

## Helen Jenette Dachs, 82

Helen Jenette Dachs, 82, passed away Jan. 2, 2007, at her daughter's home in Helena, surrounded by her loving family.



Cremation has taken place.

A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. Both will take place at St. Matthew's Church in Kalispell.

Helen Liming was born March 8, 1924, to Leslie and Goldie Liming. She was raised in Logansport, Ind., and attended schools there, graduating from Logansport High School in 1942.

After working for a brief time at Muehlhausen Spring Corp. in Logansport, Helen served with the U.S. Navy as a WAVE during World War II (1944-1946). While she was stationed at a naval air base in Memphis, Tenn., she met her future husband. After a brief courtship, Helen married George R. Dachs on Dec. 29, 1945, becoming lifelong partners and sharing 61

years. They had five children. Before settling in Kalispell in 1954, Helen and George lived in Deer Lodge for two years and then moved to Lincoln, Neb., for six years while her husband attended dental school.

Helen enjoyed caring for her family, cooking, sewing, playing bridge, dancing, playing tennis, playing cards, doing needlework, being at Swan Lake on the weekends, fishing, bird hunting, and sharing time with family and friends.

Helen will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Survivors include her husband, George R. Dachs; two daughters, Cherie L. and Joe Shevlin of Helena, Nancy A. and Bill Posivio of Ronan; one son, David D., and Maureen Dachs, of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; as well as numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie and Goldie Liming; two children, Kathleen Dachs and Terry Dachs; and four siblings.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Terry Dachs Memorial Award Scholarship Fund, c/o Dave Dachs, 1874 Highway 93 N., Kalispell, MT

## Joanne Maxine Daffern, 74

Joanne Maxine Daffern, 74, passed away Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center from congestive heart failure and related complications.



Joanne was born Sept. 14, 1932, in Lamar, Colo., to Merle C. Thompson and wife Nida Maxine (Harp) Thompson.

She is survived by younger siblings, June Broughton of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Woody Thompson of Hyannis, Neb.

She is the mother of nine children, and grandmother and great-grandmother of many. She also is survived by immediate and extended family and friends in other parts of Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Oregon and Montana.

In addition to raising a large family, Joanne worked for a time at Western Electric in Den-

ver, Safeway stores in Fort Collins, Colo., and held a Realtor's license at D.C. Miller, before moving to Missoula in 1978, then on to Kalispell in 1979.

Her great loves in life were family and friends nearby, cooking the best meals in the world, gardening and watching the deer, wild turkey and rabbits in the yard.

Joanne will be missed and remembered forever by all she touched in life.

A memorial wake is planned for Saturday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), for family and friends to pay their respects. Contact Dwight Daffern and John Peterson of Kalispell.

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

## Ruth McConnell Damon

Ruth McConnell Damon passed away April 18, 2007, after suffering congestive heart failure, at Holy Family Hospital in Spokane. The daughter of



Dr. John and Dorothy McConnell, Ruth was born on the 25th of September and grew up in Kalispell. She attended St. Matthew's Catholic School and then Flathead County High School, from which she graduated in 1951. She went on to study at Gonzaga University.

In high school, Ruth was active in a variety of extracurricular activities. She was a vocalist in the school choir, a cheerleader with her twin sister, and a proud member of the original flag-twirling team.

In 1953, Ruth married Pat Damon of Kalispell. They lived in Spokane until 1960, when Pat's work took them to Pueblo, Colo. While in Colorado, Ruth worked as a licensed practical nurse at the Pueblo hospital.

Eventually, the family returned to Spokane, where they have resided for more than 30 years. Ruth was employed there at the North Town Chuck Wagon for nine years, and then worked with her sister-in-law at The Damon House for special events and catering.

She was an accomplished flower arranger, and she filled many orders for weddings and special occasions. She had an artistic touch, and is remembered for once having an enviable skill at playing piano by ear.

A loyal and devoted mother and wife, Ruth's kind heart was filled with compassion for her family, her friends, and all creatures great and small. Few who knew Ruth at any time

would not be acquainted with her Boston terriers, whom she called "my girls" and who were treated as such.

She was drawn to birdlife, small, delicate and naturally beautiful, especially bluebirds. Ruth only gave good of herself. She lacked even the capacity to do harm or to wish anyone ill. She was a champion for everyone else's goals and achievements, never realizing how much she was herself admired and held in esteem for the steadfast and principled manner in which she conducted her life. Faithful, prayerful, generous, patient, and enduring, at once ingenuous and perceptive, knowing more than she let on, she kept much inside, even as she gladly gave much to others.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Jackie McEwen; granddaughter, Christie Damon; and nephew, Danny Sweeney.

She is survived by her husband, Pat; her three sons, Paul, and twins Donald and Ronald; grandson, Scott Damon; granddaughters, Stephanie Damon and Jamie Damon; and great-granddaughter, Deneika Damon; also by two sisters, Patty Kirkeby, of Mesa, Ariz., and her life long best friend, her twin sister Reta Sweeney, of Kalispell. Also surviving are seven nephews, Steven, Bob, Tom, Michael, Kevin and Tim Sweeney, and Scott McEwen, and three nieces, Kaye McEwen Bradley, Kathleen Sweeney Davis, and Maureen Sweeney Shadair.

At Ruth's request, no public services were held. A private family memorial was observed at the home of her son, in celebration of her life.

"If rewards are, indeed, earned by example and service in this life, she now enjoys blessed riches, and walks among angels."

## Alan Damphier, 63

Alan Damphier, 63, died June 4, 2007, at his home from ALS, or more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Alan was born on Oct. 10, 1943, in Amsterdam, N.Y.



After high school he went into the U.S. Navy. He was stationed on the USS Ticonderoga which was dispatched to Cuba and then Vietnam in the mid-1960s.

He met his wife, Darlene Aton, in Los Altos, Calif.

He moved to Spokane where he worked for Patterson Dental and then Kar Products. This work required travel and that's how he discovered the Flathead Valley.

His early days in the car business were started at Roy Stanley Chevrolet in the mid-1980s. In June of 1990 he went to work for Korn Buick on Main Street in Kalispell, which the Scarff brothers bought in 1993. He continued to work there until ALS forced his retirement in November 2005.

One of Alan's favorite pastimes was fishing in the Flathead area. He also loved to

tinker with computers and electronics and was active with his HAM radio.

Alan was always easygoing and quite easy to talk to.

Alan was preceded in death by his brother, David Damphier, who passed away in 1968; mother, Margaret Reiff Damphier, who passed away in 1984; and his father, Lester Damphier, who passed away in 1987.

Alan is survived by his son and best friend, Curtis Damphier, of Kalispell, who provided care for him over the last year and a half; his son, Jeff Damphier, and his wife, Amy, from Duvall, Wash., and their daughter, Haley; two grandchildren, Amber and Shawn, also from Kalispell; three brothers, Lester Damphier from Seymour, Tenn., Bruce Damphier from Gloversville, N.Y., and Paul Damphier from Albany, N.Y. His niece, Tammy, from New York, whom he was especially fond of, is among numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. June 15 at Christ Church Episcopal, 215 Third Ave. East, Kalispell. Following the service there will be an informal wake for Alan, at about 7:30 pm, at the Montana Nugget Casino.

## Virginia M. Danielson, 79

Virginia M. Danielson, 79, of Kalispell, died on Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Betty Button, Gail Owens, David Danielson and George "Sonny" Danielson, all of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednes-

day, Jan. 31, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell. Visitation will be Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring the family.

## Edward Norman Darrow, 80

Navy veteran and retired Deputy U.S. Marshal Edward Norman Darrow, 80, of Great Falls died Thursday, May 24, 2007, at Peace Hospice of complications from COPD and cancer.



His memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2007, at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Edward Norman Darrow was born June 20, 1926, in Kalispell. He was raised and educated there. He served in the U.S. Navy with the 134th battalion Seabees from June 1944 through June 1946, with overseas duty on the island of Guam. He married Mary Ann Reagen on Feb. 14, 1948, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

He graduated from Bradley University school of horology (jewelry and watch-making) in June 1951.

Ed served as undersheriff in Powell County from July 1951 through January 1952, at which time he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of sheriff. He was elected sheriff of Powell County at age 27, at that time the youngest sheriff ever elected in Montana. He was appointed to the Great Falls office as Deputy U.S. Marshal for the District of Montana in July 1958. During his career with the U.S. Marshals Service, he worked many special assignments; the most memorable included "French Connection Safe House," the James Hoffa trial in Chicago, and a period of six weeks at St. Croix in the Virgin Islands during the very tense trial to convict eight blacks of a brutal murder committed there. During the period of school integration in the South, he accompanied James Meredith to school, who was the first black to attend the University of Mississippi.

He was also a guard for several people in the Witness Protection Program. These individuals were testifying in trials against such crime syndicates as the Mafia and La Cosa Nostra. This program eventually broke the back of these organizations during the administration of then-Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

Ed always enjoyed traveling. During his retirement years, he and Mary Ann visited several Canadian provinces, Mexico and all but four of the United States. A most memorable trip was taken to Singapore, Hong Kong and mainland China in 1991. They also took a Caribbean cruise and especially enjoyed a steamboat cruise on the Mississippi from Memphis to New Orleans, stopping along the way at historic Civil War sites.

