

David A. Gable, 49

David A. Gable, 49, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, as the result of an automobile-train accident near Coram.

David was born on Sept. 28, 1954, in Wilmer, Minn. to Marvin and Jean Randall Taatjes. He graduated from Libby High School, then attended Flathead Valley Community College.

David married Connie Gable in 1976 in Libby. He had worked for both Federal Empress Ground and Federal Express Air. David also was the owner of DG's spraying.

He loved hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, family barbecues, cooking, making homemade huckleberry wine and traveling. He loved pleasing others and was known as a diehard Minnesota Vikings fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Taatjes.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Connie of Marion; mother, Jean Taatjes; daughter, Camden Gable and future son-in-law, Jeremiah Brown; son, Kyle Gable and future daughter-in-law, Carrie Weseman; daughter, Destiny Williams; granddaughter, Msae Brown; grandson, Zach Williams; brothers, Larry Taatjes and Paul Gable; sisters, Judy Charles and Lou Ann Richards; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Memorials to the Gable Family, P.O. Box 10054, Kalispell, MT 59904.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Anne M. Galitzcek, 84

Anne M. Galitzcek, 84, died Jan. 9, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

She was born July 14, 1918, at Havre to Abraham Joseph Tenant and Loretta Anderson Tenant. She graduated from high school at Roy in 1935. She married George H. Galitzcek March 4, 1940, in Niehart.

She was employed as an operator for Pacific Bell Telephone for 17 years and also had worked as a dispatcher and file clerk for the U.S. Park Service at Glacier National Park. She later retired and resided at Medical Lake,

Wash., and Seattle.

She and her husband enjoyed traveling the countryside in search of antiques. Her greatest joy came in spending time with her family.

Her husband preceded her in death in January of 1990.

She is survived by daughters, Maxine Slater of Libby, and Patricia Pennington of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Francis Johnson of Seattle; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be announced at a later date by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

James Vincent Gallaher, 49

James Vincent Gallaher, 49, died Monday, June 23, 2003, in Kalispell.

No services are planned at

this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Dorothy 'Dot' Galyan, 85

Dorothy "Dot" Galyan, 85, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A private burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Hazel Glynne Gamma, 82

Hazel Glynne Gamma, 82, passed away on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born in Essex, on July 29, 1920, to George and Beatrice (Johnson) Ackrill. Hazel received her early education in Rexford and graduated from high school in Eureka.

After high school, she worked for Northern Pacific Hospital in Missoula in the dietary department. Hazel "gave her life to the Lord" in 1932, at Hayden Lake, Idaho, at services conducted by Sandy Dougal. She remained faithful to her commitment and "is now enjoying eternal peace."

On May 25, 1943, Hazel married Frank Gamma and moved to Ashley Lake where the family has remained since that time.

Hazel enjoyed many interests including music, sewing, embroidery, and quilting. She also had a passion for writing and was compiling a history of the early Ashley Lake era. Her favorite pastime was working in her rose garden and it was not unusual to see a flock of hummingbirds following her during her work.

She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, having just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary; two daughters, Sharon Hanson of Knik Glacier Valley, Alaska and Shirley Gamma of Corvallis; two sons and daughters-in-law: Doug and Mary Gamma and Joe and Dianne Gamma, both of Ashley Lake; and 10 grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Louise Davis of St. Paul, Minn.; and cousins, Jack and Gordon Mallinson and families of Hunmanby, England.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 2, at the WestCoast Kalispell Center Hotel in Ballroom A. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Montana Heart Association, 623 Second Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Thelma Elizabeth (Lorenson) Madsen Gamma

Thelma Elizabeth (Lorenson) Madsen Gamma, 82, "ascended into the heavens to be with her Lord and Savior" on Saturday, July 19, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Thelma had been a resident of Kalispell since November of 1952.



She was born Jan. 29, 1921, in Strathcona, Minn., to Edward and Elizabeth (Haverland) Lorenson. She attended school in Strathcona, but was later needed at home to help take care of five brothers.

She married Walter Madsen, in 1939, and to this union three children were born, Gerald, Joyce, and Janice who died in infancy. Her first husband passed away from cancer in 1947.

In 1950, relatives who had moved to Montana coaxed her to come and visit. She stepped off the train in Whitefish, looked at the beautiful mountains and said "I'll never go back." Thelma moved to Montana and started a second family. She married Calvin Henry Gamma in 1952, and they later divorced, but remained good friends. This union added two more children to her family; a son, Roland and a daughter, Roleen.

