

## Mary Pat Goligoski, 66

Mary Pat Goligoski, 66, passed away Oct. 27, 2003. Mary Pat faced her cardiac difficulties with courage and strength, qualities she displayed throughout her life.

Mary Pat was born in Butte May 4, 1937, to Michael and Nora Walsh.

She graduated from Butte Central Girls High School and later from Carroll College in 1958. She completed her nursing training at St. James in Butte, where she met Chuck Goligoski while he coached at Butte Central High School. They were married Aug. 8, 1959, in Butte. Over the next six years their family grew to include daughters, Lisa and Mara, and son, Charlie.

In 1965, the Goligoskis settled in Kalispell, where Mary Pat and Chuck raised their children. Chuck taught and coached boys basketball at Flathead High School and Mary Pat worked as a registered nurse at Kalispell Regional Medical Center for over 25 years, with a majority of that time in same-day-surgery.

It was often said that Mary Pat was the nurse to have, for she comforted many and administered excellent care. Mary Pat got the chance to travel with Chuck to many places around the world. She often attended Broadway shows, concerts and movies. She loved to "shop, shop, shop," anywhere from arts and craft fairs to Nordstrom's. Plus, as an avid bridge player, there was always a spot saved for her at the table.

Mary Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and

Nora Walsh, and her sister, Sue Ditto.

She is survived by her husband, Chuck Goligoski, of Kalispell; children, Lisa Picht of Mukilteo, Wash., Charlie Goligoski of Spokane and Mara Goligoski of Kalispell; and her granddaughters, M'Lissa and Megan Moore, of Mukilteo, whom she enjoyed seeing become young women. Mary Pat is also survived by her two nephews, Mathew Ditto of Chicago, who held a special place in her heart, and Todd Ditto of San Francisco.

Mary Pat lives on in the spirit of her family and friends who will talk about the good times over and over — about "our" beautiful Mary Pat who brought so much to so many lives and whose heart was full of love for life, family and friends.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 30, at Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell. A Rosary will follow at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon will be served in the basement of the church.

Because Mary Pat cared deeply for and doted on her pets, memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 22, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Jimmy Lee Good, 50

Jimmy Lee Good, 50, of Whitefish, died on March 23, 2003.

He was retired from the Painters Union.

He is survived by his wife, D.J. Good of Whitefish; and

mother, Ramona Good of Vandalia, Mich.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Whitefish.

## Pearl M. Goodman, 85

Pearl M. Goodman, 85, died on Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, in Butte.

Graveside services will be at

3 p.m. today, Aug. 14, at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Noradeane E. (Hodges) Gordon, 69

Noradeane E. (Hodges) Gordon, 69, died on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born in Whitefish to Arthur and Elsie Hodges on July 23, 1934.

Surviving are sons, Robert Arthur of Tillamook, Ore., and James Dean and wife, Wendy, of Lynnwood, Wash.; daughter, Deahn K. Benware, husband Bob, and family of Kalispell; sister, Evelyn and husband, Moe Thompson,

of Whitefish, "sister" Doris and Neil Ewert of Milwaukie, Ore.; former husband, Donald H. of Whitefish; numerous nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Kenneth.

Cremation has taken place. A burial service at sea will be conducted off the Oregon coast at a time and date to be determined later. No local services are planned.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Geraldine 'Jeri' Marie Gorder, 73

Geraldine "Jeri" Marie Gorder, 73, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



Jeri was born on Oct. 29, 1929, in Bismarck, N.D., to Silas and Catherine Stamness

She married Lee Gorder on Nov. 19, 1946, in Wibaux. He preceded her in death.

Jeri was a long time member of Easthaven Baptist Church.

Her hobbies included being a member of the church choir, helping with Red Cross blood drives, reading, cake decorating, jewelry

making and candle making.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Lee; a daughter, Kay Knopp; and a son, Richard Gorder.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan Lee Reimer of Carnation, Wash., and Lynn Rae Sprinkle of Kalispell; one son, Thomas Harold Gorder of Anchorage, Alaska; seven grandchildren, Kori Malone, Rondi Kilbury, Jon Gorder, Chad Gorder, Paul Gorder, Anthony Gorder, Chris Knopp and Madison Sprinkle.

Memorial services for both her and her son will be at 4 p.m. today, at Easthaven Baptist Church with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Richard Paul Gorder, 51

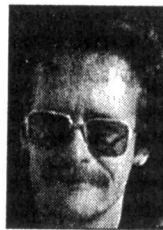
Richard Paul Gorder, 51, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003, in Kalispell.

He was born on July 15, 1952, in Bismarck, N.D., to Lee and Geraldine

Gorder. He served in the U.S. Army from 1974 until 1979. He had worked as a carpenter and a janitor over the past few years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lee, and a sister, Kay Knopp.

His mother, Geraldine, passed



away on Oct. 9, 2003.

He is survived by two sons, Paul David and Anthony Lee Gorder, both of Anchorage, Alaska; a brother, Thomas Gorder of Anchorage; two sisters, Susan Reimer of Carnation, Wash., and Lynn Sprinkle of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Kyler James Gorder, Megan McKinley Gorder, Alexis Nicole Gorder and Zoe Rae Gorder.

Memorial services for him and his mother will be at 4 p.m. today, at Easthaven Baptist Church with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Betty Jean Gordon, 74

Betty Jean Gordon, 74, died Sept. 25, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of complications from pneumonia.