He enjoyed attending retired U.S. Marshals conventions, golf, doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles,

camping, fishing, gardening and watching football and boxing on TV. He took great pride in raising huge Hubbard squash in his garden. He supported himself working in a bakery while attending high school. In later years he enjoyed making many dozens of wonderful Christmas cookies most were given to elderly friends as Christmas gifts. He was proud to watch his sons and grandchildren in their athletic endeavors. He realized a lifelong dream in learning to play the saxophone at age 68.

He served as the second president of the C.M. Russell High School Booster Club, at which time he was instrumental in having the Russell skull signature sign made and installed at the school. He volunteered and served on the board of the Great Falls Senior Citizens Center. He was a charter member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council and as treasurer for six years. He was a member of Retired United States Marshals, BPOE No. 1737, Deer Lodge, the Noon Optimist Club, and the Great Falls Senior Center. He was a volunteer for the REACH program, which combats illiteracy.

After retirement, Ed drove a school bus for Big Sky Bus Lines.

He was a humble giant, a very loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. We will truly miss him.

Survivors include his wife of more than 59 years, Mary Ann (Reagen) Darrow, of Great Falls; his children, Barry (Sue Nee) Darrow of Missoula, Coleen (Richard) Browning of Great Falls, and Mark (Laurie) Darrow of Seeley Lake; six grandchildren, Dawn Fagenstrom and Steve Hjelm of Delta Junction, Ala., Dana and Greg Mattila of Scapoose, Ore., Kyle Darrow of Great Falls, Kelly Darrow of Seeley Lake, and Aaron and Allison Darrow of Hamilton; two great-grandchildren, Bryn and Darren Hjelm, of Delta Junction; a sister, Mimi Shults, of Seattle; a half-brother, Norman, and his wife, Doris Darrow, of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; three nieces, Sherry Danishefsky of Great Falls, Darlene Poirer of Kalispell, Ardiss Hartung of Kalispell; nephews, Harold Grasser of Reno, Nev., and Bill Ehret Prescott, Ariz.; and his very special friends, Pamela and Alby Martinez and Phyllis and LeRoy Wesche. He also leaves behind his feline buddy, Socks.

Ed was preceded by his mother, Annie Bertelsen Russell; his father, Norman Darrow; two sisters; and three brothers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 332 Riverview 3 W., Great Falls, MT, 59404, or Peace Hospice, 2600 15th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59406. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.schniderfuneralhome.com](http://www.schniderfuneralhome.com).

## Douglas Dwaine Darsow, 73

Douglas Dwaine Darsow, 73, "went to his Lord and Savior" on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.



Doug was born in Columbia Falls to Fritz and Dorothy Darsow on April 25, 1934. He attended school at Canyon View in Half Moon and Columbia Falls before going into the Air Force in 1951. He served in the forces until 1955.

Doug worked for the railroad for a short time before being employed by Plum Creek. He remained a dedicated employee for 42 years until his early retirement in 1995 due to his disease. During his employment he received many high quality awards for his grading. We were always very proud of him.

Doug married Cherie Barnhart Nov. 5, 1960, and became the father of five children. He was a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church, active member of Knights of Columbus and did a lot of projects with them.

He enjoyed the outdoors and spent a lot of time fishing, hunting and doing projects with his sons, family and friends. He looked forward to retirement so he could spend more time doing the things that he loved, fishing, hunting, camping and restoring his old cars, a 1930 Hudson and 1957 Chevy. He enjoyed playing the guitar with the Jammers and singing with the Troubadors. They often played at the nursing

homes and senior center.

He has resided at the Veterans Home for almost seven years. During that time he learned to play cards and board games. He enjoyed playing pool and going for walks while he was able. He had many visitors while he was there and appreciated the company.

He was a faithful husband and loving father and grandfather. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Fritz and Dorothy Darsow; and three grandsons, Brandon Burghduff, Zachary Darsow and Wayne Lukenbill.

He is survived by his wife, Cherie; brother, Dale Darsow, and family of Kalispell; sisters, Jeanette James of Kalispell, and Rose Schnaidt and family of South Dakota; sons, Tony and Lisa Darsow and family, Tom Darsow and family, Terry and Babe Darsow; daughters, Theresa and Pat Downing and family, and Tammy and Duane Burghduff and family; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. John Miller will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery in Columbia Falls. Military graveside honors will be by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

## Erna Rae Daugherty-Keyser, 73

Erna Rae Daugherty-Keyser, 73, died Dec. 5, 2007, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She is survived by her children, Dan Keyser of Kalispell, Rob Keyser of Little Rock, Wash., Laura Pitts of Tum-

water, Wash., Kim Darling of Tucson, Ariz, and Patrick Daugherty of Missoula.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Lewistown.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Laura Barbara Davey, 86

Laura Barbara Davey, 86, of Lakeside passed away Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born in Canora, Saskatchewan, the daughter of John and Katherine (Schlachter) Smith. She was raised and educated in Spokane and graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane.

On June 20, 1939, she was united in marriage to Jim Davey in Kalispell.

She was a very avid bowler and was a league bowler for many years. She also loved flowers and always had beautiful flower gardens. She was a very fine seamstress, making many clothes for her family. She and Jim loved to travel and made many trips to Hawaii and New Orleans, and traveled to Las Vegas many times.

The biggest love of her life was watching her children and grandchildren grow up and enjoying their many activities. Her fondest memories were of time spent at



their home on Flathead Lake. She loved people and being around them. She spent many years as a volunteer at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She also loved to watch football on television.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Kenneth Lewis Davey; two sisters; and one brother.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Davey, of Lakeside; son, Larry Davey, and his wife, Maxine, of Lakeside; a daughter, Darlene Sturzen, and her husband, John, of Kalispell; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Laura will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. There will be no visitation. Burial will be after services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Northwest Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

## Steven Mark Davidson, 51

Steven Mark Davidson, 51, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at his home in Kalispell. He was born Dec. 12, 1955, in Houston to Jack and Esther (Pellman) Davidson.

Steve was an active member of a 12-step group for the past 20 years. He was a local politician and AIDS activist. He worked statewide to raise awareness that AIDS affects all demographic groups. A disabled man, Steve loved his Belgian terrier



service dog, Rocky, who traveled with him always.

Steve is survived by his best friend, Margaret Hardman-Muye, of Houston; and countless recovering friends across the United States. He is also survived by his mother, Ester Davidson, brother, Irv Davidson, and sister, Barbara Davidson, all of Houston; and sister, Ruth Brower, of Delaware.

Funeral services for Steve will be held Jan. 19 in Houston.

The family suggests donations be sent to Flathead AIDS Council, 723 Fifth Ave. E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## John V. Davis, 71

John V. Davis, 71, of Columbia Falls, died on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of natural causes.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Shrider-Thompson Funeral and Cremation Services of Ronan.

## Patricia Davison, 82

Patricia Davison, 82, of Gardnerville, Nev., died from natural causes Friday, May 25, 2007, at the Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. It was her birthday.

Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. today, May 29, 2007, at Carson Valley United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Pete Nelson officiating. Services also will be held at a later date in Kalispell, where Patty lived before moving to Nevada six years ago. Arrangements and cremation are by FitzHenry's Carson Valley Funeral Home.

Patty was born May 25, 1925, in Seattle, the daughter of William and Agnes (Lovejoy) Shannon. Her father was a prominent construction engineer, and the family's early years were spent at various hydroelectric projects throughout the West Coast and Pacific Northwest. Seattle always was considered home, and Patty graduated from Garfield High School there before attending the University of Washington. She later graduated from the George Washington University.

In 1945, she married Dixon

Rice, a dashing career U.S. Navy pilot. After World War II, she joined him at Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, where their first child, Dixon Jr., was born in a Quonset hut. Daughter Robin was born two years later in Annapolis, Md., followed by sons Andy in Columbus, Ohio, and Lauren in Fairfax, Va. After a move to Mercer Island, Wash., they divorced in 1963. Patty later married Jim Weatherford, a widowed Seattle funeral director, and adopted his infant son, Marty. The family came to Kalispell in the early 1970s to open Weatherford Funeral Home. After the marriage ended, Patty kept ownership of the funeral home for another decade.

In 1982, she married Marcus Nichols, a widowed rancher from Geraldine. They lived in Lakeside for a number of years before moving to Kalispell several years before his death from cancer in 2000.

She married soulmate Bill Davison in Kalispell the next year, and he survives her at the

family home in Gardnerville. Also surviving Patty are her children: Dixon and Mitsi Rice of Kalispell, Robin and Dave Nelson of Redmond, Wash., Andy and Janice Rice of Minden, Nev., Lauren and Brenda Rice of San Diego, Marty Weatherford of Seattle, Nona Weatherford of Seattle, and Scott Weatherford of Redmond, Wash. She also is survived by numerous grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. Patty was preceded in death by her parents; brother William D. Shannon of Seattle; and sister Mary George of Honolulu.

Patty had been active in Eastern Star, GOP organizations,

Alpha Phi sorority, as a hospital volunteer, and many civic and charitable organizations. Music was a lifelong interest, and she was active in her church's choir, often as a soloist. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge, solving crossword puzzles, and being surrounded by her grandchildren. Education was important to Patty, and she made sure all her grandchildren had the opportunity for a college education. She also loved travel, and she and Bill had completed a world cruise shortly before her final illness.

Friends are encouraged to hug a small child, and to make memorial contributions to a charity of their choice.

## Howard Day, 81

On Sunday, July 8, 2007, Howard achieved his "eternal home in our Lord's Kingdom." Howard was born to Willis and Marie Day on Dec.