Thelma worked in food service and housekeeping, as well as babysitting some of her grandchildren. Her good sense of humor and faith in God, helped her survive

lots of the hardships. You would always see her with a smile, and she shared the word "uffda" with everyone. Thelma's children and grandchildren were her life as was her Savior. "We miss you already, but know when we meet again you will know us."

Thelma was preceded in death by her first husband; daughter, Janice; grandson, Michael Gamma; granddaughter, Dlorah Stokes; brother, Donny; and a sister, Grace.

Thelma is survived by two sons, Gerald and wife, Sherry Madsen, and Roland and wife, Ella Gamma, both of Kalispell; two daughters, Joyce and husband, Mead Stokes, of Reno, Nev., and Roleen and husband, Carl Anderson, of Kalispell; six grandsons, Rex and Donny Stokes of Reno, Geremy Madsen of Lebanon, Ore., Bruce and Brice Gamma of Kalispell, Jason Madsen of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; five granddaughters, Rae Dean of Bowker, Calif., Jeanice Madsen of Lebanon, Ore., Krisha Dull, Lisa Schreckengust and Janice Madsen, all of Kalispell; seven great-grandchildren; and four brothers, Raymond, Eddie, Arnold and Bobbie Lorenson, all of Minnesota.

Funeral services for Thelma will be at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Ted Czochanski of the Christian Center/ Assembly of God officiating. A private family burial will follow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Roselin 'Rose' Garbe, 99

Roselin "Rose" Garbe, 99, passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Rose was born on March 14, 1904, in Volena, Russia, to William and Julia Gruel Taskey. She moved with her family to Canada when she was four years old. Rose lived in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and California before moving to Montana in 1958.

Rose lived and farmed in Fortine with her youngest son, until he passed away.

She then moved to Kalispell. She married Herbert Garbe on Dec. 5, 1923. Together they raised six children. Herbert passed away in 1978. Rose had traveled to Alaska, California, Florida, Alabama, and Toronto, Canada.

She loved gardening, knitting, crocheting, and sewing. She raised chickens and sold their eggs, as well as raspberries that she sold. Rose had cut flowers when she was younger for the Rose Parade. She loved playing pinochle with her friends. She was a very active member of the Church of God for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, three brothers, two sons, and one infant daughter.

She is survived by her son, Ivan Garbe, of Canada; two daughters, Vivian Malson of Kalispell, and Lucille Malson of Somers; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Terry Harper officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Eleanor J. Garding, 83

Eleanor J. Garding, age 83, of Kalispell, passed away early Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at the Brendan House after a courageous battle with cancer.

Eleanor was born on Sept. 8, 1919, in Union, N.D., to John and Emma Engberg. At the age of 9, she moved with her family from Union to Kalispell, where she has resided ever since.

In September 1940, she married Erwin Paul Garding, and they worked for the Intermountain Bus Limos. Beside raising her family, she worked as a retail clerk for Adkins, B&B and Buttrey's.

She was a member of the Kalispell Eagles for many years, and St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin, who passed away on Nov. 30, 1987; a son-in-law, Raymond Manley, who passed away in February 2003; and two

brothers, Ernest and Oral Engberg.

She is survived by three daughters, Susan Manley of Cosmopolis, Wash., Joann and Gary Bleck of Spokane, and Sandra and Douglas Mason of Colville, Wash.; two sons, Donald and Gail Garding of Whitefish and Daniel Garding of Kalispell; one sister, Gladys Kessler of Portland; one brother, Allen Engberg of Louisville, Ky.; one sister-in-law, Peggy Engberg of Kalispell; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Deacon Fred Topp officiating. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will follow the services at the Eagles Lodge in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Margaret C. Gardner, 101

Margaret C. Gardner, 101, retired school teacher, died Sunday Oct. 19, 2003, at a Havre care facility of natural causes.

Margaret was born June 9, 1902, to Alexander and Ellen (Divine) Gardner in Duluth, Minn., one of six children. Shortly after her birth her mother died, so she went to live with her sister Helen and husband, Frank Bergren in Hogeland, and later years at Lakeside. When in Hogeland she attended the Silverbow grade school. She then attended and graduated from the Harlem High School. She attended college in Dillon and then Northern Montana College, graduating with a teaching degree.

Her first position teaching was at the Rattlesnake School south of Chinook. She then taught at the Twin Bridges Orphanage for four years. She then moved to Fort Peck and taught first grade for 30 years. She moved to Kalispell and retired from teaching.

In 1998, she moved to Havre to be closer to family and lived at the



Northern Montana Care Center Assisted Living.

During her summer breaks from school, she would visit the home of Helen and Frank Bergren.

