

Harold Arne "Buz" Dalen Jr., 56

Buz passed away on Jan. 31, 2006, in Albany, Mo., from cancer of the larynx.

Buz was born in Whitefish on June 17, 1949, the son of Bud and Ethelyn Dalen.



He attended grade school at Whitefish Elementary and graduated from Whitefish High School on May 29, 1967. His high school activities included Football 1 and 2; Ski Team 1 and 2; Track 1 and 2; Quill and Scroll 4; Speech and Journalism 4; high school class play "Take Her She's Mine" 4; and Breeze 4. The class of '67 held a very special place of endearment in his heart, and he was always pleased when their paths crossed. Buz attended Sunday school and church at the Assembly of God in Whitefish for 18 years.

After graduation, Buz enlisted in the United States Navy Nuclear Submarine Service. After basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, he was assigned to the USS Mariano G. Vallejo as a machinist mate second class. This term was spent between Vallejo, Calif., and Pearl Harbor. In sea for six months and on land for six months, he was very impressed with the sailors' love of country and real patriotism. They were the cream of the crop, the best there is, and he made many real friendships with his shipmates. However, Buz was disturbed by the profanity and bad language some of the sailors used.

Buz devoted six years of his life to serving his country. He wore his uniform with pride. After three years, he was transferred to the USS Daniel Boone, and this term was spent in Charleston, S.C., and Scotland.

Buz received letters from his superiors commending him for his ability to express himself orally, and his talent for relating his thoughts and ideas in writing. They complimented him for his ability to handle men very effectively, saying Buz himself was highly effective and reliable. He got along well with others and was always smart, neat and correct in appearance.

He was a principled, gentle man, suave and debonair. He had a unique walk, and his mother was always proud to walk beside him.

On Aug. 14, 1970, he married his high school sweetheart Rebecca Bly Faldborg in Portland. They then left for Charleston, S.C. Buz and Becky made many friends and spent time sightseeing in Washington, D.C., and New York City.

Buz joined the Charleston Sport Parachute Club, and he successfully completed ground and aerial training and performed a sport static line parachute jump in accordance with the basic safety regulations of the United States Parachute Association and received a certificate on Feb. 18, 1973.

Buz was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy as a petty officer first class on July 19, 1973.

Buz and Becky moved to Fort Collins, Colo., to establish their residence, and Buz entered Colorado State University on July 16, 1974. His goal was to become a doctor of veterinary medicine.

It was a sad day for his family when Buz and Becky were divorced Nov. 25, 1974. A few months later, Buz quit school and moved to Loveland, Colo., where he lived for 25 years.

Buz was trained in all phases of nuclear power. It was difficult finding employment in that field, so he went from one job to another for several years. He worked for a sheet metal company that installed furnaces and air conditioners. He managed a Burger King, worked for Teledyne Water Pik and Century 21. Each job was a golden opportunity to increase his knowledge by learning as much as possible about each one.

He believed in giving his utmost for his employers — that principle was more important to him than his wages.

Buz was an avid Denver Broncos fan. If the Broncos were playing, Buz would be at the game or watching on TV, and the family knew he wouldn't answer the phone.

Buz had a heart for people who were hurting. For years, he helped a group to cook and serve Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless and downtrodden. He loved to listen to their stories and to speak hope into their minds. Many of these people were well educated but had lost their way. Several hundred were fed at these dinners.

Buz received the "Good Samaritan Award" for saving the life of a fellow human being.

In Fort Collins, he met a very special 10-year old who was deaf. Buz learned sign language so he could communicate with her. He wrote his thoughts about her in his journal, which is included on this page in today's paper.

Buz was a big tease; when his mother fell in Fort Collins and broke her back in two places and pelvis, and was on morphine, he had to take a picture of "Mom on drugs." When his mother and father took their poodles, Nipsi and Sassy, to visit him once, he renamed them Muttley and Mooch.

In 1984, Buz married Mary Burkholder. Mary had a daughter, age 7, named Jenny. Buz was a good stepfather and adored that little girl. He called her Jennifer Eckles. He and Mary were together 11 years, and then they were divorced in 1995.

Buz went to work for Hewlett-Packard and worked his way up to project manager. Using his Navy skills and knowledge, he fine-tuned the whole Hewlett-Packard plant and could control the plant's temperature using his computer anywhere he happened to be.

Buz would have several projects going at one time. The stress took its toll and he quit Hewlett-Packard and moved to Albany, Mo., for a laid-back lifestyle in 2001. In Albany, he began having problems with hoarseness and had to have his larynx removed. He had an implant, which worked well for a while. Then the cancer spread to his heart and lungs. He kept it all from his family as he didn't want them to worry. They thought he was doing well, and one day a hospice nurse insisted he tell them of his condition. Gary and his mom and dad flew to his side, but he died 15 minutes before they got there.

Survivors include his parents, Bud and Ethelyn Dalen, of Whitefish; one brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Gary and Annette Dalen, of Whitefish; two nieces and their husbands, Dr. Paul and Janelle Johnson of Sidney, and Erik and Jennifer Retz of Whitefish; two nephews, Dr. Jeffrey and Jenny Dalen of Kalispell, and Jim Dalen of Whitefish; five grandnephews, Dalen and Daniel Johnson of Sidney, Benjamin and Scott Dalen of Kalispell, and Kaleb Retz of Spokane; two grandnieces, Diana and Denae Johnson of Sidney; three aunts and an uncle, Arlene and Kenny Field of Kalispell, Lois Glock Torgerson of Spokane, and Mary Dyer Dalen of Franklin, W.Va.; cousins, David Torgerson of Whitefish, Brad and Teresa Torgerson Shello of Missoula, Tim and Alex Torgerson of Whitefish, Mike and Lori Field of Spokane, Jim and Kim Read of Eureka, John and Melody Dalen of Franklin, Andrea Larivee of Auckland, New Zealand, Dee Sloan of Whitefish, Phillis Moore and Joanne Hoffman of Spokane, Dr. Jerry and Myrna Wilson of Las Vegas, and Dr. Ronald Wilson of Los Angeles; and numerous friends.

The family wishes to commemorate Buz today on his birthday, June 17. Members of the immediate family will be gathering to share memories of Buz. His final wishes were to have his ashes spread in the mountains of Montana.

Norma June Dachwald, 75

One classy lady, Norma June Dachwald, 75, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2006, at her home in Kalispell. She was born July 27, 1930, in Minot, N.D., to Ruben



and Agnes Myrtle (Tunnel) Olson. Norma moved with her family to Polson at the age of 5 and received her early education there, graduating from Polson High School in 1947. She then attended business college for two years.

After her son, Richard, was born in 1951, Norma returned to Kalispell. She worked various secretarial jobs until starting with Pacific Power and Light in 1955, where she remained for 17 years.

Norma was a member of Toast Mistress and the Business Professional Women's Club. She enjoyed

golfing, Hawaiian dancing and traveling through Europe.

Norma was preceded in death by her father; her sister, Darlene Nelson; her stepfather, Carl Pearson; and a stepbrother, Carl Pearson Jr.

She is survived by her son, Richard LaMarr, of Kalispell; her mother, Agnes Pearson, of Spokane; brothers, Wayne, Dennis and Larry Olson; a half brother, Mike Pearson; a stepbrother, Don Pearson; and a stepsister, Colleen Wise; one grandson, Thomas LaMarr; granddaughter, Stephanie LaMarr; two nieces, Diana Marshall and Norma Loberg; as well as a very close friend, Bill Harris.

Graveside services for Norma will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with Pastor Ed Koteskey of the First Church of The Nazarene officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Norma's family.

Jennie Louise Dalton, 92

Jennie Louise Dalton, 92, of Mount Vernon, Ill., formerly of the Kalispell area, died Tuesday evening, March 28, 2006, at Crossroads Community Hospital in Mount Vernon.

She was born July 27, 1914, in Romine Township, Marion County, Ill., to Charles Henry and Hulda Rebecca (Wilson) Smith.

On April 23, 1941, she married Frank Lee Dalton in Jackson, Mo. He preceded her in death on May 22, 1988.

She was a homemaker.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Eva Weems and Mamie Orric; and brothers, Gale Smith and Adra Smith; brothers-in-law, Dorvin Weems, Samuel Orric and Billy Halterman; and nephews, Dorvin Sechrest, Terry Smith and Charles Orric.

Jennie is survived by her brothers, George and wife, Evelyn Smith, of Benton, Ill., and Leonard Smith of Mount Vernon; sisters, Fern and husband, Hal Sechrest, of Mount Vernon, and Katie Halterman of Centralia, Ill.; sisters-in-law, Merlene Smith of Dyersburg, Tenn., Fay Smith and Mary Smith, both of Mount Vernon; and many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her special friends, Marlene and Robert Bradford of Kalispell, and Vernie Boomgaarden of Carthage, S.D.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, Ill. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, under the direction of Marty Mills. Burial will be at a later date at Sunwest Cemetery in El Mirage,

James Lewis 'Jim' Daley, 71

friends at Syke's Market for coffee every day.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Daley (Managahan), and his parents, Patrick and Ethel (Olson) Daley.

