

Leroy Dayl Dalager, 72

Leroy Dayl Dalager, 72, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully at his home Nov. 6, 2008. He was born June 22, 1936.



As a young man, he served in the Marine Corps and fought in the Korean War.

Leroy's passion was the outdoors. That is where he made his living as a logger. He was known as "Leroy Dalager, the Logger."

He enjoyed taking his horses on pack trips for pleasure or to pack out the game that he may have gotten that hunting season that was just a little too big to pack out on foot. He would also do pack trips to go camping and fishing.

If you didn't find him in the woods or at the house working

on his trailers, he would be at the local restaurant, teasing his favorite waitresses. He always had a joke to tell and a smile to give. He is going to be desperately missed by the ones who loved him.

Leroy truly adored his grandchildren, Mikayla Wisher, and Jacob, Cole and Samantha Dalager. They were the gleam in his eyes. He would spend hours teaching his grandchildren how to cut wood and how to run the logging equipment.

He is survived by two siblings, Wilbur and Phyllis; and his four children, Chelle Dalager of Fallon, Nev., Mike and wife, Tami Dalager, of Kalispell, Steve Dalager of Texas, and Daniel Dalager of Cusick, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Leola Ritter; and father, Phil Dalager.

A memorial service will be in the spring during the auction of his estate.

Ann Sharon Lenon Daley, 66

Ann Sharon Lenon Daley, 66, passed away April 12, 2008, at the home of her brother in Bozeman.

She was born to Percy H. and Margaret (Jacobs) Lenon on Jan. 30, 1942, in Kalispell.

Ann married Bill Daley in July 1962. After completing her degree in education at the University of Montana, she taught at Lakeside Elementary in Lakeside. She then completed several masters degrees, including library science, reading and special education.

In 1982, Ann took a position as a reading specialist for the Department of Defense, which led her overseas. She lived and worked in northern and southeast Germany, Japan, Korea, Newfoundland, Holland, and most recently, Aviano, Italy. Her travels led her to visit

six of the seven continents. She retired from the Department of Defense in 1997.

She was a lady of many interests and talents. We will miss her much.

Ann was preceded in death by the two loves of her life, Bill Daley and Stewart Kienow; and one sister, Jean Schlecton.

Survivors include her brother, James, and Peg Lenon of Bozeman; four nieces and one nephew.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. July 27 at Vista Linda in Somers.

Memorials may be made in Ann's name to Rolling Dog Ranch, 400 Rolling Dog Ranch Lane, Ovando, MT 59854.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.dahlcares.com.

Garland N. Daley, 89

The senior FFA classmates who signed the high-school annual were prophetic in the life of Garland N. Daley, who passed away Saturday, May 10, 2008, at the



Heritage Place in Kalispell. They wished him luck with his purebred cows, and one declared him the "Champion Wood Sawyer." Born on April 23, 1919, in Rushford, Minn., to Carl and Benora (Vigen) Daley, Garland was the third oldest son in a family of seven brothers and sisters. The family farmed in the Fairfield area before moving to the Flathead Valley.

Upon graduation from Flathead County High School in 1938, Garland worked at Nash Finch, a distribution center for produce and groceries. He also hauled lumber to eastern Montana.

In 1941, Garland was drafted into the Army, where he served in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. While he was stationed in Australia, he met and fell in love with June West. After Garland's discharge from Fort Lewis in October 1945, he returned to Australia and they were married June 8, 1946.

When they returned to the Flathead Valley, Garland worked as a contractor, building homes. His real interests would not be denied, and he bought a ranch in the Foy's Lake area in 1950. Garland logged the timber off the ranch and at this time they used crosscut saws to saw the logs and teams of horses to skid them.

In 1955, Garland purchased a new yellow Mack logging truck that ultimately became his signature and icon. He used the Mack to haul logs the whole time he was involved in the timber indus-

try. From contracting to haul for logging companies, to having his own company, the truck had more than a million miles on it before they both retired.

All the while Garland was logging, he also raised livestock. He started out with sheep, but eventually got the Black Angus cattle that he favored.

Garland loved horses and he loved to ride. It didn't matter if it was for a trail ride or competing at an O-Mok-See. He rode with the Flathead County Sheriff's Posse in the early 1950s and served as president of the Kalispell Saddle Club.

Garland was proud of the work he did and he enjoyed ranching, but his real love was his family.

Garland is survived by his wife of 61 years, June Daley, of Kalispell; and two daughters, Carol Lake and husband, Bill, and Carron Nelson, all of Phoenix; his brothers, James A. Daley of Somers, and Carl A. Daley and wife, Betty, of Kalispell; sisters, Betty Lou Neal of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Opal Newell and husband, Jim, of Billings.

Garland was preceded in death by his son, Robert N. Daley; and his brothers, LaVane C. Daley and Howard W. Daley.

Funeral services for Garland will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, in the Johnson-Gloschat chapel. Committal services will be afterward in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with a reception afterward. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 16, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to ALERT, c/o NWHC Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Garland's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneral-home.com to offer condolences and sign Garland's guest book.

Rita Mae Damon, 80

Former Kalispell resident Rita Mae Damon, 80, of Great Falls, who owned the Mint Bar in Kalispell for many years, died of lung cancer Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at a local care facility.



Rita was born Jan. 28, 1927, the daughter of Nelson N. and Anna (Belgard) Ford, in Helena. She lived her younger years in Helena and then in Great Falls.

She married Henry "Jacko" Damon, and they moved to Kalispell, where they bought the Mint Bar, which they operated for many years. They later sold the Mint, and continued to live

in Kalispell until Jacko passed away. Later she was unable to care for herself so she moved to Great Falls three years ago.

Rita loved bingo, dogs, animals and enjoyed crocheting.

Survivors include three stepchildren; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jacko Damon; and three stepchildren.

Her memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel in Great Falls. Burial of ashes will take place in Mount Olivet Cemetery at a later date. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

John J. Daniels, 56

John J. Daniels, 56, died at his Bigfork residence Monday, July 21, 2008.

At his request, no services will be held. A private fam-

ily urn burial will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Robert L. Daniels, 80

Robert L. Daniels, 80, passed away Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, in Spokane.



He was born Oct. 8, 1927, in Offutt, Ky.

He and his wife Virginia (Ginny) Hoyt Daniels were residents of Bigfork from 1992 to 2007.

Bob leaves his wife, Virginia; three children, Aaron Mason Daniel of Anchorage, Alaska, R. Hoyt Daniel of Haw River, N.C., and Teresa A. Daniel of Spokane; grandchildren, Heather Giles, Chrystal Krumbholz, John Adans, Shawna Daniel, Nicholas Daniel, Eric Tran-

ner and Kaylen Tanner; four great-grandchildren; brothers, James D. Daniel and Phillip L. Daniel; and sister, Dorothea Ingle.

Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean conflict, and then entered the U.S. Air Force from which he retired as a chief master sergeant with 28 years of service. He served in Morocco, Vietnam, Korea, Japan and Hawaii. Bob held memberships in the American Legion and Lions Clubs.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Heritage Funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice of Spokane, P.O. Box 2215, Spokane, WA 99210, would be appreciated.

Fred I. Danielson, 86

Fred I. Danielson, 86, passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell after an extended illness. He was born April 2, 1921, in Kalispell to Oscar and Alma (Johnson) Danielson. He was raised in Kalispell, attended Egan Elementary and graduated from Flathead County High School.

Fred also attended technical school in mechanics for four years and became a certified master mechanic.

He served in the U.S. Army for three years, with HHC 711th Railway Battalion, and was stationed in Persia (Iran) during World War II. He was honorably discharged in October 1945.

On Oct. 3, 1945, Fred married Gladys M. Baldwin at Bethlehem Lutheran Parsonage in Kalispell.

Fred was a mechanic for Stoops, Stockton and Himsl-Wohlwend Motors, in Kalispell. He retired in 1982 as a parts man and mechanic, from Columbia Falls Aluminum Co.

Fred liked sports, especially baseball. He played with the Kalispell Legion team.

His hobbies included fishing

mainly, as well as hunting.