Margaret enjoyed photography, embroidery and tatting. She also enjoyed the Senior's Center in Kalispell. She was a member of the Saint Jude Thaddeus Church in Havre.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Ellen (Divine) Gardner, and all of her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews including Helen McGuire of Chinook, Eloise Hern of Seattle, Vernice Doughten of Chinook, Bernard Bergren of Havre, and Frank Bergren Jr. of Florence, Ore. She is also survived by her many "children" through the years.

A funeral mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24, at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Chapel with Father Marcel Vogel officiating. A committal service will follow the mass at the Highland Cemetery in Havre.

Memorials in Margaret's honor may be made to a person's choice.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre.

Monte Garrett, 84

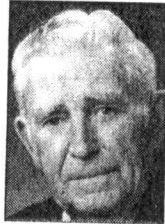
Monte Garrett, 84, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born on May 6, 1919, in a cabin at Boorman, Mont., to Ruben and Lilly (Caudell) Garrett.

Monte was raised by his grandparents after his mother died when he was eight years old. He received his early education at Batavia and Ashley Creek schools.

In 1942, Monte joined the Army Air Corps and served for a short time before being honorably discharged in 1943. He met and married Blanche Blumer on Aug. 24, 1944, in Vancouver, Wash.

Monte's life revolved around his family; his pride and joy were his three daughters and their families. He spent most of his life with his family and friends by the river fishing or out hunting. Monte's numerous accomplishments included his listing in the Boone & Crockett for 13th place for a trophy mule deer buck; the hole in one he finally got three years ago at the Par 3 in Whitefish; and the service he gave as one of the first volunteers in an organization that came



to be called Search & Rescue. He was also very active with the Eagle's and Moose Lodges.

Monte was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; one brother; and a grandson, Kameron Carlon.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche; three daughters, Geri McElroy and husband, Jim, Pam Nadvornick and husband, Robert, and Kitty Young and Dan Gladden, all of Kalispell; one sister, Irene Bagley of Woodland, Calif.; five grandchildren, Andrea Nadvornick, Angela Young, Heidi Young, Jonna Salansky, all of Kalispell, and Cory Nadvornick of Seattle; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Monte will be held 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Glenn Burfeind of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Eagle's Lodge for friends and family.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Samaritan House, P. O. Box 592, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Edward A. Gaston, 75

Edward A. Gaston, 75, died Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at the Libby Care Center in Libby.

He worked for Zonolite and W.R. Grace and Company for 31 years before retiring.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Smith of Lib-

by, and Diane McKay of Superior.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 13, at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Robert 'Bob' Steen Gates Sr., 79

Robert "Bob" Steen Gates, Sr., 79, passed away on Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 14, 1924, in Barnard, Mont., to Henry Daniel and Thora Oletta (Tufte) Gates. Robert received his early education in Opheim, moving with his family to Kalispell in 1937, where he graduated from Flathead County High School in 1942.

On Feb. 11, 1943, he was inducted into the Army where he served until wounded in action April 28, 1945. Robert was honorably discharged on Sept. 28, 1945. He then attended Kinman Business College in Spokane. Robert met and married Norma Jeanne Switzer in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, on Feb. 7, 1949.

Robert began his lifelong carpentry career working for Kirkpatrick Brothers and went on to work for Wilbur L. Graham and Montana Builders, among others, before retiring in 1986.

Robert was always active hunting, fishing and camping. After retirement, his garden and wood-

working crafts became a big part of Robert's life. He was also a member of the Eagles, Disabled American Veterans and the Carpenter's Union.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife of 50 years, Norma Jeanne.

He is survived by three sisters, Marian Dahl of Mount Vernon, Wash., his twin, Ruth Kirkpatrick of Spokane, and Charlotte Delaney and her husband, Mickey, of Issue, Md.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by his daughter, Robbin-Jeanne Gates of Missoula; his son, Robert S. Gates Jr. and wife, Joan, and their children, Alice and Sam, all of Kalispell.

At this time, no services are planned.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the American Diabetes Assoc.; the American Cancer Society or to the charity of the donors' choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Rowena May Gatiss, 98

Rowena May Gatiss, 98, passed away Friday, June 20, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was born Oct. 2, 1904, to John and Margaret Pierson in Nora, Idaho. She grew up on her parents' farm with one brother, Dwight, and one sister, Eunice. Rowena and her siblings worked hard on the farm where she enjoyed taking care of the animals. As the oldest girl in the family, Rowena left school to run the household when her mother died unexpectedly.