13, 1925, in Jersey City, N.J. Howard was raised in Garrison, by his father Willy Day, who worked for the Great Northern Railroad during the Depression.

Howard spent many hours riding the pusher engines to the top of McDonald Pass and back to Garrison. He always had a life-long fascination with the steam locomotives. His early teenage years were spent in Philipsburg working in the silver mines until he turned 18.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1943, and was stationed on the USS Boxwood, a net tender in the Aleutians Islands in the Bering Sea for the remainder of the war. Upon concluding his duties for our beloved country, Howard returned to our state of Montana. He spent several years in the Bitterroot Valley, working on trail crews for the Forest Service in Butte, working in the copper mines, and later working road construction which eventually became his life-long profession.

During this time he was able to re-establish his relationship with his mother who had left when he was 5 years old. This was a very important event in his life.

He met and married the love of his life, Regina "Jean" Hansen, in 1953. They had 54 wonderful years together. Throughout these years, the family lived in various locations in Montana, working in the construction industry. They settled in Great Falls where Howard was employed by Zook Bros. Construction Co. He was a transport driver hauling heavy

equipment for projects all over the state, 23 years accident free. They returned to Bigfork in 1983, where Howard and Jean settled on the Swan River, and later moved into the Village of Bigfork.

Howard and Jean have both been teachers in the lessons of life, not so much in spoken words, but how they lived their lives through everyday life.

Howard was a simple, unassuming man who passed away surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren at his home. His last months were a testament to how he lived his life, and with his strong faith in Christ the dignity he showed in death.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jean Day, at the family home; eldest son and wife, Daniel and Ellette Day, of Bigfork; daughter and husband Janice and Scott Gordon of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and youngest son Michael Day of Helena. Howard's most prized loves were his grandchildren, Sara Day, Daniel Day, Trevor Brents, Aaron Brents, Kirbie Brents, Brandon Day, Nick Day, Josh Gordon, Jessica Gordon and Nicole Gordon.

Howard was loved by many and will be truly missed by his loved ones forever.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today, July 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 13, at the Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Richard Stewart officiating. Burial will follow at Swan View Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations can be made to the Howard Day Indian Youth Camp Scholarship Fund; this fund provides scholarships to help Native American children attend Christian camp: Indian Youth Camp c/o Bigfork Chapel P.O. Box 899 Bigfork, MT 59911, or the Bigfork QRU, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

### Joyce (Hegenbarth) Dean, 47

low in her devotion and listen to "that still small voice," and obey it with boldness and grace unto Jesus Christ."

Joyce is survived by her loving husband, Jim, of Hayden Lake, Idaho, and daughter, Kristen.

A celebration of her life will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 10, at 110 Lone Cedar Drive in Columbia Falls, the private home of a friend. We encourage everyone who knew and loved Joyce to join in a time of remembrance and honor. For directions and details, please call 752-8210 or 212-9313.

"Our Lord peacefully called his servant Joyce (Hegenbarth) Dean home" on July 23, 2007. She was 47.

Though we count this as a loss, "Joyce attained the prize she sought most of her life, to live eternally in His presence." We have lost a devout wife, adoring mother and a sincere friend.

Joyce found her purpose here reaching out to the lost and gently guiding those who had wandered back to the Lord.

"We urge all who knew Joyce and respected her relationship with the Lord to fol-



## Ned L. Decker, 91

Ned L. Decker, 91, passed away on Oct. 2, 2007, at his son's home in Libby. He was born April 28, 1916, in Ironton, Mich., to father, Fred R. Decker, and mother, Martha R. Spencer. At six months of age his mother brought him to Augusta, on the train where his father and twin brother, Frank, were logging with horses.



They later moved to the Libby area where Ned and his two brothers grew up. Ned graduated from Libby High School in 1934. He started hand logging with his father until 1936.

He married Maybelle I. Hall on April 6, 1940, after a courtship at church functions and youth group.

He started working for J. Neils Lumber Co. in 1938 pulling a crosscut saw. He sawed logs until he started operating a dozer in 1945. With that change he was drafted into the Army. He served as a nurse on the hospital ship USS Hope Liberty until 1946. Upon discharge he moved back to Libby to work for J. Neil's Lumber Co.

He moved to Rexford in 1950 where the last permanent logging camp was set up on the river. Ned worked for J. Neils and St. Regis at Rexford as a dozer operator, skid crew foreman and road foreman. He worked until his retirement in 1962.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maybelle; twin sons; his parents; his sister, Frances Cadis; and his brothers, Perry Eldon and Harold Montana Decker.

Although Ned enjoyed work and spending time outdoors, his focus and love in life was his acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord at 16 years of age. That relationship overflowed into every aspect of his life. He enjoyed meeting people and was always interested in knowing aspects of all working fields and was a good student of many wide and varied subjects. He had an excellent memory for people, places, dates and the Bible.

He enjoyed serving on the R.E.A. board at Lincoln Electric, church boards, Gideons, and the Rexford School Board; he was also a Boy Scout leader, youth leader, and an adult Sunday School teacher.

He always tried to give his best helping others. Often when visiting with anyone it wouldn't take long to talk on most any subject and people were amazed at the depth of knowledge Ned had stored in his head.

He is survived by daughters, Caroline, and husband, Ron St. Onge, of Bigfork, Kathryn and husband, Dan Emerson, of Ronan, Jeannette and husband, Arnold Hansen Jr.; and son, Gene and wife, Lorraine, of Libby. He had 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Viewing will be from 1 to 3 p.m. today, Oct. 5, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Oct. 5, at the funeral home. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Christian Church, 100 Kootenai River Road in Libby.

In lieu of flowers a donation in his name to the St. John's Home Health and Hospice Care or the Gideons would be appreciated.

## Halu C. Dedic, 66

Halu C. Dedic, 66, of Libby died from natural causes Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at her home in Libby.

She had worked at Branding Iron Restaurant and MK Steak House for several years.

Survivors include her husband, Ray, of Libby; and

daughter, Tammy Dedic, of Clarksville, Tenn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday.

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

## Raymond Charles Deily, 75

Raymond Charles Deily, 75, a long-time resident of Flathead County and of Rollins, passed away peacefully at his Flathead Lake home Saturday,



Jan. 13, 2007, after an extended illness. Ray was born and raised in Austin, Minn., the son of Frank and Flora (Hill) Deily and the youngest of seven children, all of whom are deceased.

He moved to California in 1950, and worked as a furrier and then as a painter. In 1957 Ray married Joan Sowden in San Clemente, Calif., and they raised four children.

In 1967 they moved to Kalispell where he became both a painting and building contractor. He loved the engineering aspects of building and always enjoyed solving the many problems involved in building a quality home. Ray and Joan moved to Vancouver, Wash., in 1984. He returned to Kalispell in 1990 to build their "dream home" on Flathead Lake.

During his career, he built numerous homes throughout the valley, including many of the early homes in the growing Many Lakes residential area south of Creston. Ray loved the outdoors and built his homes, including his residence on Flathead Lake, to take maximum advantage of the beautiful views of lakes,

mountains and wildlife. One of his favorite pastimes on Flathead Lake was to view annual nesting eagles on nearby Shelter Island through a telescope, watching the young eagles hatch and eventually fly away. He also enjoyed launching his power boat for skiing and touring the lake's many inlets and islands, and was an inveterate world traveler.

Ray is remembered by his family and many friends for his sweet smile and endearing heart.

He was a past member of the Knights of Columbus in Kalispell and was at one time grand knight.

Ray was preceded in death by his daughter, Laurie Deily Rodriguez, in 2001. She was well-known in the Kalispell real estate business before marrying and moving to California.

In addition to his beloved wife, Joan Deily, of Rollins, he is survived by a son, Michael Deily, of Butte; two daughters, Jamie Allwine of Toledo, Wash., and Julie Gould of Meridian, Idaho; seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Ray will be at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at St. Matthew's Church, with the Rev. Gary Reller and Father Vic Langhans officiating. Music will be provided by long-time friend, Betty Hanzel. Memorials may be made to Grace Hospice, 1111 S. Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## Helen Shenefelt De Long, 78

Helen Shenefelt De Long, 78, passed away on Oct. 14, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Helen Eva Shenefelt was born Nov. 27, 1928, to Francis Miles Shenefelt and Eva Baillargion Shenefelt in rural Eureka.

She was the youngest of four children, with one brother and two sisters.

She and her two sisters were raised in the Eureka area where their mother cooked for many years in logging camps. The girls spent their school years in mostly country schools.

Helen graduated from Rexford Grade School and attended

Lincoln County High School in Eureka.

Helen and Tom Price were married in 1946. They had one son, Tom "Butch." They were later divorced.

In 1951, she married James De Long. They had three children; one daughter and two sons. They followed construction during their marriage. During their years together they had more than 230 mailing addresses.

Helen worked all her life, starting as a teenager at the Eureka Drugstore and the Standard Grocery in Eureka. After leaving Eureka she worked as a cook and waitress in many restaurants. She also worked in retail. Helen and her sister, Myrtle, had their own restaurant in Whitefish. She later worked for Costco.

Helen wrote a book about

her family's life called, "Sisters Three of Montana," published in 1998.

After she retired, she and Jim moved to Eureka where she was a foster grandmother in the elementary school in Eureka. During the time she was a foster grandmother she knitted slippers and stocking caps for all the students in her classes.

She enjoyed playing cards, knitting and the Red Hat Society. She was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary in Eureka.