He was always willing to help others, and was very mechanical and meticulous in every task he undertook. He also enjoyed Glacier National Park.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Pete G. and John R. Danielson; and one sister, Irene, at an early age.

Fred is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gladys M. (Baldwin) Danielson, of Kalispell; one son, Robert D. Danielson, of Kalispell; grandson, Greg Danielson, and Kari, of Butte; stepgrandson, James Arnold, and wife Julie, of Columbia Falls; great-grandchild, Alexxis M. Danielson, of Butte; sisters-in-law, Maggie Danielson, Edna Johnson and Dorothy Baldwin, and brother-in-law, Merle and Jeanie Baldwin, all of Kalispell; brother-in-law, Bert and Inez Baldwin, of Buffalo, N.Y.; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. March 25 at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to an organization of the donor's choice.

Dorrene Darlington, 76

L. Dorrene Darlington "passed into the arms of the Lord" on March 4, 2008, at Missoula Community Hospital. She was born on Dec. 15, 1931, in Polson to Ernest and Wilma Herreid.

Dorrene married Paul Weskamp in 1956 in Polson. Some of Dorrene's most treasured memories and possessions came from the year and a half she and Paul lived and taught in Brazil. When they returned home to Montana, Paul took a teaching and coaching position in Ronan while Dorrene worked in the Lake County Extension office. Dorrene lost Paul much too early to cancer in 1967.

After Paul's death, she joined the Ronan school system as a P.E. teacher until retiring. While teaching, she found love again when she met Floyd "Punk" Darlington, son of long time friends Tide and J'net Darlington. Punk was also on the staff at Ronan High School.

They married in 1973 and enjoyed their life together. Dor-

rene was Punk's strength during his unsuccessful fight with cancer and she lost him in 1976. She remained very close to his family.

She is survived by her brother, Lionel "Sonny" Herreid, and wife, Gail, of Polson; sister, Shirley Rieben, and husband, Gene, of San Jose, Calif.; brother, Dale Herreid, and wife, Marlene, of Libby; brother-in-law, Joe Darlington, and wife, Kay, of Ronan, and their family; and sister-in-law, Debbie, and Larry Nicholas, presently of Kalispell; along with numerous nephews and nieces and their families.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Mission Valley United Methodist Church on U.S. 93. Dinner will be served by the church after the services and graveside services will be held at the Ronan Cemetery following the dinner.

Memorials may be sent to the Performing Arts fund at Ronan Public Schools, the Cancer Society or the Heart Fund.

George Joseph Daumiller, 76

George Joseph Daumiller, 76, passed away unexpectedly June 29, 2008, at Saint Patrick Hospital in Missoula. He was born in Kalispell on March 2, 1932,



to Emma and Joseph Daumiller.

George's father homesteaded in the Flathead in the early 1900s and settled in the Patrick Creek area south of Kalispell. George was raised on a farm and worked in the woods from an early age, beginning his lifelong love of the outdoors. He went to the Patrick Creek School and Flathead High School. His family often went into Kalispell and shopped at Sykes or saw a movie at the Orpheum.

George and his brother-in-law, Jack Crane, operated a sawmill in Patrick Creek in the 1950s.

George served in the Army from 1952 to 1954 in Germany. He returned to Kalispell, where he met Beverly Geirmann, whom he married Nov. 24, 1956. George began working at F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company in 1957 and worked there for 45 years. He was known at Stoltze for his hard work and incredible strength. Whether he was loading lumber into a boxcar or stacking it on the inside, it typically took two men to keep up with him on the other end.

George loved nature and being outdoors. Patrick Creek and the North Fork were among his favorite places. He passed this love on to his children and also taught them to respect and appreciate all of God's beautiful creations. He taught them how to spot a good Christmas tree or a good huckleberry-picking spot at a young age. George loved trees and often would bring a young sapling home, as evidenced now by a backyard full of fir trees — he loved his trees. He also planted numerous fruit trees, gardened and grew raspberries. George was a "jack of all trades," and everyone knew if they had a project, George would be there to help.

When George fully retired in 2002, he took up woodworking as a hobby. He tinkered around the garage and eventually began building wooden logging trucks.

He later added dump trucks and tractor trailers. He also built tables, planter boxes, birdhouses and whatever anyone asked him to build. He never had a plan — he just imagined it and built it. George was excited and eagerly gave away many of his creations, often donating them to charity auctions and events.

George and Bev were members of the Eagles Club for more than 40 years. George was a great dancer and was hard to beat at pool. He made many lifelong friends and enjoyed many happy times at the Eagles. He loved to travel, not having to go far, just to go. After retiring he often went on short road trips with Bev and his sister-in-law, Kay.

George was a quiet man. He listened and thought out his responses before offering sound, common sense advice. Although he didn't finish high school, he was the smartest person many knew. He had a subtle, dry sense of humor that often caught you by surprise.

George will be greatly missed by all of his family members and friends. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Beverly; his children, Gerry Daumiller and his wife, Marilyn, of Helena, Scott Daumiller of Kalispell, and Margie Forbes and her husband, Mark, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; his grandchildren, David Daumiller of Kingsville, Texas, Megan and Andy Forbes of Oak Harbor, and Amanda Daumiller of Kalispell; his sisters, Teresa Berentsen of Bremerton, Wash., and Mary Crane of Hannibal, Mo.; his mother-in-law, Marge Giermann; and sister-in-law, Kay Giermann. He also has four nephews, one niece, and Bev's large extended family. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend — "We love you and will forever miss you."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 5, in the Johnson-Gloschat chapel. Family and friends will gather at the Eagles Hall after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ALERT Helicopter.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for George's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneral-home.com to offer condolences and sign George's equest book.

Edna J. David, 94

Edna David died March 31, 2008, in Ashland, Ore., due to complications from a stroke. She was born to parents Torkel T. and Laura Nissen on May 9, 1913, in New Effington, S.D.



After graduation, she had planned on becoming a nurse, but Bernard David changed her plans.

Edna married Bernard David on Feb. 5, 1935, in Brockton. They moved to Kalispell in 1946, and she resided there until she moved to Oregon.

Bernard preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1972.

Edna retired at the age of 69 from working at the Flathead County Courthouse Assessor's Office and Treasurer's Office, and continued part-time until the age of 73.

She was active in the Lutheran church, Democratic Women, Scandinavian Fraternity, AARP, Home Demonstration Club and senior center. She also involved herself in volunteer work and many card groups before moving to Oregon in 2002.

Survivors include her daughter, Shirlie Plummer-Joseph, of Ashland; son, Larry G. David, of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Kalispell.

Raymond Elbert 'Jim' Davidson, 93

Raymond Elbert "Jim" Davidson, 93, passed away Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell. He was born on May 25, 1915, in Alexander, N.D., to John W. and Lucy (Gordon) Davidson.

At a young age, Jim's family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he received his early education. After graduation he came out to Montana to the Bitterroot Valley and lived with his sister.

Jim joined the U.S. Army, but after a short time was medically discharged and released from Fort Pendleton, Calif.

On Dec. 24, 1941, Jim married Dorothy Virginia Wilson in Hamilton.

Jim had worked for many years as a ranch hand before moving to Spokane to work for a short time during the war. Moving back to Hamilton, Jim started building homes as an independent contractor.

Retiring at the age of 65, he continued to work in the wood trades until he was 87. Jim was a member of the Methodist-Baptist Federated Church of Hamilton, the Eagles Club, and the Montana State Fiddlers. Jim lived for his family and music and was an avid fiddler and dancer.



Jim was preceded in death by his wife, and nine brothers and sisters.

He is survived by four daughters, Judy Brown and Richard of Auburn,

Wash., Clara Rae Mitchell and Tim of Marion, Nancy Kair and Riley of Kalispell, and Patricia Jeffries and Gary of Loon Lake, Wash.; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a very special friend, Mary Curtis, of Kalispell.

Memorial services for Jim are pending at this time.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Methodist Baptist Federated Church, 211 N. Sixth Hamilton, MT 59840; Montana State Old-Time Fiddlers Association c/o Betty Pedersen, 935 Johnson Missoula, MT 59801; or Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson - Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Jim's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Jim's guest book.