Jim is survived by three sons, Brian Daley and wife, Pam, of Elko, Nev.; Patrick Daley and wife, Janet, of Clayton Wash., and Tim Daley and wife, Pam, of Aloha, Ore.; brothers-in-law, and many nieces and nephews; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services for Jim Daley will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind officiating. Urn Burial will be afterward. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Jim's family.



James Lewis

"Jim" Daley,

71, died Sun-

day, Feb. 12,

2006, at Health-

Center North-

west.

He was born

May 5, 1934, in

Larimore, N.D.,

the son of Pat-

rick E. and Ethel L. (Olson) Daley.

Jim was in the U.S. Air Force,

retired for 21 years, then moved

to Kalispell to become a public

relations advocate for fire and

police across the country until

2003 where he retired full time.

A Korean and Vietnam wars

veteran, and captain and lifetime

member of the VFW, he was also

a member of the Moose Lodge.

Jim loved NASCAR racing,

playing cards, and being with

Nellie Triplett Truman Darling, 87

Charlotte Kraus of Whitefish.

Services will be at 2 p.m.

Monday, April 24, at the First

Baptist Church in Eureka.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.

to 1:30 p.m. April 24 at the

church.

Arrangements are by the

Nelson & Vial Funeral Home

in Eureka.

Nellie Triplett Truman

Darling, 87, of Rexford, died

Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at

North Valley Hospital from

natural causes.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Don Darling, of Rexford;

son, Frank Jr., of Hall; and

daughters, Shirley Kaufman

of Eureka, Barbara Cook and

Cheri Butts of Rexford, and

Dorothea Pauline 'Thea' Darwall, 84

Dorothea Pauline "Thea" Darwall, 84, of Kalispell, died of natural causes at Brendan House on Feb. 25, 2006. She died peacefully with her daughter Jana at her side.



Thea was born Aug. 6, 1921, in Webster Groves, Mo., to Wilhelmina and the Rev. Andrew H.A. Hahn.

As a single, adventurous young woman, Thea served in the Navy during World War II and greatly enjoyed her world travels.

She married Marvin H. Bartlett in 1947. They had three children, Christina, Jana and Marvin Bruce. After the death of her husband, Marvin, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and worked as a school nurse while her three children were in grade school.

She moved the family to San Antonio in 1958. There she met and married Robert L. Darwall, whose three children — Stephen, Randy and Mary — she loved as her own. They all moved to Michigan where Thea continued her nursing career.

One of the highlights of her life was hiking the John Muir trail in California with her beloved husband, Bob. After his death in 1975, she moved to Montana where she enjoyed many years of hiking and spending time with her daughter Jana and grandsons Barley and Liam.

She worked in public-health nursing until her retirement as supervisor of the Flathead County Home Health Department.

Two of Thea's greatest pleasures were hiking and cross-country skiing. When she no longer could keep up those activities, a great game of Scrabble, a challenging book, movie or play, were all high on her list.

Thea cared deeply about and was actively involved in women's rights — indeed, equal rights for all — and protecting the environment. "Intelligent, classy, warm and feisty" are words that well describe our beloved friend and mother.

She requested there be no memorial service.

Suggested memorial donations are: AAUW c/o Jane Lopp, P.O. Box 7547, Kalispell, MT 59904; Flathead Audubon Society, c/o Bruce Tannehill (treasurer), 239 Deer Trail, Whitefish, MT 59937; and the Flathead Land Trust, P.O. Box 1913, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Thea is survived by her two brothers, Oscar Hahn and Andy Hahn; her six children; and her seven grandsons, Barley Bowler, Liam Bowler, David Kaplan, Julian Darwall, Adam Santangelo, Will Darwall and Adam Funk.

Dorothy M. (Cassidy) Davis, 63

Dorothy M. (Cassidy) Davis, 63, of Cameron, Wis., died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at the Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

She is survived by a daughter, Shannon Cassidy, of Cameron; and a son,

Andre of Bellingham, Wash..

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, at Appleyard's Home for Funerals in Rice Lake, Wis., and was officiated by the Rev. Donald Berry. Interment was at Nora Cemetery in Rice Lake.

Joseph John Dasenbrock, 71

Joseph John Dasenbrock, 71, of Kalispell passed away Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.



He was born Aug. 15, 1935, in Greencreek, Idaho. Joe attended school in Greencreek and graduated high school in Clarkston, Wash., in 1953.

He worked as a rancher, heavy equipment mechanic, meat cutter, owned a chain saw sales and service, and trained horses. He retired in 1986 due to a physical injury.

He was a caring and intelligent person, always ready to lend a hand or an ear, and was willing and able to do whatever needed done.

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Rose; brothers, Virgil, Charles,

Ralph, Louis and John; and sisters, Marie Willenborg and Edna Behler; also stepson, Pete; and grandson, Kody.

He is survived by brothers, Henry and wife Charlotte, and Edward and wife Betty Jean; sisters, Theresa Hasenoehrl, Margaret Toennis and husband Richard, and Regina Eberhardt and husband Boyd; son, Rodney and wife, Cheri; daughter, Rhonda, and husband Ken Eaton; and son, Robin; also stepchildren Karin and husband Allen Sagen, Joy and husband Tim, Julie and Neil; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Family visitation and service were done privately at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

At the request of the deceased, the memorial service will be set at a later date in the spring. Ashes will be scattered at that time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local hospice program or the United Way.

Ann M. Daudermann, 84

Ann M. Daudermann, 84, passed away of natural causes on Wednesday March 8, 2006, in Kalispell.

She was born Annie May Brown in Denison, Texas, on Nov. 1, 1921. Her family soon moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she attended school and graduated from Tucson High School in 1939. Her parents were Ira "Max" and Pauline Brown of Tucson.

In 1944, while working at Davis-Monthan Air Base, she met and married the love of her life, Keith Daudermann. For 20 years, she was an active military wife and mother, moving the family from one base to another. She was an accomplished singer, and loved to dance. Ann also enjoyed playing golf and bridge.

The family retired from the military in 1965, and moved to Aurora, Colo. Keith and Ann moved back to Tucson in 1983. In 1996, they moved to Great Falls, and in 2001, they moved to Kalispell to be close to their

daughter.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband of 61 and a half years, Keith, in November 2005; a son, Keith Jr.; her parents, and her brothers, Max Brown and Aaron "Pete" Brown.

Ann is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Roger Van Voast, of Bigfork; a grandson, Jay Van Voast and his wife, Jessica, of Bozeman; a sister and brother-in-law, Harriet and Gerald Garrison of Tucson; a brother, G.W. "Bill" Brown of El Paso, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Brenda Wills officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family request memorials in Ann's name be given to Brendan House, 350 Conway Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald A. Davall, 77

Donald A. Davall, 77, passed away, Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at his home in Columbia Falls of natural causes.



Don was born April 22, 1928 in Great Falls. He lived in Renton, Wash., until moving to Columbia Falls, in 1945, when his parents bought the store now known as Davall Mercantile.

Don graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1946 and attended college in Bozeman for one year. He returned to Davall Mercantile and in 1950, he married Charmaine Daniels. In 1952, he was drafted and served in Korea as a medic and mechanic.

After his duty, he returned to life in Columbia Falls with Charmaine where they raised three daughters. He and Charmaine purchased the store in 1980 and it has continued in many different operations to this day.

Don was an active member of the ambulance and volunteer fire department for 25 years, a member of the Flathead Valley Search and Rescue Association, and a charter member of the Jaycees.

for which he worked tirelessly.

In 1985, he became a master locksmith and enjoyed that profession until ill health forced his retirement in 2002.

In his earlier years, he loved to fish and hunt and was a pilot. He also loved electrical gadgets, his computer, poker and visiting with people.

Don is survived by three daughters, Karen Huston and Rick in Mililani, Hawaii, Diane Pulec and Alan of Hastings, Neb., and Leslie DeVries and Marvin of Conrad; a granddaughter, Casey Schultz; and one great-grandson, Piper Schultz; also very special and loving friends, Dick and Marla Mitsch, Robert Hager, and Ralph Desteunder.

He was preceded in death by his father, H. H. "Moe" Davall and mother, Alice Larkin Davall.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A luncheon will follow the service at the North Valley Senior Citizens Center in Columbia Falls.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Columbia Falls Fire Department and the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance.

Catherine Davis, 89

Catherine Davis, 89, died Saturday, July 22, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home. She is survived by her

daughter, Alice Martin of Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Douglas Walter Davies, 86

Douglas Walter Davies, 86, formerly of Kalispell, died July 26, 2006, in Klamath Falls, Ore., due to a stroke. He was a retired educator.

Most recently from the Forest Service. Survivors include his chil-

dren, Douglas R. Davies of Valdez, Alaska, and Robin J. Grey of Brevig Mission, Alaska. Memorial services were held July 30 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Jim Davidson, 71

Jim Davidson, 71, a lifetime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Friday, July 7, 2006, at Libby.

Jim had been a 30-year member of the Libby Volunteer Fire Department and had served as chief of the department as well as chief of the St. Regis and Champion International Fire Brigade for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Nessia, and his son, Dr. Steve Davidson, both of Libby. Services will be 1 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12, at Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Frank Davis, 91,



Frank Davis, 91, passed away of natural causes Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at his home in Missoula. With the help of his family and hospice, his transition from this world was swift and peaceful.

