

### Gregery Kurtis Sanderson

Gregery Kurtis Sanderson, 4 months, of Helena, died Sept. 23, 1995.

He was born to Rebecca Sanderson on May 22, 1995, in Helena.

Gregery Kurtis was the sunshine in our lives. He was greatly loved and his spirit will continue to bring us joy forever. Gregery's love knew no bounds. He had a love at four months old that many of us never know our whole lives. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten. He is in our hearts forever.

He is survived by his mother; his grandpa and grandma, Mike and Linda Kimes of Helena; and his great-grandma, Dorothy Job of Helena.

Funeral services for Gregery will be held Tues., Oct. 3, at 2 p.m., at the Retz Funeral Home chapel, with Pastor Bryan Assay of the Mt. Helena Community Church presiding. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Gregery's name to Mike and Linda Kimes, 2118 Meagher Rd., Helena, MT, 59601.

### Clarence Wine DeWalt

Clarence Wine DeWalt was born in Vermillion, Kans., in 1902. He attended school there and in Townsend, Mont., and graduated from Helena High School. He then attended the Kansas City Art Institute and served an apprenticeship in one of the city's finest portrait studios before opening his first photographic business.

His father, Charles Lauck DeWalt, was born in Pennsylvania and came to Montana for its gold mining. He also participated in the Alaskan gold rush.

Clarence's mother was Henrietta Wine DeWalt, born in Philadelphia, Mo. Her parents, Joseph R. and Mary L. Wine, came to Townsend after the Civil War and established themselves as true Montana pioneers. Henrietta taught school at Diamond — now one of Montana's ghost towns — where she met and married Mr. DeWalt. They lived in Kansas for several years before they were divorced. Mrs. DeWalt wrote a column called "Henrietta Says ..." for a weekly Kansas City magazine for several years. She moved to San Francisco and continued her newspaper career, then returned to Helena, where she died at age 81.

Clarence returned to Helena in 1938 to open a portrait studio on Last Chance Gulch, which he operated continuously for 45 years. He sold the studio in 1984, and it continues to do business under the DeWalt name. DeWalt's 60 years in the photographic business was interrupted for the three years he served under General Patton as an enlisted man in World War II in the European Theater. He returned to Helena and reopened his studio in 1945.

DeWalt made it a practice to take an active part in civic affairs, as well as those of his profession, and served as president of the Montana Photographers' Association. He also was chairman of the state examining board.

DeWalt took photographs for the Miss Montana contests as well as those of Helena's beauty queens. He was a charter member of the first Helena Exchange Club, an active group that pioneered the present playgrounds by the initial installment of slides, swings, skating rinks and warming houses. He served one stint as that club's president. He had been a member of Hel-

ena's private Montana Club since 1941. He served six years on the city parking committee and was a long-time member of the Downtown Helena Association. He was a member and chairman of Helena's architectural review committee and was a founding member of the Helena Press Club.

DeWalt witnessed much Montana history firsthand. He accepted assignments for moving pictures of the 1969 Montana State Prison riot at Deer Lodge when the armed inmates took control of the prison, overcoming their guards.

Another state disaster DeWalt covered for the nation's news agency was moving picture coverage of the horrible January 1982 wreckage of Governor Nutter's airplane in Wolf Creek Canyon. The governor, along with two aides, Edward C. Wren and Dennis Gordon, plus the pilot, copilot and flight engineer, lost their lives. The National Guard and personnel from Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls were called out for the gruesome clean-up and attempted identification of bodies.

DeWalt is well remembered for his program of radio shorts, which he aired for 35 years, featuring his business along with interesting local events of Helena's citizens. Many of them, old and young, became quite proficient at copying the questionable style of DeWalt's concluding line: "... and remember the DeWalt Studio and Camera Shop does b-e-t-t-e-r photo finishing!"

After retirement, daily walks kept DeWalt trim, as well as in touch with Helena's main street — Clarence's second home! He also covered a residential area afoot. All the dogs along his route met him part way for the dog biscuit treat and head-patting.

His only son, Richard, died at age 53 in Sacramento, Calif., where his granddaughter Jacqueline Gail, now Mrs. Eric Bedford, resides.

Survivors include his wife, Gail, of Helena; granddaughter Jacqueline and her husband Eric Bedford, and twin great-grandsons Bradley and Stephen Bedford, all of Sacramento, Calif.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, with Rev. Marianne Niesen of St. Paul's United Methodist Church officiating.

The family prefers memorials to the Pioneer Cabin Fund, c/o Jean Weeks, 122 Saw Mill Rd., Clancy, MT 59634.

Hagler-Anderson Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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