Allen D. Davis, 74

Allen D. Davis, 74, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2008, at the home of his daughter in Hot Springs. He was born Nov. 17, 1933, to Homer T. and Alice Van Alstine Davis in a log cabin at Libby.

Of all his jobs, the love of his life was long haul flatbed trucking.

He is best remembered for his wonderful storytelling, his love of vehicles, collecting coins, rocks and antiques, and especially his love of family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dorothy; daughters, Joyce and Terry Magorty, and

Trixie and Steve Siler; granddaughter, Ariana, and Adam Johnson; brothers, Larry and Shelly Parkison, and Irwin Davis; sister, Jeanette, and Ron Halvorson; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the Hot Springs Presbyterian Church, 321 Arlee St. S. Burial will be at the Longepine Cemetery with a fellowship potluck to follow at the church.

Sunset Hills Funeral Homes in Plains are entrusted with the arrangements.

Audrey C. Davis, 79

Audrey C. Davis, 79, died Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008, at Edgewood Vista Senior Living in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband, William A. Davis, of Kalispell; a daughter, Barbara Davis Hinkley, of Orlando, Fla.; and a son, W. Kim Davis, of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel, with the Rev. Ed Koteskey officiating. There will be no visitation.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Gary Anthony Davis, 71

Gary Anthony Davis, 71, peacefully passed away from cancer, surrounded by his loving family, at his Whitefish ranch on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008.

Gary was born the eldest of 13 children on March 13, 1937, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Don Clar Davis and Elizabeth Margaret (Anthony) Davis.

Gary attended St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Grade Schools, and Catholic Central High School, in Ottumwa. He received his GED in Denver.

Gary enlisted on March 22, 1954, in the Iowa Army National Guard Artillery Unit. He was awarded the Sharpshooter Submachine Gun Medal. He served three years, being honorably discharged on March 21, 1957.

On July 16, 1955, Gary married his sweetheart, Karen Caviness, in Ottumwa. They raised four children, two boys and two girls. While in Ottumwa, Gary was employed by Lowenburg Bakery, Davis DX Service Station, Wormhoudt Lumber and Sutherland Lumber.

After moving to Denver in 1960, he was employed by Kellogg Lumber Co. for 23 years. He worked his way from yard manager to general manager of the company.

After the death of his daughter Lisa in 1982, he went into business for himself as a transportation analyst. In 2003, Gary and Karen joined other members of their family in Northwest Montana, where Home Depot employed Gary until the summer of 2006, when he retired.

Gary was a family man, loving husband and father. He was especially proud of his grandchildren. He enjoyed the outdoors, family activities, hunting, target shooting and talking "guns" at John's gun shop with



his brothers.

He was a great jokester, and loved making everyone laugh. He was loved and respected by those who knew him.

Gary was preceded in death by his daughter Lisa; his father, Donald C. Davis; his brother Donald M. Davis; and nephew Jacob Davis.

Gary is survived by his wife, Karen, Whitefish; sons, Doug and Susan, Kalispell, and Terry, Columbia Falls; daughter, Kim and Aaron Wides, Columbia Falls; his mother, Elizabeth, Whitefish; brothers, David and Sue, Kalispell, Bernard, Denver; John and Terri, Coram, Thomas and Bonnie, Columbia Falls, Michael and Susie, Columbia Falls, and Dennis, Missoula; sisters, Donna and Monty Graham, Columbia Falls, Mary and Mike Ogden, Columbia Falls, Linda and Jeff Stonner, Denver, Anna Marie and Ed Pettinger, Denver, and Jeanne Darling, Columbia Falls; eight grandchildren, Katie, Ashley, Natalie, Jessica, Chase, Amanda, Colton and Chance, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was recently told his granddaughter, Katie and husband Brian are presenting him with a great-grandchild next year.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. today, Sept. 9, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with burial at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Kristi Lynn Davis, 50

Kristi Lynn Davis suffered a massive stroke and died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center. The daughter of Robert and Fran Davis, Kristi was born on Oct. 25, 1957, in Seattle. She grew up in the Flathead Valley, spent summers at her family's cabin on Flathead Lake, and attended Cornelius Hedges Elementary School in Kalispell.

After moving to Portland with her family, Kristi graduated from Beaverton High School, where she was a varsity cheerleader, and Portland State University, where she majored in education and began her career as a teacher.

In 1990, Kristi married the love of her life, Dennis "Woody" Woodworth. Soon after their wedding, Kristi and Woody moved to Scotts Valley, Calif., where Kristi was an elementary school teacher and served as a reading specialist for the Chartwell School in Monterey.

During these years, Kristi and Woody used their summers to travel widely in California, Mexico, South America, Montana and the Pacific Northwest, often camping in Woody's van on the beach.

Their son, Andrew Michael Davis Woodworth, was born in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on July 4, 1998, and one of Kristi and Woody's life-projects involved raising money to design and build a playground for orphaned children there.

After moving back to the Flathead Valley in 2005, Kristi taught special education at the Swan River School in Bigfork, and then served as a preschool special education teacher at



Edgerton School in Kalispell.

Kristi was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Archer and Lillian Anderson, and her father, Rev. Robert

Newman Davis.

She is survived by her husband, Woody, her son Andrew, and her mother Fran Davis, all of Kalispell; and her extended family, mother-in-law Phyllis Woodworth, of Los Angeles; stepdaughters Tina and Jenny Woodworth, of Portland; sister-in-law Susan Clanton, of Kalispell, and her family; sister Susan Davis, of Redwood City, Calif., and her family; brother Robert Leigh Davis, of Springfield, Ohio, and his family; sister Nancy A. Davis, of Kalispell, and her family; brother Scott Davis, of Santa Cruz, Calif., and his wife; and many aunts and uncles, cousins and dear friends.

A memorial service for Kristi will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, at Central Christian Church, 240 Second Ave. E., Kalispell. A reception immediately following the service will be held in the Mezzanine of the KM Building, 50 Second St. E., Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made for the support of Kristi's son, with checks payable to "For the Benefit of Andrew Woodworth" c/o Nancy A. Davis, 40 Second St. E., Suite 205, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

Ralph Eugene Davis, 81

Ralph Eugene Davis, 81, of Stockett, a retired mechanic, rancher, bus driver and road-patrol operator, died of natural causes, Monday, May 19, 2008, at a Great Falls nursing home.

Memorial services were held on May 23 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Centerville, with burial of ashes in Sand Coulee Cemetery. Cremation was under the direction of O'Connor Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice (Mapston) Davis, of Stockett; daughters, Betty and Ed Kunkel of Stockett, and Linda and James Kapp of Stockett; sons, Ronald and Sherilu Davis of Stockett, and Allen and Zoe Davis of Billings; sisters, Mary Heynie of Libby, and Alice Needles of Missoula; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ida Davis; siblings, Lulu Sager, George Davis, Walt Davis, Violet Koehler, Frank Davis, Inez Meford, Raymond "Sunny" Davis, Esther Rohbe and Lenore Lar-



son; and one grandchild, Talina Davis.

Ralph was born to George and Ida Davis on Nov. 13, 1926, in Polson. He was raised in Polson and graduated from Polson High School in 1945.

He married Beatrice Mapston on June 3, 1950, at the Stockett Catholic Church.

Ralph started driving a school bus his senior year for his brother Walt. In 1960, he and Bea purchased and operated their own school-bus route for Centerville Schools through 1975.

Ralph started his mechanic career in 1950, working for Haas and Associates, a farm-implementation business, and in 1960 he and Bea also started ranching. He was a mechanic his whole life and could fix anything from a coffee pot to a diesel. Two years ago, he assisted his son Ron and grandson Reese to repair a rear-end on a pickup.

Ralph was a school board member at Centerville Schools, and belonged to the Masons, Elks, and Moose, and the Foot-hills Livestock Association.

He enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing and family activities.

Memorials are suggested to Centerville Senior Citizens, the Alzheimer's Foundation or to the donor's choice.

