

Leo Edgar Dahlke, 87

Leo Edgar Dahlke, 87, died April 3, 1998, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born March 15, 1911, in Creston, to Fred and Gertrude Allen Dahlke. He attended Cayuse Prairie and Lake Blaine schools and started working at 12 years old to help support the family.

In 1933, he was united in marriage to Lucille M. Street. After their marriage, he worked in the woods and skidded logs with horses. He then did dozer work on the Hungry Horse Dam and worked on many construction sites and for the U.S. Forest Service.

He loved to hunt and fish. He always had a smile and enjoyed reminiscing about the "good old days" with family and friends. He enjoyed



his beautiful flowers and raising a garden.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Margene; and two brothers, Roger and Fred.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille, at the family home; three sons, Leo Eugene Dahlke and wife, Peg, of Omaha, Neb., Roger Dahlke and wife, Marilyn, of Edmonds, Wash., and Larry Dahlke and wife, Karen, of Kalispell; daughter Geri Gillespie of Warsaw, Mo.; also nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; sister Neona Adair of Bremerton, Wash.; and brother Floyd Dahlke and wife, Margaret, of Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Deacon Mary Leach of Christ Church Episcopal officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Aurelia Barbara Dalimata, 93

Aurelia Barbara Dalimata, 93, died Saturday, March 7, 1998, at her home at Nyack Flats.

She was born Sept. 2, 1904, in Rice Lake Wis., to Joseph Albert and Laura Kujava Slierka. She received her early education in Marias schools south of Chester. She was the daughter of homesteaders and became the wife of a homesteader surviving the hardships and good times of prairie life.

She met John M. Dalimata in Chester, and then in December 28, 1927, traveled to Chicago, Ill., where they were married.

She was a member of the VFW auxiliary in Martin City and Hungry Horse. She also sponsored the Marion Hour Rosary program on KOFI radio for many years. She loved gardening, fruit trees and broke horses

as a young girl. She also served as the postmistress for Hay Coulee Post Office from 1929-1936.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

She is survived by her son John Dalimata and wife, Ruth; nine grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Rosary services will be held today in Nyack about 7 p.m. Funeral services will then be held Tuesday, at 11 a.m. at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Rizzo officiating. Burial will follow at the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials be sent to WINGS, c/o Jennifer Schaffner, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Kaitlin Ashliyn Danielson

Kaitlin Ashliyn Danielson, daughter of John Danielson and Janis Orndorff Danielson, was stillborn on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was named Kaitlin Ashliyn because it means "pure dream."

She was preceded in death by her uncle, Brian Orndorff Jr., and her great-grandfather, Johann Wittmann.

She is now survived by her father, John Danielson, of Kalispell, and her mother, Janis Danielson, with brothers Travis and Forrest Lopes of Bigfork; her maternal grandparents, Brian and Darlene Orndorff, of Bigfork, and Charley

and Tracey Fox, also of Bigfork; her paternal grandmother, Linda Johnston, of Longview, Wash.; maternal great-grandparents, LaMar "Bud" and Cora Orndorff, of Columbia Falls, and Iona Wittmann of Germany.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Bigfork Christian Church with Orin Covington officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the church.

The family suggests memorials be sent to SIDS, 10500 Little Patuzent Parkway, Columbia, MD 80222. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Thomas Anthony Dalton, 79

Thomas Anthony Dalton, 79, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell.

He was born March 23, 1919, in Lynbrook, Long Island, New York, to Francis Albert and Clara Jane Jackson Dalton.

He is survived locally by his wife Jeanne; a son, Thomas A. Dalton Jr.; a sister; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, at Easthaven Baptist Church at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Daniel Lambert officiating.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Darrell Duane Danner, 44

Darrell Duane Danner, 44, died Sept. 29, 1998, in Kalispell, where he lived for the past 10 years.

He was born Dec. 15, 1953, in Everett, Wash. He lived life to the fullest with a smile for all and a loving, giving heart.

He leaves behind his common-law wife, Nancy, and three children, Shylow, Mikaila, and Orion of Kalispell; his three sons, Shannon, Allen, and Darrell Danner Jr., with their mother, Sheila, of Moses Lake, Wash.; brother Terry Danner and family of Marysville, Wash.; brother Dale Danner and sister Patty Swanson of Arling-

ton, Wash.; and many local friends.

He loved gardening, hunting and fishing, huckleberry picking and helping people in need. His hobby was fixing bicycles and giving them away so no child he knew would do without one.

In loving memory of Darrell, may all who wish to join in a celebration of his life, come Friday to 682 E. Washington St., in Kalispell, between noon and 9 p.m.

Family memorial services will be held Sunday in Arlington, Wash., with sprinkling of his ashes at a favorite family fishing spot.

Gene Francis Danz, 60

Gene Francis Danz, 60, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 1998, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Cheboygan, Mich., on Sept. 4, 1938. His family moved to Montana when he was a small child.

He graduated from Choteau High School in 1956, and worked in construction for the majority of his life.

In January of 1960, he married Edna Turnbow in Augusta, and they had two daughters, T.J. and Juliee. They were later divorced.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt and fish and be involved in many outdoor activities. He will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and ability to make people laugh.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Teamsters Union. His Eagles friends were like his family.