Betty was born Aug. 14, 1929 in Sandpoint, Idaho, to Robert L.

and Alta Kramer Young.

She grew up and attended schools in Sandpoint. On Nov. 19, 1949, she married Ben Halverson in Whitefish. They lived in Selfridge, N.D., until 1952 when they returned to Whitefish. They later divorced.

In 1970 Betty came to live in Kalispell. On May 12, 1975 she married Charles Gordon in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

She worked at several jobs in and around Whitefish before becoming a nurse's aid at the Flathead County Nursing Home, where she worked until her retirement. She was a member of the Faith Alliance Church.

Betty enjoyed camping, fishing, picking huckleberries and just being outdoors. She also enjoyed spending time with her many friends at Sykes. Being with her friends was one of the greatest joys of her life.

She is survived by daughter



and son-in-law Peggy and Wayne Turner of Kalispell; daughter Carrie Stotts, Las Vegas, Nev.; and son and daughter-in-law Norm and Shawna Halverson from Dayton, Nev.

She had seven grandchildren, Joanna Dieziger, Wesley, his wife Jennifer, Hubert Turner of Kalispell, Erin Stotts of Las Vegas, Shawn Stotts, now serving in the U.S. Army and stationed in Iraq, Ben, his fiance Monica Thomas and David Halverson of Dayton, Nev.

Betty also had three great grandchildren, Tasha and Zachary Dieziger, and Justin Turner, all of Kalispell.

She is survived by sister and brother-in-law Pat and Dan Telecky of Pierce, Idaho, sister Marion Starnes of Charlotte, N.C., sister-in-law Wilma Young, also of Charlotte, brother Dick Young of Stayton, Oregon, and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband Chuck, her parents and brothers Robert (Bud) Young and Willis (Pepper) Young.

Services are planned for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Davey presiding.

A private burial will follow the service.

## Matthew Jay Gortarez, 10 days

Matthew Jay Gortarez, 10 days old, died Thursday, April 17, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services will be

conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Robert A. 'Bones' Gorton, 83

Robert A. "Bones" Gorton, age 83, passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

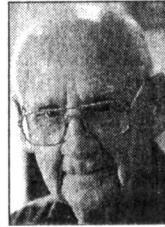
Robert was born in Columbia Falls on Jan. 31, 1920, to Oren "Jack" and Mary (Lippard) Gorton. He attended Columbia Falls Schools until 1930, when the family moved to Kalispell following the death of his father. In his youth, he was an avid horseman roaming the Flathead/Glacier valley areas and working for the Forest Service in high school. He was a talented Flathead Braves member, lettering all four years in track, basketball and football. Robert's enthusiasm for his favorite sport earned him the colorful nickname, "Bones Crusher."

College years included working in Kodiak, Alaska, with survey crews building Army, Navy and Air Force bases, putting up ice at Lake Five for Great Northern, and working for Somers and American Timber Lumber. He attended the University of Washington and University of Montana, where he played football.

Robert served in the European Theatre of Operations as a lieutenant, squad leader with the 71st Div. U.S. 3rd Infantry, later rising to captain. At the end of World War II, he played with the ETO championship football team.

Upon returning from Europe, Robert married Lois E. Falkner of Kalispell on Sept. 4, 1946. He returned to the University of Montana, again playing for the Grizzlies and earning his bachelor of science and later his master of science degrees. He earned the honor of being named by one of the major college polls to an All-American Team. He was a member of the Gamma Phi Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

His professional career includ-



ed teaching history, physical education, and coaching track and football at Billings Senior High. He also taught and coached at Lewis & Clark Jr./ High in Billings. He served as dean of boys at Billings West High, followed by the principalship of Will James Jr. High. He was an N.O.A. college and high school football and Montana State Track official. He retired from the Billings school district in 1983 after 37 years.

Lois and Bones returned to the Flathead in 1994. Since September of this year Bones resided at the Montana State Veterans Home Special Care Unit with the extended "family" of treasured caregivers. He will be remembered for his deep love of family, a dry quick wit, great stories, and a magnetic bond with horses, dogs, and babies. He was fondly referred to as "G.P." by his granddaughters and "the Bishop" by his lifelong friend, Warren Sparling.

Robert is survived by his wife, Lois of Kalispell; his son Dave of Glasgow; daughter Donna Crocker and husband Jeff of Kalispell and their three children, Kelcey, Kate, and Ben and his wife Kiely, all of Missoula; son Jack and wife Emily and their three children, Aaron, Sara and Sean, all of Las Angeles; and sister Claribell Jordan and her daughter Virginia Koenig of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Kathy Eff officiating. Urn burial will follow at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60611-1676 or to Hope Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Robert A. 'Bones' Gorton

The family of Robert A. "Bones" Gorton who passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2003, in Kalispell would like to acknowledge those of his family who preceded him in death.

They are his parents, Oren and Mary Gorton, and his sister, Iola Weller.

He is also survived by his sister's children, Robert and Roger Weller of Kalispell, and Janet Weller of Arizona.

## Threasa E. Goudy, 102

Threasa E. Goudy, 102, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



She was born Jan. 22, 1901, in Minneapolis, to Ernest and Elizabeth (Misslin) Wilson. The Wilson family moved to Outlook, when Threasa was nine years old to be near to her maternal grandparents, and moved two years later to a homestead east of Whitetail. She started working at an early age, and learned during her childhood to be a hard worker.