Frank was born in Rosebud to Otis and Marie Davis on Sept. 28, 1914. He grew up in eastern Montana and graduated from Forsyth High School. He went on to attend the University of Montana, graduating from the School of Pharmacy in 1940. He worked his way through college playing dance-band gigs and lighting furnaces in the homes of families in the university area.

After graduation, Frank was employed as a pharmacist in Wolf Point. There he met and married Leora Simon on May 16, 1941. In 1942 they moved to Billings, where he was employed by Hiebner Drug. In 1946 he moved to Great Falls, accepting a position as a medical representative for Eli Lilly and Co. Ultimately he traveled more than a million miles, educating pharmacists and physicians regarding the benefits of Lilly products. He retired in 1976.

Upon retirement, Frank became the executive secretary of the Montana Pharmaceutical Association. He lobbied on their behalf in both Helena and Washington, D.C. In addition to this work, he served on the board of directors of the American Cancer Society.

Frank moved to Green Valley, Ariz., where he met and married

Barbara Cote Heisel in 1988. There he continued to pursue his hobbies of astronomy, photography, wood-working and travel. In addition, Frank discovered a love for designing and creating beautiful jewelry.

During July 2001, Frank and Barbara returned to Missoula and moved into the Village Senior Residence, where he enjoyed the company of many friendly residents and the caring staff. His return to Montana allowed him to spend time at the family cabin at Swan Lake, attend Grizzly athletic and musical events, and reconnect with the U of M School of Pharmacy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leora; and son, Jim.

Frank is survived by his daughter, June Brown, of Missoula; and sons, Jim Davis of Potomac, Rick Davis of Kalispell, and Ray Davis of Seattle. Additional family members include son-in-law, Alan Brown; daughter-in-law, Marli Davis; and his grandchildren, Kip and Lora Brown, Kory and Kelly Brown, Manda Davis, and Lindsay Davis and Glenn Smith.

Frank is also survived by his wife, Barbara, and her children, Mary Ellen Cote of Missoula, John and Janet Cote of Alaska, and Dennis and Joan Cote of California.

At his request, there will be no memorial service. Next summer a family remembrance will take place at Swan Lake.

Memorials may be given to Hospice of Missoula, 800 Kensington, Missoula, MT 59801; U of M School of Pharmacy, Bldg. 32, Missoula, MT 59812; U of M Athletics, Bldg. 32, Missoula, MT 59812; or the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Missoula, MT 59808.

Edna Belle Davis, 98



Edna Belle Davis, 98, passed away Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born June 27, 1908, to Charles and Nora (Bradley) Jones.

Edna married William Davis on July 11, 1926, in Santa Ana, Calif. They were married 71 years. Edna and Bill were citrus and walnut ranchers in California. The two of them raced speedboats and sports cars. They had a wonderful nightclub band and were avid square dancers. They belonged to the Christian church for 70 years. They also belong to the Wally Byam Airstream Caravan Club and traveled to every state in the U.S., except two, and many times to Canada and Mexico.

Edna belonged to the Rebekah Lodge No. 293 for 44 years.

She loved her rose and vegetable gardens and crocheted for over 90 years of her life. At the age of 95, this spunky little lady rode on a Suzuki 1000 motorcycle with her son-in-law, Paul.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, at age 93; a infant son, Richard; a son-in-law,

Paul Lambert; and a daughter-in-law, Judy Davis.

She is survived by her daughter, Loretta Lambert, of Kalispell; a son, Robert Davis of Bakersfield, Calif.; grandsons, Dave Johnson of Phelan, Calif., and Bobby Davis and wife, Jan, of Bakersfield, Calif.; granddaughters, Cindy Bland and husband, Tony, of Kalispell, Dee Pitman of Ridgecrest, Calif., and Vickie Dooley of Nevada; great-grandsons, Dustin Landon and Bryce Landon, both of Kalispell, David, Ty and Mikey Johnson, all of Phelan, and Chaz and Tyler Pitman of Ridgecrest; great-great-grandson, Benjamin Johnson, of Phelan; her niece/daughter, Lola Gibson and husband, John, a grandniece, Debbie Gibson, and grandnephew, Johnny Gibson, all of Oregon; and many, many friends.

Memorial services for Edna will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor John Weaver of the Christian Center/Assembly of God officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Mountain Brook Memorial Scholarship Fund, C/O Linda Benson: 275 Van Sant Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Edna's family.

Walter M. Day, 88

Walter M. Day, 88, died Saturday, May 27, 2006, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Surviving is his wife, Phyllis, of Bigfork, and sons Daniel Day, of Texas, and Casey

Day, of Washington.

Memorial services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Lori 'Lea' Davis, 50

Lori "Lea" Davis, 50, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2006, from natural causes at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. She was born on June 19, 1956, in Kalispell, the daughter of Leonard and Louise (Tenant) Herbold.



Lea received her early schooling at Helena Flats School, then later attended Flathead High School in Kalispell.

On Aug. 14, 1975, Lea gave birth to her first son, Jacob T. Schmalz. She then met Randy Davis in Kalispell and they were married on Aug. 4, 1979. They moved to Sidney, and in May of 1981 she gave birth to her second son, Joshua Dean Davis.

Three years later on Nov. 2, 1985, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish, they were blessed with their first baby girl, Kitch Davis. In 1985 they moved to California, and on Sept. 12, 1986, in Sacramento, Calif., their second baby daughter was born, Nikki Davis.

Lea was a very loving mother and friend. She loved God with her whole heart and tried to share his love with others. She loved to paint and was a wonderful artist. She also loved to cook

and was very good at it.

Lea always spent time in her garden and loved being in the sun.

She was preceded in death by her son, Joshua Dean; her sisters, Jennifer and Faith Anne; and her father, Leonard.

Lea is survived by her family of Kalispell — husband, Randy Davis; son, Jacob T. Schmalz, and wife, Corina; daughters, Kitch Wood and husband Jon, and Nikki Davis; three grandsons, Anthony, Triston and Tanner; two granddaughters, Jaycie and Alexa; mother, Louise Herbold; three brothers, Mark and wife Melva, and Chris and wife Dana, both of Kalispell, and John and wife Jody of California; three sisters, Bernie and husband Dan of California, Kathy and husband Rick of Kalispell, and Mary Jessica (Phylis) of Saint Louis.

Memorial services for Lea Davis will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Risen Christ Catholic Church with Father Rudy Bullman as celebrant. Urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Rosary for family and friends was held Monday, July 31, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

There will be no public visitation.

Johnson Mortuary & Crematory is caring for Lea's family.

William Kevin 'Bill' Dean, 54

"It is with profound grief that we announce the sudden death of our dear father, brother, and friend, Bill," on April 23, 2006, at the age of 54 years, in a motorcycle accident near his home.

Predeceased by his parents, Benn and Irene, and sister, Elizabeth, Bill is survived by his loving son, William Kevin Jr. "JR"; sister, Dana; and brothers, Bryan, Terry and Robin.

The third of six children, Bill was born Jan. 28, 1952, in Revelstoke, British Columbia. He spent much of his adult life in Montana, where he was active in the community, including the building of

the North Valley Baptist Church, and he recently became a U.S. citizen.

Bill was a true character. From an early age, he was full of life and never hesitated to go after his dreams wherever they took him. He spoke his mind and always had an interesting and colorful story to tell.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at North Valley Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the North Valley Baptist Church Building Fund.

"Bill, you will be greatly missed and never forgotten."

Herbert Raymond 'Herb' Dedman, 83

Herbert Raymond "Herb" Dedman, 83, died Monday, June 12, 2006 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Viola "Vi" (Childers) Dedman; and his four children, Roy H. Dedman, of Buena Vista, Colo., Maxine L. McGowan of Elk Grove, Calif., Lyle R. Ded-

man of El Segundo, Calif., and Hazel A. Conway of Bigfork. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 19, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Urn burial will take place at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Bigfork. There will be no visitation.

Alice E. DeLapp, 91

Alice E. DeLapp, 91, died July 23, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Alice Effie Schwinderman DeLapp was born Sept. 23, 1914, in Los Angeles, to Frederick Grover Schwinderman and Edith Dixon Schwinderman. Her father farmed and her mother was a schoolteacher. When Alice was a baby, the family moved to western Nebraska. When Alice was in her early teens, her parents separated, and Edith was left to raise three young girls during the Depression. Alice graduated from Omaha Technical High in 1933 and Wayne State University in 1931 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Alice married Wilbur Porterfield in 1935 and they moved to Portland in 1937. Alice taught in Portland and Heart Butte. They had a son, Charles

Porterfield.

Alice married Daniel Salois, who had four children, in 1945, and moved to Coram, where Alice taught intermediate grades. They had a son, Chane Salois.

In 1949, Alice and her two sons moved to the Williston, N.D., area where she taught at two rural schools for a total of three years. She earned a Life Certificate in North Dakota.

In 1952, the family moved to Rexford, where Alice taught in the Rexford, Tooley Lake, and Eureka school systems.

In 1954, Alice married Arcy DeLapp, who had five children, with Farrell DeLapp still living at home.

Alice earned a master's degree in education in 1960 (remedial reading specialty) from the University of

Montana. She retired in 1976 after 34 years of teaching, more than half of it teaching the primary grades.

Her interests included music, quilting (67 quilts after retiring), gardening, square dancing and travel.