He is survived by his daughters, T.J. Fisher and Juliee Rasmussen of Kalispell; parents Willard and Irene Danz of Bigfork; three brothers, Daniel and wife, Donna, of Columbia Falls, Leon of San Francisco, Rodney and wife, Sheila, of Bigfork; sister Sandra McGill and husband, James, of Bigfork; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Eagles Lodge on Thursday at 5 p.m.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

George Darrow, 91

George Darrow, 91, died Sunday, July 19, 1998, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born June 29, 1907, in Pleasant, N.D., to Norman Allen and Annie Matilda

Bertelsen Darrow. In 1916, he moved to Kalispell, where he attended West Side School (now Elrod).

In 1918 to 1929, he went to work for Great Northern Railroad. In 1931 he worked up Lost Prairie west of Kalispell, building a road by hand.

In 1932, he worked with the CCC at Fort Missoula. In 1936 to 1942, he worked in service stations, working for the Shell station, the Conoco station, then for the Texaco station, all in Missoula.

In 1942, he worked for Anaconda Copper, then transferred to the Anaconda sawmill at Bonner.

He enlisted in the Navy Sept. 19, 1942, and was in active duty as part of the Sea Bees. He serving in the Aleutian Islands until Oct. 5, 1945, when he received an honorable discharge.

After the service he came back to Montana, where he married Dorothy B. Barnes on June 26, 1950. They raised one daughter and four stepchildren.

Starting in 1953, he worked for the Kalispell Lumber Co. for eight years in the planer area. From 1961, he worked for four years as a janitor at Central School, also working at Linderman, Elrod, Peterson, Russell, Edgerton and Cornelius Hedges. He also drove the school truck and cared



for the lawns in the summer. His daughter Ardiss helped daily. In 1965, he worked in Columbia Falls at Louisiana Pacific as a tail sawyer.

In 1966, he moved his family to Deer Lodge. In 1970, they moved back to Kalispell. He worked a couple of years at Conrad Cemetery and worked for Willard and Lorene Johnson a couple of years. In 1973, he retired and started to travel with his wife until 1992, when he entered Heritage Place, living there until 1997, when he entered the Montana Veterans Hospital.

He was a member of Kalispell Eagles, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Masonic Lodge # 42, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and the Central Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Darrow of Kalispell; one daughter, Georgeanna Ardiss Hartung and husband, Ron, of Kalispell; four stepchildren, Wanita, Charlotte, Clarice and Allon; two brothers, two sisters and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Terry Van Heyningen officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests memorials be made to Central Christian Church, P.O. Box 955, Kalispell, MT 59903. Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

1998 Carolyn Davies, 50

Carolyn Davies, 50, of Missoula, died of breast cancer on Dec. 14.

Survivors include her daughters, Sara Davies of Spokane and Jessica Davies of Chicago; her parents Phil and Clara Lipp of Kalispell; her mother-in-law, Marge Davies of Missoula; her four sisters and their spouses, Marge and Bob Hoene of Bigfork, Jane and Nate English of Missoula, Rita and John Laird of Chester, and

Diane and Keith Engebretson of Kalispell; her nieces, nephews and many friends.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Christ the King Church, 1400 Gerald Avenue, Missoula, on Friday. A celebration of her life will be held following the mass at the Doubletree Inn from 1 to 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Donald C. Davis, 83

Donald C. Davis, 83, of Coram, died Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish of natural causes.

He was born on a farm, Nov. 30, 1914, to Scott and Leah Poole Davis in Douds-Leando, Iowa. At the time of his death, his family and those that he loved surrounded him.

He was married to Elizabeth Margaret Anthony on Jan. 10, 1935, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ottumwa, Iowa. They raised a family of 13 children, eight boys and five girls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Lloyd; a brother, Veryl Davis; a son, Donald M. Davis; a granddaughter, Lisa Davis; a grandson, Jacob Davis; and a great-granddaughter, Daneya Renee Piland.

He was educated in Ottumwa, Iowa. His work career included John Morrell Meat Packing Co. and route sales for Lowenberg Bakery. He owned and operated Davis D-X Service Station, where members of the family helped operate the business.

After he sold the family business, he worked for Wormhoudt Lumber, then for Grooms Brothers Construction Co. as a heavy equipment operator. He also owned and operated two different farms as a sideline to help support the family.

He moved the entire family from Ottumwa, Iowa, to Denver, in 1962. Enroute, he experienced mechanical break downs and fires as they progressed approximately 700 miles to a new home in Littleton, Colo. In Colorado, he worked for Gedes lumber as manager of a wholesale lumber



and supply outlet.

He retired to Montana in 1976 and resided in the original Corbett homestead in Coram, until his move to Colonial Manor in Whitefish, in May 1998.

His interests included carpentry, home remodeling, hunting, and fishing.

He was an avid and compelling storyteller, with a wonderful sense of humor. He was characterized by a strong work ethic, which helped him survive the good times as well as the bad.