Threasa married Ambrose G. Goudy on Oct. 7, 1919, in Redstone. They then moved to a farm near the homestead, where the Goudy family lived for the next 22 years and all of their children were born. They had 12 children, and three of them passed away in infancy.

In 1945, the Goudys moved to Troy, where they finished raising their children. Threasa and Ambrose moved with their family to the Flathead Valley near Kalispell in 1964, and then moved into town four years later. Their Kalispell home is where they would live for the rest of their lives. After Mr. Goudy's death in 1974, Threasa continued to live at their home in town and was cared for by her daughter, Grace.

She was preceded in by her husband; three children, Emma, Marian and George; two grandsons, Larry Sledjeski and Bobby Rice, Jr.; a great-grandson, Tony Williams; two sisters, Anna Marriott and Grace Schmidt; and two brothers, Tony and Leo Wilson.

Survivors include three sons, John Goudy and his wife, MaeBelle, of Fergus Falls, Minn., Donald Goudy and his wife, Myrna, of Seattle, and Ambrose Goudy and his wife, Beverly, of Great Falls; six daughters, Grace Williams, of Kalispell, May Sledjeski, of Tacoma, Wash., Inez Tweet and her husband, Glen, of Seattle, Lucille Mott, of Otis Orchards, Wash., Edith Burgess, of Hot Springs, and Georgia Stack, of Spokane Valley, Wash.; there are 43 grandchildren, 84 great-grandchildren, 48 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews including Mary and Donald Marriott of Canada, Jerry Wilson of Nevada, and Ronald Wilson of California, and their families.

Threasa was a pioneer lady who

was greatly loved and will be missed by all.

Funeral services for Threasa Goudy will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Kalispell. The Rev. David Pestal will officiate. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 6 p.m. Monday at the Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Bethel Baptist Church, 936 4th Ave. West, Kalispell, MT 59901, the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, 1732 South 72 West, Billings, MT 59102, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Goldie M. Goss, 95

Goldie M. Goss, 95, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

Goldie was born July 11, 1918, in Hinsdale, to Elmer and Eliza (Bollinger) Canen.

Goldie is survived by three sisters, Blanche Greenwald of Columbia Falls, Mildred Northrup of Rapid City, S.D., and Edith Farar of California; five brothers, Paul Canen of Texas, Art Canen of Cali-

fornia, Lloyd and Roy Canen of Glasgow, and Howard Canen of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Michael, Robert and Coni Lumsden, Carrine Wickman, Scott Lewis; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Pastor Darrell Newby officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ivanetta Leila Grandy, 86

Ivanetta Leila Grandy, 86, passed away Monday, Oct. 27, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born May 16, 1917, in Chinook to Thomas and Cordella Maude (Lane) Gibson.



At the age of 5, she and her family moved to Kalispell. She graduated from Flathead Valley High School in 1934. After graduation she worked at the pea factory and the cherry warehouse until marrying her husband of 50 years, Wayne Grandy. She joined him in various areas of Montana where he worked as a miner, barber and truck driver.

In 1945, she returned to the workforce in Great Falls where she worked on "East Base" (now Malmstrom Air Force Base) preparing food for air crews in the Army Air Corp.

In 1951, she became employed by the Bon Marche (formerly called The Paris) where she worked in the accounting department until 1966.

In 1967, Ivanetta and Wayne embarked on a carefree lifestyle that Ivanetta would call the happiest 18 years of her life; "snow birding." They returned to the Flathead Valley every summer where she would spend the time fishing with the grandchildren and sharing with them her deep love of nature. Winters were spent enjoying the warmth of the southwestern U.S.,

meeting old and new friends, sharing stories and the camaraderie of their lifestyle.

She was first to offer help and empathy to anyone needing her.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; her parents, Tom and Maude Gibson; son, Donald Hobbs; grandson, David Hobbs; brothers, Samuel Choteau and Bob Gibson; and sisters LaVaughn Croskrey, Reba Bergan and Phyllis Dale; and special brothers-in-law, Art Croskrey and Louis Bergan.

She is survived by her daughter, Ruth Hummer and husband, Robert, of Kalispell; nine grandchildren; Tracy Osler, Scott Osler, Terry Cuthbert, Brett Cuthbert, Scott

Eaton, Tim Eaton, Alice Hobbs, Mary Hobbs, Helen Hobbs, Donna Hobbs and Kathryn Hobbs; 13 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren; with several nieces and nephews.

A combined memorial service will be held for Ivanetta Leila Grandy and her son, Donald Hobbs, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. There will be urn burials for both Ivanetta and Donald at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery follow the memorial service. The family suggests memorials be given to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Lawrence Grainger, 96

Lawrence Grainger, 96, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born on May 15, 1907, in Poplar. He was orphaned at an early age, and lived with relatives and friends during his childhood. He worked on many ranches while growing up.

He met his future bride when they were 14 years old, and got married in Scobey when they were 17. In the 1930s, they moved to Glasgow, where he worked at several different jobs.

In 1949, they moved to Kalispell, where he was the manager of Farmers Union Exchange. Lawrence later acquired Farmers Union Insurance Agency, where he was joined by his two sons, Harold and Howard. He worked as an insurance adjuster for the company, traveling statewide in that position for the last several years of his working career.

