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Kenneth Carl Dahlgren, 69

Kenneth Carl Dahlgren, 69, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at home in Kalispell. He fought a brave, four-year battle with pancreatic cancer.



Ken is survived by his loving wife, Susan, of 46 years; his sons, Rod Dahlgren and his wife Cathy of Powell, Wyoming, and Kevin Dahlgren



Ken was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota, to Carl and Evelyn Dahlgren on Sept. 6, 1945. He grew up on a farm east of Kalispell and attended Montford Country School and Flathead High School.

He joined the National Guard and spent six proud years in the 19th Special Forces as an airborne Green Beret. He worked at several local sawmills and worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company until they closed in 2009. He gave them 42 years.

He loved to farm, hunt, fish, ride horseback, and ride motorcycles, four-wheelers and snowmobiles. He loved to take his boat out on Flathead Lake and to play cribbage. He also enjoyed teaching cribbage to the fourth grade students at Evergreen School. He knew how to tell a good joke and his sense of humor was an inspiration to all around him.

He was a casual guy, so dress casual. If you are working in the field, he said to "come as you are."

of Seattle; grandchildren, Ashley, Tyler, Chase, Kelsey, Amanda, Kristyn and Ryan; great-grandchildren, Vivienne, Mylah, Ellie and Max; sisters, Enola Lea of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Bonnie Marchessault and Jules of Dillon, and Jeane Foster and Steve of Kalispell; brother, Rick Dahlgren, of Kalispell; sister- and brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews. He was so proud of all his family and loved them deeply. He was so loved by many.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will follow at the Eagles Lodge, Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Ken's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Ken's tribute wall.

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James R. Dake, 74

Jim died July 5, 2015, from pancreatic cancer. He dealt with his illness with courage and class.



to do were fish and hunt.

Jim's early years were spent in northern California attending Blue Lake Elementary School and graduating from Arcata Union High School in 1960. He was drafted into the Army in 1963 and served until 1965. During that time he married Pat Grilley in Bigfork July 19, 1964. They returned to Montana after his discharge.

Special thanks is given to

the caring and competent health care providers Jim was in contact with.

Jim is survived by his wife, Pat, of Bigfork; his sisters, Darrie and Jerry Merrill of Petaluma, California, Janet Tirey and Berta "Hank" Waelty of Blue Lake, California, and Mary Lieu and Paul Wooten of San Felipe, Mexico; plus several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were private, with burial by cremation.

Jim worked mainly in construction working for Montana Builders and driving truck for McElroy and Wilken Inc. He managed an early retirement and spent those years maintaining all the equipment that rural life requires, putting up firewood, tending to a large garden and dealing with their cattle. Like many others, his favorite things

For those wanting to make memorial contributions, choose a charity of your choice, or choose a favorite charity of ours: Northwest Montana Veterans Food Pantry, 1349 Highway 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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Ethelyn L. Dalen, 94

Ethelyn L. Dalen, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, at The Springs in Whitefish.

She is survived by her son, Gary Dalen.

A public viewing will be from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. A

memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. The graveside service will be at 1:45 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald S. Dale, 77

Donald S. Dale was born to spread joy to the world. Don was born on April 19, 1938, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, to Pansy and William S. Dale and a family of musicians and entertainers. As the second youngest in a family of 21 kids, he learned quickly to connect to the best in people and to add value to the world wherever he would go. The family had a traveling music and entertainment show where he perfected his musical craft and learned to work with his hands and the ability to sell from his heart.

The Dales were all entertainers and musicians, coming from generations of performers, and Don was proud of his history and loved to share the stories of many colorful memories of traveling throughout the southern U.S. and the stories of human nature that he encountered along the way as they performed from stage to stage, town by town.

After serving in the



for the grand opening of the Cadillac Hotel in Whitefish. A valley hit from the start, he came back so many times and, after opening the Mountain Lake Grand opening with Wild Bill Brensinger, he finally decided to stay and played music all over the valley and western Montana including a music show on KCFW, earning a reputation as one of the best-loved country musicians in the state.