She was active in the First Church of God in Eureka and the Eureka Senior Citizens.

In 1965, Alice and Arcy moved to Eureka. Her eldest son, Charles W. Porterfield, Major in the U.S. Marine Corps, died as a jet pilot in Vietnam in 1968. Her husband of 13 years, Arcy, died in Eureka in 1969. Her youngest son, Chane W. Salois, is a civil engineer in Toppenish, Wash.

She moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in 1995 and Immanuel Lutheran Home in 1997.

She was preceded in death by her father; mother; son, Charles; hus-

band, Arcy; and four stepdaughters; and a stepsons-in-law, Tom Hagle, and Les Smith.

She is survived by sisters, Betty and husband, Richard Miller, of Evening Shade, Ark., and Virginia Ganson of San Bernadino, Calif.; son, Chane Salois, and wife, Kathy, of Toppenish; stepson, Farrell DeLapp, and wife, Donna, of Garrison; stepdaughters, Phyllis Hagle of Deer Lodge, and Beulah Smith of Spokane; and three grandsons, Marc Porterfield, Charles Salois and Jason Salois.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Aug. 18, at the First Church of God in Eureka with interment afterward at the Eureka Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Joan A. Deist, 81

Joan A. Deist, age 81, passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. She was born Jan. 29, 1925, in Great Falls to Ory J.



and Eva (Kittelsrud) Armstrong.

The family moved to the Flathead Valley when she was 2. Joan attended Flathead County High School, graduating with the class of 1942. She then attended Denver's Woman's College, the University of Washington and the University of Montana.

It was during these years that Joan pursued her love of flying and received her private pilot's license. Through flying, she met Russell H. Deist, and the two were married on Nov. 2, 1946, in Kalispell.

Together Russ and Joan owned and operated Libby Sky Ranch flying service in Libby until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1954 to begin their ranching years west of Kalispell.

Joan's years of service, outside of raising a family, included secretarial work at Armstrong General Agency, where she worked with her father and brother, Howard; dispatcher at the Kalispell Police Department as well as with the Flathead County Sheriff's Office; nurses' aide at Immanuel Lutheran Home; and owner and proprietor of the Circle R. Big River Camps based at Schaffer Meadows near the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Joan's final public years were spent fulfilling her late husband's county commissioner term from June 1979 through 1983.

Joan was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

serving in numerous capacities. She will long be remembered for her gentle and caring spirit. A special thanks to all of those caregivers who made Joan's life a little easier during the last number of years.

"A kind and gentle lady with a generous, loving heart. Although we grieve your leaving we know why you must part. God knew that you'd grown weary, He knew your pain and trials. God knew your strength and faith, you always wore a smile. God knew that you had served Him and did your very best. Today you leave your earthly bounds in His arms to rest. You leave your tiny footprints in our memories every day. Now we must release you to a glorious better way. God took you home to Jesus to receive you in His fold, with His promise of eternal life, you'll walk in fields of gold." By Wanda Poore.

Preceding Joan in death were her parents; husband, Russell; brother, Howard; and other family members.

She is survived by her four children, Roger Deist of New Mexico, Susan Mueller and Nancy Nelson and husband, Duane, all of Kalispell, Jean Becker and husband, Steve, of Libby; five grandchildren, Travis Deist, Nate and Megan Nelson, Katie and Sarah Becker; and extended family members.

A celebration of life for Joan A. Deist will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 26, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating. A private burial was held on Saturday, June 24, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. The family suggests memorials be given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Joan's family.

Steven Henry Deitrick, 56

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At his request, there will no visitation or services.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Steven Henry Deitrick, 56, died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

He is survived by three sons, Lance, Steven and Aus-

Dan DeJong

Dan DeJong passed away peacefully Sept. 26, 2006, after briefly battling cancer for the third time. Dan has left the world with a legacy of love, acceptance and respect that everyone who knew him profited by and learned from.



Dan was born 200 years too late. He absolutely loved everything that allowed his heart to beat to the rhythm of Native American drums. He was a true mountain man in every respect of the word.

Dan was born in 1939, and his young years were in California. He went to high school in Leavenworth, Wash., and many of his journal entries extol the adventures of a young man who loved the woods and looked for the adrenaline rush.

Dan, his parents and his sister came to live in Montana on a ranch in Pleasant Valley. When his parents retired, Dan took over the ranch. Dan was a man who not only worked this ground, but one who also actually derived his pulse from that land, and the wildlife and livestock that inhabited it.

Dan was the most educated man that most people will ever encounter, and that education was entirely acquired from his life experiences and genuine curiosity. Dan had a lifelong desire to learn and to teach. He was the most natural teacher in the world. He had an incredible knowledge of: birds, Native American artifacts, wildlife, archaeology, flowers, guns and weeds. He could name every tree, the habits of Montana big game, the best way to chip an arrowhead, the history of almost anything, and how to deliver a breach calf in the middle of the night.

Dan could repair almost anything if he had duct tape and bailing twine. Beyond ranching, Dan's vocations were: logging, thinning, tree planting and line construction. He most preferred ranching because he called the shots and could take off on a lion track if the opportunity arose. Dan kept a journal from the time he was a teenager, and these books chronicle a life of hunting adventures and risky escapades.

It is nearly impossible to say who Dan is survived by. Everyone who

knew him became his kin. His wife, Pat DeJong, her sons, Joe Howard and Justin "Shorty" Mack; Brandy Howard, Jason and Justin; Brandie Mack and Kennedy; Dan's daughters, Laili Komenda and Rena Albertson, and their mother, Lynn York, and her sister Bonnie; Brad Komenda, Tyler and Travis and the rest of the Komendas; Todd Albertson, Danny DeJong, Lauren Faulkner, Cameron and Mason; Dan's sister, Dorothy Homann, her husband, Bob, and children Greg and Kelli; soul brother, Keith and his wife, Marilyn Barnett, Lee Barnett and children, Joe Porter and family, Betty Violette and Billy; Lee, Rosalee, and their children, Bob Grey and George Howe from Libby, Rich and Judy Peterson, Bill and Dave Kerchanski, Francis Auld, Alan Ruby and family, Bill and Phyllis Lynch (Boy, did he love those fish!); hunting buddies, Dave Chichester and family, and all of the Page family; cousins, extended cousins, every hunting buddy, bird watcher, artifact hunter, arrowhead maker and fellow rancher who shared interest and passion with Dan. He also leaves behind every stray dog, cute baby, abandoned bird or needy child that received his tender loving care. The doctors and nurses in Libby and Kalispell — anyone who met him loved him and will miss him dearly, especially Dr. Hunt and Dr. Boehme.

"We all derive comfort in knowing that he is now soaring with eagles."

Thank you to all the loving people who supported us in our days saying goodbye to this dear man.

Among many others, Dan joins his parents, Cousin Tom, Paul Barnett and Mae York "in Heaven."

Next summer, Dan's ashes will be spread on the land by Island Lake that he loved so much. He will join his parents there, Louis and Babe DeJong. Please contact a family member if you would like to be a part of this celebration of Dan's life.

The family recommends that memorials in Dan's name be made to: The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Idaho/Montana Chapter, 600 N. Curtis Road, Suite 170, Boise, ID 83706; or an educational cause of your choice.

He would prefer we weren't grieving, but instead were working toward treatments of this disease or continuing our quest to be lifelong learners.

Alan Dean Denning, 39

Alan Dean Denning, 39, "peacefully returned to his heavenly home," after a beautiful day at the lake with his wife on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at his residence in Coram.



He was born in Havre on July 16, 1966, the son of Don and Linda (Rienhart) Denning. Alan was the oldest of three children.

His family moved to the Flathead Valley when he was 9. He attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1985.

He married his high school sweetheart, Kristin Schuman, on Oct. 20, 1986. Alan and Kris spent two years at Hill Air Force Base in Salt Lake City. As soon as they could, they moved back to the Flathead Valley.

Alan always enjoyed hunting, fishing, water skiing and the outdoors. He loved lakes and rivers. He shared his appreciation of nature with his two daughters, Carissa and Kacey, and his wife, Kris. Alan was a multi-talented man; his artistic ability, his talent for finding joy in life, his vivacious personality, his quick beautiful smile that would light up a room and his charm are just the tip of what a wonderful, neat

person he was. He was an asset to many businesses around the valley and taught a strong work ethic to all.

His family loves him and misses him already. He brought so much happiness and joy to them. He will always be remembered, never forgotten and missed immensely.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents and his maternal grandfather, and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife, Kristin Denning, and their daughters, Carissa, age 13 and Kacey, age 10, all of Coram; his parents, Don and Linda Denning of Kalispell; his sisters, Tracy Mower and husband, James, and daughters of Kalispell, and Karen Vantlemert and her husband, Eric, and their children of Butte; grandmother Ruth Rienhart of Chinook; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial services will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, July 3, at Lawrence Park in Kalispell.

The family suggests that donations be made to the Carissa and Kacey Denning Education Fund, c/o Whitefish Credit Union, P.O. Box 1322, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Alan's family.