He loved horses and had ridden a lot as a younger person. He loved playing pool, bowling, and enjoyed singing and often made up his own songs. He loved sitting around telling stories about his cowboy and rodeo days.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, in 1999; and one son, Howard, who died in an automobile accident in 2000.

He is survived by his son, Farley and his wife Jean; daughters, Cora Beth and husband Frank Guay, and Donna and her husband Roger Wendt, all of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Carol Grainger; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside urn burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Rusty Halaas officiating.

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

## Barry J. Granrud, 58

Barry J. Granrud, 58, passed away at his home in Kalispell, on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003.

He was born in Powers Lake, N.D., on April 3, 1944, to E. Julian and Rubie L. (Brusven) Granrud.

Barry graduated from Columbus High School in Columbus, N.D., in 1962. He then entered into the United States Army, where he served in Vietnam from February 1966 until April 1967 with the 162D Assault Helicopter Company Aviation Battalion. He received the Army Commendation medal, Extended Meritorious Service medal, and the Good Conduct medal upon his honorable discharge.

After returning from the service, he moved to Kalispell, and worked at C & C Plywood in Evergreen as well as Mountain Manufacturing. He most recently worked for the Flathead County Road and Bridge Department as the day service manager and had worked there for the past 24 years.

Barry enjoyed antique tractors and other vehicles as well as collecting firearms. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Rifle Association, and

numerous antique tractor organizations.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brother, R. Keith Granrud of Kalispell; two sisters, Judy M. Bly and husband, Duane, of Lignite, N.D., and Sandra K. Liskowich and husband, Steve, of Calgary, Alberta; numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, four nephews, and two nieces.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. He will then be transferred to North Dakota for a funeral service to be held on Wednesday at Faith Lutheran Church in Columbus, N.D., with burial to follow at Grandview Cemetery.

Stakson-Martin Funeral home in Crosby, N.D., is handling arrangements for services in North Dakota.

Memorials are suggested to Faith Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 87 Columbus, ND 58727 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

## Virginia Lee (Wilkerson) Gratton, 77

Virginia Lee (Wilkerson) Gratton, 77, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003, in Salt Lake City.

Survivors include her sons, Roderick McDonald, Malcolm McDonald and Thomas Grat-

ton; and her daughters, Dana Wilson, Lori Flynn and Ramona Rios.

A memorial service will be held in Yuma, Ariz., at a later date.

## Frank Clyde Gregg, 77

Frank Clyde Gregg, 77, died June 14, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell with his beloved brother by his side.

He was born May 25, 1926, in the Whitefish family home located at Third and Kar-



row. He loved to reminisce about the "good old days" growing up in Whitefish.

Frank graduated from high school in 1944 and joined the Navy, serving for two years in the South Pacific. He saw the actual raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. He came home, and after working a few odd jobs, went to work for the Great Northern Railway as a clerk and railroad cop.

When he retired, he turned his love of the railroad and history in what became his true life work — saving and documenting the history of Whitefish. He was recently honored by the Chamber of Com-

merce as the first recipient of the "Great Whitefish Award" for a lifetime of service to Whitefish.

Frank was a member of the Order of the Moose, the American Legion, Big Brothers Big Sisters, president of the Stumptown Historical Society and author of two books, one on Colt 45s and the second on the history of the railroad in the Flathead from 1870 to 1904.

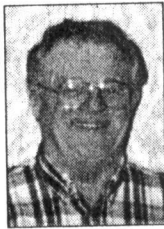
Frank is survived by his sister, Kathryn Mathews and her husband, Bill, and their children, Meredith and Gregg; his brother, Wesley and his children, Dewey, Myrtis, Joe, Dawn, Dana and Joan; numerous nieces and nephews, and a large number of boys and men whom he mentored and loved as his own.

Memorials may be given to the Stumptown Historical Society and will be used to start a scholarship in his name.

Please join us in a celebration of Frank's life at a ceremony to be held at the depot in Whitefish he helped to save at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 21.

## Clayton E. Green Jr., 60

Clayton E. Green Jr., 60, retired master sergeant of the U.S. Air Force after 21 years of dedicated service, and a current employee of PPL in Great Falls, died of cancer at Peace Hospice on Monday.



His memorial service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003 at Northwest Family Fellowship, 801 2nd Ave. N., Great Falls. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Schnider Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Green, of Great Falls; daughter Lauri Stevens, her husband, Mike, and granddaughter, Rachel, of Lakeside; son Jesse Green and his wife, Chris, of Bismarck, N.D.; and son, Matt Green and his fiancée, Krystal Pflieger, of Great Falls; sisters, Cathy Herdman and Connie Hyde; and brother, Robert Green and their families of Louisiana.

Clay graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in sociology, minoring in psychology from the College of

Great Falls. Clay had many interests and activities which include a life member and certified instructor of the NRA, a charter founder and member of the NRA 2nd Amendment Task Force, life member of Disabled American Veterans and a member of the American Legion. He was also avidly interested in hunting and fishing with his family and

friends. He cared about the well being of all those around him and he will be missed by all. Clay expressed to his family before passing that any memorials be sent to the NRA-ILA, Attention: Finance, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA. 22030. Please include a note that states memorial is in memory of Clayton Green Jr. and your full address.