Frances Dawson, 96

Frances Dawson, 96, of Libby, died Monday Jan. 14, 2008, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

Survivors include her children, Lorena Schwartz, Johnny Engle and LulaBelle Martin, all of Kooskia, Idaho, Louise Kaeding of Libby, Marshall Engle of Clarkston,

Wash., Shannon Brawner of Kamiah, Idaho, and Linda Ruen of Rathdrum, Idaho.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Faith Bible Church in Libby. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Earlene Dayton, 73

Earlene Dayton, 73, died Jan. 1, 2008, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services are pending at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. An online guest book is available online at www.johnsonsmortuary.com.

David O. Dearing, 53

David O. Dearing, 53, of Whitefish, "fell peacefully asleep" of natural causes Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, at his home in Whitefish.

David was born May 30, 1954, in Kerrville, Texas.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting,



camping and his grandchildren.

He was a longtime employee of the Crestwood Resort and the Pine Lodge, both in Whitefish.

He will be missed dearly by his wife, Kathy Dearing; a sister and brother; two daughters; two sons; and a "bushel" of grandchildren; along with many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the Conference Room in the Pine Lodge Motel in Whitefish.

Jewel E. DeGolier, 83

Jewel E. DeGolier, 83, passed away at her home in Kalispell on the morning of Thursday, March 6, 2008.



She was born on Feb. 9, 1925, in Columbia Falls, the daughter of William and Maude (Robinson) Blades.

She spent her entire life, except for a short time in Gig Harbor, Wash., in the Flathead Valley. Jewel married her beloved husband, Gordon DeGolier, on Nov. 30, 1946, in Polson. Gordon and Jewel were married for 46 years when he passed away in 1992. Gordon absolutely adored his wife and many times mentioned how she was the most beautiful woman in the world. After retiring, Gordon and Jewel traveled extensively, enjoying many cruises and trips to Hawaii.

Jewel worked at various jobs, but her favorite was in the lunchroom at Evergreen School. She loved interacting with the children and they, in turn, loved her teasing and sense of humor.

She always enjoyed growing and tending to huge gardens, both floral and vegetable, and nothing pleased her more than to have her large family over

for a picnic out in her and Gordon's immaculately groomed lawn.

Jewel was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Ralph DeGolier; and her 10 siblings, Andy Blades, Jerry Blades, Don Blades, Alvie Blades, Bill Blades, Celestine Grigg, Flossie Davis, Marie Vosburgh, Ruby Anderson and Beatrice Beebe.

She is survived by a brother, Roger Blades; her daughters, Gail Barranger and husband Tom, and Gloria Shirliff and husband Ron; her grandchildren, Rob DeGolier, Brynn Willcut and husband Johnny, Kyle Barranger, Andy Shirliff, Krystal Heil and husband J.D.; a great-grandson, Rylan Heil; "other" daughter, Bonnie Clothier; friend, Mike Schmidt and many other relatives.

Funeral services for Jewel will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 14, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, at Johnson Mortuary.

You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Jewel's guest book.

Margaret A. Denning, 81

Margaret A. Denning, 81, of Libby, died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

Survivors include two daughters, Dawn Weston

and Cathy Blauvelt, both of Kent, Wash.; and son, Jeff Denning of Algona, Wash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Robyn R. Dennis, 32

Robyn R. Dennis, 32, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008, at her home in Libby.

She worked at Save Rite West in Libby for the past six years.

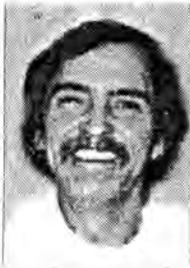
Survivors include her son,

Trysten Allen, and mother Jeannie Dennis, both of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Michael Dempsey, 55

Michael Dempsey, 55, passed away at this home Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, in Kalispell. He was born March 27, 1953, in Kalispell, to Lloyd and Iletta "Joanne" (Decker) Dempsey. Mike attended grade school and high school in Columbia Falls, graduating in 1971.



He worked in various professions. He worked for Anaconda Aluminum, Plum Creek, Semi-tool, Flathead Valley Chemical Dependency Center and Wal-Mart.

Mike loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, huckleberry picking and his hot rods. He also enjoyed spending time with his girls, keeping up with their many activities. He loved music and drumming with the Columbians and other music groups.

Mike was a talented artist. Many family members cherish

the personal cards he made or the drawings he added to envelopes. Mike was also passionate about his hot rods and rock and roll!

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Dempsey; and his grandparents.

Mike is survived by his daughters, Emily and Sarah Dempsey, of Columbia Falls; his mother, Iletta "Joanne" Dempsey, and his sister, Ann Kerzman, and her husband, Neal, of Libby, and their daughter, Megan Kerzman, of Missoula; his uncle, Bill Dempsey, and aunt, Lorraine, of Kalispell; as well as numerous cousins.

Memorial services for Mike will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Urn burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Mike's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Mike's guest book.

Ryan Robert Simonson-DePratu, 26

Ryan Robert Simonson-DePratu, 26, of Fairfield, a derrick hand on the oil rigs, died from injuries from an industrial auto accident while working in Rock Springs, Wyo., on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Northwest Family Fellowship in Great Falls. Burial will take place at a later date, and his ashes will be spread by his buddies at his favorite secret hunting spot.

Survivors include his parents, Scott and LaRissa Simonson, of Fairfield, and Bret and LeeZann DePratu of Vaughn; sisters, Alysha Simonson of Fairfield, Alison Brandt of Phoenix, and Shasta DePratu of Great Falls; brothers, Christopher and Tyler DePratu, both of Great Falls; and grandparents, Bob and Bea DePratu of Whitefish, Jerome and Marge Simonson of Power, and Bob and Darlene Hill of Reardon, Wash. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins whom he loved very much. Ryan didn't have a wife, but the current love of his life was his 1973 Mustang.

Ryan was born Jan. 12, 1982, in Great Falls, and was raised in Montana, graduating from Power High School in 2001. He also completed alamon line-man school for fiber optics in Kalispell in 2002.

Ryan was most recently working for Ellensburg Exploration on the oil rigs in Wyoming. In his short life, he worked for Stone Mason Granite Works in Whitefish and Great Falls, DePratu Ford as a car detailer, Plum Creek Manufacturing in Evergreen, and Eagle IGA in Fairfield. Ryan was quite a perfectionist and loved his work and took great pride in all that he had done. Ryan always had a great work ethic and sought to improve himself.

He served as Senate page for his grandfather, Bob DePratu, in 1999, and was very proud of it. He still couldn't tie a tie, but he sure tried.

Ryan was an avid hunter



and fisherman and all around outdoors kind of guy. If he was outdoors, life was good. His happiest times were hanging out with family or his buddies — with his lifelong friends, Tytus Rapp, Scott Allaire, and Garrett Kramer, and his two brothers, Chris and Tyler.

Memorials in Ryan's name are suggested to the Teton County Food Pantry; The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, 5705 Grant Creek, Missoula, MT 59808; or to the Northwest Family Fellowship, 801 Second Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401.

Croxford Funeral Home and Crematory in Great Falls is in charge of arrangements. Condolences to the family can be left at www.croxfordfuneralhome.com.

Eleanor M. 'Ellie' Dern, '70

Eleanor M. "Ellie" Dern, 70, of Kalispell, died at her home Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008.

Ellie was born on March 5, 1938, in Kalispell. She received her education in the Flathead Valley, and spent most of her life in the valley raising her daughter and caring for her mother.

Ellie touched many people's lives through her genuine kindness and delightful nature. She loved gardening and providing a loving home to her pets.

Ellie was preceded in death by her mother, Grace Pierson-



Schmauch; her father, Kenneth Dern; her daughter, Rolene Gale Dern; and her sister, Frances Tyler.

Survivors include her nieces, Jolen Mahrt of Helena, and Kim Miller of Corvallis; and a nephew, Mike Miller, of Clinton.

No funeral services will be held. A private memorial will be held at a future date.

Ernest Charles Des Jardins, 88

Ernest Charles Des Jardins, "Ernie" as we called him, peacefully passed away at North Valley Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008.