He always had open arms for comforting, open ears for listening, and room on his lap for his many children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. His charisma and his enthusiasm for life impressed everyone that met him. Foremost, he was a devoted husband and father.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Davis of Whitefish; 12 children, Gary A. Davis of Henderson, Colo., David S. Davis of Kalispell, Bernard T. Davis of Littleton, Colo., John S. Davis of Coram, Thomas J. Davis of Columbia Falls, Donna E. Graham of Whitefish, Michael P. Davis of Columbia Falls, Mary L. Ogden of Columbia Falls, Linda L. Stonner of Denver, Colo., Anna M. Pettinger of Arvada, Colo., Jean D. Darling of Columbia Falls, Dennis D. Davis of Missoula; 34 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

A rosary will be recited Friday, at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, at 10 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be today until 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

1998 Elmer R. Davis, 89

Elmer R. Davis, 89, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday evening, Sept. 13, at the North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

He was born Feb. 21, 1909, near Belgrade, to Wilbur and Cecelia Davis. He was raised and educated near Belgrade.

He married Althea F. Heath on Oct. 31, 1932. They moved to Martinsdale, where they owned and operated the Heath Hotel and Cafe for many years. They moved to Columbia Falls, in 1955. He worked at the aluminum plant for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Althea, on Oct. 15, 1985; and three sisters, Ruth France,

Dorothy Chase and Nettie Jackson.

He is survived by a son, Elmer E. Davis and his wife, Josie, of Helena; three daughters, Janet Kaschke and her husband, Marvin, of Polson, Sharon Merrifield and her husband, Elden, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and JoAnn Good and her husband, Doug, of Columbia Falls; 14 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Ray Davis of the United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The casket will not be opened for viewing.

1998 Mary Ann Davis, 52

Mary Ann Davis, 52, started her journey to be with our Lord and Savior on Jan. 8, after a long battle with lupus and heart disease.

Mary Ann, your sense of humor saved the day; your warmth encircled our lives; your understanding empowered us; your unbiased love strengthened us.

Mary Ann was born in Tacoma, Wash., on June 9, 1945, to Harry and Hazel Mooney. She was raised in Lewistown, and graduated from Fergus High in 1963.

After receiving her bachelor's degree, she went to become a social worker for I.E.L. for women's programs, helping women to empower themselves and reach their goals, motivating them to make more of their lives.

She retired in March of 1995 and moved to Montana to be with her children and their families. She loved life and communicating with others.

On June 12, 1967, she married Danny Davis, who preceded her in death.

She married George Crowe on July 27, 1989. He preceded her in death after a long fight with leukemia. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Trevor Massingale-Davis.



She is survived by her best friend, Lu Hitchcock, of Yakima, Wash.; brothers Richard Mooney, of Helena.

David Mooney, of Spokane, and Charles Mooney, of Lake-

side. She is also survived by a son, Mitchell, and his wife, Jean Davis, of Kila; daughter Lori and her husband, Michael Hastings, of Lakeside, and grandchildren Robert Davis, of Lakeside, Chevy, Willie, Sarah and Caleb Davis, of Lakeside, and many close friends, co-workers, clients and relatives.

She loved and touched with her humor and wisdom.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be 3 p.m. today, at Lakeside Baptist Church. There will be services at "The Lodge," Institute for Extended Learning, at Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane on Friday the 16th. Call I. E. L. for the time.

Her ashes will be spread over her quiet place in Lewistown, where she had so many fond memories. Memorials may be made to I.E.L., Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, WA, 99202, in her name.

Mary Louise Date, 79

Mary Louise Date, 79, joined her beloved Jack Date when she died on March 11, 1998.

She was born May 19, 1918, in Choteau, to Earl and Alma Zimmerman Angle. She was raised and attended school in Helena, graduating from Helena High School on June 3, 1937. From there she moved to Seattle, where she met and married Jack Date on Nov. 11, 1943.

During World War II she worked as a welder in the ship yards in Seattle and was also a photographer in the Women's Army Corp. She was honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1945. She received a real estate license and was trained as a court reporter.

In 1953 she and her husband returned to Helena, where they raised their three children. She worked for the state of Montana until her retirement in 1973. Upon the death of her husband in 1981, she moved to Kalispell to be closer to her children and grandchildren.



She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and two sisters, Jean Barrett and Gloria Flaegolle.

She is survived by her son, John Date of Kalispell; two daughters, Jeannine Jorgensen and husband, Paul, of Kalispell; Kathleen Reick and husband, Kenneth, of Butte; a sister, Sammy Fleming and husband, Jack, of Jefferson City; grandchildren Polly and Brad Jorgensen of Kalispell, Jennifer Rankosky and husband, D J., of Eureka, and Dean Date of Seattle; her dear cousins, Eva Munzenrider of Helena, and Maxine Morris of Seattle. She is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She will be remembered for her delightful sense of humor, her love of tacos and her free-spirited approach to life.

Any donations in her memory may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

At her request her remains have been cremated and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Clyde 'Bub' Arnold Decker, 81

Clyde "Bub" Arnold Decker, 81, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1917, in Whitefish, to William Arnold and Clara Naomi McNabb Decker. Growing up in Whitefish, he was one of the early day skiers of Big Mountain. He graduated from the Whitefish High School on May 22, 1935, and was employed with the Great Northern Railway for 30 years. He was an accomplished singer and sang at many weddings and funerals in the valley.

