

Terrence M. 'Terry' Dachs, 54

Terrence M. "Terry" Dachs, 54, passed away on Monday, March 9, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Terry was born on Nov. 25, 1949, in Lincoln, Neb., to George R. and Helen J. Liming Dachs. He attended schools in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1969.

He entered the U.S. Navy in October, 1969, where he was stationed on the USS Waddell. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in September 1971.

Terry was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed playing many different card games with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen, and a brother, John.

He is survived by his parents, George and Helen Dachs, of Kalispell; his children, Jeremy and his wife Katie Dachs, and their children, Coltin, Destiny and Shyanna, all of Columbia Falls;

Brandi and her husband John Johnston of Great Lakes, Ill.; and Vernon Dachs of Kalispell; sister, Cherie, and her husband Joe of Helena, and their children, Pat of Portland, Travis, Theresa, Katie and Jason, all of Helena, and Mike of Seattle; sister, Nancy, and her husband Bill of Ronan, and their children, Kathleen and her husband Jennings of Kalispell, Jennifer and her husband David of Ronan, Brian and Jeff of Ronan; brother, Dave, and his wife Maureen of Kalispell, and their children, Natalie, Julie and Alex, all of Kalispell.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 12, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Joe Pat Moran serving as Celebrant. Military Honors will follow the Mass in the church parking lot, conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

The family request memorials be made to the Montana State Veterans Home, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory are caring for the family.

Vincent 'Vince' Dahlgren, 86

Vincent "Vince" Dahlgren, 86, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He is survived by two sons, Gary Dahlgren of Kalispell, and Randy Dahlgren of Davis, Calif.

Funeral services will be at 5

p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, in Red River Lutheran Church in Kennedy, Minn., with burial following at the Red River Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Cremation in Kalispell, and Funeral Home in Kennedy.

Douglas Charles Daffern, 41

Douglas Charles Daffern, 41, "left us Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004."

He was born May 17, 1962, in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., to Joanne M. Daffern and Vernie Joe Daffern, a U.S. Navy man. Douglas was schooled in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado before moving to Missoula in 1978. He worked on the Snead Ranch in Drummond with his brother Bob.

In 1979, Doug joined the U.S. Navy and traveled to England, Greece and other ports overseas aboard the USS Austin as a boiler tech.

While living on the West Coast, he graduated second in his class at Oregon Truck Drivers School and drove long-haul for May Trucking Co. in 1989 and 1990. He also drove a taxi for a time in Kalispell.



During the last decade of his life, Doug worked at Fun Beverage of Kalispell as a warehouseman and forklift driver. He helped support his disabled mother and brother for that entire time.

His enjoyments in life were family, friends, boating, fishing and working on cars, trucks, tractors and anything else with a motor and a steering wheel.

Preceding him in death were older brothers, Tommy and David.

Douglas is survived by his mother, Joanne Daffern, of Kalispell; older brothers, John and Robert Petersen of Kalispell; older twin siblings, Michael Petersen and Marilyn Leonhard of Denver; older sister, Theresa Bramel, also of Denver; younger brother, Dwight Daffern of Kalispell; 12 nieces and nephews; many friends, including his best friend and co-worker, Brian Allard, also of Kalispell.

He will be missed by all.

Marjory Ann Dahlquist, 78

Marjory Ann Dahlquist, 78, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She was born Oct. 14, 1925, in Omaha, Neb., to Herbert and Gertrude (Houghron) McGavren.

Marjory attended and completed school at Missouri Valley High in Iowa; she also attended college for two additional years. She wrote advertising material and broadcasted it herself over a small radio station in eastern Nebraska.

She met and married her sweetheart Sigurd John Dahlquist in Billings on June 14, 1958. They moved to the Flathead around 1979, where she worked as a dispatcher for the Kalispell Sheriff's Department, retiring from there around 1986.

She shared her love with her husband of Glacier Park, going there several times a year, mostly on Sunday drives. Marjory and Sigurd were married for 46 years. Marjory enjoyed needlepoint in her earlier years, carving birds and other things out of wood, writing and listening to classical music.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Sigurd, who recently passed away in December of 2003.

She is survived by a brother, Robert McGavren, of Bethlehem, Pa.; and many close friends.

There will be no services as per Marjory's request.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Alvina Elisabeth Daly, 85

Alvina Elisabeth Daly, 85, died peacefully at Lake View Care Center, July 2, 2004. She was born Oct. 20, 1918, to John and Dorthea Kampschneider. She spent her childhood in the rural farming community of Dodge, Neb., before her family moved to Great Falls.

There she met and married her high school sweetheart, Edward Jerome Daly on Dec. 30, 1937. She lived most of her life in Montana, particularly Great Falls, Plentywood, Bigfork and finally Kalispell.

Alvina was active in the Catholic Church throughout most of her life, until handicaps made outings difficult. She enjoyed the many friends she made in the Kalispell Kitchen Band and in her 14 years in residence at Glacier Manor.

She was preceded in death by



her brother, Norbert Kampsneider; husband, E.J. Daly, and daughter, Barbara Lynn Keller.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Ray Keller; grandson, Ry Keller; granddaughter-in-law, Serena Keller; and great-grandsons, Austin and Benjamin Keller, all of Bigfork.

Her family wishes to extend a very special thanks to all those at Glacier Manor who helped her and provided companionship during her illness.

As per Alvina's request, no funeral service is planned. She will be cremated and laid to rest in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery beside her daughter and husband.

The family asks that any donations be made on her behalf to the Lakehills (Bigfork) Playground Project at Rocky Mountain Bank of Bigfork, P.O. Box 1440, Bigfork, MT 59911. Her grandson and great-grandsons, of which she was so proud, have been organizing the project.

Diana Cecilia Dallas, 69

Diana Cecilia Dallas, 69, of Kalispell, passed "into the Lord's hands" on June 22, 2004, in Kalispell.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1935, in Bozeman, to Robert and Sarah Todd. Growing up in her native Montana, she was a graduate of Hellgate High School in Missoula.

After high school she went on to get her English degree at Holy Names College in Oakland, Calif., after which she married Val Flitner. She taught school in Montana, Canada and California. She worked as a secretary and at the sheriff's department in Missoula.

Diana enjoyed church activities, writing poetry, needlework, reading, drawing, horseback riding, and fishing. She also did volunteer work at various organizations.

Diana is survived by a son, Matthew Ansbro and his wife, Catherine, of Pennsylvania; three grandsons, Austin, Colin and Colton; her mother, Sarah Schaffer

of Polson; two brothers, Dan Todd of Divide, Colo., and Bert Todd and wife, Cookie, of Charlo; one niece, five nephews and one great-nephew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her father, and an infant son, Nicky.