Ernie was born in Shell Lake, Wis., on Jan. 16, 1920. He was one of eight children.

Ernie met his future wife, Doris, in high school. After high school Ernie went to Flint, Mich., where he worked as a supervisor of the machine guns and large artillery at the AC Spark Plugs Factory, for the U.S. War Department.

In January of 1941, he went into the service. He was first lieutenant in the Armored Force Tank Division at Fort Knox.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Doris, on June 28, 1941. They shared 67 wonderful years together. Ernie had two children, Nanatte and James.

After being discharged from the service, he moved back to Shell Lake, where he owned and ran a meat market and

farm. Then in 1963, he packed up his family and moved them to Woodland Hills, Calif. It was there he worked as a real estate agent and then as a postal worker.

In 1984, Ernie retired from the post office and moved to Coram to raise his grandson and help his son with his business.

Ernie's biggest joy in life was his wife Doris and his family. He has left us behind with a lot of wonderful memories. Ernie had a kind spirit that has touched the lives of many people, and he will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Nanatte Marie Phipps.

Ernie leaves behind his wife, Doris Des Jardins, of Coram; his son, James Des Jardins, and wife, Norma, of Troy; a grandson, Darin Phipps, and wife, Kristine, who reside in St. Augustine, Fla.; granddaughter, Kari Saadi, and husband, Sean; and three great-grandchildren, Nick and Kean Saadi, both of Kalispell, and Brandin Phipps.

No services are planned at this time.

Hazel Dial

Hazel Dial, former resident of Great Falls and Columbia Falls, passed away July 4, 2008, in Tucson, Ariz. She was born in Colin in 1925, to AA and Freda Delger. She moved with her family to Fort Shaw, where she lived until she graduated from high school.

During World War II, Hazel worked at Malmstrom Air Force Base, and it was during that time she met and married her husband of 50 years, Fred Dial. They had four daughters, Lynda and John Thomas of Kimberly, Ore., Beverly and Tom Dowl-



ing of Columbia Falls, Connie and the late Robert Trinastich of Tucson, and Sharon Dial of Tucson.

In 1975 they moved to the Flathead Valley, where they both retired. In 1995 Hazel lost her beloved husband, Fred. She then filled her time traveling and visiting her daughters.

Hazel was a beloved mother, grandmother and aunt. She loved fishing, hunting and camping with her husband and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, three brothers and four sisters, and a son-in-law.

Hazel is survived by her four daughters, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

David Dickey, 87

David Dickey, 87, of Bozeman passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at his home. He was born April 29, 1921, on a farm in eastern Montana.

It was quite far out of town and the ice was going off the Yellowstone River, so the doctor could not get across. The story goes that the doctor had to yell across to the farm ladies, "Get some bed sheets and hot water ..." "We wondered if the doctor tied his bill to a rock and threw it across." Dave arrived OK and lived a good long life; he graduated from Fairview High in 1940 and was training as a gunner on a Bomber Crew when World War II ended. He was glad he never had to fight.

After the war, Dave went to Montana State University to study industrial arts, and plant and soil science. After graduation, Dave worked in agriculture research at MSU for more than 20 years.

While in college, Dave met the love of his life, Mary Ann Crane, who worked in a film store. Dave and Mary Ann were married in Bozeman in 1953. After they both graduated from



college, they moved to the country and built a house in a neighborhood you could not have ordered up in a dream.

Their three children, Dave, Carol and Bob, all have children and grandchildren who loved Dave and will miss him dearly. "He was the best!"

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, at the family home; three children, Dave and Patty Dickey of Kalispell, Carol and Bill Filson, and Bob, all of Bozeman; grandchildren, Brian Dickey, Clarke Dickey and Justin Dickey, all of Kalispell, and Jennifer and Jason Krum, Lisa McKee, Daniel Filson, and Joe and Rachel Dickey, all of Bozeman; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Krum, Miles McKee, Colton Krum, Nolan Dickey and Hannah Dickey; brother, Chuck Dickey, of Anchorage, Alaska; and sisters, Daisy Kutzler and Mary Knoll, both of Lake Havasu, Ariz., Maxine Anvik of Statesboro, Ga., and May Rose Compton of Olympia, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Bozeman.

Memorials may be made in his name to a charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.dahlcares.com.

Margie Maudine Troop Dierman

Longtime resident and former Lincoln County High School teacher Margie Dierman passed away Nov. 2, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a brief illness. Margie was residing at Mountain View Manor at the time of her death.

She was born in Weir, Kan., on Jan. 13, 1922. Her parents were Charles Henry and Ola Brown Troop. At the age of 1, Margie and her family moved to Pittsburg, Kan., and she lived there until graduating from Kansas State Teachers College, now known as Pittsburg State University.

Margie started her teaching career in 1941 at Lovewell, Kan., and after three years came west and ended up in Eureka, where she lived out her life. She taught school at Eureka for 25 years. She taught business, typing, home economics, English and journalism. She put out the school newspaper and the yearbook, learning to take and develop pictures for the yearbook.

She married Frank J. Dierman on June 21, 1945, and bore five children. Margie was very involved in her children and grandchildren's lives and was always on hand to lend a helping hand.

She was active in the American Legion Auxiliary and the Rebekkahs. For many years Margie was responsible for putting flags on the veterans' graves. Margie was very active in sending students to Boys and Girls State for many years.

She was an excellent seamstress and took in mending after retiring from teaching. She loved to read and do crossword puzzles. Up until the time of her death she played pinochle every Friday with her good pals.

Margie was a care giver



which she demonstrated all of her life. She always gave more than she ever got. It made her happy to give. Her many loaves of homemade bread

will be remembered by many. Even after entering the nursing home she still gave to her family and friends. She would read the local paper to the residents every Friday. If you visited you were sure to come away with one of her bingo prizes or something. She truly loved to give. She was a wonderful mother, teacher and friend, and will be greatly missed by all.

Margie was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in 2004; her parents; a sister, Pauline; and a brother, Oren.

She is survived by her children, Dennis Dierman and wife Marilyn, Becky Evins and husband Gary, Kate Dierman, and Frank Dierman Jr., and wife Barbara, all of Eureka, and Sam Dierman and wife, Savannah, of Whitefish; a sister, Imogene Burt, of Chesterfield, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, Gabe Evins, Kacey Josephson, Jessie Hall, Darby Dierman, Damon Dierman, Deanna Dierman, Josh Dierman, Bailey Dierman, Beau Dierman, Kaylene Sperry, Jason Sperry and Kris Sperry; great-grandchildren, nieces and a nephew.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Nov. 6, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Memorials can be made to Girls and Boys State fund at Glacier Bank in Margie's name.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Lee A. Diesen, 66

Lee A. Diesen, 66, of Plains, passed away of natural causes on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at his home.

He was born March 13, 1941, in Minnewaukan, N.D., to Harold and Ella Diesen.

He was a petty officer in the Navy for four years. From there he went to the Anaconda Aluminum Plant and worked there for 20 years. In 1986, he moved to Auburn, Wash., and worked at Government Services Administration for another 20 years. He relocated and retired to Plains with his wife and daughter in 2003.

Lee had many enjoyable past



times and always kept himself busy. He tinkered with wood, model airplanes, trains, boats and cars, (anything with a motor), and also received his pilot's license in the early 1970s.

His main concern and love in life were to his family and friends.

Lee is survived by his wife, Geneva; a daughter, Amanda; two sons, David of Arizona, and Jeff of Kalispell; a sister, Ina, of Eureka; four brothers, Carl and Harlan of Plains, Wayne of Washington, and Harold Jr., of Arizona; and many dear friends.

No services will be held per the wish of Lee. A gathering of family members will come together to celebrate his life.

Lee was a dedicated father and husband, and we will all miss him greatly.

Barbara Dillman, 75

Barbara Dillman, 75, died on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell. There will be no services

at this time.

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

Daisy (Green) Christensen Dineen, 93

On the morning of June 22, 2008, "the Lord took Daisy from us" at The Springs in Missoula. She will be greatly missed, but she died a peaceful, happy person. She never lost her sense of humor and always had a bright smile for everyone.