He married Martha Marie Haugen Sept. 4, 1940, and to this union was born their son, Richard A. Decker. His wife died July 19, 1949.

He married Florence Edith Wheeler April 14, 1950, and together they owned and operated Sandra's Dress Shop in Whitefish. She died Nov. 4, 1967.

It was on July 14, 1968, that he married Myrtle "Mickie" Hennessy at Las Vegas, Nev. Together they enjoyed golfing and extensive traveling.

He was a member of the Montana National Guard from 1938 to 1940. He was inducted into the Army Air Force on March 21, 1942, and was assigned to the Aerial Gunner B17 Bomber Heavy Bombardment Crew

on Oct. 7, 1944. He was declared missing in action in November of 1944, and a Prisoner of War of Germany in January of 1945, and was released from prison camp in June of 1945. On Sept. 23, 1988, he was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal.

He was a member of Whitefish Lodge No 64 A.F. & A.M. and was raised to the 3rd Degree on June 29, 1954. He was accepted into the Scottish Rite on June 22, 1958. He became a member of the Algeria Shrine on May 31, 1958.

He was preceded in death by his former wives, Martha Haugen Decker and Florence Wheeler Decker; son Howard Earl Decker; sister Beth Bruckner; and brother, Clinton Decker.

"Bub," as he was known to his family and friends, is survived by his devoted wife of 30 years, Mickie Hennessy Decker; his son, Richard A. Decker of Seattle; and stepson, David Hennessy of Tillamook, Ore.

No services are scheduled at this time.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 2472, Spokane, WA 99210. Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

William A. Deibler, 86

William A. Deibler, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Aug. 27, 1912, in Pennsylvania to Calvin L. and Emma Kifer Deibler. He moved to southern California where he worked with his father in his father's grocery store in San Diego.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1946, when he returned to San Diego, where he cared for his parents until their deaths.

He married Margurite Radley Wyatt in 1970. He cared for her until she died in 1989.

He loved to drive and enjoyed giving friends tours of San Diego and the surrounding country. Due to failing health, he moved to Kalispell in 1997, to be closer to his family.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, Cal and Emma Deibler; his wife, Margurite Deibler; and a stepson, John Wyatt.

He is survived by a granddaughter, Margie Wyatt Smith and her husband, Stan Smith and two great-grandchildren, Mariah and Wyatt, all of Kalispell; a grandson, Keith Wyatt of Las Vegas, Nev.

He will be missed dearly. He was certainly an angel on this earth. He spent his entire life sacrificing and caring for others, always putting their needs before his own. We were so grateful to have him.

The family request donations be made in his name to Sunshine Lioness Club, P.O. Box 604, Kalispell, MT.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in charge of arrangements.

Joyce T. Delap, 80

Joyce T. Delap, 80, a Whitefish resident, died at North Valley Extended Care on June 13, 1998, of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 9, 1917, in Rugby, N.D. When she was 9 years old, the family came to Whitefish and homesteaded in the Skyles Lake area. She attended Whitefish schools and graduated from high school in 1936. She then attended Normal College in Dillon and graduated with a teacher's certificate in 1938. She taught mostly in rural schools in the Bad Rock area. After the war the family resided in Whitefish for more than 50 years. She married Webster Delap in Whitefish on Dec. 29, 1943.

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Whitefish Methodist

Church. She played and taught piano to many Whitefish students. She was active and played the piano at the Whitefish Senior Citizens Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Webster in 1984, and by all eight brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two sons, David Delap and his wife, Darlene, of Redmond, Wash., and Virgil Delap and his wife, Mary, of Whitefish; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Russell R. DeLong, 80

Russell R. DeLong, 80, died in the Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998.

He was born Oct. 14, 1917, in Somers, a son of Milton and Ruth DeLong. He was raised and received his education in Somers. He had served in the Civilian Conservation Corps and had served in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II from 1941 to 1945. He returned to Somers and was employed as a steam engineer at the Somers Tie Plant for 40 years until retiring in 1978.

He was a member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion. He enjoyed reading, gardening, pinochle and collecting railroad memorabilia.

On March 11, 1944, he was married to Joyce Butler in Chesham Bucks, England, and is now survived by her at the family home in Somers. He is also survived by his children,

Graham DeLong and wife, Linda, of Spokane, Raymond DeLong and wife, Sandi, of Kalispell, and Linda Joy DeLong of Bellingham, Wash.; one sister, Theoria Engstrom of Tacoma, Wash.; five brothers, Pat of Hot Springs, Dennis and Don both of Spokane, Darcy of Opportunity, and Joe DeLong of Somers; four grandchildren Matthew, Shanna, Timothy and Jackie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Ruth DeLong.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Lear D. DeMeritt, 69

Lear D. DeMeritt, 69, of Columbia Falls, died Saturday, June 20, 1998, at the Kalispell Regional Hospital, where he had been a patient for five days.

He was born May 18, 1929, in Morenci, Mich. He was married to Marcela DeMeritt for the past five years.

He was preceded in death by a son, Keith, and by three brothers and three sisters.

