in Seattle and frequently sought their prayers for her friends and family.

Helen's family gratefully acknowledges the kindness and compassion of her physician, Dr. Ann Bukacek, the nurses and staff of Brendan House, the Eucharistic ministers, staff, and volunteers from St. Matthew's Parish, the Comfort Keepers who cared for her during the last two years of her life, her Meals on Wheels volunteers, and Terry Browning and her friends and neighbors.

The family suggests that those who wish may make donations in her memory, to the St. Matthew's Parish building fund in Kalispell.

Helen was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters, Allen, Lawrence, Paul, Floyd, Irma, and Dorothy.

She is survived by her youngest sister, Margaret Beckers and husband, Herb, of Kalispell; her close friend and care giver, Terry Browning; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Christian burial will be held 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. There will be a Rosary held at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 25, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, lead by Deacon Fred Topp. Burial will be at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.



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Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Helen's family.

# MERRILL HUGH GILSTAD, 80

*July 16, 2005 at 5:00 am /*

Merrill Hugh Gilstad, 80, of Columbia Falls, passed away July 12, 2005, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

He was born July 16, 1924, in Keene, N.D.

Preceding Merrill in death were his parents; three brothers, Albert, Walter and Clifford; and his sister, Myrtle.

Merrill grew up in Keene on the family farm with five brothers and seven sisters. He proudly served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He then became a journeyman pipe fitter and plumber for most of his business life, settling in Columbia Falls.

Merrill loved to bowl, fish and hunt, and most of all he loved to hang out with his many friends and family.

He was a father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great friend.

Merrill leaves behind a long list of family, including six sisters, Geneva Chambers, Dorothy Paddock, Lillian Gravos, Elenor Metzger, Illa Prestagon and Ida Olson; and two brothers, Norman Gilstad and Raymond Gilstad; nine children, Eunice Green, Linda Harner, Nancy Gilstad, Elaine Wilson, Marie Gilstad, Clifford Gilstad, Edward Gilstad, Jennie McCandless and Johnny Gilstad; and his special friend and companion, Gail Thompson.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. David Jones officiating.

# DALE NORMAN GINTHER, 64

*October 18, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Dale Ginther, 64, passed away on Oct. 10, 2005, at home in Kalispell. He had been ill with emphysema for some time.

Dale was born in Fairview on Feb. 18, 1941, to Molly Mesmer and Fred Ginther. He was the youngest of seven brothers and sisters. Dale was raised on the family farm and attended schools in Fairview.

Dale joined the National Guard in 1963. He married Alva Grasvold and had three children, Jason, Christie, and Todd. They later divorced.

Dale was self-employed in the heating and plumbing business in Williston, N.D., and Culbertson. He moved to Whitefish in 1994, and married Diana Weitzel on June 22, 2003.

Music was great entertainment at the family farm while growing up. Dale learned to play the guitar at an early age. Brother Harold and sister Norma would play the accordion, Dale on the guitar, and sing for their own entertainment, or jam together with other friends and family. Dale later played guitar in a band with his brother, Harold and his wife, Hurlyn, and nephews at many eastern Montana towns.

Dale loved to tell and hear jokes and stories. His smile, sense of humor and music will be missed! Dale and Diana loved to go dancing and fishing when they first met.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Ella Seaman, Louise Usselman and Alma Schow; and brother Harold Ginther.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Diana, at the family home in Kalispell; his children, Jason, Todd and Christie; grandchildren; his sister, Norma Servo and husband, Garfield Servo, of Columbia Falls; brother, Rienhold Ginther and wife, Anna, of Fairview; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Cards and donations may be sent to Diana Ginther, 1312 Seventh Ave. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

# JACK GLENCROSS, 78

*September 23, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Jack Glencross, 78, passed away at his home in Silverton, Idaho, on Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, of an apparent heart attack.

Jack was born Oct. 31, 1926, in Chewelah, Wash., to John Wellington and Mary Catherine Glencross. He moved at a very young age to Burke, Idaho, where he was raised and attended schools until the start of World War II.