## Donald Henry Green, 92

Donald Henry Green, 92, passed away Feb. 11, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

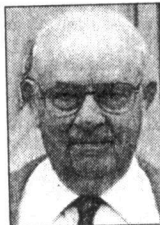
A lifetime resident of the Flathead, Donald was born Jan. 7, 1911, in Kalispell, to George and Gussie (Wood) Green of Coram. On Oct. 8, 1938, he married Marie E. Saurey of Columbia Falls, who preceded him in death in 1996.

As a young boy growing up on his family's homestead in Coram, Don worked in the woods alongside his father and brothers, helping to operate the family mill. Later, he owned a Caterpillar and hired out to build roads for the Forest Service, clear land for the valley's farmers, and to work on Hungry Horse Dam. He was hard working and worked long, hard hours. On weekends, he spent his time building a beautiful house on Flathead Lake in Big Arm where he and Marie lived for years before moving back to Kalispell. He retired in 1965.

Don was an avid fisherman, continuously catching his limits of salmon from Flathead Lake, Flathead River, and ice fishing on Lake Mary Ronan. He would drive from Kalispell to Lake Mary Ronan early in the morning, catch his limit, and be back at Syke's for coffee with the boys at 9 a.m.

He was an avid woodworker and enjoyed making furniture, birdhouses, dollhouses, and rocking horses for his family and friends. He volunteered to make wood items for the hospital volunteer craft sales.

Growing up in Coram and working alongside the railroad, Don had a great interest in trains. When asked by the Stump Town Museum to build historic replicas of the local trains that came through this area, he gladly agreed. That led to building repli-



cas for the Central School Museum including replicas of the Central School and Flathead County Courthouse. He also built birdhouses for the fund-raising of Rails to Trails.

In 1997, he started writing a 200-page family history book of short stories about his life in the valley. He enjoyed sharing these stories with his family and friends.

He was a volunteer for the Flathead Lakers and for the Big Arm Fire Department. He was a past exalted ruler of the Kalispell Elks Club and a past president for the Big Arm Harmony Club.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife; parents; brothers, Robert and Charles Green; sisters, Ella Clack, Georgia Peterson, Ada Baeschlin, Bernice Conine and Lois Gilchrist.

He is survived by sister, Daisy Dideen and husband, Fred, of Kalispell; brother, Herb Green and wife, Lorraine, of Eureka, Calif.; two daughters, Sheryl Hester and husband, Dennis, of Kalispell; and Dona Davis and husband, Ron, of Clackamas, Ore.; four grandchildren, Scott Lang and wife, Tammy, of Butte, Tiffany Katsiff and husband, Brett, of Ocean City, N.J., Ronda Riehl and husband, Paul, of Clackamas, and Brent Davis and wife, Risa, of Portland; four great-grandchildren, Natalie and Michael Katsiff, and Ellie and Jarred Riehl.

Graveside services for Donald Henry Green will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls this spring. The date and time will be announced then.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Rails to Trails of Northwest Montana, P.O. Box 1003, Kalispell, MT 59903; the Central School Museum, 124 Second Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Stump Town Historical Society, 500 Depot Street, Whitefish, MT 59937.

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



## Helen Viola Griegg, 77

Helen Viola (Holmquist) Griegg, 77, passed away at her home on Monday, March 3, 2003.

She was born on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1926, in Kalispell. Helen was the fifth child of a family of 11 raised by Swedish parents in the Flathead Valley.

She graduated in 1948 from the Northwest Bible Institute in Kirkland, Wash. Summers, she waited at the Bi-Rite Drugstore in Kalispell. She married Fred Griegg of Shawano, Wis. Fred was a custom homebuilder.

They had eight children, seven girls and one boy. They were married in the Assembly of God Church and built their lives around church and family. Helen taught Sunday school, and directed a junior choir and a Good News after-school club for children for years.

She loved to cook, can, grow flowers, and sew. Her home was always filled with the wonderful smells of whole wheat bread and beautiful flowers, as well as her knick-knacks and music. Her home was the center of many bridal and baby showers, and birthday and holiday celebrations. She instilled in her children the knowledge of the love of God. She also fished and hunted with her husband including family camping trips.

After her diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis, she was wheelchair-bound for the last 22 years. Due to the committed care of her husband with help from in-home care workers, she maintained an active life with all her children and her family.

During her recent hospitalization, her family maintained a 24-hour vigil by her bedside, singing her favorite hymns and reading her favorite Bible verses and then she returned home with Hospice. She lived long enough to see her developmentally disabled daughter make a smooth transition into a group home.

She will be missed greatly as a totally devoted mother and wife to her family with a deep faith in



God. She was greatly loved by many.

Appreciation goes out to the staff at Kalispell Regional Hospital, Hospice and Cherie Bell, her caregiver.