Helen had eight grandchildren and two great-granddaughters, which she was very proud of and loved very much.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Harold Shenefelt; and her

daughter, Virginia Randall.

She is survived by her husband, James De Long; and three sons, Tom and Annette De Long, Dennis and Susan De Long, and Kevin and Irene De Long; eight grandchildren, Nichole De Long, Jonathan and Kath Kirby, Wayne Randall, Urie Randall, Yosha and Bob O'Connell, Shi- anne and Jeff Kalwara, Jacob De Long and Mathew De Long; and two great-granddaughters, Arnica Kalwara and Francesca Kirby. She is also survived by two sisters, Ester Paul of Whitefish, and Myrtle Richmond of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Eureka Cemetery, with a potluck memorial to follow at the VFW Recreation Room.

## Capt. Taylor Kent De Mun, 77

Capt. Taylor Kent De Mun, U.S. Navy (retired), 77, died Aug. 28, 2007, in Bigfork after a brief illness. He was born Dec. 13, 1929.



Capt. De Mun graduated from the Oregon State University Naval Recruit Officer Training Class Program (NROTC) in 1952. Before entering the submarine service, he served in Korea, participating in the Battle of Kojo-Do. In 1954, his ship took part in the atomic-bomb test at Eniwetok/Bikini Atolls and the subsequent relocation of the Marshall Island people. He completed submariners training in 1956 and, after a tour on a diesel submarine, completed advanced nuclear power training in 1959.

Capt. De Mun served on the USS Pomodon, Scamp, Snook, Nathan Hale and Andrew Jackson. He took part in five special missions and eight Polaris patrols, five of which he was in command. As chief engineer of the USS Snook, he conducted the first operational test of the "sword" — a system to minimize superstructure contamination from resin discharge at sea.

During his four-year command of the USS Andrew Jackson, his ship had the highest officer-retention rate in the submariner force, conducted the initial testing and first deployment of the BQR-15, a passive towed-array sonar, and was one of the first ships to complete a

refueling overhaul on schedule. As training officer of Submarine Squadron 18, he originated crew training and qualification programs for reactor and nuclear weapon safety that resulted in a 100 percent operational safety board rate for the 20 submarine and submarine tender crews that he trained. As deputy chief of staff on COMSBLANT, he oversaw the simultaneous introduction of the MK-48 torpedo and Poseidon missile system into the Atlantic Fleet.

Capt. De Mun retired in 1978 and became the exhibition manager of the Seattle Trade Center. In 1983, he was nominated as the best convention service manager in the nation by Successful Meetings Magazine. He was entered into the Marquis' "Who's Who in the West" in 1984. He retired from this in 1989 and moved to Cannon Beach, Ore., where he was active in county government and economic development.

After his wife's death, he moved to Bigfork in 2006, and served as president of the Eagle Bend Homeowner's Association.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, LaVolla Mae.

He is survived by his sister, Diana Blankenship, of Bigfork; sons, Kory, Doug and Eric; a daughter, Nancy; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Sept. 29 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Bigfork QRU, 810 Grand Ave., Bigfork, MT 59911.

## LaVonne Mardell Denny, 79

LaVonne Mardell Denny passed away on Sept. 10, 2007, in Kalispell. LaVonne was born on May 19, 1928, in Lewistown.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Glennard Denny; and will be missed by the Denny family.

Surviving her are sisters, Delores Ray and Guyla Koebler; and her children, Mickey Lowry, Stevan Dalton, David Dalton, Kristan Clark and Jon Dalton. She had seven grandchildren and three great-grand-

children, as well as a host of extended family and friends.

A private family graveside service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Lewistown City Cemetery, Lewistown, where she will be buried next to her maternal grandmother, Callie Elizabeth Gilbreath.

A celebration of her life will follow 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 215 Fifth Ave. South, Lewistown.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004, [www.stlabre.org](http://www.stlabre.org) or Rural Shepherds Network, P.O. Box 101, Somers, MT 59932, [www.ruralshepherdsnetwork.org](http://www.ruralshepherdsnetwork.org).

## Dwayne Delzer, 82

Dwayne Delzer, 82, formerly of Libby, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, in Missoula. Arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home and Crematory. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the City of Libby Cemetery.

## Robert 'Bob' J. Denning, 64

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert "Bob" J. Denning announce his passing. After a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer, Bob, 64, died peacefully in his sleep on Nov. 14, 2007, at his home in Bigfork.



Bob is lovingly remembered and missed by his wife, Jeanne Denning; his children, Robert and Kaleen Denning, Mark and Teri Denning, Kristina and Jeff Friday, Carma Carlile and Mike Flake, and Sam and Julie Drew; his mother, Leona Denning; his sister, Judy and Larry Wehr; 14 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and several nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as many, many friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Rulon Denning; and stepson, Joe Drew.

Bob was born Oct. 26, 1943, in Hamilton and raised in Missoula by his parents, Rulon and Leona.

He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed many annual camping trips with children and grandchildren. Bob was very active and liked to hunt, fish, and golf with his friends and family.

Bob started his career in information systems with the City of Walla Walla, Wash.,

and then moved to Walla Walla Community College. He directed the computer center at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., from 1980 to 1986. He was general manager of Great American Herb from 1986 to 1988. After 1988, Bob was a partner in Micro Systems Integrators for several years, and then moved to CTS Labs in Tacoma in the late '90s. He retired in 2003.

Bob and Jeanne lived in Olympia, Wash., for 20 years from 1987 to 2007. In Olympia, Bob was a member of The United Churches of Olympia, SCORE Volunteers, and served many years in Kiwanis.

Bob and Jeanne had just moved to Bigfork in April of 2007.

In celebration of Bob's life, a service will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 24, at The United Churches, 110 11th Ave. SE, Olympia, WA, with the Rev. F. Mark Dowdy officiating.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Pastor's Fund at The United Churches; or Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thurston County, 3434 Martin Way E., Olympia, WA 98506.

Buffalo Funeral Home and Crematory, Bigfork, is caring for the family, and the family would like to say a special thanks to the Kalispell Regional Medical Center and Grace Hospice for their wonderful support to Bob and his family during his illness.

## Ida 'Sandy' De Rose, 99

Ida "Sandy" De Rose, 99, of St. Cloud, Minn., and formerly of Kalispell, passed away on Sept. 13, 2007. She was the daughter of John and Julia (Sowa) Sandy.

She married William H. De Rose on Nov. 26, 1947. They lived in Denver for a short while before they moved to Kalispell, where they built and ran the San-Rose Motel for many years.

Ida, better known as Sandy to her friends, picked up the game of golf at the age of 65 and played for more than 30 years. She loved the game and the friendships she made at the different courses she played. She also had a love to travel and visited a number of

different countries.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill, in 1974; and brothers and sisters, Ed, Henry, Alfred, George, Walter, William, Lydia Miller, Helen Crites, Martha, Emily, Esther Dowdle and Rhiney.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service and interment was held on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Benton County Cemetery in Sauk Rapids, Minn. Rev. Doug Larson officiated. Arrangements were handled by Akkerman Ingebrand Funeral Home of Mora, Minn.

The family requests no memorials.

## Charles Joseph DeRosier, 73

Charles Joseph DeRosier, 73, formerly of Kalispell, died Friday, July 6, 2007, at Valley Hospital in Spokane.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, of Orient, Wash.; and four children, Dana Cam-  
eron of Orient, Wash., and Chuck DeRosier Jr., Mary DeSonia and Randy DeRosier, all of Kalispell.

There are no funeral arrangements or memorial service pending.

## Maxine Arlys (King) DeSaussure, 69

Maxine Arlys (King) DeSaussure, 69, of Ronan, passed away at her home of natural causes on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007.



Maxine was born on Feb. 18, 1938, in Valley Creek to Roy and Mary Jane King. She attended school in Valley Creek, Arlee, Frenchtown and graduated from Ronan High School in 1956. Later that year she married Jerry Hamel. They had one daughter, Traci. They later divorced and she spent the happiest years of her life married to Gary DeSaussure.

Maxine loved her animals, friends, family and the outdoors. She was meticulous and her yard, garden and animals showed it. She was an accomplished horsewoman and had many buckles, trophies and numerous prizes to account for her talent.

She was a past member of the Valley Barrel Racers, Mission Valley Cowgirls and the NBHA.

She made friends everywhere she went.

Her biggest accomplishment in this life was being the best mother anyone could ever ask for. She was such a special lady and will be missed by everyone that knew her.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Mary Jane King; husband, Gary; brother, Gordon King; niece, Kelli Baker; and in-laws Veldon and Marion DeSaussure.

She is survived by her daughter, Traci Vaile, and her husband, Gus, of Babb; sister Beverly Hill, of Helena; sister-in-law, Margaret King, of Dixon; nephews Bob King of Lewistown, Doug King and family of Dixon, K.C. Hill of Helena; stepson, Rich DeSaussure of Santa Fe, N.M.; stepdaughter, Paula Homuth of Missoula; grandsons Chris and Kevin Gardipe and Drew Homuth, all of Missoula.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Pablo Christian Church with Rev. Dewey Obenchain. A reception will be after the services. Cremation has taken place and inurnment will be held at the Ronan Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com)

## Gerald O. 'Red' DeShazer, 65

Gerald O. "Red" DeShazer, 65, of Libby died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran hospital in Libby from natural causes.