He was a member of the Lions club; the Masons; and the Shriners; and had served in the U.S. Army dur-

ing the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his wife Marcela at the family home in Columbia Falls; two sons, Kevin Dermeritt of Santa Monica, Calif., and Steven DeMeritt of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with Masonic rites. Inurnment will follow on Wednesday at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

1996 Shirley J. Depuydt, 61

Shirley J. Depuydt, 61, died Wednesday, May 20, at Benefis East in Great Falls, from complications of diabetes.

She was a native of Conrad. She moved to Kalispell in 1946 and graduated from Flathead

High in 1954. She and her husband, Leo Depuydt, ranched near Whitewater.

Local survivors include a sister, Alice Motichka, of Marion.

Services were held in Malta on May 23.

Alvin Aubrey Devinney, 71

Alvin Aubrey Devinney, 71, of Missoula, died of natural causes Dec. 24, 1998, at St. Patrick's Hospital.

He was born Aug. 10, 1927, in Valier, the son of Audrey Raines and Clyde Devinney. He was raised on the family farm in Valier. He attended school and graduated from Valier High School. Al farmed in the Valier and Santa Rita areas. He bought a tavern in Havre, where he resided until 1986.

Al married Donna Monteau in Las Vegas in 1979. Together they lived in Kalispell, where he developed and sold property from January 1986 until moving to Missoula in October 1998.

Al loved boating and fishing, hunting, horses and snowmobiling with his family and Jake, his dog and constant companion for many years.

He is survived by his wife Donna, of the family home in Missoula; a sister, Gloria Vaughn and husband Gary of Billings; a son, Jerry Devinney and wife Mary Anne of Kalispell; daughters Diane Goff of Great Falls and Shirley Brown and husband Bob of Las Vegas; three step-sons, George Cobell and wife Debbie of Missoula, Joe Hauck and wife Margaret of Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Dale Olson of Seattle; three step-daughters, Donna

Raining Bird and husband John of Box Elder, Barbara Rossmiller of Missoula and Bonnie Rae Cromwell and husband Dave of Denver; four grandchildren, Shaun Brown of Las Vegas, Christina Brault and husband Dan of Salt Lake City, Brenda Devinney of Albany, N.Y., and Brad Devinney of New York; step-grandchildren Heidi Olson, Della Woods, Dustin Woods, D Jay Woods and Austin Johns, all of Missoula, Diane Cobell of Bozeman, Martin Belcourt and Colby Belcourt of Butte, Kari and Kristin Kolski of Simms, Chad and Brooke Cromwell of Denver, Kelly and Erica Hauck of Hayden Lake, Idaho; and a great-granddaughter, Brittney Nicole Brault of Salt Lake City; and three nieces and a nephew in Billings.

Al will be missed dearly by his family and friends. The family suggests memorials be made to the Wildlife and Ducks Unlimited, Etc. Visitation will be held Sunday, Dec. 27, from 1-5 p.m. at Garden City Funeral Home. Services will be held Monday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Ed Vaino officiating. A reception will follow at the Joker's Wild. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

1998 Eunice Kathern deYong, 89

Eunice Kathern deYong, 89, of Kalispell, died April 2, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 18, 1909, in Jeffers, the youngest child of William F. and Katherine Macke Westerhaus. She received her elementary education in Jeffers and Varney. In 1925, she came with her parents to Kalispell.

She graduated from Flathead High School in 1929. She worked as a secretary and cashier for Flathead Commercial Co., a Kalispell department store.

On Oct. 11, 1939, she married John L. deYong. The couple lived in the Egan community all of their married lives. They operated a dairy farm for 30 years, then continued growing grain and hay.

She served on the Egan School Board for several years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

She will be remembered for her pride in her home, love of tradition, commitment to her family and most recently, her delight and devotion to her great grandson.



She was preceded in death by her husband, John L. deYong, in 1992; sisters Margaret Koegler, Lillie Storey and Marie Elliot; and brothers Paul and Louis Westerhaus.

She is survived by daughters Ronda Huggins, of Roseville, Calif. and Linda deYong, of Kalispell; grand daughters Marci, and her husband, Dave Polansky, of Kalispell and Jami Lee and her fiancé, Scot Johnson, of Farmington, N. M. and great grandson Bryar Polansky, of Kalispell.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 3 p.m., Tuesday, at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Kenneth P. Mottram, of the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to Flathead Food Bank, Salvation Army or the charity of the donor's choice.

William A. Disbrow, 85

William A. Disbrow, 85, died Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

He was born in Kalispell, on June 1, 1912, to Charles and Laura Rediker Disbrow. Since his parents were school teachers, he attended many Montana schools including Polson, Missoula, and the University of Montana winning many medals for athletic achievements.

On May 8, 1937, he married Monida Robbins. For many years they were in the retail food business in Milltown and Bonner, until they retired to Flathead Lake at Rollins.

He was a member of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church and a charter member of the Hillgate Lions Club in Bonner. He served on the Montana Food Distributors board and also on the Fair Trade Commission. For many years he was an active member of the volunteer fire department both in the Bonner community and in the

Rollins area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Monida and a great-grandson.

He is survived by two daughters, Anne Dufresne and husband, Albert, of Rollins, and Helen Ellis and husband, Howard, of Helena; one sister, Lois Smart of Libby; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; also several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be Saturday, 2 p.m. at Eidsvold Lutheran Church at 5935 Hwy. 93 South, Somers, MT 59932 with a private burial to be held at a later time.