Diana was a talented writer of stories and poetry. She spent her final years surrounded by her friends at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. She often referred to herself as born before her time and a pathfinder. Her family and friends knew this to be true. She lived her life the way she wanted and is laid to rest forever memorialized in the hearts of family and friends.

A mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 602 South Main Street, Kalispell, followed by a graveside service at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ida Georgia Dale, 82

Ida Georgia Dale, 82, of Eureka, died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish from natural causes.

Survivors include her husband, James Dale, of Eureka; and two sons, John Dale of

Richland, Wash. and James Dale of Issaquah, Wash.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

'Jack' Sheldon Dalton, 71

"Jack" Sheldon Dalton, 71, of Charlo, died on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at home.

He and his wife owned and operated the Sitting Duck in

Woods Bay near Bigfork.

He is survived by his loving wife, Beverly; son, Kenneth; and daughter, Chris.

Funeral services are pending.

Dora J. Danielson

Dora J. Danielson passed away peacefully Aug. 5, 2004, in Eureka, Calif.

She was born Dora Conover on April 25, 1921, in Wolford, N.D.. She married Raymond Johnson in 1945.

After his death she moved with her two girls and her father, George Conover, to Kalispell, to be near her sister.

She married Pete Danielson, a Flathead Valley native, in 1961. They spent many happy years in the Flathead after Pete's retirement from the Forest Service. She enjoyed going south for the winter,

meeting new friends and enjoying the warm winters.

Preceded in death in 1995, by Pete, she is survived by her daughters, Cleo Gorton and son-in-law, Brad, of Kalispell, Judy Watson and her husband, Don, of Rio Dell, Calif.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; her sister, Lola Smith, of Kalispell; brother, George Conover, of Williston, N.D.; and sister, Donnis Diehl, of Mahanomen, Minn.

A family graveside memorial service will be held 2 p.m., Aug. 14, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Altabell D. Darling, 80

Altabell D. Darling, 80, of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday evening, March 26, 2004, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born March 30, 1923, in Red Wing, Minn., to John and Emelia Johnson. She was raised and educated in the Flathead Valley and Troy. She graduated from Troy High School.

Altabell married Vic Darling on Aug. 15, 1942, in Whitefish.

She worked as a custodian at the Columbia Falls High School for 26 years.

Altabell was very thoughtful and honest and said what she thought. She was fond of all kids, especially her grandkids. She spent hours and hours knitting, crocheting all



sorts of items to give away; she loved making nice things. She was an immaculate housekeeper, very clean; a dirty window bugged her to no end. She was always ready to help, no matter what the problem. She liked to camp out, from tents to motor homes. She never complained and she did not like uppity people. She loved to cook and when anyone came around she insisted they have something.

She is survived by her husband, Vic Darling, of Columbia Falls; and two sons, Larry Darling of Columbia Falls, and Richard Darling of Williams Lake, British Columbia; brother, Alton Johnson, of Kalispell; and sister, Delous McCann, of Troy.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

May E. Davenport, 85

May E. Davenport, 85, a longtime summer resident of Bigfork, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, in Yuma, Ariz.

She worked at JC Penney's and St. James Hospital in Butte. She is survived by her hus-

band, George Davenport, of Bigfork.

Cremation has taken place and services are pending.

Wayrynen Richards Funeral Home in Butte is handling arrangements.

Charles Case 'Charlie' Darling

Charles Case "Charlie" Darling passed into eternal life on March 31, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.



Charles was born on March 16, 1911, in Canon City, Colo., the middle child of the three children of George L. and Blanche E. (Case) Darling. He was raised and educated in Canon City, graduating from high school there with the class of 1928, having completed both the eighth and ninth grades in one year.

Following graduation, Charles went immediately to work in his uncle's restaurant in Kimball, Neb., one of the main stops on the railroad at that time, working there for 1 1/2 years. In March of 1930, he worked four years for the Woolworth Company back in Canon City, leaving there to begin a 41-year career with Montgomery Ward in November 1934. His employment with Wards, including positions as district manager and store manager, took him to many towns in Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Montana. During the 1940s, Charles checked the store in Kalispell as district manager and remembered riding the "dinky" train down from Whitefish to do so.

While assistant store manager for Wards in Weiser, Idaho, Charles began betting milkshakes with one of the attractive young lady tellers in the cash cage, as to whether or not the store would make projected sales for the day. Following a short courtship, he married Ana Rebecca Mink, on July 9, 1939, in Caldwell, Idaho, a union which lasted for 49 years and produced four children: Patricia, Donna, Charles David and Elizabeth "Betsy."

As a younger man, Charles was active in many community activities, including the Lion's Club. He and Ana especially enjoyed boating, picnics and fishing on Lake Coeur d'Alene during the 45 years they lived in Coeur d'Alene, beginning in December of 1950. Many happy summer dinners for family and friends were held in the large back yard of their home, which Charles kept manicured. Following retirement in 1975, he enjoyed tending a large garden and traveling. He felt fortunate to have been able to visit both mainland China and the British Isles. Reading was important to him and his children remember being instructed not to interrupt Dad while he was reading the newspaper. A lover of good music, Charlie was a fine dancer.

Charles was a fan of the game of football all of his life and was a very proud grandfather, watching

his grandsons play for the Flathead Braves. He continued to follow professional football and the University of Montana Grizzlies as long as he was able.

A lifelong member of the Christian church, Disciples of Christ, Charles served his God in many church offices, including chairman of the board, treasurer, financial secretary and property chairman; he also sang a fine tenor in the choir and taught adult Sunday school for many years.

Charles moved to Kalispell on Labor Day weekend of 1995 to be near his youngest daughter Betsy and her family. He continued to live independently in his own apartment until the age of 91, when several illnesses caused him to need assistance.

During his years living in Kalispell, he greatly enjoyed his friendships at the Colonial Villa apartments and with the senior's lunch group at the Courthouse East, activities at Central Christian Church, and attending community concerts, Picnic-in-the Park concerts at Depot Park, driving in Glacier Park, and many football, basketball and baseball games.

A true gentleman, he will be remembered by his family and friends for his great commitment to personal responsibility, integrity, duty and self-discipline; for his incredible and detailed memory; for his kind and gentle but clever humor; for his impeccable attire; for striving to maintain a sunny outlook on life; and for his quiet, sincere love for God and those close to him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ana in August of 1988; and by his parents; his sister, Blanche; brother, John; and grandson, Dwight Darling.

Charles is survived by his children and their spouses, Patricia and Gary Piel of Colorado Springs, Colo., Donna and Roy Dahl of Meridian, Idaho, Charles David and Linda Darling of Oak Ridge, N.C., and Elizabeth "Betsy" and Mike Wood of Kalispell. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Delores Madsen of Eugene, Ore.; brother-in-law, Carlie Mink and his wife, Joan, of Meadow Grove, Neb.; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren on the way and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. at Central Christian Church in Kalispell on April 28. Graveside services will be held in Coeur d'Alene on May 1.

