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LARRY GROVE

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Laurence Don "Larry" Grove

Laurence Don "Larry" Grove died Saturday, August 8, as a result of injuries received in a motorcycle accident near Bonners Ferry. He was 21. Services were held Wednesday at the United Methodist Church, followed by burial at Grandview Cemetery.

Larry was born August 4, 1971, in Sandpoint to Linda and Don Grove of Naples. A life-long Boundary County resident, Larry attended schools here, graduating from Bonners Ferry High School in 1989. At the age of 16, he began driving logging trucks, working full time since his graduation. On July 21, 1990, he married the former Melissa Lynn Uphus in Bonners Ferry.

He loved the out of doors and spent hours practicing with his bow, hunting and trap shooting. In addition, he enjoyed participating in logging events and boxing.

Larry is survived by his wife at the home, parents, brother Jerome, Naples, grandparents Frieda and Glen Grove, Naples, and Faye Saunders, Bonners Ferry, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cycle accident takes life of local man

by Mike Weland

A collision between a car and a motorcycle near the intersection of Highway 2 and Meadow Creek Road at approximately 11:37 a.m. Saturday claimed the life of Larry Grove, 21, a life-long resident of Boundary County.

Grove was driving his Yamaha 600 east on Highway 2 and had apparently passed a row of cars just prior to the accident and had pulled back into the east-bound lane, said Idaho State Police officer Brian Zimmerman.

Traffic ahead had slowed to turn left onto Meadow Creek Road, and Grove, apparently unable to slow down in time, put his motorcycle on its side and slid back into the west-bound lane, into the path of a 1980 Pontiac Sunbird driven by Twyla Curtiss, 24, of Moyie Springs.

The two vehicles came to a rest on the westbound shoulder with Grove pinned beneath the Pontiac. Bystanders at the scene attempted to use a jack to lift the vehicle off Grove, but were unable to lift the car high enough to free him. Several bystanders then lifted the vehicle by hand and set it off of Grove's body. One bystander initiated cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, but Grove had apparently died instantly upon impact.

Curtiss and two other passengers in the Pontiac were not injured, but were transported to Community Hospital by Boundary Volunteer Ambulance and treated for emotional shock.

Grove's death brings to three the number of traffic fatalities in Boundary County in less than a month. The last traffic fatality occurring in Boundary County before this year's three occurred in 1988, when the driver of a vehicle suffered a cardiac arrest, left the roadway and struck a tree.