While visiting an aunt in Creston, she met Bob Gatiss. They fell in love and were married in 1935. Together, they cleared the land that they eventually developed into the Gatiss Gardens on Mill Creek in Creston where they also ran a feed mill. "Rowena has been a fine partner and always pulled her share of the load that was often a bit heavy," reflected Bob Gatiss in his book *Memories of One Lifetime*.

Rowena loved to sew, crochet, do embroidery and work in the flower gardens. She was a very good cook and specialized in homemade baked bread. Over the years she mothered untold numbers of cats who came looking for a home.

She was a member of the Homemakers Club in Creston for many years.



In 1969, Don and Jo Siblerud purchased the home of Rose and Harry Gatiss, Bob's parents, and together the Sibleruds and Gatisses operated the Gatiss Gardens. All four enjoyed greeting visitors to the gardens from all over the world.

In 1990, Rowena and Bob sold their home and gardens to Paul and Elizabeth Siblerud and moved to the Buffalo Hill Terrace where they were among the first residents. They enjoyed the fellowship and ease of living. Rowena moved to the Immanuel Lutheran Home in April, 2003.

Rowena was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Bob, in 1996, as well as her parents and brother.

She is survived by her sister, Eunice Freter, and one niece, Margaret Peterson, both of Portland; one nephew, Dean Pearson of Pullman, Wash.; a second cousin, Charles Jacquette of Kalispell; and many close friends who will miss her sense of humor and sweet character.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at the Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell. Interment will be 11 a.m. Wednesday in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Following the interment, a memorial service will be held at Buffalo Hill Terrace at 1:30 with a reception to follow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Errol Shawn Gaylord, 54

Errol Shawn Gaylord, 54, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at his home in Columbia Falls.

No services are planned at

this time.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

William 'Bill' Gee, 76

William "Bill" Gee, 76, former Flathead Valley resident, died on May 26, 2003, in Sandpoint, Idaho.

He is survived by his wife, Lois, at the family home in

Sandpoint; and three sons, William and Kenneth Gee of Newport, Wash., and Russell Gee of Lewiston, Idaho.

Services were held on May 31.

John Maynor Gerhauser, 78

John Maynor Gerhauser, 78, of Marion, suffered a major stroke on Jan. 8, 2003, at his home, and passed away on Jan. 20 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

John was born on Dec. 29, 1924, in the rural town of Middleton, Idaho. He was the second of four children born to Charles and Georgia Helen (Foote) Gerhauser. His early years were spent with family, farming, attending the Church of God, scouting with the Boy Scouts, and attending elementary and secondary school. The Foote relatives lived close by. He graduated from Middleton High School as valedictorian.

Blessed with a brilliant mind, he pursued a major in chemistry at Boise Junior College, transferring to the University of Oregon where he received his bachelor's degree in science with honors. He also received his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Texas. The Army interrupted his studies for three years when he was drafted and served in Korea.

During the aerospace era, John worked to develop the plans for rockets with companies from Texas, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, and finishing at Rocket Dyne in California. In 1969, John accepted a position in Egypt at the American University of Cairo, teaching

physical chemistry, physics and math. He loved the culture, people and the country.

With his focus on computers, he went to a computer learning center and then worked five years teaching computer science at a technical school in Texas.

Never having married, John retired with friends, moving to Montana. He purchased a mountaintop log home where he and his adopted family resided. He enjoyed this beautiful area, the deer, gardening and rustic living since 1988.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marion Blackburn; and one brother, Howard Gerhauser.

John is survived by his brother, Walter Gerhauser and his wife Marilyn, of Caldwell, Idaho; his adopted family, Lee Carman of Kalispell, Louis and Marilee Davis of Marion, their children, Stacy and Scott Kerchoff, and John and Petra Leach; one sister-in-law, Addie Gerhauser of Eureka, Calif.; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Christ Church Episcopal, with the Rev. William Baumgarten officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Blanche Gibler, 80

Blanche (Westergaard) Gibler, 80, was born the youngest of nine children to James and Mabel Westergaard on July 20, 1922, in Sentinel Butte, N. D. and died Feb. 23, 2003, at her home in Bigfork, as a result of Parkinson's disease and pneumonia.

As a child, she moved to Woodland, Calif., later graduating from the Sacramento Junior College with a degree in liberal arts. She met her husband, Glen, at a Marine hospital in Seattle. They were married Sept. 20, 1946, in Dillon and resided on the Circle S Ranch.

Their only child, Judith, was born in Great Falls, after which they moved to California to establish their chiropractic practice. In 1988, they moved back to Montana, to be closer to their daughter and her family.