Memorials may be made to: Eagle Transit, c/o Flathead County Area Council on Aging, 160 Kelly Rd., Kalispell 59901; Central Christian Church, P.O. Box 955, Kalispell 59903; or First Christian Church, 610 N. Fourth Street, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.

Kay Richard Davidsen, 69

Kay Richard Davidsen, 69, of Troy, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby from natural causes.

He was the owner of Davidsen's Jewelry in Libby until his retirement in 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Marlys Davidsen of Troy; children, Christine Davidsen of

Libby, Carol McCurdie of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Richard Davidsen of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Lori Anderson of Yakima, Wash.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Kayla Kris Davis, 17

Kayla Kris Davis, 17, was taken from the ones who loved her on Saturday, May 15, 2004.

Kayla was born May 15, 1987, in Whitefish to Clifton and Shari Davis.

She grew up in Columbia Falls where she attended Columbia Falls High School. She was in her junior year. She was an honor student throughout her school years and active in tennis, Upward Bound, snowboarding, long-boarding, music, and was very active in volunteer work throughout the community. She also had a love for tigers.

Kayla is survived by her parents, Shari Davis and Robert Martinez of Columbia Falls, and



Clifton Davis of Texas; her brothers, Rocky Davis of Kalispell, and Ricky Davis of Columbia Falls; her grandparents, Herbert and Edna Schatz, of Missoula, Charles and Kathy Herman, of Columbia Falls, Melvin and Mary Jo Friesz, of Idaho; and Lavon and Christine Davis, of Texas; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Reverend Jerry Buchanan will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

A celebration of Kayla's life will follow at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls, 827 Ninth Street W. (U.S. 2).

Memorials can be sent to the Glacier Bank of Columbia Falls in Kayla's name.

Mildred Gertrude (Miller) Dean, 80

Mildred Gertrude (Miller) Dean, 80, passed away on Monday, April 26, 2004, at her home in Bigfork.

Mildred was born to George and Retsevlys Miller on Feb. 5, 1924, in Hollis Long Island, N.Y. Her early years were spent growing up in New York, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

Mildred joined the Army Women's Corp and served during World War II. After the war she joined her family in southern California, where she attended City College.

In 1949, she met Donald and they were married on July 27, 1949, in Great Falls, where they made their home on the family farm. In 1978, they moved to their cabin on Echo Lake, where they remained until they moved to their current



home in Bigfork in 2002.

Mildred was a lifetime member of the American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She had been involved in bowling, loved fishing and was always active in making different crafts.

Mildred is survived by her husband of 54 years, Donald L. Dean, of Bigfork; and children, Isola Pleninger and Steve of Polson, Debra Dean Reeves of Bigfork, Wayne Dean and Kathy of Valier; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers, George and Ronald; and sister, Edith.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Frank, Robert and Henry.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens with full military honors.

The family requests memorials to the Bigfork QRU.

Madeline A. Dean, 89

Madeline A. Dean, 89, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell. She is survived locally by

her daughter, Patricia Dean. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jessie Anne Harring Deats, 49

Jessie Anne Harring Deats, 49, passed away at her home in Whitefish Saturday evening, June 12, 2004.

"We will all miss our wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend who left us with many wonderful memories and experiences." She fought a long and courageous fight against breast cancer, and her passing was with a grace so characteristic of the way that she led her life.

Jessie Anne Harring was the first of three children born on Nov. 8, 1954, to Jessie and Don Harring in Park Ridge, Ill. At age 2 her family moved to Lake Geneva, Wis. In Lake Geneva she grew up enjoying horseback riding and sailing. She graduated from high school in 1972.

Her college years were spent at Whitewater College in Wisconsin, where she graduated with a degree in special education. She began her teaching career in 1978 at Muldown Elementary School in Whitefish.

Jessie's life was forever changed after becoming involved with the filming of the "Heaven's Gate" movie when she met Dicky Deats, a key grip with the film. Jessie married Dicky on Sept. 23, 1981, in Las Vegas.

Jessie proved to be an entrepreneur when she went on to develop her own film career as a location scout and as a production coordinator for Glacier Films. She and her husband opened The Gallery on Highway 93 in 1987.

Jessie and Dicky became parents when Jimmy was born March 14, 1988. Jessie and son Jimmy shared their lives in Whitefish and in Los Angeles.

Jessie was gifted with horses and loved the outdoors. The time she spent in Whitefish with her friends and horses was so special to her. When fall turned to winter, she and her friends headed to Big Mountain for many memorable days of Montana powder. Many of her friends and family still have sweet memories of her on horseback and on skis, full of joy and fulfillment, with her beautiful long hair streaming behind her.

Jessie kept an incredible sched-



ule between being a soccer mom, a 4-H mom, working the county fair during horse shows, and helping out with the ski races on Big Mountain, and throughout the Northern Division.

Jessie's foremost interest in life was the raising of her son, Jimmy. She approached this with consistency, unflagging devotion and love.

She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Dicky; her son, Jimmy; her parents, Jessie and Don Harring, of Whitefish; her brother, Don, his wife Martha and children Donny, Melissa, Andrew and David, of Vancouver, Wash.; brother, Charlie and sons, Chas and Mitch, of Los Angeles; her stepdaughter, Danyi and husband Eric and their children, Noah and Jade of Los Angeles; her stepson, Jerry and wife Airen, and their son Liam of Whitefish.

The family would like to thank all of the members of this community for helping her through the last few years of her life. The family also wishes to express deep gratitude to Dr. Michael Goodman and his wonderful staff for the loving care and attention given to Jessie during her illness. They would also like to express their great appreciation to all of the friends and neighbors that gave care, companionship and support to Jessie during her challenging moments.

A memorial service celebrating Jessie's life will be held 3:30 p.m., Friday, June 18, at the family's Skyles Lake Cabin. For information regarding the details of this event, please contact Austin Funeral Home, 862-4040, who is taking care of arrangements. Due to lack of space, shuttles will be available at the north lot of Grouse Mountain Lodge or the Grouse Mountain tennis courts starting at 2 p.m. For those who must drive to the cabin, signs will be posted to mark the way. Please be aware that the service is outdoors and dress accordingly.

Memorials may be made to: The Wings Foundation, 752-1790, (contact Jennifer Schaffner); or to Christ Lutheran Church, 233 Kalispell Ave., Whitefish, MT, 862-2615.

"Jessie, we can still see you riding your "Star", with both of your manes flying!"

Laura F. Deck, 89

Laura F. Deck, 89, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell, as the result of a brain hemorrhage.