Jack enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 17 and served in the Western Caroline Islands. He was involved in a major invasion against the Japanese on the island of Pelileu and served his country proudly.

Jack returned to his home town after the war, and married Ellen Arnita "Nita" McCorkle on May 24, 1947, at the Methodist Church in Burke. He went to work for Hecla Mining Company at the Star Mine.

Jack returned to the Marine Corps in November of 1951 where he served in the Korean Conflict until November of 1952. After being honorably discharged from the Marines, he returned to Burke, where he went back to work at the Star Mine. Jack started as a mucker, worked up to a miner, contract miner, then worked for several years as the safety engineer for Hecla, serving all the companies' units including the Star Mine and the Lucky Friday mine. He was offered the opportunity to become a shift boss at the Star Mine, where he worked for several years, finally working up to mine foreman.

Jack retired when Hecla Mining Company closed the Star mine down because of depressed ore prices. He enjoyed his retirement years with his wife, Arnita. They enjoyed traveling with their fifth wheel to visit their children and grandchildren.

Jack loved hunting, and at one time had taken one of largest bull elk killed in Idaho. He truly enjoyed fishing, camping, square dancing, and especially raising their garden and taking care of their wonderful yard and flowers.

He spent many years as the Scout Master for Troop 37 in Burke. He loved working with the Boy Scouts, and often took them camping, on day cookouts, and to their yearly stay at Camp Easton on Lake Coeur d'Alene. He was proud of the many blue ribbons his troop received in all aspects of competition during his tenure as Scout Master. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow within scouting itself.

Jack was a member of the American Legion, the Wallace Elks Lodge, the Silver Valley Squares, and the Square Bears.

Jack will always be remembered as a very caring person who left behind too many friends to number, and a loving family he truly adored. He was loved, respected and admired by all that knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, William "Bill" Glencross, and Harold "Red" Glencross.

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He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Arnita, at the family home in Vallard Addition; three children, Robert Glencross and his wife, Dorothy, of Kalispell, Mary Perkins and her husband, Randy, of Kellogg, Idaho, and Debi Lawrence and her husband, Gary, of Walla Walla, Wash. He is survived by one sister, Thelma Toombs, of Spokane; grandchildren, Robert Hill of Osburn, Idaho, Chris Hansen of Menifee, Calif., Errin, Chris and Whitney Glencross, all of Kalispell, Heather Shennan of Kellogg, Idaho, Trisha Martin of Tacoma, Wash., Mickael Glencross and Amanda Mangarero, both of Walla Walla; and 14 wonderful great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the United Church of Christ in Wallace, with the Rev. Darryl Therrian officiating. A potluck reception will be afterward at the church.

The family requests memorials be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Jack's name. Shoshone Funeral Services is caring for the family.

# PAUL LACEY GODDARD JR., 82

*May 06, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Paul Lacey Goddard Jr., 82, died Monday May 2, 2005, at his family home in Bigfork, surrounded by his loving family after fighting the battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 23, 1922, in Oak Park, Ill., to Paul Lacey and Elizabeth Lila (Hosking) Goddard.

After Paul graduated from high school he met and married Martha "Marty" G. Ekiss on Dec. 31, 1944, in Corpus Cristi, Texas. He then started studying for his degree in mining engineering/geology at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. He then spent a couple of years in the U.S. Navy.

Once his service time was up for his country, he went back to school to finish his degree. He worked in the states of Colorado and then California where he became a contracting engineer, selling mining equipment. He and Marty moved to the Flathead in the mid-1980s and they have made it their home ever since.

Paul enjoyed flying airplanes, fishing, golfing and was a member of the Roosters at the Eagle Bend Golf Club; he loved working with all kinds of wood. Paul also loved nature, especially the majestic mountains of the Flathead.

Paul was preceded in death by his son, Paul Lacey Goddard, III; and a sister, Florence.