Daisy was born in 1914, the 10th child of George and Gussie Green, in Coram. She lived there until her marriage to Bob Christensen and moved to Belt, just down the road, and later to Kalispell, where she lived in the same house for 70 years before moving to The Springs in Missoula so she could be near her daughter.

Daisy had several jobs, but the most important one was as a telephone operator for PP&L in Kalispell. She was there 17 years until her retirement. She had gone only to the eighth grade, and that job was a great one, offering insurance and



retirement, which she used until the end of her life.

Daisy and Bob had two girls, Laura Rae (Cardwell) and Roberta (Brady), who survive her. Bob passed away in 1979.

Daisy then met Fred Dineen, and they were married and had a wonderful life together, traveling to Arizona in the winters and back to Kalispell for the spring and summer. They loved to play cards, go to dances and have parties out on the patio in Yuma, Ariz. She will be greatly missed by all of her friends.

Daisy was preceded in death by her parents; and nine brothers and sisters.

Daisy also is survived by Fred, and her sons-in-law, and families, Bob Cardwell, Debie, Rick, Tami and Tarrah, Terry Brady, Cathy Jo and Ty, and their families.

"Mom, we will miss you, but are at peace with the fact that you lived your life to the fullest and always encouraged us to do the same 'one day at a time.'"

No services are planned. Burial will be in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Calahill 'Cal' S. Dodd, 83

Calahill "Cal" S. Dodd, 83, "went home with the Lord" on Jan. 15, 2008, in Kalispell.

He was born July 5, 1924, in Hot Springs, S.D., to loving parents Clyde and Hilda (Merwin) Dodd.

Cal's ready smile and giving nature will be sorely missed.

Cal was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Dottie; siblings, Jim, Lloyd, Rusty, Mary, Johnny and twins departed at birth.

Cal is survived by siblings, Ralph Dodd, of Rapid City, S.D.,



Evelyn Adams of Sioux Falls, S.D.; his treasured daughter, Susan, and husband, George Dofelmire; grandchildren, Dodd and Shelly Sterner and children, Shalada and Josh, Kimmy Moore and children, Chris, Alyssa and Dallas, Chelle Taylor and children, Ailla and Laicey, all residing in the Flathead Valley, Dennis Sterner and children, Amanda, Noah, and Thaddeuss of Spokane; and great-great-grandchildren, Brandon, Logan and Vallanier.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday Jan. 21, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with Chaplain Eddie Nye officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Eugene Richard Doherty, 81

Eugene Richard Doherty, 81, "went to be with the Lord" on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

Gene was born Dec. 12, 1926, in Eureka to Mary Kinshella and Leonard Eugene Doherty. He started his schooling in Lupfer, then moved with the family to Kalispell where he continued his education.

Gene enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served from 1946 to 1949.

He attended Montana State University, where he graduated in 1954. After graduation, he went to work for the Anaconda Company in Great Falls in the engineering department. He received his master's degree in applied statistics from Utah State University, then went to work for the Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gene met and married Lorraine Deon of Mullan, Idaho. They had a blessed union for 55 years.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; and a



brother, Charles.

He is survived by his sweetheart and wife, Lorraine; his son, Jim, of California; his daughter, Kathy, of Colorado; a sister, Mary Borden, of Colorado; a granddaughter, Gina, of California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gene was a devout Christian who loved his Christian family. He enjoyed young people and made many close friends. He enjoyed rock hounding as a hobby and hiking the Montana mountains. He will be missed by his family and friends, but "we will be sharing Heaven with him when we go to be with our Savior."

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Brendan House in Kalispell. His ashes will be interred at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with military honors being conducted by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. You are invited to leave your condolences and personal messages at www.buffalohillfh.com.

Michael Bannon Dooley, 44

Military graveside services for Michael Bannon Dooley, 44, of Bigfork, who died Dec. 21, 2007, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008, at the Veterans Section of Lakeview Cemetery.

Emma Barbara Dolph, 83

Emma Barbara Dolph, better known as Barbara, 83, passed away June 26, 2008, in Great Falls at the home of her sister. Barbara became ill in March 2008



of congestive heart failure and moved to Great Falls on June 10. She was born Jan. 29, 1925, in Minot, N.D., to Jacob and Barbara (Voeller) Grismer.

Barbara graduated from Great Falls High School in 1943.

She worked at the telephone company before marrying Russell Dolph on Feb. 14, 1949, in Great Falls. They farmed in Hingham until retiring in 1977, at which time they moved to Polson and later to Kalispell in 1989.

She enjoyed bowling, was an avid golfer, and liked playing

cards with her group of friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Russell, in 1999.

She is survived by one sister, Marie Gebert, and two brothers, Leo and Henry Grismer, all of Great Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Barbara will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, in the Johnson-Gloschat chapel, with Pastor Glenn Burfeind of the Kalispell First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be afterward in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, June 30, and until the time of service Tuesday in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Barbara's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Barbara's guest book.

Charles 'Chuck' Drake, 86

Charles "Chuck" Drake, 86, died March 11, 2008, in Las Vegas. He is survived by his wife, Ashley, of Las Vegas; a son, Lance; a daughter, Charlene; and a sister, Beverly Jacobi, of Whitefish.

Dawn Marie (Chase) Drew, 52

Dawn Marie (Chase) Drew, 52, of Great Falls passed peacefully "into the arms of her Lord" of a heart attack on the afternoon of Thursday, May 1, 2008, at a local nursing home. She had been in worsening health since suffering a heart attack and stroke the previous August.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Great Falls Christian Center. A reception will be afterward at the church. Schnider Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences for the family may be left online at www.schniderfuneralhome.com.

Dawn was born Sept. 20, 1955, in Great Falls. She attended St. Jude Elementary and graduated high school in Butte.

She married Donald Wolf, and they had three sons. They made their home in Havre and later divorced. Dawn worked in Billings for a time and finally settled with her boys in Great Falls. She was employed at Stanley Insurance for several years.

Having accepted Jesus Christ as savior, she began attending Cornerstone Community Church, pastored by Lee Barrows. Lee joined his fellowship with the Great Falls Christian Center in 1984. It was there that Dawn met Jim, and they married in May 1985. They were blessed with three more children.

Dawn ventured into many different areas of business during the next 20 years. For most of that time she owned Confection Corner and was known by her many friends and clients as "The Cake Lady." Her wedding cakes were legendary. She became interested in massage upon completing training and provided therapeutic treatment for so many. In 2005, she began as a jewelry adviser for Lia Sophia. She was a very successful salesperson and helped dozens of other ladies begin their own businesses. She had just been promoted to regional manager at the time of her death.

Dawn's love for people and outgoing personality made her a natural in all her ventures. She derived great pleasure in meeting and helping others. She took great pride in giving her best effort, whether baking and decorating cakes, providing the greatest of massages or helping clients select the just-right piece of jewelry.

She spent several years as part of the Toastmasters, developing greater confidence and skill in meeting people and public speaking. She thoroughly enjoyed the many friendships she made within that organization. She was so proud when daughter Kaytte followed by participating in the Toastmasters' Youth Program at East Middle School, even winning the best speaker award at the annual banquet.

Dawn and Jim were very active at the Great Falls Christian Center. She took immense joy in serving God there, in learning more of "his kingdom" and in worship. The numbers of lives she touched and influenced are beyond counting. She excelled in hospitality.



Her prowess as a cook was confirmed over and over as she prepared meals for most special functions and church ministries. She led the kitchen team for two years at the annual youth camp in Hungry Horse. She and Jim led home groups for several years. All that she did, she did "as into the Lord."

Dawn had many hobbies and was competent at each one. She enjoyed gardening, painting, cooking, sewing and rearranging the furniture for Jim to trip over. There was so much to her life that this barely touches the half of it. But as much as she took pleasure in the businesses, the hobbies and her friendships, there was more that really defined her. She was a woman of family; time spent with her parents, brother and sister and other relatives; but especially in her children.