Laura was born on April 13, 1915, in Havre, to William and Edith Lawson. She attended Northern Montana College at Havre and graduated from the University of Minnesota, becoming a registered nurse. Two years later, she was married to Dan Deck in Havre.

Her nursing career included private duty, hospital staff nurse, public health nurse in Lewistown, and licensed practical nurse instructor in Great Falls.

She retired in 1976, and moved to Kalispell, where she spent many years entertaining their friends and family at their place in Polebridge. Laura and Dan hosted an annual Presbyterian church Fourth of July gathering.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers,

Hazen Lawson, and Dr. Chester Lawson.

Laura is survived by her husband of 65 years, Dan, of Kalispell; a son, Denis Deck, and his wife, Sandy, of Salt Lake City; son, Doug Deck, and his wife, Christie, of Great Falls; daughter, Danette, and her husband, Ray Johnson, of Anaconda; six grandchildren, Stuart Deck of Dallas, Stephanie Sandell and her husband, Sam, of Priest River, Idaho, Wade Johnson and his wife, Jamie, of Anaconda, Russ Johnson and his wife, Bobbi, of Missoula, Stan Johnson and his wife, Kim, of Olympia, Wash., and Leslie Deck of Bozeman; twin great-grandsons, Layne and Logan Johnson of Anaconda; and sister, Edith Grace Quam of Bloomington, Minn.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, with the Rev. Glenn Burfeind officiating. Cremation has already taken place.

The family request memorials be made in Laura's name to the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell.

Loretta Faye 'Ret' Deitrick, 82

Loretta Faye "Ret" Deitrick, 82, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at her home in Kalispell, of natural causes.



She was born in Deer Park, Wash., on July 25, 1921, to Wallace and Ethel (Warren) Kair. In 1926, the family moved to Somers, and in 1929, to Kalispell.

She married Melvin Goldhammer in 1937; they later divorced. On Dec. 24, 1946, Ret married Henry "Hank" Deitrick. They were married 49 years at the time of his death.

Ret was a very creative person, enjoying crafts and gardening. She also loved camping and fishing. She was an excellent seamstress and put her talents to use as a tailor for the KM. For years Ret worked as a cake decorator for Fred Meyer and Buttrey's.

Ret belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary, Order of the Eagles and Loyal Order of the Moose. Her friends and family were very

important to her.

Loretta is survived by her four children, Charlotte Bostic, Connie Guest, Steve Deitrick and Suzanne Hutcheson, all of Kalispell; her sister, Lois Olson of Kalispell; her brother, Dick Kair of Issaquah, Wash.; sister-in-law, Edith Kair of Libby; 12 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hank; her mother, Ethel Olson; two brothers, Harold and Morriss Kair; and two infant sisters.

Private graveside services for Loretta Faye "Ret" Deitrick will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

This paid obituary is being run again at the request of the family.

Lloyd Eugene Dempsey, 78

Lloyd Eugene Dempsey, 78, died Thursday, May 13, 2004 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 4, 1925 in Dunn County, N.D., to Frank and Maybelle (Underwood) Dempsey.

Lloyd moved to Montana at the age of one. After getting his education he spent some time in the Navy during World War II. He had been assigned to the "Albert T. Harris" destroyer escort. He received an honorable discharge from his assignment in the Navy.

Lloyd married his wife, Ileta Ida (Joanne) Decker on Oct. 9, 1950, at the old Creston Chapel in Creston. He was employed by the state highway department in the 1950s. He then became employed at the Anaconda Aluminum plant from 1955 through 1973, and then transferred to the Arco Plant in Sebree, Ky. He spent about eight years at the Best Wash in Kalispell.

He enjoyed golfing and watching sports on television. He worked hard and enjoyed stocking up on wood for the winter, as well as



picking huckleberries. If his granddaughters had any events or activities going on in their lives, you could find him there offering his support — he thoroughly loved it. Lloyd was known for his sense of humor. He was a lifetime member of the Columbia Falls VFW, the Elks and the Eagles.

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

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ileta Ida "Joanne" Dempsey, of Kalispell; a daughter, Ann E. Kerzman and her husband Neal and granddaughter, Megan, of Libby; a son, Michael Dempsey, of Kalispell, and granddaughters, Emily and Sarah Dempsey of Columbia Falls; a brother, Bill Dempsey of Kalispell, and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork, with Ron Pierce officiating. Visitation will be held today, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family suggests donations be made to the donors choice but the Mariners need all the help they can get.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Vernon A. Denault, 92

Vernon A. Denault, 92, passed away June 7, 2004, in Kalispell. Vernon was born July 8, 1911, in Rosemont, Minn., to Henry Denault and Andvira Marx, the eldest of 10 children. The family moved to Bellfield, N.D., in 1917. Then, in 1920 they moved to Alga, N.D.

Vernon married Helen Veer July 1, 1944, at Alga, N.D. They farmed until 1954. Vernon went to work for Milton Rue Construction in Bismarck, N.D. He also worked for James Igol & Sons in Bismarck. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1974. He was caretaker of Woodlawn Cemetery.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen; his brothers, Richard, Cyril and Elphage; son-in-law, Larry Mid-

dlestead; and grandson, LaVern.

Vernon is survived by Sylvia, his wife; two daughters, Janet Middlestead of Aberton, and Carol Schutt and husband John of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and two great-great grandsons; three sisters, Gloria Zuegar of Seattle, Veronica Pitcher of North Dakota, and Evelyn Pitcher of Kalispell; and three brothers, Henry, Julius and Georgie, all of North Dakota.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 11, at Faith Free Lutheran Church, 405 Liberty St., Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Mortuary

Frank J. Dierman, 82

Frank J. Dierman, 82, died on Oct. 27, 2004, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was born to Peter H. and Blanche Dierman on Dec. 18, 1921, in Eureka, and lived his entire life there.

He spent his working years at various sawmills and his later years as a carpenter. Frank suffered a stroke in 1994 which confined him to a wheelchair. He loved to park in front of his home and greet the children walking home from school. He also loved hunting and fishing, and was an expert in tracing family histories from the early days of the valley. Frank married Margie M.

Troop in June of 1945, and from this union five children were born.

He is survived by his wife, Margie; and his children, Dennis L. Dierman and wife, Marilyn, Becky Evins and husband, Gary, Sam J. Dierman of Havre, M. Kate Dierman, and Frank J. Dierman Jr. and wife, Barbara. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Darby, Damon and Deanna Dierman, Gabe Evins, Kacey Josephson and Jessie Hall, Beau Dierman, Josh and Bailey Dierman, and Kayleen, Kris and Jason Sperry; as well as 10 great-grandchildren.

There will be no public service. Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka is handling arrangements.

