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Biographical Sketch: Greg Gonsioroski

Gregory Jess Gonsioroski was born on November 24, 1966, the son of Jerry and Jean (Wyrick) Gonsioroski in Baker, Montana. He grew up and attended schools in Baker. Greg went to be with Jesus on September 1, 2008. Greg was doing what he loved to do - flying an air tanker while fighting fires to save other peoples' lives. He was killed in a plane crash near Reno, Nevada, as he was taking off with a full tank of fuel and retardant headed to a fire.

Greg has always loved to fly, and received his pilot license from the University of North Dakota in 1993. He married Kim Karr of Helena, Montana, on August 12, 1995, and they had celebrated 13 years together. He was working for Neptune Aviation as an aircraft mechanic and pilot until the time of his death.

Greg was the most amazing person and anyone who had the privilege of knowing him knew that. He was a gentle giant; he never spoke a harsh word to anyone. The love of his life was his wife and three darling children. He always said Kim was his soul mate. Above all, Greg loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and knew Him as his personal savior. He always told his family when it was his time to go he'd be ready. He was the most caring, loving and patient, husband, father, son, brother, and friend, and was devoted to whatever he did.

Greg was an avid hunter. You would usually find him on the first day of hunting season out with his boys, Gabe and Grady, looking for a buck. He taught them everything he knew about hunting and airplanes. Under Greg's big physique was a special spot for his little girl, Gracie, and he always had his eye out for something pink he could bring home to her.

Greg was talented at whatever he did. He was a pilot, carpenter, taxidermist, and woodworker. He was in the process of building his children a two-story playhouse. If anyone had a question on how to do something they called Greg. He will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

Beloved Family Members and Friends: Survivors include his wife, Kim, Baker; his children, Gabriel Jess, 6, Grady Gerald, 5, and Gracelyn Marie, 3, all of the family home; his parents, Jerry and Jean Gonsioroski, his grandma, Ellen Gonsioroski all of Baker; three brothers, Joshua (Launa) Gonsioroski, Presque Isle, Maine, Ben (LeAnn) Gonsioroski, Hall, MT, Charles (Katina) Gonsioroski, Baker; three sisters, Kathy (Mark) Loveland, Sundance, WY, Cyndi (Jason) Mayes, Baker, Debbie (Darren) Dunham, Hall, MT; numerous nieces and nephews who adored their uncle Greg and several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his Granddad Gonsioroski; Grandma and Granddad Wyrick and a very special uncle and aunt, Jerry and Terry Faye Wiseman.

Cards and Letters: Please address your envelopes to: Neptune Aviation, 2 Corporate Way
Missoula, MT, 59808.

Donations: A memorial has been established, in lieu of flowers for the Gonsioroski children,
at the following address: c/o Wells Fargo Bank, PO Box 699, Baker, MT, 59313.