Helen was preceded in

death by her parents, David and Anna Holmquist; brothers, Joe, Walt and Ted Holmquist; and her sisters, Eleanor, Esther and Julia.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Griegg, of Kalispell; daughter, Mary Jo and Tony Wheeler and grandchildren, Mark and Laura of DeWitt, Mich., daughter, Joyce Tucker and Clint Weyrauch of Spokane, daughter, Janice and Eric Sutter, grandchildren, Jonathan and David, and Sarah and Josh Clinchers, and great-grandsons, Noah and Wiley of Denver, daughter, Ronda and Kevin Neitzling and granddaughter, Adyn and Josh Sonju and great-grandchildren, Schyler and Shae; and grandchildren, Aubrey and Daniel of Kalispell, daughter, Colleen and Alan Nolan and grandchildren, Andrea and Timothy of Hillsboro, Ore., daughter, Theresa and Brad Empie and grandson, Joel of Lewistown, and daughter Tammie Griegg of Kalispell; and son, Ronald Griegg and grandchildren Katelyn, Kallai, Kadeesh and Caleb of Kalispell.

She is also survived by her sisters, Alice and husband, Bill Briner, of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Frances Bekkadahl; and brothers, Paul Holmquist and his wife, Ruth, of Kalispell, and Robert Holmquist; plus many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services will be held Friday at 3 p.m. at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church. Grave-side services will be held immediately at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Christian Center.

Richard David Green Sr., 77, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2003, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on April 15, 1926, to Arthur and Euga (Jennings) Green.

Richard was an avid leather craftsman and avid hunter and fisher.

He married Edna Miles on Sept. 10, 1949, in Santa Fe, N.M. Richard spent 35 years as a pipe fitter and welder working on projects all over the country, including the Alaska Pipeline. Before beginning his career in the construction industry, Richard traveled the Southwestern Rodeo Circuit as a bulldogger. Throughout 60 years of his life, Richard dedicated his artistic talents to carving intricate leather gifts that found their way into homes from California to Washington, D.C., including the home of Sen. Conrad Burns.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife Edna in 1996.

He is survived by his three children, Richard D. Green Jr. of Milwaukee, Wis., Sherry L. Green of Linden, Va., and Russell Green of North Hollywood, Calif.; and two grandchildren, Alissa and Rikki Green of Milwaukee.

At Richard's request, cremation will take place and the family will hold a private service at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Dora Eva Frankel Gross, 83

Dora Eva Frankel Gross, 83, died Sunday, June 22, 2003, at Heart of the Valley Nursing Home in Corvallis, Ore.



Dora Eva Frankel was born on March 22, 1920, to Ethel Frankel (Litwak) and Jacob Frankel (both immigrants from the Ukraine) in Easton, Pa. Her father died when she was five, leaving her widowed mother to raise four children alone. All her siblings agree that Dora was the most helpful and loving of all the children. She cared for her little sister while her mom was working and helped with the housework. At barely 10 years of age, Dora wrote a letter to the president of the United States when her mother's home was to be foreclosed on which immediately resulted in a local bank working things out for the family.

On March 29, 1942, she married Stanley Charles Gross just before he was drafted and sent to fight in World War II. While her husband was heading to D-Day, Dora worked on the homefront. Soon after the war ended, Dora and Stan decided to make the military their life and devoted 30 years to the U.S. Air Force. During her career as a military spouse her generosity continued with countless volunteered hours to helping families on military bases. She had three children and raised them alone for a couple of years while Stanley was stationed in Iceland and Morocco. In 1972, they retired from the service to live in Kalispell where she could contemplate the most beautiful sunsets.

Dora had a quest for adventure and travel that the military directly provided for. She and her family lived in Turkey, Canada and eight different states. She was an expert at setting up new homes and making everyone feel comfortable. In addition, she made several trips around Europe with her daughter, Joan, always thinking about what to buy for other people.

Dora was always artistic. She

loved to lie in the grass with her children and point out cloud pictures. She painted and made tile tables and hats of feathers and furs. Like her mom, she was an excellent seamstress. She had an expert eye for flower arranging. She wanted to attend art school after graduating from high school but could not afford it. She saw to it that each of her children completed college and always encouraged them to do what they loved.

Dora was the great spoiler. She loved to cook and eat, though it was difficult to get her to sit down at the table with everyone. She adored children and spoiled them as much as possible. Perhaps it was because she never had the luxury of being spoiled herself. Dora suffered the tragedy of losing her father, the Depression, two major world wars and countless other wars but these did not dampen her spirit. Like her mother, Dora was determined to bring happiness to those around her.

Dora is survived by her husband, Stanley Gross of Kalispell; their three children, Barbara J. Gross of Missoula, Steven C. Gross and wife, Patricia Llorens, of Missoula, and Joan E. Gross and husband, David McMurray, of Corvallis, Ore.; her brother, Jacob Frankel and wife, Sally, of Boca Raton, Fla.; her sisters, Bess and husband, Marvin Sherman, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Shirley Menko of Philadelphia, Pa.; four grandchildren, William Gross of Anchorville, Mich., Rebecca and husband, Matthew Lawson, of Florence, and Charles McMurray and Stanley McMurray, both of Corvallis, Ore.; two great-grandchildren, Torren Lawson and Teylah Lawson. In addition, Dora has numerous nieces, nephews, stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren. Her love was always inclusive and she will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until services on Friday, June 27. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell. Burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Helen Elaine Grilley, 93

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Montana for Helen Elaine Grilley, 93, of Medford, Ore., who died Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at Farmington Square in Medford.

She was born July 25, 1909, in Antelope, the daughter of Nellie and William Crohn. Helen attended the rural grade school and graduated from Plentywood High School in 1927. She taught in rural schools for five years before attending Teacher's College in Billings, where she received a two-year degree.