During all that time four things never changed — his passion for family, his love of God and country music and his commitment to always lend a

Navy, he formed the Don Dale trio and continued to play music in California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and came to Montana in 1964

hand to anyone in need. Don had a long fight with lung disease and cancer and passed over peacefully at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Dec. 13, 2015, with his wife and daughters holding his hands and telling stories, and recalling memories

Don leaves behind his beloved wife, Linda Dale; his children, Michael Dale, Debra and their daughter Luvaya; Michelle Dale and her daughter Lisa and great-grandson Sadan; his daughter Lashaun Dale and husband Maury Solomon and their children Tevan and Vanessa; his daughters Serena Dale and Tina Dale, and his beloved dog Mr. Pooh.

His surviving siblings include Delores "Sunny" Johnson, Donna Aguiar and Dani "Butch" Casina. Don leaves behind many loving relatives, lifelong friends and musicians who will cherish having known him and having personally witnessed the twinkle in his eye.

He is already missed

and his music will live on in all of us.

The Dale family would like to invite all who knew and loved Don and his music to join them in a celebration of his life.

This very special service and memorial will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, followed by a memorial potluck and celebration of Don's life at the Evergreen Moose directly following the service at 4 p.m. that same day.

Musicians welcome.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to their favorite local charity in Don's name.

Larry L. Darling, 71

Larry L. Darling, 71, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Leslie Darling; and children, Kenny, Kyle and Kevin.

A celebration of life will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Eagles Club in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Ethelyn Lorraine Dalen, 94

Ethelyn Lorraine Dalen, 94, of Whitefish, passed away on Saturday morning Dec. 12, 2015, at The Springs in Whitefish with family at her side.

She was born Sept. 3, 1921, in Whitewater, Montana, to Gust and Luella (Reitan) Torgerson.

She attended school in Whitewater, Saco, Glasgow and graduated from high school in Malta.

She moved to Whitefish on her 20th birthday in 1941 to work for Art LaBrie as a waitress. It was not long before she met "the love of her life," Bud Dalen. They were married Aug. 10, 1942. Ten days later Bud left to serve in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Europe during World War II for three and a half long years.

Ethelyn owned a ceramic business in Whitefish for more than 30 years where she enjoyed teaching ceramics and was an avid and talented china painter. She enjoyed the social aspect of running her business and was blessed with many friendships that always included brush strokes, coffee and lots of laughter. She was a part-time cook, dishwasher, cleaning service, nurse, counselor, maid, accountant, taxi driver, cheerleader, banker, teacher, pharmacist, lawyer and a preacher, to name a few. And a great mom! Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the highlight of her life and they were a tremendous blessing to her even through the last week on this earth.

Her laughter was a joy to all who knew her and her sense of humor was a gift. She once hosted a dinner party for family and friends but you had to have dentures to attend and all dentures were taken out at the door. She had several games planned, one of which



was chewing gum. You can imagine the hilarity!

She was a member of Christ Lutheran

Church in Whitefish. Her faith sustained her throughout her life and gave her great comfort in her last moments. The joy of the Lord was her strength!

Ethelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Bud; a son, Buz Dalen; a brother, Glen Torgerson; and brother and sister-in-law, Vernon and Irma Torgerson.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Annette Dalen, of Whitefish; grandchildren, Janelle Johnson and husband Paul of Great Falls, Jennifer Retz and husband Erik of Whitefish, Jeff Dalen and wife Jenn of Whitefish, and Jim Dalen of Whitefish; and great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Lois Torgerson of Spokane, and Arlene Field and husband Ken of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services for Ethelyn will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with Pastor John Bent officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell. Burial will be at the Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

The family would like to thank the pastoral staff at Christ Lutheran Church for ministering to Ethelyn and to her family and to the caring staff at The Springs and Frontier Hospice.

Ethelyn's favorite charity was A Ray of Hope, P.O. Box 5407, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the Dalen family.

Norma Anna Louise Daniel, 92

Norma Anna Louise Daniel, 92, died Oct. 23, 2015, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

There are no services at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Kalispell; several great-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, and her nephew, Bob. She also leaves behind her dogs, Mickey and Tigger.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell, with her husband. A reception will follow the service on Feb. 10 at 300 Summit Ridge Road, in Kalispell. Burial of her ashes will be at 1 p.m. on Feb. 11, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to Frontier Hospice or the ASPCA. Buffalo Hill Funeral home is caring for the family. Friends may visit www.buffalohillfun.com to leave a condolence for the family.

