

The following is a personal letter and obituary from Barbara Garlie advising Evelyn Wood and other family friends of the death of her father, William Arthur "Bill" Garlie;

Dear Aunt Evelyn, Subby and family,

I really hate to give you this very sad news. My dad passed away on Saturday, May 7. He hadn't been feeling well lately and I was going to take him to the Dr. on Monday for a checkup. When Pete and I stopped into see him on Saturday, we found that he had passed away. The Coroner said that it happened early that morning, I am so sorry that I didn't write or call you sooner.

I want you to know that Dad thought the world of both of you and your children. He so enjoyed the letters you wrote to him and all of the newspaper clippings you sent. He would always call me right away whenever he got a letter so that he could tell me all about it. I am so glad that Dad got to meet John last summer, he often talked about the nice visit we all had that day.

We are all so sad not to have him here anymore but we know that he is in Heaven with Mom and all of his family and friends that went before him. He would want us to remember that he had a good life here on this earth that was full of fun and adventure. Dad made the decision about 10 years ago and had the paperwork drawn up to donate his body to the University Of North Dakota School Of Science. It took me a while to get used to the idea but now I'm very proud of him for doing that. It was also his express desire not to have a funeral and I decide to honor his decision. Instead we are planning a family get-together next Fall in Bozeman, MT. I want to have a picnic near Squaw Creek in the Gallatin Canyon at the spot that we went to so many times when Tim and I were kids. I'm hoping that the guys will catch a mess of trout and cook them on Dad's cast iron fry pan over the campfire just like we used to do. I know that Dad would approve of this idea and I will feel his presence there with us.

I am sending you a link so that you can read his obituary. He would have found the typo error that the newspaper made hilarious. The church we attended in Mat was called the "Mount Olive Lutheran Church" not "Malt Olive Church". Dad had a great sense of humor and he would have thought that mistake was pretty darn funny.

Goodbye for now and I hope to talk to you soon.

With love and affection, Barbara

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Tuesday, May 10, 2011

William "Bill" Garlie

William A. "Bill" Garlie, age 82, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday May 7, 2011 at his home in Detroit Lakes, MN. A celebration of his life will be held in his hometown at a later date.

Bill was born on October 18, 1928 in Belgrade, MT to Arthur C. and Jennie (Whalen) Garlie. He was raised and attended school in Bozeman, MT. During his high school years, Bill enjoyed swimming and roller skating with his high school team where he earned several metals. He graduated from Gallatin County High School with the class of 1946. Bill was employed by the U. S. Forest Service during and after high school which he did until entering the United States Navy on September 27, 1948. During the time in the Navy, Bill worked as a Fireman in the boiler room. He was also trained in telecommunications. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on September 2, 1952.

Due to his training the in the Navy, Bill was immediately hired by Mountain Bell Telephone Company and began work September 24, 1952. His first job with the company was on the line crew which where he rearranged and repaired aerial circuits between towns. This job required him to move every 2 weeks, which he did for 6 and half years. He began work in Malta, MT in 1954 where he placed aerial cable to serve its rural customers. During the time in Malta, Bill met Peggy Ruth Nelson at a local restaurant where he often ate lunch. The couple courted for several years, though Bill was still traveling for work. The couple was united in marriage on August 11, 1956 in Malta. In 1959, Bill was appointed to a job with-in the company which allowed him to work close to home. He retired from Mountain Bell Telephone Company on February 27, 1985, after 33 years of employment. Following his retirement, Bull began took on a side-job of installing and repairing telephones in his community which he did for several years.

Bill and his wife, Peggy moved to Frazee, MN in February of 1987 to be closer to their family. They moved to Detroit Lakes, MN in July of 1994 where Bill lived until the time of his passing.

Bill was a man of many hobbies. He was an avid reader. He took great pride in cooking dinner for his family nearly every evening as they grew. He also enjoyed working in the yard with his wife, planting beautiful flower gardens for all to see and enjoy; being granted "yard of the month" in both Frazee and Detroit Lakes. He loved a good camp fire where he could enjoy the company of his family and friends. He had a reverence for all animals, especially taking a liking to his cates.

While living in Malta, MN, Bill operated the roller skating rink for the Athletic Club for 3 years. He was a charter member of the board of directors for the Nelson Reservoir Association for 3 years and was also one of the linemen who placed lights on the baseball field at Trafton Park.

He was a member of Malt Olive Church in Malta, MT, and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Frazee, MN and also enjoyed taking part in the Detroit Lakes Garden Club.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Barbara (Pete) Osterman of Frazee, MN; step-son Tim Bullard of Malta, MT; grandchildren; Eric (Erika) Osterman, Steven Osterman, Danny

Bullard, Lisa (Justin) O'Dea, Christopher Bullard, Scott Bullard, great grandchildren, Seamus Bullard and sister-in-law Evelyn Stella.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Peggy Ruth Nelson Garlie; stepson, Edmond "Skip" Tank; sisters Audrey Phelps and Bonnie Kiefer; brothers Richard McGuffin and Donald McGuffin; sister-in-law, Helen McGuffin; and brothers-in-law; Edward Phelps and John Kiefer.