Sandra 'Sandy' L. DeShazer, 44

Sandra "Sandy" L. DeShazer, 44, was born March 23, 1962, in Pendleton, Ore., to Lloyd and Letha Heavner. She "went to be with her heavenly father" April 16, 2006.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd G. Heavner, "whom she has now joined in heaven," as well as her nephew, Matthew Chrestenson.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Thomas DeShazer; son, Jason DeShazer; grandson, Austin DeShazer; mother, Letha Heavner; grandmother, Peggy Cunning-

ham; sisters, Cindy Chrestenson and Deb Heavner; niece, Melissa Heavner; nephew, Richard Chrestenson; and great-nephew, Shayn Chrestenson.

Her family and friends will miss her very much but know she is at peace in heaven.

Sandy had a heart for children and a love of animals, in particular, dogs. Memorial donations can be sent to The Nurturing Center of Kalispell, 146 Third Ave. W.; or to the NW Montana Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Ella Diesen, 93

Ella Diesen, 93, died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Ella is survived by her six children, Carl Diesen, Harlen Diesen, and Lee Diesen, all of Plains, Wayne Diesen of Usk, Wash., Ina Clarke of Eureka,

and Harold Diesen of Polson.

Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, at Harlow Cemetery in Harlow, N.D. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Marva J. Derrickson, 70

Marva J. Derrickson, 70, died Aug. 16, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Memorial services are pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Julia Morgan DeWitt, 63

Julia Morgan DeWitt, 63, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

There will be no services or visitation. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Ramon Earle Dille, 71

Ramon Earle Dille, 71, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Ramon was born Aug. 8, 1934, in Alberta, the son of Charles Earle and Veronica Dille. He graduated from Missoula County High School in 1952.

Ramon married Phyllis Stewart in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Dec. 12, 1955. After living in Montana most of their lives, they moved to Wyoming in 1980 where he started a 22-year career at Cowboy Timber Treating in Manderson until he retired in 2002.

Ramon loved fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed being on the dart league for several years.

In 2005, Ramon moved to Kalispell to be with family and be back in the Rocky Mountains that

he loved.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ramon was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, Phyllis; brother, Chester; and sisters, Eloise, Della and Marilyn.

He is survived by his four children, Juanita and Ken Howard of Marion, Stuart and Elizabeth Dille of Phoenix, Vernon and Jean Dille of Port Angeles, Wash., and Charlie and Darin Dille of Chicago; one brother, Larry, of Hayden Lake, Idaho; two sisters, Ramona of Hayden Lake, and Claudia of Kalispell; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Per the family's request, private services will be held Thursday, April 20, Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Ronald Clarence Dionne, 81

Ronald Clarence Dionne, 81, went to be with the Lord" on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006, passing away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born on Oct. 8, 1924, in Vonda, Saskatchewan, the son of Trefle Joseph and Lorrina (Erwin) Dionne. He was the eldest of seven children. Ronald had a great work ethic in life and learned that from growing up and working the family farm in Vonda. On the farm in the winter there was little to do so Ronald's true passion was born. He loved hockey. He lived for the winter and the game.

At the age of 16, Ronald left home and joined the war effort in 1940. During this time Ronald continued to play hockey, quitting only when it interfered with his military career. Ronald was a member of the First Special Forces, an elite group of soldiers made up from both the Canadian and American Army. The force was trained in amphibian, ski trooper and paratrooper along with deadly fighting skills. Ron held the rank of first sergeant and trained many men to defeat the German army.

Upon discharge Ronald opted to stay in the United States. He made his home in Great Falls. A short time later Ron moved to Alaska, where he became the owner of his first bar. Ron returned to the mainland in 1950.

He married Violet Kramp with whom he had three children and two stepchildren. He owned and operated a tavern in Wallace, Idaho. In the restlessness of youth Ron moved again and bought Emil's Inn in Sweetgrass.

Then the Dionne family moved to Missoula in 1960. Here Ron began selling Fuller Brushes until purchasing the Crystal Lounge and later buying the Darrajis Lounge which was the beginning of many lounges. He then bought the Holiday Lounge and settled his family down in a home he built up Grant Creek. Ron's marriage split up, but as Ronald was always a pioneer in life he raised his children as a single father before it was in vogue to do so.

In 1967 Ron met and married the love of his life, LaDeen Stensrud. Ron and LaDeen added three more daughters to the family. LaDeen and Ron worked side by side in many more business ventures in Missoula. He later ran the Elk's Club in Hamilton. His last venture was Fenders Restaurant in Kalispell.

Ron met many people in his business years. Some considered him a friend, some considered him like a brother and others

then he was the father, brother or grandfather they always wanted and needed. Ron's capacity for love, compassion and friendship was truly one of his greatest traits. Ron retired at the age of 81 in March of 2005.

He spent his summer traveling, visiting friends and relatives and enjoying time with his beautiful wife. This winter was spent enjoying every hockey game the networks could offer. Ron felt a bit tired and he found out that he needed a heart valve replacement in December. Being the brave soldier, Ron marched into the hospital on Jan. 16 to have the first major surgery of his long and healthy life. Complications arose and on the 18th of January, "our God called our husband, father, brother and friend home."

Ronald Dionne was preceded in death by his mother and father; three brothers, Raymond, Harvey and baby Laurence; and Ron's infant granddaughter, Cathy Ann.

Ron left behind his loving wife LaDeen Dionne of Kalispell; his sisters, Evelyn Gravelle of Edmonton, Alberta, and Joyce Dionne of London, England; a brother, Lionel Dionne of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; eight children, Alice "Bobbie" Johnson and husband, Jim, of Missoula, and their children, Dawn and Jim; Rocky Rooney of Missoula and his children, Danielle and Coy; Joyce Bright and husband, Jack, of Othello, Wash., and her sons, James, John and Morgan Hash; Jeanne Kohler and husband, Dale, of Bonner, and their children, Jamie, Michael and Molly; Ronald E. Dionne and wife, Delores, of St. Maries, Idaho, and their children, Patty, Jack and Rhonda; LaShon Bromgard and husband, Jimmy, of Billings, and her children, Deen, Taylor and Lane Gordon; Antoinette "Tony" Ocker and husband, Toby, of Kalispell, and their children, Dominique, Devin Aric, Alyssa Aubrey, Madison, Jade and Jasmine; and Simone Martin and husband, Delane, of Kalispell and their children, Megan, Lynnze and Jack. Ron leaves behind 27 great-grandchildren as well as an infinite number of friends.

Mass of Christian burial will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Johnson Mortuary followed by a Rosary at 5 p.m. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Military honors will be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Glacier Hockey Association-Children Assistance, Attn. Susan, P.O. Box 905, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Ron's family.

Helen I. Doble, 90

Helen I. Doble, 90, of Eureka died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at Mountain View Manor in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Survivors include a son, John Doble, and stepson, Jon Leonard, both of Eureka.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 27,

at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Allen J. Dobler, 70

Allen J. Dobler, 70, died July 1, 2006, in Kalispell. Burial took place Thursday, July 6, at Demersville Cemetery. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Col. Ira Paul Doctor, 97

Col. Ira Paul Doctor, 97, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at Health Center Northwest in Kalispell. He was born Dec. 16, 1908, in New York City to Harry and Muriel (Knapp) Doctor.

After graduating from high school, Ira went to work on a tramp steamer and traveled all over the world. Back in New York, he joined the National Guard and after a field promotion served in the Signal Corps. He served in Africa, Italy and France during World War II. He worked with communications and was instrumental in getting these countries' communications back up and going. He served his country in the military for 16 years.

Ira married Virginia Yachechak in New Jersey on June 12, 1965.

Ira worked for various NASA contractors, moving from one project to another. He was very instrumental in designing the navigational equipment for the lunar modules.

Ira was a life member of the Masonic Lodge in New Jersey and

very active with the American Legion in St. James, N.Y.

After his retirement in 1966, he traveled with his wife all over the world. Ira was quite a craftsman and enjoyed working in his shop creating furniture.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Doctor, of Kalispell; three sons, Alan Doctor and wife, Sherry, of Flushing, N.Y., Robert Doctor and wife, Denise, of Stony Brook, N.Y., and Ken Yachechak and wife, Pati Pennington, of Kalispell; one daughter, Susan Bourbon, and husband, Anthony, of Windhoek, Namibia, Africa; and four grandchildren, Jason and Rebecca Doctor, and Kaci and Gini Yachechak.

Private graveside services will be held.

The family suggests any memorial gifts be given to the Home Options/Hospice: 175 Commons Loop, Suite No. 100, Kalispell, MT 59901

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Ira's family.

Ronald W. Dodge, 19

Ronald W. Dodge, 19, died Tuesday, June 13, 2006, in Billings, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Survivors include his mother, Rose Elliott, and

stepfather, Roger Elliott, of Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Edward M. Dolan, 85

Edward M. Dolan, 85, died Monday, March 20, 2006, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. Memorial services are pend-

ing.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

James Albert Dolan, 87

James Albert Dolan, 87, a retired project manager for the state of Montana Highway Department, passed away Monday, July 31, 2006, at the Marias Medical Center due to natural causes.



Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at St. William Catholic Church, with military honors afterward. Whitted Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his daughters, Vicki and Wally Rye of Columbia Falls, and Debra and Gregg Schnee of Shelby; sister, Mildred Ruebush, of Grand Forks, N.D.; four grandchildren, Neil Rye and Jason Rye, both of Kalispell, Cody Schnee of Dillon, and Brittany Schnee of Paso Robles, Calif.; and one great-granddaughter, Emily Rye.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Hazel; siblings, Frank, Charles, Edward, Elsie, Gladys and Bertha.