He is survived by his wife, Marty, of Bigfork; one daughter, Diane Paulsen, also of Bigfork; three grandchildren, Aurora and Austin Paulsen, Lacey (Goddard) Brown, and one great-grandson on the way.

He will always be loved but missed by all those who loved him.

At Paul's request, there will be no services.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Paul's family.

# CHARLES KOERTENIUS GOLLAGHER JR., 72

*July 17, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Charles Koertenius Gollagher Jr., 72, passed away on July 14, 2005, from cancer.

Charles was born on Nov. 24, 1932, in Indianapolis, Ind., to Charles K. Gollagher Sr., and Ellen B. Hadley.

Charles served proudly for the U.S. Navy as a Boiler Tender 3rd Class on the USS Fechteler in the Korean War, returning after the war and settling with his family in California.

With his training from the military in mechanics, he worked as a plant operations manager for Standard Packaging in Los Angeles for over 20 years. A love for outdoors would find him at softball games, riding horses and camping.

"If you needed someone to listen, he was there and was known by many affectionately as Dad, Grandpa, or Grandpa Chuck."

Montana called and he moved here in 1970 to take backpackers into the back country, fulfilling a dream to work in the outdoors. He moved back to California, then Arizona and Arkansas due to job demands, but returned to Montana when he retired and found his peace in the mountains of Montana.

"He will be missed by those who loved him, but we are comforted in knowing he has gone to his final resting place with our Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ."

Charles is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Rhubottom of Kalispell, and Pamela Hartmann of Placentia, Calif.; sons-in-law, Rick Rhubottom and Robert Hartmann; six grandchildren, Loraine Meyers and husband, Donny, Travis Rhubottom and his wife, Heather, Jennifer Call and her husband, Steve, Adelle Hartmann, Joseph Hartmann and his wife, Amanda, and Eric Hartmann; and two great-grandchildren, Shane Call and Caleb Rhubottom.

Visitation will be held from 8 until 10 a.m. Monday, July 18, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Rick Rhubottom officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

# LUCILE HARBOUR LINN GORDON

*March 15, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Lucile Harbour Linn Gordon passed away March 12, 2005, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish of natural causes.

Lucile was born June 12, 1912, in Tulsa, Okla., the second of three daughters to A.S. and Emma Harbour. She graduated from Missoula County High School in 1929.

She married Charles H. Linn in St. Ignatius on June 12, 1935, and they had three children, Patricia, Zoe and John.

Charles preceded her in death in 1964.

She then married Royal "Augie" Gordon in 1969. He died in 1998.

She is survived by two daughters, Pat Jarvi and Roy Brown, and Zoe and Don Gustafson in Whitefish; a son, John Linn, in Seeley Lake; three stepsons, Don Gordon in Kalispell, Mike Gordon in Whitefish, and Richard and Toni Gordon in Whitefish; a stepdaughter, Colleen, in Washington; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place at her request and no services are planned.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.



# ROGER F. GOWDEY, 81

*May 15, 2005 at 6:05 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Roger F. Gowdey, 81, died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at the Bitterroot Valley Living Center in Stevensville.

He was born on November 23, 1923, at Judith Gap, the middle son of Alex W. and Naomi (Edmonson) Gowdey. The family moves to the Flathead Valley in 1924, where they farmed in the Whitefish Stage area. Roger continued to reside in Whitefish most of his life. He attended school in Whitefish and while still in high school enlisted in the Army, serving in the Pacific during World War II.

Following his discharge he returned home to Whitefish and while carpooling to work in Kalispell, met Gayle (Bergan) Shefloe. He was persistent in his courting of Gayle and after several years of dating they were married in the fall of 1949.

He moved his new wife and her son, Brad, to LaGrande, Ore., where he was an assistant manager for Montgomery Ward. Following the birth of a daughter, Susan, in 1951, there were moves to Walla Walla and Spokane, Wash. In 1952, the family returned to Whitefish where he went to work for the Great Northern Railway. He retired from Burlington Northern Railroad in 1982 and continued to live in Whitefish. He and Gayle moved to the Bitterroot Valley Living Center in 2000. Gayle preceded him in death the summer of 2000.