All who knew Blanche could sense her deep love for her God, Jehovah. It was always close to her heart to speak to others about how the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin, and what that heavenly government would do for mankind. (Daniel 2:44) She continued to effectively share Bible truths with others for the balance of her life. Her demeanor included



a generous sense of humor and fondness for sharing a joke or anecdote with her friends. She looked forward to that time when her

Creator Jehovah promises "No resident will say I am sick." (Isaiah 33:24)

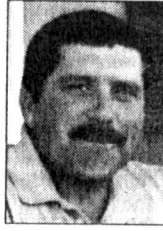
Blanche is survived by her husband, Glen Gibler; her daughter, Judi and husband, Bill Conant; grandchildren, Benjamin and wife, Aimee Conant, Holly and husband, Dallas Gray, Jesse and wife, Melissa Conant, and Tristan Conant; great-grandchildren, Savanna, Victoria, Korah, Colter and D'andre; and a brother, John Westergaard.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Bigfork Kingdom Hall, 100 Vista Lane at Montana 35, mile marker 35.

Roy Dean Gilbert, 43

Roy Dean Gilbert, 43, of Lolo was born Oct. 11, 1959, in Kalispell to Walter and Rose (Shefferd) Gilbert. He passed away on June 8, 2003, after being involved in a motorcycle accident near Florence.



Roy was raised in Kalispell, attended Demersville School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1977. In 1980, Roy married Mary Heston, and in 1981, they had a son, Treavor. From the time Roy could walk, he went to the woods with his father who was a lifelong woods worker. Roy followed in his father's footsteps and was an avid outdoorsman and logger.

Through years of hard work, Roy formed a logging company called GW Logging with his lifelong friends, Orville Wise and Barry Smith. He was at his best with a fishing pole in his hand, boating and camping, riding his Harley, and goofing off with his son and friends.

Roy was preceded in death by his father, and best friend, Wally Gilbert, in 1993.

He is survived by his mother, Rose Gilbert of Kalispell; his son and daughter-in-law, Treavor and Kristin Gilbert of Seattle; his sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Jim Thompson of Bigfork; half-brothers, Gary Gilbert of Kalispell, and Jay Gilbert; his half-sister, Gloria Gilbert of Kalispell; nieces and nephews, Frank Gilbert, Tia Yaryan, Jaine Thompson, TJ Thompson, Beth Smith and Jamie Karlan; and cousin Ron Profitt, who was like a brother. He is also survived by many special friends, co workers, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Roy's passing will leave a void in many people's hearts, his presence and personality touched many people around him and he will always be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday June 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lois Eleanor Gilchrist, 88

Lois Eleanor Gilchrist, 88, a homemaker from Shelby, passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at the Marias Heritage Center due to natural causes.

Lois was born March 23, 1914, at Omemee, N.D., to Werner and Helen (Munter) Welin, where she graduated from high school in 1932. She moved to Whitefish for a time and then to Pocatello, Idaho, where she worked as a waitress and also helped family members with baby-sitting chores.

Lois married Ronald Gilchrist on Sept. 14, 1940, in Butte. Her husband worked for the railroad and they lived in various towns: Gildford for nine years, and Lohman for seven years before moving to Shelby in 1958. Ronald died in Shelby in 1998.

Lois was a member of the Community United Methodist Church, where she had been very active with the UMCW (United Methodist Church Women). She also was an

avid bridge player and had played every week for many years until this past year. She was a member of the Round Robin Bridge Club. She also enjoyed cooking and being active at the Shelby Senior Center, where she often had meals and attended dances.

Survivors include her daughter, Myrna and husband Ernest Damm, of Pocatello, Idaho; and son Eldon Gilchrist of Las Vegas; her sisters, Lillie Purcell of Los Gatos, Calif. and Victoria Ramey of Boise, Idaho; her sister-in-law, Norma Welin of Bottineau, N.D.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her parents, husband, two sisters, and two brothers preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at the Community United Methodist Church with burial to follow in the Mountain View Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be sent to the church.

Dean Anthony Gilham, 59

Dean Anthony Gilham, 59, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell of cancer.

He was born Dec. 17, 1943, in Spokane to Elinor (Smith) and Calvin Gilham, both of Browning.

He is survived by his son, Mark Gilham and wife, Lee, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Mollie O'Brien and husband, Mitch, of Kalispell; four granddaughters, Jshanie and Courtney Gilham and Catherine and Abigail O'Brien; his brother, Alan Gilham and his wife, Lois, of Martin City; his sisters, Doris Meineke of Browning, Shirley Stirling and her husband, Jim, of Kent, Wash., and Sharon Williams of Tooele, Utah; and many, many nieces, great-nieces, nephews, great-nephews, cousins, and friends.