Jim was born May 9, 1919, at Waltham, Mont., to George and Sara (Zamanik) Dolan and grew up in Tracy, Mont. He graduated from Centerville High School in 1937.

Jim served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and was helping build the airstrip on Wake Island before his capture by the Japanese. He served 44 months as a prisoner of war and was discharged Oct. 1, 1945.

Jim married Hazel Mary Emswiler on June 18, 1950, at Lewistown. He worked 31 years for the state of Montana Highway Department, retiring in 1981 as a project manager.

He was a member of St. William Catholic Church and the Workers of Wake, Cavite and Guam World War II POWs. He enjoyed hunting, fly fishing, woodworking, and most of all his family.

Vickie (Lenz) Donahue, 52

Vickie (Lenz) Donahue, 52, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2006, in Kalispell of complications due to her long struggle with diabetes.

She was born Nov. 21, 1953, in Shelby to Gene and Patsy Lenz. The family moved to Missoula in 1961, where Vickie attended school. She graduated from Hellgate High School in 1971. Vickie later settled in Kalispell.

Vickie was a very giving and loving person to her family and her many friends she made throughout her life. She worked primarily in the retail field, where she enjoyed interacting with customers. Vickie loved to spend time with her friends, going to concerts, playing foosball or just chatting and giggling about past "adventures."

She enjoyed reading, gardening, watching football and running the family football pool. All who knew Vickie benefited from her love and talent for baking, especially around the holidays. Vickie had several dogs throughout her life that gave her great joy. She gave them very special and unique names such as Arf and Barf and most recently, Precious. She also had unique pet names for certain family members, such as Mister, Woman, Boy and Ugg.

Vickie herself was a very unique person. She had a soft heart and would do whatever she could to help someone in need. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Vickie was preceded in death by her mother, Patsy Lenz.

Survivors include her father, Gene Lenz, and wife, Jackie Lenz, of Kalispell; sisters, Gayle Waller and husband, Don, of Kalispell, Valorie Margalit and husband, Jacob, of Los Angeles, Patty Milliren of Kalispell, and stepsister, Rhonda Cronk; brother, Brian Lenz and wife, Trudy, of Missoula, and stepbrother, Levi Cronk; ex-husband, Warren Donahue, of Kalispell, and three stepchildren, Tammy Nishimi and husband, Marty, of Garden Grove, Calif., Dennis Donahue of Washington, D.C., and Carl Donahue and wife, Carla, of Parker, Colo., Harley Coates, whom Vickie raised with longtime companion Mike Dunham; three step-grandchildren, Kyle Nishimi, 17, Kara Nishimi, 14, and Keaton Nishimi, 8; 10 nieces and nephews and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

Please come and celebrate Vickie's life from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Village Green Club House on West Nicklaus in Kalispell.

Virginia Donaldson, 81

Virginia Donaldson "went home to be with our Lord" on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006. "The heavens rejoiced" and her family mourns her passing. She will be missed but her pain is at an end. Virginia was born Aug. 11, 1925, to John and Anna Schick.

She is survived by her sister, Lorraine Linsmeier; and brothers, Eddie Schick of Menominee, Mich., and John Schick of Wildwood, Fla.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Gerald and Raymond Schick; her husband, Harry Donaldson; and son, Kevin Donaldson.

Virginia leaves behind three daughters, Lynn Pratter of Eureka, Karen Apeland of Fortine, and Bobbi Powers of Laurel. She has 11 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was born and raised in Menominee, where she met and married Harry Donaldson in 1946. The couple then moved to

Tuscaloosa, Ala., where Harry completed his college education. In 1948, the couple moved to Hot Springs, and in 1953 they moved to Eureka, where they raised their four children.

Some of Virginia's favorite memories included swimming, water skiing, sunbathing, and enjoying sunsets and evenings around the bonfire with family and friends. "Red skies at night" were Grandma's delight. Virginia also enjoyed gardening, especially her roses.

She was involved in Campfire Girls, the Sundowners, Glen Lake Bridge Club, Glen Lake Investment Group, and loved to play pinochle.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

James F. Donovan, 92

James F. Donovan, 92, "was promoted to glory" on July 14, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1913, in Kalispell, to James and Nora (Johnson) Donovan. He was the third in a family of five. Jim graduated from Flathead County High School with the class of 1933.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy as a gunner's mate from 1935 until the war ended. He was discharged as a chief petty officer.

It was in 1944, in Kalispell, that he and Jackie Logan were married, celebrating 62 years together this year.

He spent most of his life in the logging industry as a log scaler and mill foreman, and in construction, which included Hungry Horse and Libby dams.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman.

hunting deer and elk as well as catching all kinds of fish and making all his own lures.

He was a Baptist by faith.

James was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Ed and Art Donovan.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie; son, Richard, and wife, Vicki; sister, Helen Rowlan; brother, Clayton Donovan; five grandchildren, Michael, Tim, Kelly, Lisa and Ryan; three stepgrandchildren, Nathan, Adam and Billy; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and friends of all who knew him.

Funeral services for James Donovan will be held at 2:30 p.m. today, July 19, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for James' family.

Kathleen Gloraine Donovan, 69

Kathleen Gloraine Donovan, 69, a longtime Whitefish resident, passed away Wednesday morning, Sept. 13, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.

She was born March 28, 1937, in Kalispell, the daughter of Allan and Helen Phillips. Kathleen attended schools in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1955.

She was a loan processor at the Whitefish Credit Union for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, the Mountain View Rebekah Lodge, and Whitefish Order of the Rainbow Lodge of Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Thomas Donovan, and by her parents.

She is survived by a daughter, Karen and Mike Deardurff; a son,

Steve and Cyndi Tanska; a daughter, Tammy and Dean Anderson; a daughter, Jacque and Bob Lund; A son, Justin and Missy Donovan; a son, Kevin Donovan; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother, John Phillips; and by several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. Steve Tanska, officiating. Women of the Moose rites will be cited at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbus Falls with Rev. David V. Kauffman in charge of committal services.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Donald Dornfeld, 78

Donald Dornfeld, 78, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula.

He was born on June 26, 1927, in Blackduck, Minn., to Ernest and Christine (Beyer) Dornfeld.

Donald received his early education in Minot, N.D., and graduated from Minot High School.

He went right into active duty with the Navy serving his country from 1945 until 1948. He was then active in the Reserves until 1953.

Upon returning to Minot, Donald entered Minot Teachers College, graduating in 1952. While in school, Donald met Marvel "Margie" Flom and the couple was married on Feb. 15, 1949, in Minot. After graduating, Donald spent a year as the recreation director for the Park and Recreation Department in Minot.

The family moved to Whitefish, in 1953, and Donald worked at the Whitefish High School teaching business courses for six years. During that time he was also the head basketball coach and assistant coach to both football and track. In 1959, he started his own independent State Farm Agency and operated that in Kalispell until his retirement in December



of 1992.

Donald and Margie enjoyed traveling with their friends and seeing the countryside. Donald also enjoyed a good round of golf, was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and took every opportunity to watch his grandchildren participate in sporting activities.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dellmar and Lloyd; and one great-granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Dornfeld of Kalispell; three sons, Greg Dornfeld of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Scott Dornfeld and wife, Barb, of Sidney, and Pastor Steve Dornfeld and wife, Holly, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; two daughters, Peggy Vickhamer and husband, Daryl, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Mary Grilley and husband, Bill, of Columbia Falls; one brother, Ernest Dornfeld and wife, Meridythe, of Duluth, Minn.; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services for Donald Dornfeld will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Bethlehem Lutheran Trust, 603 S. Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Donald's family.

Ellen Orr Resch Dryden, 82

Ellen Orr Resch Dryden, 82, formerly of Libby, died Aug. 13, 2006, at her home in Albany, Ore.

Survivors include her husband Glenn Dryden of Albany; her children, Ruth Ann Helen of Somers, Charles Resch of Libby, Stanley Resch of Drain, Ore., Diane Mellem of Havre, John Resch of Libby, Roxanne Griner of Lebanon, Ore., Randy Resch of Scio, Ore., Gregory Resch and Joseph Resch of Salem, Ore., and Steve Resch of Sherwood,

Ore.; two stepdaughters, Kaylene Larado of Lebanon, Ore., and Debra Wright of Nevada.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Jozef Perhubka as celebrant; interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. today at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home followed by a rosary and parish vigil beginning at 7 p.m.

Deborah Ann Doty, 54

Deborah Ann Doty, 54, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her son, Philip Lemble, and wife, Leidi, of Ramona, Calif.; her mother, Thelma Barsch, and two brothers, Dan and Gary Barsch, all of Kalispell, Mont.

Funeral services for Deborah will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the Johnson Mortuary

chapel, with Pastor Mark Cutler of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be afterward in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today in the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Deborah's family.

Mary B. Doubek, 67

Mary B. Doubek, 67, of Libby, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at her home in Libby from natural causes.

She had worked for St. Regis Paper Co. and Big Sky Power Equipment. Survivors include

her children, Joel Doubek and Gary Doubek, both of Libby, and Renee Tracy of Ogden, Utah. Services will be at 11 a.m.