Roger was not one to join clubs or organizations. His entertainment and greatest joys in life were having family and friends gathered around for one of his meals, eating fresh baked cookies or tasting the latest cake recipe he was trying. The family tradition of cooking and eating continues to be the topic of most memories. His kitchen expertise was dispensed to everyone who wanted to learn and many of his recipes have found their way to reaches of the country he was never inclined to visit. Many people shared in the bounty of his garden or treasured a piece of his woodwork that he so freely gifted.

Roger's season in the kitchen and his time as the main storyteller has passed, but the traditions will be carried on by his surviving family and friends.

The immediate family includes his son, Brad Shefloe and wife, Teresa Torgerson, of Missoula; daughter, Susan and husband, Pat Hartman, of Missoula; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Scott Shefloe of Missoula, SSG Kara and John Cassidy, Robert and Maura of Fairfax, Va., Naomi and Lee Garrett and Jackson of Missoula.

He is also survived by his two brothers and their spouses, Robert and Frances Gowdey, Everett, Wash., and John and Eva Gowdey of Spokane. Nieces, nephews and many friends, will deeply miss him in their lives.

A memorial service to remember Roger and celebrate his life will be held 11 a.m. in Whitefish on Saturday, May 21, at the Presbyterian Church, 301 Central Ave., Whitefish. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Private interment of Roger's ashes will follow at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to the Glacier Presbyterian Camp, P.O. Box 384, Lakeside, MT 59922 or to a charity of choice. Cards for the family may be sent to Susan Hartman, 261 Half Circle Way, Polson, MT 59860.

# MARY PATRICIA GRANIER, 83

*May 17, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Mary Patricia Granier, 83, passed away Sunday, May 15, 2005, at her residence in Havre.

A prayer vigil/ rosary service will be held 5 p.m. Friday, May 20, at Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel in Havre. Her funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at St. Jude Catholic Church with the Rev. Robert D. Grosch as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Calvary Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the St. Jude Parish Center immediately after the services at the graveside.

In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make memorial contributions to Bear Paw Hospice, 30 W. 13th Street, Havre, MT 59501; or to St. Jude School, 624 Fourth Street, Havre, MT 59501; or to one's favorite charity.

Arrangements are entrusted to Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Mary was born to Ross and Gertrude (Gallo) Lence on Oct. 12, 1921, in Whitefish.

After graduating from Whitefish High School, Mary married Frank Granier of Havre in November 1939.

Following the death of her husband in November 1952, Mary attended Northern Montana College, where she graduated with honors in English in 1963.

She taught at Sunnyside Grade School before moving to Havre High School, teaching English to so many of Havre's youth. Mary retired in 1983, giving her more time to visit family and friends.

Mary's quiet but vibrant spirit touched the lives of many students, parents, colleagues, friends and family. She will be dearly missed.

Over the years Mary was active in numerous Havre organizations. She was a member of the Secular Order of Franciscans, the Altar Society, Catholic Daughters, and Delta Kappa Gamma. Mary enjoyed mentoring students at the St. Jude Grade School, which kept her young and involved in the lives of Havre's youth. She was an accomplished pianist, playing for her many friends at the Community Care Center.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank Granier; siblings Marlo Lence and Louise Strunk; one daughter, Annette Granier; a daughter-in-law, Trish Granier; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Granier.

Mary is survived by four of her five children, Louie Granier of Carson City, Nev.; James and Judie Granier of Littleton, Colo.; Carmela and David Hughes of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; and Frank and Libby Granier of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

# DUSTIN LEON GRAVELLE, 18

*February 08, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Dustin Leon Gravelle, 18, "began a new journey" on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, in Kalispell. He was born on Oct. 3, 1986, in Spokane, to Orlin Leon and Vicki Jo (Blatchley) Gravelle.