The family suggests memorials be given to Eidsvold Lutheran Church at the address above or Our Saviors Lutheran Church at Bonner, MT 59823.

Cremation and arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Helen Tellifero Dodd, 87

Helen Tellifero Dodd died May 30, 1998, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born in Conrad on May 20, 1911. Her family moved to Babb when she was a baby; and her father ran the general store there. They moved for a brief time to Idaho and then to Browning, where she grew up and graduated from high school.

She studied home economics at the University of Idaho, where she met her husband, John "Jack" Bruce Dodd.

They were married on Aug. 4, 1933, and moved to Bemidji, Minn., where her husband worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Depression.

His work took them to Glacier Park, Portland, Ore., Berkeley, Calif., and Washington, D.C., where he was assistant chief forester for the National Park Service. They moved again to Florida, where he was assistant superintendent of Everglades National Park. They returned to Glacier National Park, where he served as assistant superintendent until he retired in 1969. They bought a home in Whitefish and settled there.

They were members of the Congenials and she shared his reign as

King of the Winter Carnival. During his term as district governor of Rotary International she traveled throughout the state of Montana with him. He died in 1985, and she lived in Vienna, Austria for a year with her daughter before moving to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell in 1988. She moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1990.

She was a very active volunteer worker during her life served as PTA president of Garfield Junior High School in Berkeley, Calif.; she held membership on the alumni advisory boards of her college sorority Alpha Chi Omega at the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Maryland; led a Girl Scout troop in California; and was a volunteer for the North Valley Hospital Guild. She was an active member of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Whitefish.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Hillerman, and her granddaughter, Betsy Hillerman.

The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Home, Kalispell, MT or to Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

The funeral will be held at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church on Thursday at 1 p.m.

James L. Domit, 62

James L. Domit, 62, a resident of Colbert, Wash., and a former Kalispell resident, died Sept. 9, 1998, in Spokane.

He was born June 24, 1936, in Colville, and attended Spokane schools.

He was a salesman in the petroleum industry by trade and owned and operated the Exxon in Lincoln Heights in Spokane, for many years.

He was a member of the Valley Eagles Aerie #3433.

He was a loving father and grandfather.

He is survived by his longtime

"honey," Ginny, of Colbert; one son, Randall J. Domit of Spokane; two daughters, Gayle M. Domit of San Francisco, and Jana R. Ingram of Olympia; one brother, Bob Domit; four sisters, Mary Johnson, Joanne Berger, Doris Berg, and Violet Boggess; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Kathryn; and one brother, Roy.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Heritage Funeral Home, 508 Government Way, Spokane.

1995 **Linda Domme, 50**

Linda Domme, 50, died peacefully in her home Tuesday, Oct. 13, after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.



Her body has been cremated and memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the O'Connor Memorial Chapel, 2425 8th Ave. N., Great Falls. The Rev. Jack Severens will be officiating.

Linda Sue Lawrence was born on Aug. 11, 1948, to Arthur D. and Lois F. Jennings Lawrence in Glasgow. She graduated from high school in Opheim in 1966, then attended Northern Montana College and received her cosmetology degree.

On Feb. 6, 1971, she married George L. Domme in Opheim. Most of her life was spent in Great Falls, where she worked as a hairdresser for 12 years at the O'Hara Manor and seven years as the head housekeeper at the Budget Inn.

She was a very devoted wife and mother. The family moved to

Kalispell in June of 1992, where she recently resided.

She worked at Sylvester's, Drug Fair and Ernst in Kalispell. She had a true love of music throughout her life. She enjoyed playing the piano, organ and guitar.

Survivors include her husband George of Kalispell; son and daughter-in-law Josh and Heidi Domme of Oahu, Hawaii; daughter Raena Domme and her fiancé, Josh Cleveland of Great Falls; parents Art and Lois Lawrence of Glasgow; brothers, Rick and Earline Lawrence of Jordan, Ron and Jeri Lawrence of Seymour, Texas, Brent Lawrence of Perryton, Texas; sister Bonnie and Dick Williams of Cody, Wyo.; grandmother Adeline Lawrence of Glasgow; mother-in-law Mayme Domme of Butte; brothers-in-law Tom and Jeri Domme of Helena, John and Vonnie Domme, Pat Domme and Mike Domme, all of Butte; as well as many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Arrangements under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

**Ella Murphy
Donaldson, 88**

Ella Murphy Donaldson, 88, died at her home on Aug. 29, 1998.

She was born on Jan. 17, 1910, on a McHenry County farm near Drake, N.D. She and Ray Murphy were married in 1936, and together raised three children.

She retired in 1971, after many years as a favorite English teacher at Columbia Falls High School. She was adviser of the local chapter of the National Honor Society which she founded in 1955, and became known as the Ella Murphy Honor Society.

In 1982, she married Richard Donaldson. He died in 1994.

She is survived by three children including Paul Murphy of

Columbia Falls, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and private distribution of the remains will follow at a later date. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Richard's Catholic Church. A luncheon for friends and family will follow in the parish center.

Memorials may be made to the Ella Murphy Honor Society.