He worked for Asarco, the Lincoln County Road Department and Polson Ready Mix, before retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra DeShazer, of

Libby; and children, Gary DeShazer and Rebecca DeShazer of Libby, Samantha DeShazer of Polson, Jim Paul of Puyallup, Wash., and Lara Banks of Brush, Colo.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Stefani Lyon Bradshaw DeVore, 52

Stefani Lyon Bradshaw DeVore, 52, of Polson, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at HealthCenter Northwest in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, David DeVore, of Polson; sons, Luke Rollins of Los

Angeles, and Matthew Bradshaw of Polson; and a daughter, Hana DeVore, of Polson.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Velma 'Vel' R. DeWeese, 101

Velma "Vel"  
R. DeWeese, 101,  
went to her  
eternal home  
in heaven" on  
Sunday, April  
22, 2007, at  
the Immanuel  
Lutheran Home,  
one month after  
her 101st birth-



day. She was born March 27, 1906,  
three miles south of Creston to ear-  
ly-day pioneers Joseph Calvin and  
Mary Ellen (Elliot) Dyer. She was  
the last survivor of eight siblings.

Velma attended grade school at  
Creston. She and her five sisters  
milked cows each morning before  
walking three miles to school.  
When she was young, there wasn't  
a lot of time for fun on the Dyer  
ranch, as there were too many  
chores.

She graduated from Flathead  
County High School in 1925. After  
graduation, Velma moved to Spo-  
kane and worked as a hostess at  
the Davenport Hotel dining room.  
She and her new best friend, Eve-  
lyn, later moved to San Francisco  
to "seek their fortunes." It was  
there Velma met and married Jess  
Larson. They both loved the City  
by the Bay. Fisherman's Wharf  
was a favorite hangout for Velma  
and Evelyn and their husbands.  
After a night of dancing, they  
would go to the wharf and pick live  
crab and lobster from the barrels  
and cook them in the pots for a  
feast on the wharf.

Velma and Jess owned and oper-  
ated various businesses in the Bay  
area. After Jess' untimely death,  
she continued as a businesswoman.  
She weathered the tests of the  
Great Depression of the 1930s, even  
though times were tough.

Velma met and married Everett  
"Eddie" DeWeese in 1948. They  
later moved to Salem, Ore., where  
they owned and operated a dry-  
cleaning business for many years.  
After selling the business they  
moved to Dallas, Ore., and bought

a ranch and fruit-and-nut orchard.  
They remained in the Dallas area  
until Eddie's death in 1987.

Velma was very active in East-  
ern Star, both in California and  
Oregon. She achieved the highest  
rank of the Order. Her father was  
a charter member of the Masonic  
Lodge in Kalispell.

Velma returned to Kalispell in  
1989 to live near her sister and  
other family members.

She was an excellent seamstress,  
and fashioned and tailored much  
of her own wardrobe. Her knitting  
skills also were to be admired. Vel-  
ma knitted many items and made  
crafts for the church bazaar. She  
was a world traveler and always  
encouraged her family to "go while  
you can."

She loved family events, and  
her contribution was to bring her  
famous lemon meringue pie.

Velma enjoyed playing pinochle  
with her friends at the Kalispell  
Senior Center and at the Buffalo  
Hill Terrace. She lived independ-  
ently at the Terrace until a  
recent stroke forced her to move to  
Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Velma was a long-time member  
of the Baptist Church in Dallas,  
Ore., and attended Central Chris-  
tian Church in Kalispell.

She was always upbeat regard-  
less of her situation. Her sharp  
mind and good eyesight served her  
well to the end.

Velma loved her D.A. Davidson  
family, especially Ron, Tyler and  
Becky, who hosted and honored  
her at her last three birthday par-  
ties: 99, 100, 101. She was especially  
proud of the letter from the presi-  
dent of D.A. Davidson Corp., con-  
gratulating her and stating she was  
their oldest living client.

Velma was preceded in death  
by all of her siblings, including  
brothers, Bill, Burt and John Dyer;  
and sisters, Etta Sholman, Bernice  
Fagerland, Ellen Fagerland, Joy  
Plummer and Grace Anderson  
Vestre; and a number of nieces and  
nephews. She was also preceded in

death by her dear and close friend,  
Evelyn Ruckman, of Antelope,  
Calif., who just celebrated her 100th  
birthday.

Velma is survived by nieces  
and nephews, Lew and Brenda  
Anderson, Allan and Phyllis Clark,  
Doris Handford, Alicia Fagerland  
and Chuck Pacheco, all of Kalispell,  
Anna Mae and Gene Paul of Rapid  
City, S.D., and Sandra and Jerry  
Yonke of Port Ludlow, Wash. Also  
surviving are numerous great,  
great-great and great-great-great

nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at  
10 a.m. Thursday, April 26, in the  
Johnson Mortuary chapel, with  
Pastor Jan Van der Poll officiat-  
ing. Burial will be at the Restlawn  
Memorial Cemetery in Salem, Ore.  
At Velma's request, there will be  
no public viewing. She will be laid  
to rest next to her late husband,  
Eddie DeWeese.

Johnson Mortuary and Cre-  
matory is caring for Velma's  
family.

## Raymond Leroy DeShazer, 71

Raymond Leroy DeShazer, 71,  
of Coweta, Okla., passed from  
this life Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007,  
at his home. Raymond was born  
Nov. 28, 1936, to Olin and Edna  
(Smith) DeShazer.

He moved to Libby with his  
family when he was 5 years old  
and went to grade school.

In 1951, he moved to Rexford  
and went to high school in  
Eureka.

After graduating from high  
school, he joined the Navy,  
where he became a chief petty  
officer. Retiring after 23 years of  
service, he attended college for  
two years.

He then worked as a super-  
visor for AT&T for 10 years.  
Then he moved back to Eureka,  
where he worked for the school  
and drove a school bus.

Raymond and Mary Ann Ken-

edy were united in marriage  
Sept. 16, 1984. They moved to  
Coweta in 2001 and made it  
their home.

He was a loving, giving  
and caring man. His hobbies  
included reading, doing projects  
around the house, fishing, hunt-  
ing and watching television.

He is survived by his wife,  
Mary Ann, at home; one son,  
Raymond, of California, two  
daughters, Edna DeShazer of  
California, and Debbie Murry  
of Idaho; three brothers, Rob-  
ert DeShazer of Eureka, Bill  
DeShazer and Dan DeShazer,  
both of Libby; one sister, Shir-  
ley Straley, of Libby; seven  
grandchildren; and numerous  
nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by  
his parents; and one brother,  
Gary DeShazer.

## Linda Marie deYong, 60

Native Flathead Valley resident, Linda Marie deYong, 60, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena. "She left this world to join her oldest daughter, Marci Polansky," who passed away Dec. 4, 2006, just 10 short months ago.



Linda was born April 6, 1947, in Kalispell, to John and Eunice deYong. She attended grade school at Egan Elementary and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1965.

On Aug. 6, 1966, she wed Robert D. Lee and was married to him for 28 years.

Linda was employed by various establishments throughout the Flathead Valley including Kalispell Mercantile, the Montana State Employment Service, First Presbyterian Church, S & S Camper, the Outlaw Inn and Semitool.

Linda was proud of her heritage and enjoyed being a country girl. She loved the beauty of nature and enjoyed spending countless hours in her yard watching the deer, the birds, and tending her flowers.

She gained such pleasure in giving her grandchildren the "country experiences" such as nature walks in the woods, sledding, feeding the ducks and going to see the horses.

Linda will be remembered for her love and devotion to

her family and all who knew her, will miss her kindness, her attention to detail, her endless curiosity and her sense of fun and adventure.

In addition to her daughter Marci, she was preceded in death by her parents, John and Eunice deYong. Following their deaths, Linda then moved to the family farm in the Fairmont-Egan community where she resided until her death.

She is survived by her daughter, Jami Johnson, and husband, Scot, of Goodyear, Ariz.; sister, Ronda Huggins, of Roseville, Calif.; son-in-law, Dave Polansky, of Kalispell; and four grandchildren, Bryar and Braedyn Polansky, and Kyra and Trevor Johnson. She is also survived by her "cowboy companion" Alan Quimby of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 15, at Central Bible Church in Kalispell with Pastor Ron Youde officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the National Scleroderma Foundation, Attn: Donations, 300 Rosewood Drive, Danvers, MA 01923; or to the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), 1759 R Street NW, P.O. Box 97167, Washington, D.C. 20090-7167.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Linda's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Linda's guest book.

## Garnet Dexter, 82

Garnet Dexter, 82, died Saturday, July 28, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Arrangements are pending with Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Norbert Francis Donahue, 88

Norbert Francis Donahue passed away on Jan. 21, 2007, at Brendon House in Kalispell of natural causes. Norbert was born March 9, 1918, in Spokane.



He was the son of Dennis Bernard Donahue and Elizabeth Chasse. The family lived in Cut Bank, and Norbert attended the public schools there through grade four. He subsequently attended St. Thomas Home Catholic boarding school in Great Falls, St. Jude parish school in Havre, Cut Bank High School, and Missoula County High School, from which he graduated in 1935.

Norb received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Gonzaga University in 1939 and a juris doctorate from Gonzaga Law School in 1941. He was most proud of the fact that he passed the Montana State Bar examination between his junior and senior years of law school and, at age 22, was one of the youngest persons to become eligible to practice law by examination in the state.

Shortly after graduation from law school, Norb was offered an appointment as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After completing the FBI training school, he was assigned to the Knoxville, Tenn., field office. He subsequently served in Washington, D.C., Detroit, Jackson, Mich., Los Angeles, Butte, and Missoula before his final transfer, in 1948, to Kalispell.