Before his illness, Dean worked as a carpenter, enjoying fishing, going for long drives on the back roads surrounding the mountains, and loved to spend time with his granddaughters. And not to forget going out for coffee with all of his many friends.

He will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. today, Oct. 31, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Ray Davis will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow the service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls.

Aletta Mae Gingery, 95

Aletta Mae Gingery, 95, died on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

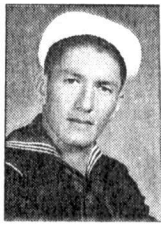
She is survived by one son, Robert Frances Gingery; two daughters, Betty Zane Amundson, and Avis Aletta Gilbert,

both of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Wallace Joseph Gladstone (Kut-oy-is), great-grandson of Blood Indian Chief Red Crow, was born on March 16, 1925, in his grandmother's cabin on the Blackfeet Reservation in the St. Mary's Valley of Montana.



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His father, Alec, a Metis, was the grandson of Hudson's Bay Company employee William Gladstone, who had come to the northwestern plains in 1848 to work as a carpenter and blacksmith.

Wally was first named Na-to-ta-koot or Holy Rock, a name selected for him by Red Crow's eldest daughter because she often found him praying. But at most other times, he was perfecting his horse-riding and hunting skills, or putting baby birds in handmade boats to give them a ride in the river before returning them to their nests.

After a poor, but happy childhood in what is now Babb and Glacier Park where his father worked as a blacksmith, the family moved to Browning to provide schooling opportunities for his older sisters, Nellie and Naida.

There, in 1936, Wally's father Alec died, leaving his wife Lily and their nine children. At that time Wally received from his grandmother the name he carried until his death — Kut-oy-is — which means Blood-clot Boy, a legendary Blackfeet hero, renowned for his strength and bravery. At this young age, Wally was emerging as a warrior.

These skills were further enhanced during his time at Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kan., where he was sent for his remaining high school years. The school was noted for its nationally-recognized boxing program, in which Wally excelled.

Then on Dec. 7, 1941, pre-empting graduation, he volunteered to serve with the U.S. Navy in World War II. His combat theaters included the Aleutian Islands, Guam, the Philippines, Okinawa and the occupation of Japan. A 20-millimeter anti-aircraft specialist, Wally was also light heavyweight champ of the Third Fleet. Three hours after the victory flag was hoisted in August of 1945, Wally and a handful of gunners on the Battleship Iowa refused to celebrate and thus were able to shoot down a final, desperate kamikaze attempt on their flagship. According to some sources, this was the final military action of World War II.

The end of hostilities found Wally in Seattle, where his mother had moved the family for both educational and economic opportunities. Professional boxing promoters began to recruit him heavily, but dissuaded by his sisters, he took a

job instead in construction. Ironically at this time, returning American Indian veterans were met by signs in local businesses that said, "No dogs or Indians allowed."

Infuriated, Wally and other Indian vets "went on the warpath" and fought to earn respect from their land-based contemporaries. In Seattle he also met the love of his life, Pearl, a transplanted German beauty from Williston, N.D. Their marriage endured for 55 years, producing three children, Gail, Carol and Jack. Gail is a West Seattle dental hygienist and manages a pony farm in Milton, Wash. Carol is a tax consultant. Jack is a singer, songwriter and storyteller, based in Glacier Park and Kalispell.

After moving with Pearl back to his beloved St. Mary's Valley in 1949, once again the advent of war — this time the Korean War — called Wally to sea, to serve as one of the first American Indian sailors with the U.S. Merchant Marine. In his eight years of service Wally twice circled

the globe, navigating ships through every major inland passage in the world. He became a strong union man, and once again found his warrior skills appreciated during strikes and other confrontations.

In 1958, corresponding with the birth of his son Jack, Wally came ashore and joined the Boilermakers Union, working first in Seattle's shipyards and later in the field as a rigging specialist. But like many American Indians, Wally had to reckon with alcohol's destructive qualities. Finally, in 1967, in sober introspection, he stopped drinking, and embarked on a life of sobriety supported by "talking circles," both Alcoholics Anonymous and Indian, where he emerged as a sought-after mentor. Early in 1968, Wally was a co-founding member of the Totem Pole AA group in Seattle. This past March, the group celebrated its 35th anniversary.

In the mid-1970s, Wally served several terms as chairman of the National Association of Blackfeet Indians, working with the late Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson (D-WA) and Herb "Manny" Barnes, Blackfeet elder, to solidify federal status for Off-Reservation Indians.

When he retired from the boilermakers in the early 1980s, he rediscovered his childhood by helping his daughter Gail on her horse ranch south of Seattle; training, breaking, trail riding and showing her champion ponies. With his other daughter Carol, the three Gladstones took national and state awards in a number of Pony of America categories.