Helen Pauline Donovan, 72

Helen Pauline Donovan, 72, of Polson, died Sept. 30, 1998, at her home in Polson, of cancer.

She grew up and attended schools in Baker, Oregon and Somers. She graduated from Flathead High School in Kalispell, in 1943. She worked at J.C. Penney department stores in Kalispell, and later in Las Vegas.

She married Arthur Donovan March 10, 1944, in Las Vegas. They moved to Great Falls, and later to Helena, and Missoula. They moved to Polson in 1954. She and her husband bought and ran the D & D Shoe Store until selling it in 1998.

She was a bookkeeper for the Presbyterian Church Women's Group. She was an avid bridge player and a Jayceen in her early days. She enjoyed her many friends in Polson, and most of all enjoyed raising her family.

She was preceded in death by her

parents and a daughter, Dee Ann Richardson.

She is survived by Arthur, her husband of 54 years; her daughter Barbara Jacobson and her friend, Steve Robbins, both of Kalispell; her son Larry Donovan and his wife, Cheryl, of Helena; four grandchildren, Scott Stanley of Vancouver, Wash., Joe Bureau and Angela Martin, both of Sandpoint, Idaho, Eric Donovan of Helena; a great-grandchild, Taylor Martin of Sandpoint; two sisters, Jane Seward of Kalispell, Betty Harris and her husband, Lee, of Kalispell; a brother, Bob Kjos of Helena.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Polson Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society — Lake County Chapter.

Cremation and arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home of Polson.

Ruth Hedstrom Dornack, 85

Ruth Hedstrom Dornack, 85, of Tacoma, Wash., died Oct. 3, 1998, at a Tacoma area hospital.

She was born July 29, 1913, in Eureka and grew up and attended school in Kalispell. She was a long-time member of the Order of Eastern Star and Social Order of the Beauceant.

She moved to Tacoma in 1972, where she had since made her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Dornack, and a sister, Helen Hedstrom.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Magone and her husband, Lar-

ry, of Whitefish; two brothers, Bill Hedstrom of Kalispell and Ed Hedstrom of Great Falls; two sisters, Clara Walker of Tacoma, Wash., and Minnie Westwood of Seattle, Wash.; her grandchildren; and close friend and companion Clifford Taylor and his son, Sean, of Tacoma.

A memorial service was held at the family home in Tacoma on Sunday. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials can be given to the Central School renovation project in Kalispell, in care of the Northwest Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 2293, Kalispell, Mont. 59904.

Paul A. Draeger, 78

Paul A. Draeger, 78, of Billings, formerly of Whitefish, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1998, at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home.

The son of Leona and William Draeger, he was born March 5, 1920, at Box Elder. He attended Box Elder schools graduating in 1937.

After farming one year he went to work for Gamble stores in Havre, until enlisting in the U.S. Air Corps in June of 1941. He attended radio school at Scott Field, Ill., before transferring to Truax Field, Wis.

Following his discharge he returned to Havre, and went to work for Great Northern Railroad. In 1947, he returned to Gamble stores. He worked in Missoula and Melrose, Minn., before returning to Montana as zone superintendent for Gambles. In 1957, while making his home in Whitefish, he began working as an insurance agent for New York Life

Insurance Co.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and American Legion.

An avid golfer, he always enjoyed the time spent having coffee with his buddies.

He was preceded in death by his wife Helen whom he married in 1943, and a son Thomas.

Survivors include his son David, his wife Julie, and granddaughters, Lisa and Carrie, all of Billings; a sister, Betty Patera of Havre; his brother Walter of Brownsville, Ore.; his former wife, Esther Paul and stepdaughters Kelli and Shandi Higgins.

Cremation has taken place. A family prayer service for all who prayed for him will be held 5 p.m. Friday at Peace Lutheran Church.

Michelotti, Sawyers & Nordquist in Billings, was in charge of arrangements.

John A. Dudis, 85

John A. Dudis, 85, of Hardin, passed away Monday, Jan. 5, 1998 at the Billings St. Vincent Hospital.

He was born on March 15, 1912, in Valley Forge, Pa., the son of Joseph and Mary Kochnova Dudis.

He grew up and attended schools in Pennsylvania. As a young child he was trapped with his mother and brother in Europe during World War I while visiting relatives.

Upon the completion of the war, they were able to return to the United States. He later moved with his brother to New York.

He married Dorothy Geiger on Aug. 8, 1936, in New York City. The couple moved to Chicago, where they operated a jewelry store for 15 years.

In 1951, they moved to Laurel to own and operate a jewelry store, finally settling in Hardin in 1960.

While in Hardin, he operated numerous businesses as well as a farming and ranching operation.

He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus; Elks; member and former direc-

tor of the Fort Custer Golf Club; and a longtime director of the Lowline Ditch Company.

Survivors include a son, John and his wife, Rhonda, and their two daughters, Amanda and Allison of Kalispell; daughter Dollie Ann and her husband, William Willcutt, and their son, Billy, of Malta; two stepdaughters, Marolyn and her husband, George Kayser, of California, and Diane and her husband, Michael Mizell, of Arizona; brother Joseph Dudis of Florida; sister Mary Gargiulo of Washington; half sister Marge Balchitis of Florida; four stepgrandchildren and one step great-grandchild.