In August of 1942, while working in the Washington, D.C., office, Norbert married Ruby Ecklund of Denison, Iowa. They have been married for 64 years and had four children.

In 1968, Norbert retired from the FBI and joined the law firm of Rockwood, Murray and Donahue. In addition to his private practice of law, he soon became the City Attorney for the city of Kalispell on a part-time basis. In 1977, Norbert left his law firm and moved into the City Attorney position full-time, which he held until retiring in 1982. He was then appointed to complete the term of a deceased Justice of the Peace for Flathead County, which ended in 1983.

For many years, Norb was an active bridge player, and was instrumental in the founding of the Kalispell Duplicate Bridge Club in 1961. He was just short of achieving Life Master status. Norb was a life member of The Knights of Columbus and the Elks. He was also a member of Rotary and a charter member of the Kalispell Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He also served as a member of the board of directors for the Conrad Mansion.

Norb was an active fisherman, hunter, golfer, and hiker, and the whole family enjoyed their cabin on Flathead Lake, which he built himself beginning in 1956. Norb served on the board of directors for the Buffalo Hill Golf Course and was very active in the development of the course from a nine-hole course to a 27-hole layout.

Norb's two passions, however, were downhill skiing and city government. In 1957, he learned to ski, together with Ruby and their children. He was active in the Kalispell Ski Club, was a longtime member of its board of directors, and ran the Club's Junior Learn to Ski program for about 10 years. In the late '70s, he wrote a weekly skiing column for the Daily Inter Lake called "Slope Dope." He loved skiing at Big Mountain with his friends, who called themselves "The Ranger Ricketeers," and he took annual trips to other ski areas in the U.S. and Canada with "The Ski Bums" of Great Falls. He was finally forced to quit skiing at the age of 83 by failing eyesight.

Norbert was always willing to discuss the issues facing city government, and he was elected to the Kalispell City Council and served for one term. City Council meetings were lively when Norbert held office, and he vigorously argued his point of view for what he felt was in Kalispell's best interest. He later contributed frequently to the Daily Inter Lake letters to the editor, commenting on the issues of the day.

Norbert was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis and Elizabeth; his daughter, Michele Abley; and his son, Patrick.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; his two sons, Mark of Corvallis, Ore. and Barry of Ellensburg, Wash.; and three grandchildren, Sean, Brian and Kevin Abley.

Visitation will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at Johnson Mortuary. A rosary service will be said at 5 p.m. on Thursday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, and a Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, at St. Matthew's Church, with Father Vic Langhans celebrant.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Kalispell Hospice-Home Options; or the Montana Talking Book Library, P.O. Box 201800, Helena MT 59620.

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



## Gary Doubek, 48

Gary Doubek, 48, a life-long resident of Libby, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital from natural causes.

He owned and operated Big Sky Power and Equipment for more than 22 years.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Doubek, of Libby; daughter, Tiffany Udenberg of Whitefish; sons, John Doubek and Tylor Doubek, both of Libby; and

stepchildren Amber Bjorkman and Rick Tuin, both of Libby, and Shelly Fancher of Oceanside, Calif.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Libby Christian Church. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday. A reception will follow the service at the Past Time.

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

## Charles 'Chuck' Fon Dixon Jr., 84

Charles "Chuck" Fon Dixon Jr., passed away May 21, 2007, after a long illness. He was born in St. Ignatius on Sept. 2, 1922, in the back of a covered wagon to Charles Fon and Agnes Dixon. Chuck grew up in the Mission area and in his younger years attended St. Ignatius Mission School.



During World War II, Chuck enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served honorably in Iwo Jima and Okinawa. After the war, he returned to his beloved Montana where he completed an electrical engineering degree in Bozeman at what was then known as Montana State College.

On a ski hill near Polson, he met Linda Smith, whom he later married. They raised four children at their home on Flathead Lake.

Chuck's joys in life were his family, hunting and fishing. After retirement, Chuck and Linda enjoyed many hours of fishing in the cool, clear waters of Flathead Lake, Hauser Lake, and Lake Koocanusa. In the last few years of his life, Chuck liked to kick up his heels square

dancing with his many friends.

Chuck participated in many community activities and often served on community boards such as the Camp Fire Girls, Polson Outdoors, Hunter Safety, the Rural Fire board, as a tribal election judge, and the Lake County Parks board. His service was so highly honored the Parks board named a park after him, the Chuck Dixon Memorial Park, which is located on the west shore of Flathead Lake.

Chuck was preceded in death by his wife of more than 50 years, Linda; his parents, Charles Fon and Agnes; brothers, Del, Edward, and Merle; and sister, Gloria Daniels.

He is survived by his close friend, Ruth Mahle; sisters, Thelma Niemeyer and husband Bill, and Betty Muralt and husband Gary; daughter, Rebecca and husband, Greg Lewis; daughter, Christine; son Charles L. and wife, Eve; daughter, Melinda and husband, Chris Clouart; and his cherished grandchildren, Alix and Kyle Dixon.

A memorial service will be held at a later date this summer.

Arrangements are by Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneral-home.com](http://www.groganfuneral-home.com).

## Don Awesome Dickson, 63

Don Awesome Dickson, 63, died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at his home in Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Huston Green officiating. Military honors will

be conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead. There will be no visitation.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

An online guest book is available at [www.johnson-mortuary.com](http://www.johnson-mortuary.com).

## SSG Michael B. Dooley II, 44

SSG Michael B. Dooley II, 44, passed away of natural causes at his home in Woods Bay, on Friday, Dec. 21, 2007.



Mike was born in Bakersfield, Calif., on July 10, 1963. His father, Michael B. Dooley, was killed in Vietnam in 1968 on his third tour as a Green Beret. Shortly after his father's death, 5-year-old Michael was adopted by his aunt and uncle, Colleen and Matt Dooley, of Proctor. He attended grade school in Proctor and graduated from Polson High School in 1982.

Mike proudly served his country in the military for several years. After high school he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He also served in the U.S. Army, and most recently in the Montana National Guard. He had just returned home in November from a one year tour as an M.P. in Iraq. He also had worked with the Lake County Sheriff's office, Polson Police Department, St. Ignatius Police Department and most recently Semitool in Kalispell.

He married Karisa Knievel in Polson on Dec. 3, 2004.

Mike is survived by his wife, Kari, and stepchildren, Krisalea, Jordan and Melody;

his children, son, Michael B. Dooley III, currently on his first tour of duty in Iraq, and daughters, Caitlin and Kelli in Oregon; his birth mother, Shirley, in California; his adopted family, mother, Colleen Dooley of Polson; brothers, Tracy and wife Cindy Dooley of Polson, Dennis Dooley and fiancée Angie Kaatz of Proctor, Mark and wife Jacque Dooley of Polson; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his natural father, Michael B. Dooley; and his adopted father, Matthew E. Dooley, who also proudly served their country.

Mike enjoyed the Montana way of life, law enforcement and the military. He was a true professional who prided himself in the service of his country and the communities he served.

Cremation will take place under the direction of Grogan Funeral Home and Crematory in Polson. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Cards or letters to his immediate family can be sent to P.O. Box 2192, Bigfork, MT 59911.

A fund to assist his family has been set up at First Interstate Bank, P.O. Box 1299 Polson, MT 59860, in the name of Karisa Dooley.

Condolences may also be sent to the family at [www.groganfuneralhome.com](http://www.groganfuneralhome.com).

## Donna Jean Pierpoint Dorlarque, 79

Donna Jean Pierpoint Dorlarque, 79, a longtime resident of the Canyon area, died April 9, 2007, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She had been a cook in various local restaurants.

She is survived by her seven children, Peggy of Ephrata, Wash., Dan of Cortez, Colo., Jack Jr. of Little Rock, Ark., Don of Columbia Falls, Janice of Roseburg, Ore.,

Sandra of Boise, Idaho, and Annette of Coram.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A potluck reception will be afterward at the Columbia Falls Senior Citizens Center on Nucleus Avenue.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will be May 26 in Soap Lake, Wash.

## Kenneth R. Douglas, 85

Kenneth R. Douglas, 85, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at his home in Whitefish.

Funeral services and interment will be held in

Holdenville, Okla.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family locally.

## Dustin Matthew Downing, 21

Dustin Matthew Downing, 21, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. He was born July 15, 1985, in Whitefish to Scott Downing and Darcy Bechtel. Dustin was raised and educated in Columbia Falls.



He worked as a concrete laborer.

Dustin lived his life to the fullest. His best buddy was his uncle, Jerry Ray. He always watched out for his mom and brothers. He was our rock. He will be deeply missed by everyone.

He loved to hunt, fish, and cut firewood with his uncle, Jerry Ray.

Dustin is survived by his mom and stepdad, Darcy and Les Sorensen of Columbia Falls; his father, Scott Downing of Martin City; his stepdad, Jim Hegel; his brothers, Derrick and Douglas Downing, all of Columbia Falls; his stepbrothers, Nick and Sam Sorensen; his stepsisters, Jessica and Hailey; his grandparents, Jerry and Linda Downing of Columbia Falls, Bev and Carol

Sorensen, also of Columbia Falls, Diane and Don Sigman of Grande Coulee, Wash., and Ray Wamsley of Kalispell; his aunts and uncles, Ed and Nichole Bechtel, Barb Bechtel, Don Downing, Renee and Jeff Morton, Nyleen and Gator Martin, Christy and Jeff Downing, Jerry Ray Downing, Leslie Downing, Ernie Holmquist, Bobby and Debbi Bechtel, Wally and Connie Downing; and his cousins, Tonya Martin, Payton Martin, Chris Martin, R. J. Bechtel, Tavia Bechtel, Logan Bechtel, Hanna and Ryan Bechtel, Josh Downing, Jayden Downing, Sam Gilley, Brooke Gilley, and Kayla Gilley; and numerous other cousins.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 26, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

An account has been set up in Dustin Downing's name at the Freedom Bank, P.O. Box 2076, Columbia Falls, Montana 59912 for those wishing to make donations.