Dawn took great joy and comfort in her children and, eventually, in her grandchildren. Her care, devotion, pride, concern and prayers were there for all of them. It even extended to their friends from school and the neighborhood. She passed on to each family member a bit of herself, in shared hobbies or traits of personality; from Shad's love of cooking to Alex's sense of adventure, or Nathen and Justen's skill at crafts and construction to Megan's love for children. She cherished her time with them all, from a stint of home-schooling the boys to being a soccer mom for her girls.

She gave advice and training; opened her heart to her daughters-in-law and loved the young man soon to be her first son-in-law. The love and respect returned from Jen, Jamie and Michelle is testimony to Dawn's heart. Every grandchild was a treasure, and to watch her hold them and sing to them and smile at them brought a joy to all those around her. There were many hours spent after the barbecues just sitting outside talking, making and sharing memories. These were the things most important to her — her faith and her family.

Survivors include her husband, James Drew, of Great Falls; children, Shad and Jennifer Wolf, Nathen and Jamie Wolf, Justen and Michelle Wolf, Megan Drew, Katherine and Jimmy Shirley, and James "Alex" Drew, all of Great Falls; her parents, Don and Agnes Chase, of Butte; a brother, Dan, and Nedra Chase, of Butte; and a sister, Kim, and Bill Neuhardt, of Mill Creek, Wash.; her maternal grandmother, Mary Maloney Kinder, age 96, of Butte; seven grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews.

Dawn Marie Drew left many, many friends behind, and they and her family miss her greatly. "But for those of us in Christ, we know that this separation is but for a season and that we, too, will one day join her in eternity, with our savior, Jesus Christ. Her wish is that you would be there, too."

The family suggests memorials be given in her name to the GFCC Kitchen Fund. It was her desire to see the new kitchen in the Generation Center equipped properly, and her husband, who will have to cook in it, desires that too. Donations may be sent to GFCC, P.O. Box 6846, Great Falls, MT 59406.

Pamela Ellen Dryer, 60

Pamela Ellen Dryer, 60, a resident of Choteau, passed away at home on Feb. 27, 2008. She was born Aug. 4, 1947, in Whitefish, to parents Ruth and Ben Wentworth.



Pamela received her education in the Flathead Valley, graduated from beauty school in 1967.

On Oct. 29, 1967, she married Earl Dryer in Whitefish. They later moved to Alaska, and moved back to Montana 10 years ago.

She worked as a beautician for more than 20 years.

Pamela liked to decorate, crafts, camping and people. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren. She will be loved and missed by family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Pamela was survived by her mother, Ruth Wentworth, of Happy Valley; husband, Earl Dryer, of Choteau; daughter, Shelly, and husband, Wes Williams, of Columbia Falls; two grandchildren, Olivia and Logan; son, Mark Dryer, and fiancée, Sonya Kairis, of Renton, Wash.; granddaughter, Marilee Martin, of Columbia Falls; brother, Keith Wentworth, and wife, Joanie, of Hilliard Ohio; sister, Sharon Tousey, of Kalispell; and many nieces and nephews and other family members.

There will be an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the home of Ruth Wentworth, 364 Antelope Trail, in Whitefish.

The family requests memorials to Peace Hospice of Great Falls.

Jerome Scott Dubiel, 24

Jerome Scott Dubiel, 24, of Ronan passed away Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, from a motor vehicle accident on Montana 35.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the Grogan Funeral Home. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Father Jim

Connor officiating.

Dubiel is survived by his wife, Keevy, of Ronan; children, Isabella and Cashel; his father, Kenneth Dubiel, of Ronan; his mother, Arlene Ackermann, of Ronan; brothers, Brent and Kyle, both of Post Falls, Idaho, and Thomas Payne of Ronan; his sister, Tiar Lively, of Ronan; and step-sister, Christy McGuffin, of Lancaster, Calif.; grandparents, Ruth and Hank Dubiel of Dallas, and Kathy Ackermann of Ronan and Kurt Hunter of Llano, Calif.

Edward 'Ed' Roy Duelfer Sr., 87

Edward "Ed" Roy Duelfer Sr., 87, passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2008, at the Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was



born on Feb. 26, 1921, in New Rochelle, N.Y., to Trevor Henry and Helen (Warby) Duelfer.

Ed received his early education in the New York area, and in 1940, entered the U.S. Army. He was in the Army's 1st Division and was in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and France. He was also involved in the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge in which he was wounded, earning him the Purple Heart.

Ed separated from the military in 1945 and married Betty Keegan in 1946. Betty passed away in 1970. Ed remarried in 1972 to Mary Foti.

Ed worked in construction, mainly in New York City, for many years. He then worked as an elevator mechanic and installer, and finally for a neighborhood grocery and caterer. Ed and Mary retired to Bennington, Vt. in 1980, and remained until 2001. They then moved to the Flathead Valley to live with his son, Ed, and Mickey Duelfer. Mary passed away in 2002.

Ed loved music, especially the Big Band music from the 1930s and '40s. He would

always talk about the times when he was young, when he would substitute play the drums for "Big Bands" that played at the Glen Island Casino in New York, before he joined the Army.

He was recognized for many years of volunteer service in the Boy Scouts of America, serving in both Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs.

Ed is survived by two sons, Edward R. Duelfer II and wife Patricia "Mickey" of Lakeside, and Timothy A. Duelfer of Ashville, N.C.; four grandchildren, Amanda E. Westphal and husband Cory of Avondale, Ariz., Roy T. Duelfer and wife Susannah of Helena, Joy Davis and husband Jeremy of Ashville, and Scott Duelfer of New York City; and four great-grandchildren, Zachery, Ainsley, Avery and Zander Westphal, and Max, whose due date is March 27, to Roy and Susannah.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, at Risen Christ Catholic Church, with Father Rudy Bullman as celebrant. Inurnment will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Ed's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Ed's guest book.

Roy M. Duff, 88



Roy M. Duff, proud World War II veteran, longtime business owner, former mayor of Whitefish, and dedicated servant to the community he loved, passed away in Whitefish on Nov. 14, 2008.

Roy was born in Steptoe, Wash., on Oct. 30, 1920. The family moved to Whitefish shortly after Roy was born. As the son of a railroad employee, Roy enjoyed his early school years, hiking, fishing, picking huckleberries on Big Mountain and as the privileged only son, loved driving the family car. With lifelong friends he thoroughly enjoyed the mischievous pursuits of youthful exuberance. Roy took great pride in working at Cooke's Grocery in Whitefish and the Kalispell Bee newspaper. He worked two summers in the Roosevelt era Civilian Conservation Corps and graduated from Whitefish High School in 1938. In 1939 he joined the Montana National Guard.

The ominous events in Europe that year resulted in Roy's entire local National Guard unit to be sent to the west coast for training at Fort Lewis and Camp Murray. Roy trained as a medic. His unit defended the west coast from Dec. 7, 1941, to mid-March 1942, and at that time he was sent to the South Pacific to help defend Australia from the advancing Japanese forces.

As part of the 41st Division 163rd Infantry, Roy was part of three major Southwest Pacific campaigns under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. In horrific jungle conditions, Roy participated in frontline action at Sanananda, Aitape, Wakde, Hollandia, Biak, Zamboanga and Jolo. Roy was wounded during a bansai attack at Toem beachhead on the night of May 28, 1944; as a result of that action, Roy was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He received a battlefield commission and after a period of recuperation, rejoined his unit in the Philippines. He was scheduled to be part of the home island invasion of Japan, but was spared almost certain death by the circumstances of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He was one of the very first soldiers to enter Hiroshima after the atom bomb was dropped. Roy's unit was deactivated from the Kure shipyard in December of 1945.

Upon returning to Whitefish, Roy acquired a taxicab business and developed it into a diversified passenger transportation company. He owned the local Chevrolet dealership for some years, operated a tow service, an ambulance service, interstate bus schedules, shuttles in Glacier National Park and transfers from Glacier International Airport and Amtrak to the Big Mountain Ski Resort. Over a five decade period, he provided employment to hundreds of people. The school bus operation he developed has been in continuous service to the Whitefish School District for more than 60 years. The Hertz Rental Car franchise he brought to the Flathead is recognized as the oldest Hertz franchise in the United States. The business he founded continues to operate under the name of Rocky Mountain Transportation, and in his final days he made inquiries to the current management if it was operating properly and exclaimed, "It damn well better!"