Miguel Alberto Feliz Difani, 21

Miguel Alberto Feliz Difani, 21, of Polson, passed away from injuries suffered in a vehicle accident on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004 near Charlo. Services will be held 11 a.m.

on Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Valley View Clubhouse. A full obituary will follow.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

Nancy Jane Taylor DePriest, 90

Nancy Jane Taylor DePriest, 90, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Survivors include her son, Frank of Chinook; and daughters, Moselle DePriest of

Kalispell, and Anita DePriest Magnuson and Jacki DePriest, both of Coeur d'Alene.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 23, in the Chinook High School auditorium.

Daniel Roy Dobyns, 93

Daniel Roy Dobyns, 93, passed away at his daughter's home in Kalispell on Oct. 2, 2004.

Dan was born in 1910 to Frances (Sullivan-Dobyns-Benedett) and Luther Dobyns in Cut Bank. His father and baby sister, Dorothea, died in the influenza epidemic of 1918 and were buried together in Cut Bank. In the years that followed, Dan, his mother and sister, Janay, lived in Cut Bank, Browning, Shelby and St. Paul, Minn.

He married Leona Grace Fenn in 1929, worked in a grocery store, read meters and then began learning the plumbing trade with Walt Tillman of Shelby. He served on the city council in the 1930s. Since Dan wanted to work outdoors they moved to a farm on the Marias River south of Dunkirk in 1940, where he built a home using local stones. In addition to farming, they carried the mail on the Star route out of Dunkirk from 1945 to 1958.

To accommodate his growing family and to have a vehicle for work, Dan put together what was possibly the first crew cab in the early '40s, calling it "The Cadoodle Wagon." He cut a car into three sections, put a narrow sitting space behind the front seats and welded the front and back sections together. By adding a fifth wheel hitch he could haul a hay rack or a trailer for livestock or a flatbed with a cement mixer, tools and materials for a job.

When the Marias River flooded and covered their home in 1948, Dan and Leona moved to the present farm location on higher ground where he built a brick home. As electricity came to neighboring farms, Dan modernized many homes, doing both the plumbing and the excavation work. He sometimes jokingly claimed that his mission in life was to make the outhouse obsolete.

Dan and Leona enjoyed traveling to visit their families and friends and took an especially memorable four-week trip into Mexico in "Old Itchy Foot," a Metro van that Dan had converted to a small but comfortable motorhome. He had a great love of music, entering a harmonica contest at the age of 10. Although the harmonica was probably his favorite instrument, he also played the accordion, guitar, banjo, piano and organ. He was an avid reader with an inquiring mind and a fascination with words, both English and Spanish.

Leona passed away in August of 1970, the saddest day of his life.

Dan continued to farm and to do some traveling in the U.S., also touring England, Scotland and Ireland, where he kissed the Blarney Stone. For the most part, winters were spent in the Los Angeles area where his mother and oldest daughter lived. He had a natural talent for working with wood and made a wall clock for each of his children and a grandmother clock for his mother. In his own inimitable style Dan built his coffin from recycled materials (the base is an old door), added shelves and used it as a linen closet in his bedroom. His daughter, Jesse, trimmed the interior with blue poplin that Dan had purchased at a thrift store in Burbank.

Late in life he began an active correspondence. These were always written on recycled paper, filling the page from top to bottom with his unique erratic typing, with his humor and upbeat outlook on life and with his love of people, his memories and his dreams. All were mailed in recycled envelopes.

Dan sold the farmland in 1998, saying that it was not fun any more. He moved to his daughter Danette's home in Kalispell in 2003, where he made many new friends, continued to read everything in sight and to peck out letters on his typewriter. A stroke in February of 2004 took his sight but not his gentle, courteous, honest and open spirit or his loving concern and gratitude for those who loved and helped him.

Dan thought of each of his children as an unbelievably precious gift from his devoted wife, Leona, and consciously strove to help each according to their need and his ability.

He is survived by his children, Danette of Kalispell, Pat (Jack Baum and Jack Sharp) of Great Falls, Jesse and Bill Sallin of Lincoln, Juanita (Bob Decker and Ted Brickell) of Seattle, Bill and Linda Hallenberg, Junetta Bleeker, Kris Gregory of Shelby and Dan L. of Spirit Lake, Idaho; his sister and brother-in-law, Janay and Virgil Morgan of Tucson, Ariz.; and by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren as well as by many fine, loving friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leona, and daughter Peggy (Walter Bass and Ed Rierson-2002).

Graveside services will be held at the Dunkirk Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4.

With all our love, to a cherished father, a sensitive and truly gentle man.

Royal E. Donahue, 70

Royal E. Donahue, 70, of Eureka, died Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

Survivors include two children, Shawn Donahue of

Spokane, and Michele Donahue of Thailand.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

John 'Tom' Donovan, 54

John "Tom" Donovan, 54, passed away at his Kalispell home on Thursday, August 12, 2004.

Tom was born in Missoula on Nov. 26, 1949, to John and Mary (Nommensen) Donovan. Raised and schooled in Belt, Tom attended Belt Valley School and then went on to Western Montana in Dillon.

Tom married Kathy Phillips in Williston, N.D. in 1981. Tom worked for Equity Supply in Kalispell from 1970 to 1998; then he worked for Harvest States in Great Falls, and finally ended up working for the Flathead County Weed Department. Tom was respected by his coworkers on any job he ever had and always did his best on the job.

Tom never met a stranger and knew no enemies. He was always ready and willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He gave great hugs and had compassion for all. He will be greatly missed and always loved.

Tom held memberships in the Loyal Order of Moose, the Marine Corp League, and had been a member of the West Valley Fire Department.

He was a great barbecue chef, loved gourmet cooking and eating, woodworking, hunting, condo camping and motorcycle riding. His favorite pastime was spoiling his kids and grandkids.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, John P. Donovan, and grandparents, Carl and Nora Nommensen

and John J. and Anna Donovan.

Tom is survived by his wife of 22 years, Kathy Phillips Donovan of Kalispell; mother, Mary Nommensen Donovan of Billings; children, Justin and Melissa Donovan of St. Mary's, Ga., Kevin Donovan of Panama City, Fla., Jacque and Bob Lund of Kalispell, Karen and Mike Deardurff of Missoula, Steve and Cyndi Tanska of Belle Fourche, S.D., Tammy and Dean Anderson of Provo, Utah; grandchildren, Katelynn and Sean Donovan, Patrick Lund, Rebekah Biggs, Daniel and Lauren Biggs, Chad and Jeremy Deardurff, Bob, Leah, and Lilly Tanska, Craig, Levi, and Myalisa Anderson; great-grandchildren, Shyann and Jeremiah Biggs; aunts, Jennie Meyers of Kalispell, Helen Donovan of Billings; numerous nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, and cousins and lots and lots of friends.