There will be a reception at the Eagles Club in Columbia Falls following the burial.

## Phyllis M. Doolittle, 83

Phyllis M. Doolittle, 83, died Friday, June 8, 2007, in Spokane Valley. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 23, at

Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Bigfork.

Arrangements entrusted to Hennessey Valley Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Ken Doxtater, 71

Ken Doxtater, 71, died Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. He was born May 8, 1936, in Whitefish to Leonard and Louise Doxtater.

After living in Columbia Falls and East Glacier, he and his parents moved to Libby in 1939. He graduated from Libby High School in 1954. After spending the next four years in the Navy, he enrolled at the College of Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

In 1959, he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Anne Luxa. After living in Stockton for a year, they moved to Havre where Ken graduated from Northern Montana College in 1962.

He began his teaching career in Rudyard. While there, he was instrumental in establishing the Hi-Line Educational Association. After teaching in Rudyard for two years, he returned to school and in 1965 received his master's degree from Montana State University. He was always proud of the Bobcats.

In 1965, he and Betty Anne moved to Whitefish where he taught seventh and eighth grade history for 29 years. Five of those were spent as vice-principal of the junior high school. He retired in 1994.

He was a driver for Rocky Mountain Transportation for many years before and after his retirement. For the past two years, he was employed at Western Building Center.

One of his proudest accomplishments of his teaching career was his part in starting the eighth grade Montana history trip in 1970, a tradition which continues. For this, he was awarded the Valley Forge Teachers Medal and the school was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal. Both awards were from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

He served as president of the Whitefish Education Association for two years and served four years on the Montana Education board of directors.

Proud to be a native of Whitefish, he served the community well. He served many years on the Whitefish Library Associa-

tion during which time the book "Stump Town to Ski Town" was published. He served on the Flathead Bicentennial Committee. As his sons grew, he worked with the Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Boy Scouts. He was a charter member of the Whitefish Kiwanis Club, serving two years as president and was one of the first certified officer trainers in the state. In 1994-1995, he was recognized as a distinguished lieutenant governor.

Ken served on the City Council for four years and spent nine years on the city Police Commission.

After working on the Whitefish Winter Carnival for many years, in recognition of his service to the community, he was named King Ullr XXIX of the Winter Carnival in 1988.

A long time member of the Presbyterian Church, he had served as an elder and junior high youth group instructor for several years.

Ken was elected to the Stumptown Historical Society board of directors in 2002.

He was a member of the Roosevelt American Legion Post 108.

He loved camping, especially in Glacier Park, fishing, and hunting. He was never without a book in hand, even while watching TV.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ken is survived by his wife of 47 years, Betty Anne, of Whitefish; his sons, Randy of Whitefish, and Tim and Jeni of Whitefish; his grandsons, Casey of Salt Lake City, and Alex of Bigfork; and a brother, Jim, of Great Falls.

A memorial service will held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the First Presbyterian Church in Whitefish. Pastor Dan Davis will officiate. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to the Stumptown Historical Society, 500 Depot St., Room 101, Whitefish, MT 59937; the Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201; or to the First Presbyterian Church of Whitefish.

Arrangements are with the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Mabel E. Dowell, 100

Mabel E. Dowell, 100, passed away Sunday, June 10, 2007, at the Mountain View Manor in Eureka. She was born on Jan. 3, 1907, at Winchester, Wis., the daughter of Johannes and Olga (Johansen) Peterson.

She loved doing arts and crafts and was also an avid gardener, enjoying her vegetable garden as well as her flower gardens until entering Prestige Assisted Living at the age of 97. She will be truly missed by those who loved and knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands, Charles "Hoot" Franklin in August 1972, and Clyde Dowell

in January of 1991; her daughter, Helen Hanson; her son, Charles "Bud" Franklin Jr.; one brother; and two sisters.

She is survived by eight grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and also numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Memorial services for Mabel will be announced at a later date.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Mabel's family. You are invited to go to [www.johnsonmortuary.com](http://www.johnsonmortuary.com) to offer condolences and sign Mabel's guest book.

## Nadyne F. Draper, 79

Nadyne F. Draper passed away peacefully Dec. 1, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born in Caney, Kan., Aug. 10, 1928, to Minnie J. and Kenneth Fleming.



She began her teaching career in Kansas City, Kan., teaching elementary school for several years. While in Kansas, Nadyne enjoyed playing the flute and piano, during her high school and college days, in various ensembles as well as her own family group, including her sister and brother. Having been the daughter of a gifted piano teacher, music remained a large part of Nadyne's life. A piano was a mainstay in her classroom.

While working summers in Estes Park, Colo., Nadyne fell in love with the mountains. The lure of Mount McKinley brought her north to Alaska in 1955. Her first trip north took three days via plane, stopping in communities along the Alaska Panhandle to reach her final destination.

She began teaching first grade and kindergarten in Fairbanks. Her first winter, she met Harold "Hal" Draper, her future husband. They married the next year. Following a break to earn their masters degrees from San Jose State in 1959, Hal and Nadyne returned to Fairbanks where Nadyne taught at Denali, Hunter and Nordale schools, retiring in 1983. Nadyne thoroughly enjoyed teaching more than 1,300 students throughout her career in Fairbanks. Nothing pleased her more than

receiving updates of former student's achievements.

Always the adventurer, Nadyne loved to travel. Her first trip abroad was to Europe in 1954 where she and a friend rode bicycles through the war torn countryside. Nadyne traveled over the Alaska Highway more than 30 times, many were during the ALCAN road construction. One trip could take anywhere from four days to two weeks.

Her travels took her through most of the 50 states, as well as to Germany, England, Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania.

Her travels also took her throughout Alaska and Canada as a curler. She introduced Hal to curling, her favorite winter pastime; they curled together for more than 40 years. Nadyne called Fairbanks home, but treasured her time at Lake Minchumina, Alaska. She enjoyed hiking the trails of Montana's Glacier Park near their home in Lakeside, where they moved in 2000.

Nadyne is survived by Hal, her husband of 51 years, of Lakeside; sister, Annie Howe, of New Hampshire; and brother, August Fleming, of Indiana; her son, Charles; daughter, Tobi; son-in-law Patrick Campanella; grandchildren, Cori and Christopher; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as many friends and her extended teaching family.

The family would like to thank everyone at the Immanuel Lutheran Home for their wonderful care. A memorial service in Lakeside is planned for this spring.

Memorials may be sent to the Bratsberg Wing of Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Donald Allen Drown, 74

Donald Allen Drown, 74, died of a heart attack while wintering in Arizona, Jan 3, 2007. He was born in Los Angeles, on March 17, 1932, the son of Clifford E. Drown and Mildred Clark Drown.

He grew up in Los Angeles with his two brothers, Glenn and David, loved cars and working the land. Just out of high school Don started working for the Los Angeles Division of Building and Safety Department.

He married the love of his life on Sept. 29, 1952, Christina M. Guthrie. They lived in Pasadena, Calif. and had two sons, Laurence Allen and Steven Lee. A few years later they moved to Paradise, Calif., and had a baby girl, Sandra Lynn (the twinkle of her daddy's eye, being born on his birthday), and three years later they had twin girls, Sharen Ann and Karren Ann. At he age of 43, he picked up his family and moved to Bigfork.

He loved to work. He worked for the Operating Engineers on a grader for 40 years.

After retirement, he love to hunt, fish, camp and travel. He even had time for a garden. After the passing of his first wife, he met Dorothy Long Pearson of Kalispell, they were married the summer of 2005. The R.V. became like a second home, traveling from Alaska to Arizona.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Long Drown, of Kalispell; brothers, Glenn Drown of Texas and David Drown of California; two sons, Larry Drown of Columbia Falls and Steve Drown and his wife, Diane, of Newman Lake, Wash.; three daughters, Sandra Gustafson and husband, Gus, of Kalispell, Sharon Drown of Bellingham, Wash., and Karren Sand of Marion; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and stepchildren Dan and Debbie, Bill and Mary, Linda and Marty.

Memorial Services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen. Burial of his ashes will take place at a later date in Paradise, Calif.

## Warren Shelby Duckett, 45

Warren Shelby Duckett, 45 years old, passed away in his home in Wasilla, Alaska, on Monday, April 23, 2007.

Funeral services will be held today, April 28, at Faith Chapel on Spruce Street in Wasilla. Pastor Bill Houck will officiate. Pallbearers will be Brian Cody Duckett, Shelby Ross Duckett, William Shelby Duckett and James Scott Duckett.

Warren's ashes will be scattered in various recreational areas that he enjoyed in Montana.

Warren was born March 30, 1962, in Holbrook, Ariz., to William Shelby and Wanda Jane Duckett.

He was a member of the Eastern Shawnee tribe.