Thursday Feb. 9, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Barbara Dubbs, 70

Barbara Dubbs, 70, "went to be with the Lord" on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, as a result of complications from scleroderma.

Barbara was born in Deadwood, S.D., and moved to the Flathead Valley in 1961.

Barbara attended Black Hills Teachers' College and earned her Bachelor of Art degree in education from the University of Montana.

She was a loved and respected elementary teacher, beginning her career in Wyoming at age 19, then continuing in the Flathead Valley at Pine Grove, Birch Grove, Demersville, and Marion. She retired from teaching in 1989, but continued her active involvement with education through the Northwest Montana Retired Teachers Association where she served on the State Foundation board and also served as the local president, vice-president and membership chairman.

Barb was a compassionate, patient and loving woman who devoted much of her free time to helping others. She was recently honored as the 2006 Senior Health Care Volunteer of the Year by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. She has been a volunteer at Heritage Place since 1989 where she played the word game with the residents. She was a Literacy board volunteer member, and she also served on the Senior Center and RSVP boards.

Barbara's strong faith in God and gift with children was a shining example for all who knew her. She was a children's leader at BSF and also taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School at Northridge Heights Church of God for 30 years.

Barbara was an avid exerciser, walking and running in many local races along with participating in the Senior Olympics, always trying to beat her previous record. She was truly a running inspiration to her family and friends. She enjoyed the weekly exercise class at the Kalispell Senior Center. She always made



time to run or walk with her family and friends.

Her life revolved around supporting and loving her children and grandchildren, while instilling in them her tremendous faith in God. She was always present at their sporting and academic events. She then extended that love to a special relationship with the three little Heil boys who cherished the time she devoted to them.

Special memories with her husband, Dick, friends and family include years of annual summer camping trips. She also enjoyed card games with her friends and grandchildren and working in her flower garden. Barb also had a special gift as a baker and treat maker; many will delight over memories of her homemade chicken soup, breads and baked goods.

There was so much to love and adore about Barbara, she gave so much to so many. "We will miss her sweet smile, her humble spirit, her enormous faith and generous giving of time and love."

She was preceded in death by her father, "Doc" Seeley and mother, Ruth Sylvester; sister, Doris; and son, Joel.

She is survived by her love of 28 years, Richard Dubbs; her daughter, Sheila, son-in-law, Doug Hill, and their children, Kari, Zachary and Melissa. She is also survived by eight stepchildren, Larry, Donnie, Ronnie, Harriet (Ann), Sharon, Linda, Bob and Steve; 11 stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren; also surviving are her aunt, Marjorie Koch, of Sundance, Wyo.; and her sister, Dorothy Fall, and family of Sheridan, Wyo.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at Epworth Methodist Church. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Northwest Montana Retired Teachers Scholarship Association, 549 Kalispell Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937; or Rails to Trails of Northwestern Montana, P.O. Box 1103, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Barbara's family.

Laurence A. 'Larry' Drew, 81

Laurence A. "Larry" Drew, 81, of La Grande, Ore., passed away at a local care facility on Jan. 5, 2006.

Larry was born on April 20, 1924, in Roberts, to Ralph and Louise Deeney Drew. At a very young age he moved to Somers on Flathead Lake, where his father was a postmaster. Larry graduated from Flathead County High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II and received a disabled honorable discharge. He married Virginia Rivers Flanery on June 24, 1977, in Boise, Idaho, at the Lutheran Cathedral of the Rockies.

Larry worked for the Kalispell Police Department for 20 years and retired as an assistant police chief. He was a past president of the Montana Police Protection Association and received several awards for his sharpshooting. Larry later owned and operated an RV dealership for Fleetwood (Terry Trailers), Big Sky Campers and Kit Mig, for 13 years in Kalispell. He then moved to La Grande and managed the RV division for MJ Goss for five years.

Larry was a 50-year member of the Elks Lodge, American Legion, Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ducks Unlimited, RV Dealers

Association and La Grande County Club, where he was a past board member.

Larry was an Eagle Scout and an avid sportsman. He greatly enjoyed fishing in Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico and the Oregon Coast. Larry started hunting deer and elk at a very young age. His most favorite was geese hunting in the Grande Ronde Valley. He smoked and canned most of his game for friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, of La Grande; son, Stephen Drew, of Homer, Alaska; daughter, Kathleen Drew, of Palmer, Alaska; stepson, John Flannery, of Clackamas, Ore.; five grandchildren; and one great-grand-

child. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Terry Nau-

mann; his sister, Helen Cash; and his brother, James "Bud" Drew. A casual dress celebration of life followed by a potluck will be held 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the La Grande Country Club. A private memorial will be held at Duck Lake in Montana, in the summertime.

Loveland Funeral Chapel, at 1508 Fourth St., La Grande, OR 97850 is handling the arrangements. They can be reached at 541-786-0065.

Norma Doreen Duff, 80

Duff Chevrolet.

Norma is survived by her husband of 61 years, Roy Duff, in Whitefish; sons, Mark Duff and his wife, Lynne, and Dale Duff and his wife, Diane; grandchildren, Kevin, Scott, Amanda, Shelby, and Sean; a great-grandchild, Azlynn; a sister, Coral Robins; a brother, Keith Wassman; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 17, at the United Methodist Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow services at the Whitefish Cemetery under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family suggests that memorials be given to the Methodist Church building fund.

Norma Doreen Duff, 80, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2006, at the Colonial Manor in Whitefish of natural causes.

She was born in Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia on Nov. 15, 1925, the daughter of Grace and Gordon Wassman.

Norma completed her education in Rockhampton and shortly thereafter met and fell in love with Roy M. Duff, who was then serving in the Pacific Theater of World War II. They married Nov. 8, 1944. After the conclusion of the war, Norma came to Whitefish and joined Roy in operating their business, Whitefish and Hungry Horse Taxi which is now Rocky Mountains Transportation. They also later owned and operated

Gordon W. Dukleth, 88

Gordon W. Dukleth passed away May 11, 2006.

He was born May 8, 1918, in Kalispell, the son of Gus and Cora Grinde Dukleth. He was reared on a farm at nearby Creston. He attended elementary school in Creston followed by high school in Kalispell. During World War II, he served four years in the Army Air Corps beginning on Oct. 9, 1941. His overseas service was with the Ninth Air Force in England and France where he was a crew chief on A-20 and A-26 bombers. He earned the Bronze Star medal. He was discharged on Oct. 8, 1945.

He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in civil engineering in 1950. Following graduation, he accepted a position with the California Department of Water Resources in Sacramento. After 33 years, he retired in 1983 as chief of the division of design and construction. He was a registered professional engineer in California.

During an assignment in Denver in 1962-63, he met and married Margaret Ann Gober, formerly of Oklahoma City.

He is survived by Margaret,



son, Tom, in the book business in New York City; son, Don, a professional forester residing in Auberry, Calif.; daughter-in-law, Diane; sister, Margaret Espe; and his brother's family of Portland.

Two brothers predeceased him, Leland in 1938, and James in 1996.

He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, United States Committee on Large Dams, University of California Alumni Association, Comstock Club, Ancil Hoffman Golf Club, Sons of Norway, Montana and Northwest Montana Historical societies, SIRS Chapter 102 (Sons in Retirement) and the DWR Alumni Club.

He was editor/publisher of the FCHS '36ers POW-WOW, the newsletter of his Flathead County High School class in Kalispell. He served on national technical committees of ASCE, USSD and the National Research Council. He was president of his veterans group, the 409th Bomb Group Association, Inc.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, May 19 at East Lawn Mortuary, 5757 Greenback Lane, Sacramento.

Donations may be sent to Pulmonary Rehab, Sutter General Hospital, 2801 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. "These are the people that enriched our lives to the end with knowledge and love."

Owen Robert Dukleth, 85

Owen Robert Dukleth, 85, passed away on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born on Oct. 26, 1920, in Devon, to P. Martin and Bertha (Wollan) Dukleth. Martin worked in farming near Devon. Owen had one younger brother William and has an older sister Edna (Kelch) and they grew up with him in the Badrock Canyon area and the Bissell districts of Flathead Valley. Owen enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He attended high school in Columbia Falls for two years and graduated from Flathead County High School.

During the Great Depression he was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. During World War II, Owen worked for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle as a riveter. He met Doris F. Munter in Seattle and the couple married on May 5, 1941. To this union five children were born. Jack and Fred were born in Seattle and Richard, David and Janice were born in Kalispell, where Owen and Doris returned after the war.

Owen's Flathead career years were as a meat cutter with several Kalispell markets. He retired with Albertsons on Dec. 17, 1982.

Owen was a member of the National Rifle Association, an ardent cribbage player and had many other related interests. Owen and Doris were members of Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen. Doris passed away in



October of 1991.

In October of 1994, Owen married Vera Darling (Green). Vera was a lifelong resident of Columbia Falls, but now resides in Bigfork. They were members of the United Methodist Church of Columbia Falls. Owen entered the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Jan. 10, 2005.

Owen was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and his brother.