Dustin was a junior at Flathead High School. He lettered in track and was involved in Young Life -- a Christian outreach organization.

Dustin had a strong adventurous spirit. He loved the outdoors, being on the lake, wakeboarding, snowboarding, 4-wheeling, hunting, weightlifting and spending time with his family and friends.

He is best known for his smile and his goofy personality.

He also enjoyed martial arts and was a brown belt in tae kwon do. His carefree attitude led him to take each day and live it to its fullest. He lived in the moment.

Dustin is survived by his parents, Orlin Leon and Vicki Jo Gravelle, of Kalispell; older sisters, Desiree Anne Gravelle, living in Minneapolis, and April Maurine Gravelle, living in Post Falls, Idaho; grandmothers, Betty Caldwell, living in Sitka, Alaska, and Maurine Gravelle, living in Post Falls; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins living here in Kalispell, Idaho, Alaska, and Oregon.

Dustin was preceded by his grandfathers, Leon Gravelle, Ned Blatchley and Tom Caldwell; as well as an uncle, Sam Gravelle.

Funeral services for Dustin will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Christian Center/Assembly of God with Rev. James Bjork of Young Life, and Collin Mitts, a youth volunteer at Christian Center, officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Young Life, P.O. Box 2328, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

# JOSEPHINE MARIE (KNUDSON) GREGG, 91

*January 28, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Josephine Marie (Knudson) Gregg, 91, passed away Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, in Great Falls.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service and interment of ashes will take place at a later date in Bigfork. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

She is survived by two nephews, George Kain, Spokane; and Jim Kain, Phoenix; eight stepgrandchildren, Gregg Rydquist, Great Falls; Jody Chambers, Spokane; Dennis Rydquist and Susan Merridith, Edmonds, Wash.; David Rydquist, Rapid City, S.D.; Jennifer Loustelet, Concord, Calif.; Shelby Gregg, Seattle; and Bob Lang, Maui, Hawaii; numerous great and great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Josephine was born June 9, 1915, the last of 12 children born to Carl and Clara Knudson. Her mother and the children homesteaded at Cohagen, in 1915.

Josephine graduated from Helena High School District in 1931. She worked for many years as a secretary for the Helena High School District. During World War II, she worked as an auditor for the Army Air Corp in Seattle.

She was married to William H. Gregg for 48 years. They farmed and made their home in Creston. She was a member of Eastern Star for over 70 years.

Josephine was preceded in death by her siblings, husband, and stepchildren, James Gregg and Marceley Rydquist.

Memorial gifts may be made to Eastern Star, Bigfork, Montana Chapter, P.O. Box 8780, Kalispell, MT 59904-1780, c/o Barbara Blaisdell.

# ARTHUR HENRY "ART" GREEN

*April 29, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Arthur Henry "Art" Green, Esquire, "boarded the Railway to Heaven" April 17, 2005, "On Time."

He was born in Cambria, Ill., March 31, 1924.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 and a half years, Tillie (Ost) Green; and sons, George and Karen Green of Columbia Falls, and Greg Loberg of Whitefish; daughters, Renee and Steve of Minnesota, and Christie of Washington; granddaughters, Stephanie of Havre, Aubrey of Minnesota, Lacy of Minnesota, Jamie of Washington; grandsons, Aaron of Minnesota, and Micah; great-grandsons, Braiden Ford and Aaron Ford, and great-granddaughter, Maci Ford, all of Havre; one sister and brother-in-law, Millie and Don Hansen of California; numerous nieces and nephews and other in-laws, including Fred and Leo Ost of Whitefish.

Art was a locomotive engineer for 40 years on Great Northern and Burlington Northern lines. He retired 18 years ago.

He suffered from asbestosis, and congestive heart failure which led to a stroke.

He worked a number of years in Seattle in the ship yards and munitions plants during World War II. After the war, he worked as an oiler at Ross Dam in Washington and when it was over, came to work as an oiler on Hungry Horse Dam.

All of us will miss him immeasurably the remaining days of our lives, "until we meet again beyond the Gate."