She continued teaching for 15 years and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Montana University in Billings. She received her master's degree in education from Montana University in 1949. For

the next 14 years she worked as a teaching supervisor in Oregon, Montana and California.

In 1966, she earned her doctorate and taught at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond. For eight years she was a professor at Montana University, Billings.

She traveled extensively, having visited six of the continents. During many summers she managed the Echo Lake Cabins in Montana.

Surviving are two daughters, Idamarie Barnes of Medford, and Pat Dake of Bigfork; one brother, Louis Crohn of Bigfork; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Litwiller-Simonsen Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Ashland.

## Stanley Charles Gross, 84

Stanley Charles Gross, 84, "left this world to join his wife" on Sept. 11, 2003, "Patriot's Day," in Missoula.

He was born to Raymond Gross and Mildred Hicks Gross on Jan. 13, 1919, in Easton, Pa.

As a child, Stanley dreamed of being a trolley car conductor, but his life turned out to be quite different. Only a few months after he married Dora Eva Frankel, he was drafted into the Army and soon found himself in the First Army, 49th AAA Brigade heading for Utah Beach, Normandy.

After the war, he pursued graduate studies at Penn State University, and later joined the Air Force where he spent his working career traveling the world. The place he loved best was the Flathead Valley where he commanded the Lake-side radar station from 1968 to 1970. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1972 and moved back to Kalispell.

Growing up through the Depression, Stanley had a keen sense of the value of things and firmly believed that the harder one worked, the luckier one got. He continued to work hard doing community service after his retirement. He was a founder of the Kalispell Farmer's Market and taught classes on organic gardening at Flathead Valley Community College and other community venues. He believed in teaching by example and it didn't take long to realize that behind his "cranky curmudgeon" exterior beat a heart of gold. He consistently denied himself pleasures in order to be generous to others.



In true American spirit, he rebelled against weighty bureaucracies and unfair practices and praised good works. He felt that it was his duty to try to improve things by communicating with his fellow citizens and he used his masterful skills in English to do so. His correspondence files are thick with letters to politicians, commanding officers, and especially, letters to the editor of the Daily Inter Lake (both published and unpublished). No matter how serious he got, Stanley never lost his sense of humor. "Don't let the bastards get you down" was a favorite refrain. His good humor and sensitivity were resources when composing poems for special people and special occasions. He will be greatly missed by all.

Stanley was preceded in death by his wife, Dora, who passed away at the beginning of the summer; his sister, Betty Gross Hooey; and brother, Raymond Gross.

He is survived by his three children, Barbara J. Gross, Steven C. Gross and wife, Patricia Llorens, of Missoula, and Joan E. Gross and husband, David McMurray, of Corvallis, Ore.; his twin brother, Stewart A. Gross and Sue Albright, of Nazareth, Pa.; his younger brother, Robert Gross, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; four grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

There will be a graveside memorial service for Stanley Charles Gross on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family suggests that donations be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 2314, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Bernice Guditis, 87

Bernice Guditis, 87, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born on April 19, 1916 in Chicago to William and Antonette Jozinaitis. She attended schools in the Chicago area.

She married Joseph Guditis on April 22, 1938. They lived their whole lives in the Chicago area until moving to Kalispell in November 2001 to be near their son, Robert and his family.

Bernice enjoyed playing the piano and violin and was an excellent oil painter who loved painting portraits of her loved ones.

Joseph passed away in August 2002.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at C.E. Conrad Cemetery.

Buffalo Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Doris (Winters) Guenther, 72

Doris (Winters) Guenther, 72, of Columbia Falls, passed away on Aug. 25, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a long battle with cancer.

She was born on July 8, 1931, in Miles City, and raised in the Ashland area.

In 1950, she married Dale Guenther. They would have celebrated their 53rd anniversary on Aug. 26 of this year.

Doris was a very dependable, loyal, hard worker. She was very involved with her crafting and she traveled to craft shows throughout Montana. She grew many different flowers in her yard, using them with silk birds and the wild roses she collected, for her wreaths and dried floral arrangements.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Mary Winters; and her sister, Laura Decker.

She is survived by her husband, Dale Guenther of Columbia Falls; her children, Don Guenther, Debbie Schumacher, Ken Guenther and Vicki Gove, all of Columbia Falls; a sister, Lucille Hobbs, of Columbia Falls; brothers, Bill Winters of Hungry Horse, and Jack Winters of Alaska; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one due at any time.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Columbia Falls Mortuary with Father Joe Pat Moran officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Kenneth L. Guinard, 67

Kenneth L. Guinard, 67, of Troy, died Sept. 24, 2003, at the Libby Care Center.

He had been employed the city of Troy and then ASARCO.

Survivors include his children, Jim Guinard, Fred Guinard, Randy Bacon, Mark

Guinard and Tracy Guinard, all of Troy; and Alice "Missy" Guinard of Kalispell.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Troy Church of God with Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

## Ruth Iola Sykes Guinard, 94

Ruth Iola Sykes Guinard, 94, "took her final walk with the Lord to her heavenly home" on Thursday, April 10, 2003.



She was born on Aug. 9, 1908, near Wilton, N.D., to Walter H. and Lena Edna (Gardner) Kramer. Ruth came to Kalispell with her parents in 1910. Her parents homesteaded on the Flathead Indian Reservation at Irving Flats, west of Polson, in about 1911.