He is survived by his wife, Vera Dukleth of Bigfork; four sons, Jack and wife, Glenda, of Missoula, Fred of Whitefish, Richard and wife, Rozanne, of Havre, and David and wife, Sherry, of Dayton, Nev.; and one daughter, Janice Braaton and husband, Gordon, of Marysville, Wash.; a sister, Edna Kelch of Creston; and Vera's children, Michael Darling of Palm Springs, Calif., and Patricia Darling of Tucson. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Michelle Mandara and Timothy Dukleth of Helena, and Kyle and Robert Braaton of Marysville, Wash.; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Owen will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, in the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls with Pastor David Jones officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 until 4 p.m. on Monday at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the United Methodist Church of Columbia Falls, 117 2nd St. West, Columbia Falls, Mont 59912.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Owen's family

Fayetta M. Dull, 83

Fayetta M. Dull, 83, passed away Friday July 7, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Fayetta was born March 2, 1923, in Saco. She had several hobbies which she enjoyed: fishing, gardening, sewing, knitting, needlepoint, quilting, crafts and upholstery work. She enjoyed dancing all her life. She enjoyed putting puzzles together, playing cards and games.

Fayetta retired from Flathead High School, where she worked in the food service for many years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Clifton Dull; her parents; brother, Herb Knuth; granddaughter, Char Dull; and grandsons, Shawn and Craig Dull.

Fayetta is survived by her one

daughter, Sharon Malsed, and husband, Terry, of Kent, Wash.; four sons, James and his wife, Myrna, of Columbia Falls, Jerry and his wife, Penny, of Columbia Falls, Marlo and his wife, Cheryl, of Columbia Falls, and Bruce Dull of Michigan; 15 grandchildren — three granddaughters, Traci, Holly and Janet, and 12 grandsons, Lyle, Todd, Lonnie, Jason, Cody, Dale, Dave, Shad, Kevin, Preston, Mike and Joe; as well as several great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lillian Olson of Malta, and Rosemary Betson of Crawford, Neb.; along with many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 14, Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be after the service at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edward James 'Ed' Dunfee, 43



Edward James "Ed" Dunfee, 43, passed away of natural causes in his sleep Oct. 11, 2006, in Augusta, Ga.

Ed most

recently worked at Port Discovery Science Museum, where he was known for his good humor and great work ethic. Ed was a sports buff and was particularly passionate about the game of golf. He was able to live his dream of a lifetime by attending the Masters this past April in Georgia.

His faith and family were the most important things in his life. Ed's genuine desire to help others, his tender heart, and his special kindness were an example to many.

Ed found great passion running on the "Riverwalk" listening to music, and marveling at the beautiful sunsets. "His family takes great comfort knowing that he is with the Lord that he

knew so well."

Survivors include his parents, Skip and Jeanne Dunfee; brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Karen Dunfee; and sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Paul Kusler; all of Kalispell; sister and brother-in-law, Karen and John Lowmyer, of Albuquerque, N.M.; sister and brother-in-law, Vince Dunfee, of Las Vegas; and numerous aunts and uncles. He was uncle to many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. His loving and playful nature will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Ed was preceded in death by his sister, Kristen Dunfee-McMahon; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dunfee.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Kristen Dunfee-McMahon Scholarship Foundation at the University of Montana-Western in Dillon, or your local food bank.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Shirley Rae Dupuis-Pulse, 70

Shirley Rae Dupuis-Pulse, 70, of Polson, "went home with Jesus" after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born Aug. 12, 1935, in St. Ignatius to Eugene and Enid Dupuis. Shirley grew up in Polson and attended school in Polson, graduating from Polson High School.



She traveled and lived in various places, eventually moving back to Polson. She worked at S & K Electronics for a few years in the 1980s.

She loved to study her Bible and loved her birds, animals and garden.

Her daughter Teresa Stevens, brother, Patrick DuPuis, son, Joe

Johns, and her husband, Jack Pulse, preceded Shirley in death.

She is survived by her sister, Linda Pulse, of Polson; daughters, Carla Norris of Polson; and Kora Lynn Johns of Polson, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 20, in the Flathead Senior Center. A reception will be after the services.

The family requests that you wear a favorite hat to the service.

Memorials may be made to Cheerful Heart, P.O. Box 688, Polson, MT 59860.

Arrangements and cremation under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson. Condolences may be made to the family at www.groganfuneralhome.com

Robert Franklin 'Bob' Dyer, 88

Robert Franklin "Bob" Dyer passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell. Bob was born in Chanute, Kan., on Jan. 20, 1918, to Cora Ethel Armstrong Dyer and Charles Henry Dyer. At Bob's age of 6 years, the Dyer family moved to California.



Bob met his wife, Frances "Fran" of Eldora, Iowa, in 1943 in California, and they were married in Ventura, Calif., on May 2, 1944. Three children were born, Kathy "Kam" Ann Beaver (Dyer), Marty Charles Dyer (deceased-1998) and Monty Robert Dyer.

Bob's first job was with Young Spring & Wire Corp., where he worked into a supervisor position in the top rim department and had a 20-year career with the company in Maywood, Calif., returning to the company after a four-year Army career in the Asiatic and Pacific Theaters during World War II.

Bob's last job was with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. He retired in 1982 after a 22-year career with that department, serving his last four years at the Sheriff's Aero Bureau in Long Beach, Calif.

Bob became a transferred member from Bellflower United Methodist Church in California to Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell as a mem-

ber of 22 years since 1986. Bob became a Stephen Minister, an usher, a trustee, and president of the Epworth Men's Group; also a member of the administrative council; and with wife Fran, a communion steward for four years.

He had been an active supporter of Habitat for Humanity, the food bank, the Humane Society and various other city projects. Both Robert and Frances received an inset plaque for the wall of the Samaritan House, a branch of the Long Beach Rescue Mission in Long Beach, for service and donations.

Robert will be greatly missed by his friends both here in Kalispell and in California for his untiring friendliness, generosity and sensitivity.

He had a great dedication to his family, church and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and son, Marty.

Bob is survived by his wife, Fran, of 62 years; daughter, Kathy Ann "Kam" Beaver (Dyer); son, Monty Robert Dyer; and sisters, Marjorie Ferguson of Kalispell, and Virginia Catlin of Illinois; also numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place at Buffalo Hill Mortuary and the spreading of Bob's ashes will be in Glacier Park by the family as was requested by Bob.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service may be planned in the future.

Merritt E. Dutton, 77

Merritt E. Dutton, a longtime Libby businessman, died Friday, March 3, 2006, in Kalispell.

He had owned and operated Merritt's Value Wise Foods and meat market for many years until retiring in 1989. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy "Dedee," at the family home; and his children, Paul of San Clemente, Calif., Pam Tharp

of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Larry of Libby. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Libby, with the Rev. Robert Foote officiating. Interment services with military honors will be afterward at the city of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Libby, with the Rev. Robert Foote officiating. Interment services with military honors will be afterward at the city of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy "Dedee," at the family home; and his children, Paul of San Clemente, Calif., Pam Tharp

Sgt. Scott Douglas Dykman, 27

Sgt. Scott Douglas Dykman of Harrison "was taken from us" Dec. 20, 2006, while doing his duty. The Army had become home for Scott; he had found his niche and had planned to make the Army his career. Shortly before his death he had attained the rank of sergeant. He was so proud of that accomplishment.

Scott was born Aug. 3, 1979, in Bozeman to Donna Rutledge Dykman and Douglas Dykman. Scott was raised in Harrison, attended school in Harrison and graduated from Harrison High School. No matter where he traveled, Harrison was always home to him.

In his short life he worked as a logger, which was an occupation that he truly loved, and before entering the Army he was employed as a heavy-equipment operator. He had placed third in the nation in golden gloves boxing. He loved rodeo. He was a member of the Harrison Fire Department.

Scott was a proud and honorable young man, shy and quiet. When he spoke, that soft, rumbling baritone was such a surprise that it never failed to put a smile on the listener's face. More than one crying child settled and curled against his chest to be soothed by his calm tone and gentle touch.

While in the Army, Scott found himself. He had purpose, a place to shine; he gave 110 percent at everything he did. After boot camp, Scott went on to Airborne School and graduated in February of 2004 as a paratrooper.



He served with the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

He had done two tours in Iraq with this unit before transferring to the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska. Scott was on his third deployment to Iraq when he was killed as a result of an IED explosion.

Scott met Chantelle Russell in 2000 and the two were married in September 2003. They had two children together, William Scott, 5, and Rachell Annette, 3. William and Rachell were the pride of his life.

Scott is survived by his wife, Chantelle, and children, William and Rachell; his father, Douglas, and stepmother, Sue Dykman, and Donna and stepfather, Ron Koontz; grandparents, John and Betty Dykman, and Dick and Janet Autry; also his maternal great-grandmother, Lucy Townsend; his brothers, Cpl. Michael and Ashley Dykman, Spc. Michael and Patty Johnson, Tim and Casey Johnson, Ron Koontz Jr., and Ted and Kim Koontz; and sister, Leanne Koontz. He is also survived by his in-laws, Robert and Rochelle Russell; brothers-in-law, Chad Russell and Cassidy Russell; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and friends.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at the Harrison High School Gym, with interment afterward in the Harrison Cemetery.

"Scott, your memory will live forever in the smile of your son, the eyes of your daughter and the love in our hearts."

K and L Mortuaries of Harrison in charge of arrangements.