April; brothers, Leroy and Larry Lee; her children and their spouses, Christine and husband Jon Wilson of California, Juanita and husband Tim Peters of Colorado, Robert and wife Sheri Danielson of Kalispell, and Darlene and her husband Alan Compton of Kalispell; grandchildren, Adam of Utah, Lance of Colorado, John and wife Megan of Kalispell, Britanni of Kalispell, Richard of Kalispell, Cody and wife Jayn of Kalispell, Brandy and husband Bryce of Kalispell, Morgan and Ryder of Kalispell, Shaun of Kalispell, Sammy of Kalispell, Chelsea and husband Steve of Kalispell, Samantha and husband Dan of Arizona, Bri and husband Marcus of Kalispell, and Jessie and Cheyenne of

children.

In December of 1978, John passed away, leaving Maggie to raise their children. After John's passing, Maggie became a maid for the Outlaw Inn, where she worked for 14 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Danielson; her biological mother and father; adoptive parents, Hubert and Ruth Hunt of Kalispell; three brothers, Joe, George and Robert; and a granddaughter, Olivia Peters, of Colorado.

She is survived by her sister, Shirley, and husband, John, of Washington; sisters, Rita, Patricia, Susan, Mary Ellen and



Margaret "Maggie" Danielson, 80, of Kalispell, passed away on Jan. 21, 2015, in her home with her family around her. Maggie "went peacefully from her temporary home here on Earth to her eternity home in heaven."

Maggie was born in Anaconda on April 8, 1934, to William and Neomi Flachmeyer, joining a family of 11 brothers and sisters. Shortly after, Maggie and five siblings were sent to an orphanage in Deer Lodge.

At age 12, Maggie moved to Kalispell with her adoptive parents, Hubert and Ruth Hunt. She later began working at Depot Park as a waitress where she met the love of her life, John Danielson. On Feb. 21, 1959, John and Maggie wed. They had four beautiful

Paul L. Daly, 93

Paul L. Daly was born to Lawrence H. and Florence M. Daly, March 20, 1921, in Missoula.



aviation, partnering with other local businessmen to establish Executive Aviation, a fixed-base operation (FBO) at the Missoula airport.

He died of natural causes on Dec. 28, 2014, while returning home to Columbia Falls from his winter residence in Green Valley, Arizona. The intervening years were lived to the fullest, reflecting Paul's courage, energy and wide-ranging interests, his hard work and entrepreneurial spirit, and his deep commitment to family and friends.

While growing up, he lived and attended school in Missoula, but summers and any other possible opportunities were spent in the Grasshopper Valley of Beaverhead County, on the Marchesseau family cattle ranch homesteaded by his mother's parents. There he learned the values of hard work and good land stewardship, and became determined to have his own ranch one day.

Paul graduated from Missoula County High School just as Congress enacted the Civilian Pilot Training Act of 1939. He enrolled and received his early flight training from Johnson Flying Service at Hale Field in Missoula, while also pursuing a degree in wildlife technology at the University of Montana (then called Montana State University).

When the U.S. entered World War II, Paul enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and was sent to Norman, Oklahoma, and later Corpus Christi, Texas, for aviation cadet training. Commissioned as an ensign in 1943, his initial assignment was to Squadron VF-15 on the aircraft carrier USS Essex, preparing for combat in the new F6F Hellcat fighters. There he, at one time, flew wingman for Commander David McCampbell, later the Navy's top ace in World War II.

Following his divorce, Paul sold his share in Executive Air and moved to Spokane, where he established a new business at Spokane International Airport, eventually building it into one of the largest FBOs in the Inland Northwest.