With the birth of his first grandchild, Mariah, in 1993, Wally began yet another life phase as road manager and projectionist for his son, folksinger Jack Gladstone. In their cumulative travels over the next 10 years, they drove more than one million miles, through 46 states, shar-

ing Blackfeet and Western American legends, stories, songs and culture with diverse audiences in schools, colleges, concert halls, lodges, and convention and community centers.

Diagnosed with "terminal" stomach cancer in December 2000, he began yet another challenging battle. After nutritional treatment, surgery, affirmation and the prayers of friends from all over the country, Wally defeated the cancer and resumed touring with Jack for two more years.

Then, last Saturday, June 28, at the start of his designated "time off week" before the 2003 Big Sky Summer Tour, Wally awoke, put on his morning pot of coffee, sat back and relaxed in his comfortable recliner awaiting breakfast. Then with his gear and bags packed nearby, "he gently ventured into the Sand Hills."

He was preceded in passing by his father Alec; mother Lily; sisters, Velma, Lauretta, La Dean and Nellie; and brothers, George and Chester Sr.

Wally's survivors include sisters, Naida and June Rose; wife Pearl; daughters, Gail and Carol; son Jack, daughter-in-law Linda, and two grandchildren, Mariah and Scot.

Rosary and wake will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Babb Schoolhouse. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Babb Schoolhouse.

Kathryn Glantz, infant

Kathryn Glantz, infant, passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003.

Kathryn was born in Kalispell to Aaron and Angie Glantz.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Marce and Ron Pross of Kalispell, and the paternal

granddaughter of Jim and Donna Glantz of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at Easthaven Baptist Church with Pastor Dan Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Bill Glenn, 90

Bill Glenn, 90, a longtime civil and safety engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers, died Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at St. John Lutheran Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Evalene, of Libby, and his children, Wayne Glenn of Kennewick, Wash., June Mennie

of Billings, and Frank Glenn of Spokane.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today and until noon on Thursday at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Stella Ruth 'Peggy' Glanville, 75

Stella Ruth "Peggy" Glanville, 75, passed away of natural causes on April 6, 2003, in Whitefish. She had lived in Whitefish since 1982.

Born Stella Ruth House in Aldridge, Ala., on May 9, 1927, Peggy was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry House, and had two brothers, Harold and Robert, both deceased.

Peggy attended high school through her junior year at Parrish, Ala., and was a "straight A" student. A very active girl, she was president of her class, president of the Beta Club Honor Society, editor of the school yearbook, county 4-H Club president, and head cheerleader. She was consistently voted most popular girl in her school.

An outstanding swimmer, Peggy trained with her brother, Harold, for the Olympics. However, the start of World War II curtailed her training when her brother enlisted in the Marines.

In 1944, Peggy moved to Madison, Wis., to live with her aunt, who was a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin. Completing her senior year of high school there, she excelled scholastically and was graduated in the upper 5 percent of her class. Surprisingly, although burdened with a heavy load of school work, Peggy found time to aid the war effort by working a full daily swing shift at Madison Kipp as a final inspector on a mortar shell fin production line.

In was while living with her aunt in Madison that Peggy met and later, on Jan. 24, 1945, married her husband of 58 years, Thomas R. Glanville, who was stationed at the Army Air Force base there. In November of that year she gave birth to her first daughter, Sherra Lee.

After the war, Peggy and her husband and daughter moved to Long Beach, Calif., where she was employed as assistant manager for the Currie Ice Cream Co. During this time, she resumed her hobby of swimming and was subsequently selected by the Esther Williams Aquamaids. She trained with this group for several months, but when she found that she was pregnant with her second child, Peggy decided to settle down and be a loving wife and mother. However, she did find time to compete, along with her partner husband, in duplicate tournament bridge, where she earned a master's card. She also excelled in golf, winning the California Frank Cormaci Tournament in her second year of competition.

The mother of six children, Peggy participated in all of their extracurricular activities from Girl Scouts with her three daughters to Cub Scouts, Little League baseball, Pop Warner football and

bowling with her three sons.

For many years, Peggy was listed as a breeder in the American Kennel Club of America. She raised St. Bernards and at one time campaigned her top champion dog in California shows and the National Specialty show in Illinois. She was a longtime member of the St. Bernard Club of America and for several years was editor of the St. Bernard Bulletin, published monthly in Southern California.

In 1970, Peggy and her family moved to Plains. There, she was a department manager at the McGowan's Mercantile. She was also a lifetime member of the Plains Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post No. 3596.