Growing up, Warren enjoyed baseball, 4-H, Explorers and rodeo. He took Montana State Finals in bull riding in high school. Warren worked through high school for local ranchers working cattle and hay crops, along with working at a service station and cutting firewood.

Warren married his high school sweetheart on July 5, 1980. They have two sons, Shelby Ross Duckett and Brian Cody Duckett, both of Wasilla. Warren and Dawn raised their two boys in various states, working mainly in the oil field. The family



enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, family dinners and working together on home projects.

Warren met his current wife, Becky, in Montana, in 2003, and they were married in July of 2005 at Hungry Horse Reservoir.

Warren served his country during Desert Storm, Desert Shield. He became very active in veterans groups, giving his time back to fellow soldiers and Toys for Tots.

Warren was a highly qualified heavy duty diesel mechanic, specializing in refrigeration and welding.

In his free time he enjoyed tooling and crafting leatherwork. He loved fishing on Moose Lake at dawn and just being in the outdoors. He loved to cook for family and friends and having his new nieces, Becca and Emma, spend time with him.

Warren is survived by his wife, Becky Carlson Duckett, of Kalispell and Wasilla, his parents, William Shelby Duckett and Wanda Jane Duckett of Dinuba, Calif.; brother, James Scott Duckett, of Independence, Ore.; sons, Shelby Ross Duckett and Brian Cody Duckett of Wasilla; two grandchildren, John and Shaylene; and many other friends and family.

Arrangements are with Alaskan Heritage Memorial Chapel.

There will be a memorial for Warren in Montana later this summer for his friends and family which will be announced at a later date.

## Peter W. Dufour, 55

Peter W. Dufour, 55, passed away April 19, 2007, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He was born July 28, 1951, in Lewis town.



He loved Montana, spending years in Philipsburg, Hamilton, on Flathead Lake and in Glacier Park.

His sense of humor and positive outlook, joy of living and intellectual stimulation made him popular with his family and friends.

His father Buster (W.P. Dufour), predeceased him by 19 months.

He is survived by his mother, Bernadette J. Dufour; his sisters, Diane and Roxie; and his nieces and nephews, Taharaa, Bijoux, Eddie Jr., Schuyler and Colin.

He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1969 as valedictorian; Gonzaga University, magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1973; Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in American Cinema and Culture at University of Iowa, Master of Arts degree in American Studies, in 1978; and

DePaul University, computer career program certification, 1987.

Peter's professional career included working at the American College Testing Program (LSAT), test specialist; Clausen Miller Gorman Caffrey & Witous, P.C.; Carole Siegel & Associates and Alzheimer & Gray.

Most currently, Peter was working as a legal word processing specialist at Perkins Coie. In 2006 he was granted the Perkins Coie Award of Excellence for his outstanding service.

Peter lived life to the fullest, his way, and enjoyed every minute of it. Everyone who knew Peter was awed at his intellect and dry wit.

He was a National Merit Scholar and national debate competitor in high school.

He qualified to represent Cook County on Jeopardy.

As a doctoral student at the University of Iowa he co-wrote an award winning documentary, "The Motion Picture Boys and the Great War."

A memorial service in celebration of his life will be held in Montana this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Vera E. Darling Dukleth, 86

Vera E. Darling Dukleth, 86, passed away Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.



Vera was born in Sept. 19, 1921, in Columbia Falls to Ida and Arthur Green. She was the youngest of four children. She went through all 12 years of school in Columbia Falls, where she participated in sports and many of the school activities.

She was married to Floyd R. "Flip" Darling on Sept. 24, 1939, in Troy. They lived in Troy for a short time and then Flip got a job at the Bigfork Ranger Station and they lived there for nine years raising their two children, Pat and Michael. Vera worked several years at the old Lake Cafe. She and Irene Crone started the first Brownie group in Bigfork.

In 1956 Vera, Flip and kids moved to Columbia Falls where Flip continued working for the Forest Service.

Vera worked at the Davall Merc and for over 20 years at the Bank of Columbia Falls.

She enjoyed taking long walks, swimming, camping, rides in Glacier Park, making quilts and afghans, and working on various craft projects. She volunteered

for years at the Klothes Kloset, a church sponsored thrift store, and at the C.F. Visitor Center. Vera was a member of the C.F. Methodist Church where she had been very active in many of its groups and functions. She was the Churchwoman of the Year in 1985.

Flip passed away in 1986 and Vera maintained her home in Columbia Falls.

Several years later Vera met and married an old childhood school friend, Owen Dukleth, in 1994 in Columbia Falls. They continued living in Columbia Falls where they stayed active in the church and at the Senior Center.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Floyd "Flip" Darling, in 1986, and Owen Dukleth in 2006; and brothers Wilford and Henry Green.

Vera is survived by her daughter, Pat Darling, of Bigfork; and son, Michael Darling, of Palm Springs, Calif.; and a sister, Grace Larkin, of Whitefish.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, with the Rev. David Merkel officiating.

The family has requested that memorials be made in Vera's name to the Columbia Falls Klothes Kloset.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

## Ron DuPuy, 67

Ron DuPuy, 67, passed away March 5, 2007, at his home in Kalispell after a sudden diagnosis of lung cancer. The son of Jim and Rose DuPuy, Ron was born May 9, 1940, in Newburg, N.Y., and moved to Half Moon at the age of 2. Ron graduated from Flathead High School in 1958.

Ron retired in 1987 from the Kalispell Police Department as lieutenant detective. Although Ron had a distinguished career in law enforcement, he was best known for his passion for the game of golf. Ron's friends always could count on finding Ron having breakfast, coffee, or playing a round of golf at the Buffalo Hill Golf Course.

In 1963, he married Sandy Lee Dunn and officially made Kalispell his home. After retiring from the Police Department, his children successfully lured him away from his Kalispell home to be an optician in Lubbock, Texas, but within several months, Ron had moved back to Kalispell and swore never to leave again.

In 2005, Ron purchased a home



on Village Greens Golf Course, where he enjoyed his retirement playing golf, riding in his cart, and visiting with friends. At the time of his death, Ron was employed part-time at Elm Locating Services as an office manager.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmie; and his parents, Jim and Rose.

Ron is survived by his wife, Sandy; and four children, son, Robert, and grandson, Kevin; daughter, Randi, and grandchildren, Justin and Shonda; daughter, Jeannine, and grandchild, Aja; and youngest son, Jeff.

Ron passed away peacefully with friends and family "to be with his Lord Jesus." Ron learned of his cancer diagnosis Monday, Feb. 25, and passed away seven days later. Ron's faith remained strong and he used his last few days to express his faith in Jesus; his bravery, love, and sense of humor were an inspiration, and he will be missed by all.

There will be a celebration of his life at 1 p.m. Saturday at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: The Single Moms Support Group, in care of the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## James W. Dye, 83

James W. Dye, 83, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. James was born on April 7, 1924, in Kalispell, to Carl D. and Florence (Dodd) Dye. He attended schools in the Valley, graduating from Flathead High School.

Jim enlisted in U.S. Army Air Force on Dec. 2, 1942, where he was stationed in England during World War II. He received the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross with four oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal and Champion Medal. He was honorably discharged on Oct. 12, 1945.

He married Elnora R. Bell and they were divorced in 1985.

Jim lived in the Flathead Valley for most of his life, with the exception of a short time in the



1950s when he lived in Alaska.

He worked at a variety of occupations; logger, welder, bricklayer, foreman on many jobs, he had worked on the Hubbard and Libby Dams, and had worked as a rancher the latter part of his life.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His hobbies included hunting and fishing.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, father and one sister, Hazel Dye.

He is survived by his children, Carl J. Dye, Helen Dye Jackson and William R. Dye; grandchildren, John Dye, Carla Dye, Russell Jackson, Shawn Dye; four great-grandchildren; and two half-brothers, Gene Watters and Lyle Watters.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at Buffalo Hill funeral Home. A luncheon will follow services at the Eagles Lodge.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.



## Viola I. Dybwad, 79

Viola I. Dybwad, 79, formerly of Kalispell, "passed from this world to her heavenly home" on Oct. 23, 2007. A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Ontario, Ore.



Viola was born in Helena on April 9, 1929. She lived with her grandmother in Helena until she was 12 years old. She later lived in Darby and Kalispell. She and her husband, Alton Dybwad, moved to Fruitland, Idaho, in 2001, to be near their daughter, Donna Batt.

"Viola became a member of God's family" in 1958. For the love of Christ she served her church in various ways over the years including teaching Sunday school for 17 years, holding offices in the LWML, and as a leader of an Evangelism team. Her greatest gift to her children was the knowledge of Christ as Savior.

Reading was one of her great-

est pleasures and she handed that down to her children, and in the last few months her granddaughter and caregivers.

Viola was known for her sense of humor, her smile and her faith in Christ.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Pauley, in 1968; and husband, Alton Dybwad, in 2005; brother, Art Diehl; her parents; a daughter, Linda Ann Walker; a great-granddaughter, Kayla Marie Walker; and her son-in-law, Steve Batt.

Viola is survived by her children, Sandra Pauley Rogers of Kalispell, Randy and Leslie Pauley, of Omaha, Neb., and Donna Pauley Batt, of Fruitland. She has 15 grandchildren, including Katrina Matumeak (who helped care for her in the last six months) and numerous great-grandchildren.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Lisa Lambert, Jennifer Carlson, Katrina Matumeak, and the team from Pathways Hospice for the loving care she has received in the last year.

Memorials may be sent to Pilgrim Lutheran Church or Pathway Hospice.