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## Gilbert Houston Hall, 82



Gilbert Houston Hall, 82, died February 23, 2004 at Sacred Heart Medial Center.

Funeral Services were held March 1, 2004 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bonners Ferry, Id. Burial followed in the Paradise Valley Cemetery with military rites by the American Legion.

Gilbert was born Sept. 5, 1921 in Sarles, N.D. In 1933 the family of 10 moved to Jerome, Idaho and farmed. Attending Jerome High School, Gilbert competed in football and was a Golden Gloves middleweight champion.

After graduating in 1941, Gilbert attended college at Albion State Normal where he continued competing in football and boxing. After one year of college. Gilbert enlisted in the Navy Air Corps continuing to box successfully. His World War I experience was in the South Pacific and China arena.

Upon his military discharge, Gilbert visited North Dakota relatives meeting Delia Anderson known to all as "Dede." The couple married in Kalispell, Mont., Dec. 7, 1948. Moving to the Yaak, Mont. with his new wife, he worked in the sawmill and started his family.

In 1955 the family moved to Bonners Ferry, Id. establish-

ing a home in Paradise Valley where he continued working at the sawmill in Bonners Ferry.

Affectionately known as "Gib," he and Dede raised a family of four sons; Larry, Jerry, Roland and Dewey in their Paradise Valley home. Dear to Gib's heart was supporting his sons' and grandsons' sporting involvement. He was particularly proud of his grandsons Aaron's and Adam's achievements, rarely missing their sporting events.

An active member of the community, Gib participated in the American Legion for 27 years. He was always ready to help students in the athletic program by providing jobs enabling them to earn participation money. Recently he purchased two seats in the new Bonners Ferry High School auditorium.

Retirement did not slow Gib Hall. He was always ready for an adventure like road trips with granddaughter, Robin and grandson, Mike, friends and family ski rips to Schweitzer and Fairmont Hot Springs.

Gib will be remembered as a loving husband and father, trusted friend and good neighbor.

Gilbert was preceded in death by his son Jerry, three brothers, and two sisters. Survivors are sons: Larry, Roland and his wife Linda, Dewey and his wife Brenda, grandsons Mike Hall of Missoula, Mont., Aaron and Adam Hall of Bonners Ferry, granddaughter Robin Koehler and his husband John of Arlington, Ohio. Gib's sisters are Alice Aitkins of Jerome, Id., Beverly Reed of Twin Falls, Id., Doralan Conarty of Sandy, Ore., and brother, Vernon Hall of Florence, Ariz.

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### Death

Gilbert H. Hall (82) passed away on Feb. 23, 2004 at the Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 11 a.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bonners Ferry, Id. A complete obituary will follow in next weeks paper.