Funeral services for Tom will be held 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Calvary Lutheran Church with burial to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls. The family invites everyone to a wake at the V.F.W. Club in Kalispell from 3-6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ronnie 'Pops' Douglas, 61

Ronnie "Pops" Douglas, 61, died Saturday morning, Aug. 14, 2004, at his home near Columbia Falls.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at

C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of arrangements.

Susan Marlaine Douglas, 55

Susan Marlaine Douglas, 55, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2004, at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

She was born Aug. 31, 1949, in Evanston, Ill., to Robert and Hannah Graf. She was the youngest of three children.

She graduated from Glenbrook South High School, but not before meeting the love of her life. Sue married Stephen Douglas on Sept. 6, 1969, in Glenview, Ill., and shortly after moved to California where they started their family.

Ten years and four children later they moved to Denver for Stephen to finish schooling that led them to Kalispell, where they have lived for the past 20 years. Susan and Stephen would have been married 35 years, but have been soul mates for 40.

Susan was very passionate about her faith, family and friends. She was the glue that held the family all together. Her very reason for being was to love others and be an example of Christ's love to all she came in contact with.



Even through her year-long battle with cancer, she focused her energy and attention on those around her. She will be greatly missed, though we know she is now rejoicing in a better place.

Sue was preceded in death by her father, Robert Graf; her mother, Hannah Borchardt Graf; and her granddaughter, Faith Emery Slaght.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen A. Douglas, of Kalispell; her two sons, Stuart Douglas of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Christopher Douglas and wife, Kristina, of San Diego; her two daughters, Kimberly Schelling and husband, Todd, of Kalispell, and Grace Slaght and husband, Rob, of Seattle; two brothers, Roger Graf and wife, Gale, of Bradenton, Fla., and Robert Graf and wife, Barbara, of Daphne, Ala.; two grandsons; three nephews and one niece.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 18, at Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell, with a reception to follow. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, at Johnson's Mortuary in Kalispell. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Otis J. Downen, 86

Otis J. Downen, 86, of Springfield, Ill., died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, in Whitefish.

He was born in Carmi, Ill. He married Frances Downen in 1940.

Mr. Downen graduated from Springfield High School in 1935 and Illinois Business College in 1937. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, the Springfield YMCA, Elks Club and Knights of Columbus. He coached Little League

and Pony League baseball teams.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; two sons, Jay and wife, Marla Downen, of Whitefish, and Chris and wife, Patsy, of Springfield; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held on May 22 at Blessed Sacrament Church with burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Illinois University Foundation, Parkinson's Disease Research Fund, P.O. Box 19666, Springfield, IL 62794-9666.

Ann Covell Downer, 87

Ann Covell Downer, 87, died on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Kalispell. She is survived locally by daughter Carol Fontaine of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held Sept. 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Church

with Pastors David Merkel and Ray Davis officiating. A reception will follow at the church. Graveside services will be on Sept. 23 at Dallas - Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Betty J. DeShazer, 71

Betty J. DeShazer, 71, a longtime Libby resident, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from natural causes.

Survivors include her husband, William DeShazer, of Libby, and three children, Valerie Hunter of Minnesota,

Michael DeShazer of Columbia Falls, and Ann Marie Moser of Renton, Wash.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Margaret Ellen DeShazer, 81

Margaret Ellen DeShazer, 81, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at her home in Libby after a long struggle with asbestosis.

Survivors include her four children, Jack DeShazer, Charlene DeShazer, David DeShazer and Charlotte Wade, all of

Libby.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at the City of Libby Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Ron DeShazer, 59

Ron DeShazer, 59, owner of Mad Maggi Boutique and Salon in Sequim, Wash., and former resident of Kalispell, "made his journey to the Promised Land" on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004. Ron died of multiple myeloma cancer.

Born April 8, 1944, in San Diego Calif., Ron is survived by wife, Sue, daughter and son-in-law Ronell and Jeff Gowdy, daughter Candice Hartman, grandson Jordan Hartman and mother-in-law Mary Leighty, all living in Sequim; son Damon DeShazer; sisters Karen Toldness and Suzanne DeShazer in Montana; son Charlie Hartman in Idaho; and numerous other relatives in Sequim and Montana.

Ron was raised on a homestead in Rexford by his mother, Anna May Manuel DeShazer, and father, Ray DeShazer.

In Kalispell, where he owned the House of Hair, he also spent much of his time fishing, hiking, camping and skiing with his friends and family.

In 1986, Ron and Sue and their children moved to Sequim and opened Today's and Yesterday's



Salon and Collectibles in the old grain elevator — Landmark Mall.

In 1993, they relocated their business downtown and renamed it Mad Maggi Boutique & Salon.

Ron filled his life with color and creativity and he loved to share it.

An avid gardener, painter, decorator, hairdresser and clothier, he made the world a more beautiful place. His easygoing manner and great sense of humor garnered him many friendships.

May we be kinder to each other in Ron's memory.

In remembrance of Ron's love of gardens, donations may be made to the Sequim Prairie Garden Club, 387 E. Washington St., Sequim, WA 98382.

Graveside services will be at the Dungeness Cemetery at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a flower. An open house to celebrate Ron's life will follow at Pioneer Park, 387 E. Washington in Sequim from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome and please wear your favorite hat.

Joseph Albert Drewniak, 56

Joseph Albert Drewniak, 56, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Joe was born on Jan. 3, 1948, in Havre, to Francis "Bud" and Sylvia Goerdt Drewniak. He graduated from Malta High School in 1966.

He started working in Cut Bank in 1969, employed by Taylor Well Service, Dodd's Tire Shop, and Philips Petroleum. He moved to the Flathead Valley in 1979, where he did mechanic work for a couple of different shops. He opened his own shop, Sunset Auto, in 1987.

Joe married Deanna Jahnke on June 16, 1984, in Kalispell.

He loved anything and everything with grease on it. He also loved hunting, camping, fishing, bowling and visiting with his friends over a cup of coffee at the shop.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Kalispell and the Glacier Street Rod Association.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Sophia

and Joseph Drewniak; his maternal grandparents, Tillie and Albert Goerd; his mother, Sylvia Drewniak; and a daughter, Julie Drewniak.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Deanna; children, Amber Smith, LaNaya Vail, Wally Drewniak, Shawna Drewniak, and Joseph C. Drewniak; father, Francis "Bud" and stepmother, Given Drewniak; sister, Francie Reichert and her husband, Ken; grandchildren, Brianna, James, Jonathan, Easton, Taylor, Jordyn and Jennifer; and brothers and sisters-in-law and extended family.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private family interment will take place following the services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will be held at the Moose Lodge in Kalispell after the funeral service.