Remembrances may be made to the North Valley Building Fund for the new hospital; or Hospice; or to your choice.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no services at this time.

# LARRY L. GREEN, 62

*April 17, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Larry L. Green "entered into Heaven" on April 14, 2005 at his home at the age of 62.

He was born May 20, 1942, to Gordon and Thelma (Lenon) Green in Kalispell.

After attending schools in Columbia Falls, he joined the Army and served in Vietnam. Upon returning, he worked for the railroad until 1971 when he purchased the Dam Town Tavern in Hungry Horse. Larry also had several used car lots in the area over the years, retiring from that business due to ill health.

Larry was married to Lynnette Strickland on Aug. 13, 1982, and they have two daughters, Lacey, who is a senior at the University of Montana, and Lynsey, who is a senior at Columbia Falls High School.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Thelma Green.

He is survived by his wife, Lynnette, daughters, Lacey and Lynsey Green, and Tammy Woody of Columbia Falls, and Roxy Erdman of Kalispell; a son, Rodney Green, of Kalispell; a sister, Laura and husband, Buck Djonne; brothers, Richard and wife, Karen, John and wife, Debbie, and Terry and wife, Deanna, of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry enjoyed his entire family, young and old, camping at Dickey Lake, boating, fishing and hunting. His quick wit and fantastic sense of humor will be greatly missed. "May he rest safely in Heaven with Jesus, as well as with his family and friends. We will always be thankful for the influence he had on so many of us. Enjoy your reward for all the good things you did while you were with us. We love you and miss you, but you will never be forgotten."

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Monday, April 18, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Howard Neckels will officiate. Inurnment will follow the service at Woodlawn Cemetery with Pastor David Jones officiating.

Arrangements are with the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

# SONJA KAREN GREEN, 63

*August 26, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake*

Sonja Karen Green, 63, of Hungry Horse, died at home peacefully in her sleep Aug. 21, 2005.

Sonja was born Oct. 28, 1941, in Eau Claire, Wis., to Ben and Verna Behlke.

She married her high school sweetheart, James Owen Green, in 1959. For 18 years, she worked as a nurse at North Valley Hospital, then rounded out her career as a day-care provider. Sonja raised far more than just her own children.

She is survived by her husband, James Owen Green; three children, Jeanne Klenz of Broken Arrow, Okla., Dawn Duckett of Wasilla, Alaska, and Michael Green of Billings; five grandchildren, Kalena, Adam, Brad, Ross and Cody; five great-grandchildren, Maudianna Rose, McKale Sage, DaShai Lily, John Paul and Shaylene; sister, Bonnie; and brother, Bernie; as well as other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Verna Behlke.

Sonja enjoyed life, garage sales, collecting items and helping others. She always had food on her table; it didn't seem to matter how many people showed up, there was plenty of good food to eat.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 26, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Condolence cards may be sent to: Jim Green, P.O. Box 190486, Hungry Horse, MT 59919.

# EUGENE PHILLIP 'GENE' GUERTIN, 95

*October 15, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

"Heaven shone a bit more brightly" when Eugene Philip Guertin departed Earth on Sept. 29, 2005, "to join the celestial chorus." After 95 years of gracing us with his caring ways, cheerful wit, and beautiful tenor, "Gene rejoined his beloved wife of 60 years, Peggy, as well as countless family members and friends who went before him."

He was born July 26, 1910, in Alberta to Joseph and Jessie Guertin. Gene was raised on farms in southern Alberta with loving parents and three older brothers where his passion for hockey, baseball and horses quickly developed, extending throughout his life. As a child, Gene earned money breaking horses for neighbors, a pastime that naturally progressed to jockeying racehorses. His lithe teen frame and maverick spirit perfectly complemented the sport, before his concerned father stipulated that Gene first complete his education.

Whether driving truck or working in oil fields throughout Alberta, Montana, and Wyoming, barbershop singing, dancing in kitchens and community centers or sharpening his pool cue to take on unsuspecting opponents, Gene's life was one fully lived.