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Interment will be held at 2 p.m. in the Billings Sunset Memorial Gardens. Bullis Mortuary of Hardin is entrusted with the arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Big Horn County Historical Society, Hardin, MT 59034.

1998 Elsie Siegel Duffus, 91

Elsie Seigel Duffus, 91, died Thursday, March 5, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 26, 1906, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Edward William and Lena Grohs Seigel. She grew up in Belle Plaine, Iowa, and taught in rural schools.

She married Lester Duffus in 1931. They lived in Brooklyn, Iowa. Later, she taught second grade in Grinnell, Iowa, while attending William Penn College. There, she received her bachelor of arts degree.

Serving the Lord was vital to her and her faith was a sustaining factor throughout her life.

Lester died in the 1970s. She moved to Kalispell in 1988.

She is survived by a son, Jerry Duffus, and wife, Linda, of Columbia, Mo., and daughter, Marylane Heine and husband, John, of Kalispell. She is also survived by four grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and special friends George and Bonnie Cowger, all of whom were very important to her.

A memorial service was Friday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Kent Morrison of the First Baptist Church in Whitefish officiating. Urn burial will be later in Brooklyn, Iowa.

James Franklin Durham Sr., 76

James Franklin Durham Sr., 76, a Whitefish resident, died Wednesday evening, Jan. 28, 1998, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

He had been a quality and safety inspector for the Whirlpool Corporation until his retirement.

He is survived by a son and two daughters.

His wife, Edith, died in 1993.

Memorial services will be announced later at the Kingdom Hall.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Margaret 'Mabel' Durham, 80

Margaret "Mabel" Durham, 80, died Friday, Oct. 9, 1998, at Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born Feb. 28, 1918, in Klemme, Iowa. She moved to Bigfork, in 1979.

She was a member of the Bigfork Methodist Church and loved to do her Bible studies. She was a life-long member of the Rebekahs.

She loved to sew and made many beautiful doilies.

She was preceded in death by her

parents, an infant daughter, her husband, Oscar Durham and her grandson, Jason Durham.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Penny Durham of Bigfork; two granddaughters, Christine Hubbard of Creston, and Deborah Durham of Fargo, N.D.; and two great-grandchildren, Joshua and Ashley Hubbard of Creston.

Private services were held at Lakeview Care Center.

W. J. 'Bud' Dusterhoff, 80

W. J. "Bud" Dusterhoff, 80, died Nov. 30, 1998, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Feb. 23, 1918 in Alkabo, N.D., to John and Effie Dusterhoff. He was raised and educated in Ambrose, N.D.

He worked on farms and did mechanic work until he moved to Ronan. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941, and served in the south Pacific until his discharge in 1945.

He was married to Josephine R. Guerdette on March 25, 1943, in Minneapolis, Minn.

After his discharge from the military, he returned to Montana. He worked as an airplane mechanic at Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, and then moved to Alaska. They returned to Columbia Falls in 1948.

He worked as a mechanic for Canyon Logging for 21 years.

He enjoyed snowmobiling, playing

cards, and square dancing. He was the fire chief in Hungry Horse for several years and sponsored a race car at the race track for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine, of Columbia Falls; a son, Dusty Dusterhoff of Columbia Falls; a sister, Vella Sterner of Kalispell; two grandchildren, Jay Dusterhoff of Columbia Falls and Lanie Schulte of Missoula; a great-grandchild, Chase Schulte of Missoula; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Terry Forke will perform the service.

Inurnment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell with military graveside honors.

Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

Thomas Max Dwyer, 44

Thomas Max Dwyer, 44, of Missoula, died on Friday, July 17, 1998, in Vega, Texas, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1953, in Wolf Point, the son of James and Maxine Dwyer. He graduated from Wolf Point High School in 1971 and from Browne Institute in 1972. He enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in 1972, and was honorably discharged in 1976.

After his discharge, he went to the University of Montana and graduated in 1980. He was in the Montana National Guard from 1980 until 1997. He married Charlene Hoch in Wolf Point on Aug. 25, 1979.

Early in his career, he worked in radio and television broadcasting. He also worked in marketing and sales. At the time of his death, he was a professional truck driver. He loved broadcasting local high school and college sports on the radio. He enjoyed time spent with his daughters and all of his family.

He is survived by his parents, James and Maxine Dwyer of Wolf Point; daughters, Jennifer and Andrea Dwyer of Missoula; his former wife, Charlene Dwyer of Missoula; three sisters, Ellen Mayher of Seattle, Mary Ann Callahan of Grand Junction, Colo., and Jeanne Childers of Las Vegas; two brothers, Jim Dwyer of Helena and Norm Dwyer of Chicago; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great

nephews.

Visitation will be held today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Garden City Funeral Home, with vigil services from 7 to 8 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. Matthew Huber as the celebrant. Burial will follow at Missoula City Cemetery. There will be a reception following the committal services at the church.

The family suggests that memorials may be made in his name to the American Lung Association or to the trust account set up for Jennifer and Andrea Dwyer, First Federal Savings and Loan, 3600 Brooks, Missoula, MT 59801.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.