Memorials are requested to help with the education expenses for Shawna and J.C. at 22 Sunset Drive, Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Rosalie Dudley, 62

Rosalie Dudley, 62, passed away quietly on March 16, 2004, in Auburn, Wash.

She was born in Renton, Wash., on Jan. 29, 1942, to Clyde and Grace Langdon. She married and raised two boys.

In 1984, Rosalie moved to the Whitefish-Kalispell area where she lived her life helping others. She also loved to cook. She had lots of friends and coworkers which were her extended family.

Rosalie moved to Bonneylake,

Wash., in January 2004 to spend her last months with family.

Rosalie wanted to thank everyone for their kindness and support.

She is survived by her brother, Larry Langdon, of Bonneylake; sister, Lois Kluckner of Valley, Wash.; oldest son, Max Dudley, and two grandchildren, Austin and Dane; and youngest son, John Dudley, and wife, Beth.

Services will be at a later date in Valley, Wash.

J.P. Duffy, 77

J.P. Duffy, 77, former resident of Somers, died Dec. 11, 2004, in Ozark, Ark., of cancer.

He was a building contractor.

Survivors include his wife, Leta, of Ozark; and children,

Debbie Sherwood, Michael Duffy, Cherree Diesenroth and Douglas Roberts.

A memorial service will be held Dec. 17 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ratcliff, Ark.

Mary Catherine 'Mayme' Duke, 89

Mary Catherine "Mayme" Duke, 89, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her two daughters, Joyce Workman of

Kalispell and Judy Harrington of Butte.

There will be no local visitation or services. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Robert William 'Bob' Duncan, 87

Robert William "Bob" Duncan, of Kalispell, 87, passed away on Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, at his winter home in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born Aug. 12, 1917, in Hingham, to Louis Elmer and Alice Lee (Crabill) Duncan. Robert received his early education at the Burk School north of Joplin, for eight years and graduated from high school in Chester. He then attended Montana State College in Bozeman where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture economics in 1942.

During the war Robert worked in the Boeing plant in Seattle, as an aircraft inspector. After the war he went to Big Sandy, where he worked as a FFA teacher. In 1948, he began work for the SCS in Cut Bank.

In 1952, Robert met Catherine Dalby and the couple married in 1953. They began farming the old

homestead in 1954 and retired in 1984. The couple had built a home in Mesa in 1980 for the winter months, and, upon retiring, built a home in Lakeside as well.

Catherine passed away in 1996, and in 1998, Robert married Edna Colbrey, a life-long friend.

Robert is survived by his wife, Edna Colbrey Duncan of Lakeside and Mesa; one son, Bill Dalby; and a granddaughter, Jenny Dalby.

Funeral services for Robert William "Bob" Duncan will be held 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers, with Pastor Wayne Pris officiating. A graveside committal will be at 10 a.m., prior to the church service, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Joseph Wayne Dunlap, 78

Joseph Wayne Dunlap, 78, former resident of the Flathead Valley, died Oct. 12, 2004.

He is survived by his three children, Becky of Pendleton Ore., Bill of Amarillo, Texas, and John of Lemoore, Calif.

He was a master electrician and an outfitter in the Bob Marshal Wilderness.

His body was turned over to International Institute for the Advancement of Medicine in Phoenix.

Ted Durocher, 83

Ted Durocher, 83, formerly of Kalispell, passed away on Monday, June 28, 2004, in Santa Maria, Calif.

He was born on May 11, 1921, in Malta to Felix and Annie

Durocher. During the late 1930s his family moved to Kalispell, where he later met Ann Burnett. They were married in 1952.

During the late 1950s until the late 1960s, Ted was part owner of the Jet Oil Co., located on the Strip in Evergreen. After selling his interest in that business, he relocated to southern California, working in sales until he retired in



1982.

For the next 22 years, Ted and Ann enjoyed their retirement by traveling all around the United States, including yearly visits back to the Flathead Valley, until Anne's death in 2002.

Ted is survived by his brother, Larry Durocher, of Pacific Grove, Calif.; son, Daniel Durocher, of Damacus, Ore.; daughter, Denice Mallory, of Marysville, Wash.; daughter, Sharon Durocher, of Sedalia, Mo.; daughter, Judy McDonald, of Lompoc, Calif.; and daughter, Donna Rock, of Rosamond, Calif.

Ted will be laid to rest with his wife, Ann, in Yuma, Ariz. He will be greatly missed by family and friends throughout the United States.

Gene Parker 'Skip' Dusseau, 55

Gene Parker "Skip" Dusseau, 55, died on Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at his home in Bigfork.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Parker 'Skip' Dusseau

Parker "Skip" Dusseau died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, in Bigfork, after a lengthy battle with depression.



Skip was born on June 11, 1948, in Washington, D.C., the son of Audra Ahl Dusseau and Ressler Arthur Dusseau. After residing several years in Germany, he graduated from high school in Bronxville, N.Y., in 1966.

He received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Hartford in Hartford, Conn. After receiving his master of business administration degree from Harvard University, he moved to San Francisco and worked in the marketing and financial industries.

He was also an avid cyclist, runner and sailor during this time, attending cycle training in northern Italy, and participating in an around-the-world sail in a friend's 26-foot sailboat. His last great interest in the financial industry led him into international economics and business devel-

opment, particularly in the new economy of post-glasnost Russia.

He loved the mountains and the great open country of Montana. Upon retirement, he moved to Bigfork. With him were his several dogs and his classic car collection and his new wife, Susan Cotter.

Skip is survived by his mother, Audra Dusseau of Medford, Ore.; his sister, Ann Dusseau of Boise, Idaho; his nephews, Vaughn A. Brown of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Carl D. Brown of San Francisco; his niece, Elizabeth C. Brown of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and his most dear aunt, Aunt "Tootsie" Elizabeth M. Dusseau of Boise.

The family suggests that donations be made to a Skip Dusseau Memorial Fund at Mountain View Mennonite Church, 795 Mennonite Church Road, Creston, specifically for the service work performed by the Skip Dusseau Support Group. Their work allowed Skip and his family to reach love, understanding and peace.

Memorial services will be held at the Mountain View Mennonite Church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, and at Stinson Beach, Calif., on the weekend of April 3-4.

Rev. John Dutzar

Memorial services for the Rev. John Dutzar who died Dec. 27, 2004, in Spokane, will

be at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 30 at First Presbyterian Church in Polson.

Agnes Dunkel, 91

Agnes Dunkel, 91, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at North Valley Hospital.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jacquelyn N. Dutton, 65

Jacquelyn N. Dutton, 65, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at her home in Libby.