Roy took great pride in his community. The list of civic organizations that he did not belong to was probably shorter than the ones he did. He was a rural mail carrier, brand inspector and on occasion, a special deputized deputy under the authority of legendary Sheriff Dick Walsh. He served over 20 years in the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department and also served on the Big Mountain Board of Directors for 30 years. He served as a Montana State Highway commissioner longer than any commissioner in the state's history and initiated the original proposal in getting the present Big Mountain Road on the commission agenda. He was one of the original promoters of the Whitefish Winter Carnival and was proud to be selected as King Ullr X in 1969.

After being a city council member, Roy was elected mayor of Whitefish in 1955 and served two terms. His office and home at 15 Central Ave. was the unofficial city hall. He, but probably more frequently his Australian bride, Norma, answered all the police and fire calls at night from that

home office. All kinds of official meetings were held both day and night. Under his mayoral leadership a flurry of activity took place and much was accomplished.

Pay for parking meters were installed in the downtown area, and new equipment was acquired for both the police department and street department, resulting in better service to the community. At the urging of resident Mable Engelter, the library was greatly improved. A city planning commission was created, a new post office was established, and with a little fiery encouragement from the state of Montana, plans for a new sewage treatment plant were put in place. City Hall was remodeled and given a facelift, meaning all the gorgeous original brick was covered with new stuff. That stuff, is mostly, still on the building.

He was widely recognized as the unofficial beer drinking champion of Whitefish and heavily supported the makers of Olympia Beer in the '60s and later in his life, Miller Light. He learned to smoke while in the military and reportedly, ate at least five Roi Tan cigars each day for the majority of his years. Though confined to a care center for the last three years of his life and suffering a stroke some weeks ago, he asked for assistance in swabbing his dry mouth with a beer-soaked sponge on a stick in his final hours.

Roy enjoyed his horses and different dogs he owned throughout his life. He made many pack trips through the Bob Marshall Wilderness in summers. In the fall, you could count on him packing into his back country elk hunting camp with longtime friend and Chief of Police of Whitefish for many years, George Wartnow. Of the eight-horse string, necessary to pack all the gear, two horses were always designated to carry the beer.

Roy loved his country, the camaraderie of the armed forces and shared the bond known only to those who face death in battle. Throughout his business and public career, he remained loyal to the highest ideals of America and the spirit of capitalism. He was the driving force that established the formation of "A" battery of the 163rd in Whitefish, served on the state staff of the National Guard in Helena and promoted the formation of National Guard units across western Montana. He spearheaded the drive to acquire land on the east boundary of Whitefish to establish a training center for the 163rd and through his contacts with Sen. Mike Mansfield, procured the funds necessary to build an armory and community center at that location that now bears his name. He remained active in the Montana National Guard for more than 40 years and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife and business partner of more than 50 years, Norma Doreen Wassman, whom he met and married in Australia.

He is survived by his sisters, Eva DeVall and husband, Bill, Nova "Billie" and husband, Glen Johnson, of Whitefish, and Norma "Pee Wee" Brzoznoski of Spokane; sons, Mark and wife, Lynne, and Dale and wife, Diane, of Whitefish; grandchildren, Kevin Duff of Whitefish, Amanda Caldwell and husband, Mike, of Columbia Falls, Scott Duff, Sean Duff and wife, Kyla, also of Whitefish, and Shelby Geyer and husband, Greg, of Calabasas, Calif.; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and an extended Australian family on Norma's side.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the Whitefish United Methodist Church, with Pastor Deborah

Schmidt officiating. Burial will follow at the Whitefish Cemetery with graveside honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

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

Darrell Lynn Dunning, 50

Margaret Glendean Duncan, 55

Margaret Glendean Duncan, 55, of Libby, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008, at her home from natural causes.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon "Red" Duncan, of Libby; daughter, Laurie Miller, of Cincinnati;

and son, Robert Duncan, of Coco Beach, Fla.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday.

Darrell Lynn Dunning, 50, passed away May 15, 2008.

He was born Aug. 15, 1957, in Cass Lake, Minn., the son of Harry F. and Phyllis L. Dunning. He attended school at Cass Lake Public Schools and went on to further his education at the Thief River Falls AVTI for cosmetology.

Darrell worked at his profession in Bemidji Minn., Bloomington Minn., Kalispell, and lastly in Whitefish.

Darrell was preceded in death by his father, Harry F. Dunning; and brother, Shane A. Dunning.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis L. (Dunning) Wheaton;



and sisters, Rita Marcell of Cass Lake, and Cheryl Dunning Hohman of Columbia Falls; and numerous relatives and friends.

Darrell was a beloved son, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him — but has left us all with many good memories.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish will be attending the family.

There will not be a service.

John Chester Dyer, 75

John Chester Dyer, 75, "was taken from us" on Feb. 2, 2008, by cancer, while residing at Brendan House in Kalispell. He fought a valiant battle, but in the end the cancer won and life lost.



John was born here in the Flathead Valley on May 22, 1932. He was the fourth child of Ray George and Dorothy Bernadine (Sheldon) Dyer. He grew up in Kalispell going to the grade schools, the Central School and Flathead County High School.

He met and married Pauline Smith in September 1950 and they spent over 57 years together.

John worked on some of the projects around the valley, such as the Hungry Horse Dam and the aluminum plant. He became a power lineman and started working on the large transmission lines leaving the dam.

He moved his family to Oregon for a time for work, then returned home to the valley, and worked for Pacific Power and Light as a lineman. He transferred to the telephone company and worked there until about 1977. He needed a change so he decided to try working in Alaska. That work did not well for him, so he started commuting between Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, and Somers.

John was a proud member of the IBEW for 58 years. He was fortunate to be able to retire early in 1990.

Our dad loved the land, but the land he loved most was some property he bought years ago just off the Swan Highway near Ferndale. We always just called this land "The Woods." He enjoyed just going to "The

Woods" and cutting Christmas trees, fire wood or logs for his little sawmill. He was always making a few boards from his mill for someone who needed them. I think he was always happiest at "The Woods."

John had some good trips before and after he retired. He went on some amazing hunting and fishing trips in Alaska, from the interior to the Yukon River, and to visiting family and friends, from Georgia to California.

He had seen several of his eight grandchildren get married and four great-grandchildren born. His life was as good as one man can have.

John was preceded in death by his mother and father; one sister, Frances (Dyer) Kienas; and one brother, James Dyer.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; five sons, Ray and Margo Dyer of Kalispell, Jeff and Candy Dyer of Fairbanks Alaska, Ronnie Dyer, Lony Dyer, and Mark and Wanda Dyer, all of Kalispell; eight grandchildren, Tammy Dyer, Mathew Dyer, Leslie Dyer, Tracy and Amy Dyer, David and Christine Dyer, Brian and Jamie Dyer, Brett and Amber Dyer and Chelsea Dyer; four great-grandchildren, Jessica Olsen, Anthony Olsen, Nicole Olsen and Hannah Dyer; one brother, Kenny and Lona Lee Dyer; two sisters, Roberta (Dyer) Arnold and Shirley (Dyer) McDaniel; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for John will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for John's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign John's guest book.

Grace 'Pat' K. Duncan, 82

Grace "Pat" K. Duncan, band of 58 years, Douglas; her daughters, Ginger and Mic Sieler of Thompson Lake, Lori and Phil Sieler of Kalispell; Barbara Barnard of Great Falls, and Penny and Larry Curtiss of Cut Bank; 13 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at her request. Cremation has taken place. There will be a scattering of ashes at a later time.

Grace "Pat" K. Duncan passed away at her home at 82 years of age, on April 9, 2008, after a long illness.

Pat was born Jan. 23, 1926, to Edward Riefstahl and Adelaide (Reesman) Riefstahl in Chicago. She moved to Montana in 1948, and met and married Douglas Duncan on Aug. 26, 1949.

She is survived by her hus-