He leaves a large and loving legacy, one rich with laughter and kindness. Ever entertaining others with his well-worn tales and tunes from yesteryear, Gene was a light in the lives of those who knew him, favoring all comers with his warm smile and a wink.

Loved ones who celebrate his passing into eternal joy include daughters, Frankie Slocum, wife of the late Bob Slocum, and Lavina Guertin and husband, Swede Christian; their children, Teri Cassidy and husband, Dave, of Whitefish, Rick Slocum and wife, Tara, of Florida, Randall Slocum of Florida, Cheryl Brosz and husband, Gary, of Colorado, Rod Slocum of Florida, Gene Slocum and wife, Robin, of New York, Doug Mullowney and wife, Yvonne, Tim Mullowney and wife, Wendi, Lynn Mullowney, PJ Mullowney and Iris, and Jim Mullowney and wife, Colleen, all of Billings; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, Scott Cassidy and wife, Jennelle, and their children, Lexi, Daussen and Houston, Jacob Cassidy and wife, Amy, Nichole Slocum and son, Logan, Brittany, Rachael, Kirbi, and Haley Slocum, Chris, Becky, and Erika Brosz, Sean, Megan, Michelle and Amy Mullowney, Shamus, Ciera, Shanleigh, Broghan and Molly Mullowney, Sydney and Dominic Reiter, Tyler and Teagan Mullowney, Josie Kautsky and Shane Mullowney.

The family acknowledges with gratitude the staff at Aspen Meadows, Dr. Melzer's office, Big Sky Hospice and Deaconess Hospital who provided such fine care for Gene. Thanks to Eagle Mount for helping this old cowboy find his way back to the saddle one last time.

Memorials may be sent to Eagle Mount, Big Sky Hospice, or the charity of your choice.

Services will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Billings. Rosary will be said at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17.



# FREDERICK A. "PAT" GYRION, 78

*March 14, 2005 at 5:00 am |*

Frederick A. "Pat" Gyrion, 78, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born in Kalispell on Aug. 29, 1926, to Frederick and Anna Ruth (McCully) Gyrion.

Pat received his early education in Kalispell. He was very athletic and enjoyed all sports, including baseball, football and basketball. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1944 before graduating from high school and served his tour of duty in Amarillo, Texas. After separating, he returned to Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School. Pat went right to work for the family construction business and in a short time was running the company. He worked as a general contractor, building many of the large businesses and churches in Kalispell. Pat operated Gyrion construction until retiring in 1979, but even after retiring he worked for Treweek Construction for a few more years.

In 1950, Pat married Mary Jacqueline "Jackie" Rice in Kalispell. After Jackie's death, Pat remarried in 1976 to Bernie Schlegel. Pat enjoyed life. He was a life-long skier and taught his kids and Elmer Searle to ski. He was a member and past president of the Kalispell Ski Club. He received his private pilot's license and loved air museums and aviation. He enjoyed many hours flying with his son Mike, also a pilot.

Pat loved animals and had a constant presence of wild animals behind his home, from deer to all manner of birds. Pat enjoyed the outdoors and had many adventures with the "Over The Hill Gang." He was a regular at the Legacy to visit and share a story, with the gang, over coffee or cocoa. Around town as well as in the neighborhood, Pat was the guy who always gave of himself to those in need. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him. Above all, Pat was always true to himself.

Pat was preceded in death by both wives and his parents.

He is survived by two sons, Randy and wife Ester of Hayward, Calif., and Mike Gyrion of San Leandro, Calif.; two daughters, Lorey Gosney and husband Denny and Cherise Knopp and husband Jim, all of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Heather, Meghan, Ryan, Amanda, Bryttani and Christian; and four great-grandchildren, Bridger, Caeden, Dylan and Gauge.

Memorial services for Pat will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Elmer Searle of the "Over The Hill Gang" officiating. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the American Red Cross, 17 First Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Pat's family.