Survivors include her husband, Lee, of Libby; two daughters, Maggie Henry of Libby, and Debra A. Untersher of

Gillette, Wyo.; and two sons, Douglas B. Dutton of Libby, and Mickey D. Dutton of California.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Lyla Marie Werner Dwello, 71

Lyla Marie Werner Dwello "Kissed by an Angel Grandma" from Kalispell "passed-over" at the age of 71 on the morning of Sept. 4, 2004, in her daughter



Candace's home, (She was able to look out the big picture window amongst the meadow, creek, and beaver pond.) out in the Swan Valley, after a long battle of illnesses. Helping caring for her was Lyla's other daughter Midj, along with many loving family members and friends coming in and out bringing love, food, singing/drumming and gifts. "She will be greatly missed!" The cause of death was heart, lung, and kidney failure.

Lyla was born on Nov. 7, 1933, in Cut Bank, Mont.; she was raised mostly in Cut Bank, but lived in Great Falls Catholic Orphanage for a short term along with her siblings after their mother, Maybel Forester, passed away.

Then her father Carl Werner met and fell in love with Mildred Castleman and her daughter Joanne, and Mildred went to the orphanage and brought all seven children back home, and taught them how to live life on life's terms.

Lyla had several jobs in her lifetime. Before Lyla married she worked in a popcorn wagon and the Cut Bank movie show house — which she told some fun stories about — and had countless babysitting jobs.

Lyla married Howard Huston Dwello from Minot, N.D., in 1948 at the age of 15. Lyla and Howard gave birth to Terrance Leroy, Mildred Agnes and Candace Marie, raising up their three children in Kevin, where Howard worked for the Oil Refinery.

After Howard's passing in 1973, Lyla moved to Kalispell and went to Flathead Valley Community College along with her daughter Candace and studied small business and bookkeeping.

Among her many fine qualities and interests Lyla had a unique heart-shaped marking on the right side of her forehead (there was another heart-shaped marking appearing on the left side). She was feeling embarrassed by it all one day and her great-grandson Brady had told her that an angel kissed her there, so Randy (Proud Bear) told her as she was leaving us that night that she would be called "Kissed by an Angel Grandma."

Lyla spoke of her Rainbow family with love and compassion. She is survived by her sons and daughters — Terry Dwello is a building construction engineer for self-owned company, Up n Tite, in Wasilla, Alaska, Midj DeWelleaux-Hearne is a pharmacist technician in Anchorage, Alaska, Candace DeWelleaux is a CEO/owner of TruForm Inc., in Bigfork; her adopted sons and daughters — Steve Meier is an automobile parts and service department technician of Honda, Ivy Lake is a parts/material inspector of Semi-tool, Randy Clark-Augusta is a supervisor at the Pacific Steal recycling plant, all three from Kalispell, and Sunny Sunred, a Catholic nun/medicine woman of Fort Huron, Mich. brothers and sisters, Ben Werner formerly from Golden, Colo., but moved to Kalispell in 2000 to live near Lyla, Don and Joyce Werner of Sterling, Colo., Carl Werner Jr., of Camano Island, Wash., Annette and Jake Sutura of Harvey La., and James and Lynn Werner of Missoula; grandchildren, James Johnson-Dwello of Anchorage, Chelsie Dwello-Meier of Dante', Japan, Misty Dwello of Wasilla, Sonju Rattler of San Rafael, Calif., Jeremiah and Allene Smith of Santa Rosa, Calif., Yvette Weber-Harty of Spokane, Wash., Keyvin Weber of Anchorage; adopted/stepchildren, Chance Guckenbergh of Fortine, and JD Wolfblack of Deer Lodge; great-grandchildren, Sadie and Keenan Johnson-Conley of Spokane, Brady, Alyssa, and Carson Dwello of Wasilla, Ian and

Lyla became a Realtor and met Darrell Ost in Mandan, N.D. They partnered up together, and in one of their land deals they found themselves involved with horse racing. Lyla and Darrell also sold Christmas trees on their down time from racing.

In 1975, Lyla and Darrell started TruForm Inc., along with many friends and business associates. By 1977, TruForm was covering six tracks in Montana, producing past performance programs and providing a racing secretary and other personnel for the tracks. TruForm had grown steadily and was covering over 30 tracks in nine states during the 1990 race season; currently TruForm is covering 30 tracks in seven states. Horse racing became their life. Darrell "passed over" in 1997 from cancer. Lyla moved the business from Billings to Kalispell in 1999 and ran the business with daughter Candace and many friends/business associates.

Lyla was a loving and caring person; she always loved to help those who were in need. She was a free spirit and strong willed with a great sense of humor. She always tried to look at things with the positive attitude.

Lyla loved her flower and herb gardens, the theater arts, the great outdoors, fishing, horse racing, and loved to paint what she saw and felt. She loved going to the mountains to pick berries and medicines, so when she couldn't go to the mountains and hike any more, Proud Bear brought it to her by building a beautiful waterfall from his fathers sacred rocks off his land. She planted lots of plants on and around it. Lyla was able to sit on her front porch and enjoy it.

This year she needed help caring for the waterfall/gardens, so Patty Archibald, a compassionate woman friend gifted plants and took care of it.

Joshua Smith of Santa Rosa, Calif., Alek Weber-Hearne of Anchorage, and Adam Weber-Harty of Spokane, Alyssa Dwello-Blair of California, and adopted — some she never met.

Other relatives include Aunti Esther of Minot, N.D., Muriel Dwello of Seattle, Dwight and Kati Dwello of Libby, Elsa Dwello of Havre, Edna "Chic" Henderiksen of Rollins, Carl Weniger of Kalispell, and David Weniger, Pam Hartman-Griffin and daughter Kimberly, all of Columbia Falls, George Hartman of Wyoming, Berma Weatherly of Kalispell, Arlene Schaefer of Boise, Idaho, Denora Chambers-Nedved of Kalispell, Sharon Habits of Kevin, the Heyns, Werner. Dwello. Forester, Apel, Lamb, families, Clifford Cottongim at the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, and countless relatives, children, and loved ones (would loved to have mentioned you all.)

Lyla was preceded in death by her mother, Maybel, and Mildred Castleman and father, Carl Werner; husband, Howard Dwello; partner, Darrell Ost; sisters, Colleen Heyns and Joan Craft; Aunti Florence Forester, Aunti Millie Hartman, and many other loved ones.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Sept. 25, at the Crown Hill Cemetery, north of Cut Bank on the Santa Rita Road, by brother James.

There will be a gathering held in Missoula for Lyla with the racing friends and family at a time and place will be announced.

The family wishes to express our sincere thanks to everyone who called, sent cards and gifts and/or visited Lyla while she was ill. Lyla appreciated it so much! "We deeply apologize to those that were not mentioned; there are so many people, places, and things that touched Lyla's life. Thank you for being a part of! As she would say "Now go and enjoy life" (you make it what it is)!"