She grew up and attended the Green Mountain School located on her father's homestead until the sixth grade. They moved to Polson where she attended school for two years. Her parents then moved back to the Kalispell area and Ruth attended the eighth grade in Patrick Creek, south of Kalispell. When she was to begin high school, they moved to Kalispell, where she attended Flathead County High School, graduating in May of 1927.

On June 15, 1926, she married Raymond Sykes in Troy. She attended her senior year of high school as Ruth Sykes. To this union, she had two daughters, Iola, born Oct. 13, 1928, and Edna, born May 28, 1930. She and Ray were divorced in 1931, and she was granted full custody of the two girls and devoted her life to raising them.

Ruth worked at a number of different occupations, such as being an abstractor for 17 years for the Commercial Abstract and Title Co. for F.O. Williams, former mayor. She went to work for James E. Murphy, attorney, as his legal secretary, and for his partner, Cal Robinson, for whom she was his first secretary, for approximately five years.

Ill health prompted her to resign and rest awhile. She worked for short periods at several real estate offices and for KGEZ radio. She then accepted a position with the Montana State Forestry Division in Kalispell, as their office manager and worked there for over 20 years, retiring in 1977.

On Nov. 3, 1945, she married her best friend and love of her life, P.D. "Frenchie" Guinard. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1983. She was also preceded in death by both of her brothers and wives, Willard and Martha Kramer, Donald and Margaret Kramer, and a niece, Betty Kramer Rohrer.

Ruth was very active as a Head Start volunteer grandmother for nearly 20 years and up until about

a month before her death, as a volunteer with her daughter, Edna, for MOMS as a nursery worker. She was also active in TOPS from which she received several awards. She was featured on a Norm's News menu several years ago.

She loved children and over the course of her lifetime, she gave homes, her heart, love and support to many young people. She loved her family and all of her extended families and gave generously of her love and wise counsel.

She loved family gatherings, the outdoors, walking, exploring back roads, hunting, her garden, watching the black swans at Woodland Park, helicopter rides with Jim Kruger and time at her "Happy Place," her cabin at Ashley Lake.

She was a great listener, and as all who knew her can attest, there is no way to document her life or the lives of all those she touched. "She leaves a very empty place in all our hearts."

Ruth is survived by her daughters, Iola Breneman and husband, Rex, of Coram, and Edna Carter and husband, Ron, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Ruth Skaggs of Kalispell, Rhonda Bell and husband, John, of Aumsville, Ore., Donald Tomfohr and wife, Jan, of Eugene, Ore., Corey Baker of Kalispell, and Rexine Howell and husband, Bill, of Driftwood, Texas; special daughters, Marge Guinard White and husband, Larry, and Nancy Guinard Lewis and husband, Brian; great-grandchildren, Jacob Bell and wife, Jaime', of Newberg, Ore., Clinton Bell and wife, Christina, of Rathdrum, Idaho, Joel and Hila Tomfohr and Roxie Fors of Corvallis, Ore.; three great-great-grandchildren, Lawrence, Kasi, and Belle, in Texas; great-nephew, Jimmy Worsham, who lived with her; many nieces and nephews, including Ret. Col. Bill Kramer, wife Nancy, and children of Niceville, Fla., Mary Lee Kramer Brooks and husband, Mike, of Mississippi; and a very large extended family.

Graveside services for Ruth will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary.

There will be a pot luck reception following the service at her home at 305 4th Ave. W. Memorials can be made to a charity of the donor's choice and especially to those benefiting children.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## John V. Gullekson, 84

John V. Gullekson, 84, a Whitefish resident, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2003, at the North Valley Hospital of natural causes.

He was born Sept. 4, 1918, in Virginia, Minn., the son of Victor and Christine Gullekson.

John had his own contracting business and later worked for the Corps of Engineers until he was disabled and retired in 1974.

He loved to fish and hunt and all sports. He enjoyed gardening and relished time with his family. John lived with his wife, Benita, at the

Mountain View Manor in Whitefish until his death. He was a precious husband and father, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Benita, at home in Whitefish; sons, Jay T. and wife, Kathy, in Calgary, Alberta, and Phillip A. and wife, Jean, in Mena, Ark.; daughter, Anita D. and husband, John Moseman, in Clifton, Colo.; and eight grandchildren.

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

## Roger Barron Gwaltney, 71

Roger Barron Gwaltney, 71, passed away on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at his home in Hot Springs, following a long battle with cancer.

Roger came to the Flathead Valley in 1985, and lived at Lakeside, until moving to Hot Springs in 1993. He was employed by Chuck Lee Trucking of Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Gwaltney of the family home; one son and daughter-in-law, Roque and Becky Gwaltney, and their three children, all of Jacksonville, Ill.; one stepson, Jim Norvell of Somers; two stepdaughters, Sheila Winger of Somers, and Misty

Lane of Nampa, Idaho; one brother, Porter Gwaltney of Springfield, Ill.; and one sister, Jan Piersol of Florissant, Mo.

A potluck dinner and gathering of friends will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the family home at 203 First Ave. South in Hot Springs.

All are invited to come and share in happy reminiscing of good times with Roger.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, Hot Springs Masonic Lodge, or the Clark Fork Shrine Club.

Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.