Always the adventuress and explorer at heart, Peggy, in 1969, along with her 11-year-old son, Randy, took off alone in a camper and traveled from Plains to Southern California to Carlsbad, N.M., through Texas to her old home in Alabama and returned to Montana, fighting engine trouble and sundry other problems successfully.

In the 1980s, when her husband founded Glanville Electronics, a consulting firm, Peggy served as a security officer, holding a top secret clearance for over 10 years.

One of the many highlights of Peggy's full life occurred when she and her husband were special invited guests for dinner at Mike Lyman's in Hollywood with Meredith Willson ("The Music Man"), George Burns, Gracie Allen, Frank Morgan (the Wizard in "The Wizard of Oz") and Fannie Brice.

Among other lifetime activities, Peggy held an amateur radio license, took flight training and co-managed the VFW Plains, Montana Bowling Alley, along with her son, Randy. During that time she bowled in two Montana state tournaments and one national. She was also a longtime member of the Whitefish Lake Golf Club and the Whitefish Ladies Golf Association, playing in several state tournaments, including the Big Sky Open.

Mrs. Glanville was preceded in death by her daughter, Sherra McDermid and Robin Horgan.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas, of Whitefish; daughter Deborah of Manhattan Beach, Calif.; and sons, Thomas R. II of Kalispell, Timothy Ray of Pollock Pines, Calif., and Theodore Randy of Ogden, Utah.

At Peggy's request, no services will be held.

In memoriam, donations in her name made to the Humane Society of Kalispell would be greatly appreciated.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

George Peter Goff, 79

George Peter Goff, 79, passed away at his home in Kalispell, on Friday, Aug. 1, 2003.

He was born on May 26, 1924, in Buffalo, N.Y., to George F. and Evalyn (Young) Goff.

George served his country in the Marine Corps during World War II from 1943 to 1946 when he was honorably discharged. In 1945 he met and married Veronica Bodie in Tonawanda, N.Y.

George spent his career as a welder and weld inspector with his latest position of inspecting the NASA Shuttle Craft.

George is survived by his wife of 57 years, Veronica "Rose" of

Kalispell; daughter, Cindy Miller and her daughter, Darlene Waddle and husband, Brett, of Citrus Heights, Calif.; three sons, Dennis and wife, Marsha, and their daughter, Cassie of Salt Lake City, Gary and Greg Goff, both of Somers, and Greg's daughter, Sommer Crabtree and husband, Jarred, of Bentonville, Ark. He is also survived by two sisters, one brother and many nieces and nephews.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jeannette B. Golden, 93

Jeannette B. Golden, 93, passed away peacefully Tuesday evening, March 25, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Jeannette was born March 1, 1910, in Peoria, Ill. to Leaton M. and Ida (Hedrich) Boggess.

Jeannette was born at home in her grandparents' Victorian house. The family lived there the next 10 years, and Jeannette had fond memories of this old home. She spent her first 23 years living in Peoria, graduating from Bradley University in 1931 with a bachelor's degree in art and a minor in history.

Jeannette married Joe Edwin Golden on March 15, 1933, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Peoria, Ill. They were life-long members of the Episcopalian faith. He was a graduate of United States Marine Academy - West Point, Class of 1932. This began a 30-year career as a military wife. They lived many places but always returned to Montana because they loved the state, its mountains and the hunting and fishing.

Her hobbies included photography, arts and crafts, gardening, and writing poetry. She loved animals, especially ponies and palomino horses. She raised bantam and Auracana chickens, Oberhaesli Swiss goats, and always had dogs and cats too. For years she and Joe belonged to the Missoula



Saddle Club. In addition, Jeannette belonged to a ladies riding group, the Skyliners, and Joe belonged to the men's group, the Sheriff's Posse.

Family was very important to Jeannette and she enjoyed entertaining her family and friends. For many years, the Golden's hosted a big Fourth of July celebration. On Halloween, Jeannette enthralled the neighborhood kids with her creations. The favorite was an old witch and her smoking cauldron. At Christmas, their home was beautifully decorated "to celebrate our Lord's birth."

Jeannette was preceded in death by her husband Joe, son Joseph Edward, and brother Leaton.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and Dick McElfresh of Stevensville, Eleanor and Stan Billheimer of Kalispell, and Trudy and Eric Erickson of Helena; daughter-in-law, Kathy Golden of Sumner, Wash.; niece, Kristin Boggess Souther of Keizer, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held in Kalispell. Interment will take place at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, Ill. in the Hedrich family plot.

The family suggests memorial gifts be made to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory in Kalispell, and Wilton Mortuary in Peoria, Ill.