When he married Carol King in 1969, they purchased a small ranch near Whitefish, the first of several they would own. Selling both Executive Air and the Whitefish ranch several years later, they purchased a larger ranch in the Blackfoot Valley and Paul, using the skills and knowledge gleaned from years of working on his family's ranches, began to build his own herd. As a small operator, he needed to be both efficient and cost-effective, which led to his installation of the first pivot irrigation system in the area, the use of artificial insemination, and an afternoon feeding schedule which resulted in more calves being born during daylight hours.

In 1981, Paul was officially retired from the U.S. Navy, and two years later he decided to retire completely. Selling the Ovando ranch, he moved to Bigfork, where he planned to play golf and learn to sail. Soon, however, he was approached about an opportunity to invest in a small Kalispell precision machining firm which had just received a large defense-related contract. He couldn't resist the challenge, which led to another decade of hard work, during which JBM Inc. also became a prime contractor for Boeing and was named E-Systems' 1985 Subcontractor of the Year.

Upon qualification as combat ready in February 1944, Paul was assigned to Squadron VF-44 and the carrier USS Langley, from which he participated in numerous bomber support and strike missions during the Battle of the Philippine Sea and the Battle of Leyte Gulf, among others, and was subsequently awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight."

Released from active duty in 1946, Paul considered becoming a commercial airline pilot, but chose to return to UM, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration in 1947. He and his best friend started a business supplying records for jukeboxes in restaurants and bars in the Butte area, but in 1948 Paul was recalled to active service for the Korean War. He was sent first to Dallas for refresher training, and then on to Pensacola, Florida, as a flight instructor for new aviation cadets. In 1953, he qualified in the UF-1 Albatross and was sent to Argentia, Newfoundland, where scouting and observation flights over the North Atlantic were conducted to detect any potential threat from the Soviet Union.

In 1954, Paul returned to Missoula, where he and his wife Totsye raised their children, and Paul started a used furniture and, later, upholstery business. Continuing his service in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Paul also branched out into civilian

Finally, in 1992, real retirement became possible. Spending his winters in Arizona and summers in Montana, Paul was able to enjoy years of golf, fishing, dancing and the good company of friends (old and new) and relatives.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Bette Overby; and his daughters, Joan and Janette Daly.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; his daughters, Jennifer and Conrad Lowe-Anker, Paula Daly, and Camilla and Steve Haynes; his brother, Larry, and Fran Daly; grandchildren, Jake Daly, Max, Sam and Isaac Lowe-Anker, and Haley and Brady Haynes; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and a family celebration of Paul's life will be held later this year in Polaris, Montana. While his ashes will be scattered on the land that he loved, his spirit will never be grounded. As another World War II pilot, John Gillespie Magee Jr., wrote:

*"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed
... and done a hundred things*

*You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared
and swung
... And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod*

*The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."*

George Darrow, 90

George Darrow, 90, "concluded his long journey here on earth," on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015.

George was born in Osage, Wyoming, to George W. and Marjorie Ord Darrow, on Friday, Aug. 13, 1924. The family moved to Lewistown for a short time following the oil fields, then to Rochester, New York, where he attended high school. The family spent many summers traveling back and forth to the family ranch in Lusk, Wyoming. The Ord Ranch remained in the family for over 100 years, and was a venue for many enjoyable annual family get-togethers.

George attended the University of Michigan, first receiving a degree in economics. He played football and was on the wrestling team there.

After graduating, he worked a short time for an export company, but determined that an indoor job was not for him and took a job as a rough neck in the oil field close to the family ranch in Wyoming. Gaining an interest in the oil field industry, he returned to UM to major in geology. During this time, he received officer's training as an ROTC and enlisted in the Navy as an officer during World War II. In fact, he had completed specialized radar training and was preparing to ship out on a destroyer from port in San Diego when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, effectively ending World War II. After his honorable discharge, he returned to UM to complete his geology degree.

His first geology job was with Amerada Hess, in Casper, Wyoming, later transferring to Billings. After a few years, he became an independent geologist.

In 1953, George married Eileen Riedl, at the Crossbow Ranch, a dude ranch that they jointly operated during summers in the Beartooth Mountains, near Yellowstone National Park. To this marriage



of 16 years, four children, Roy, Karen, Reed and John were born. They later divorced and George married Elna Eshom at Paladin farms in Bigfork, in 1976. George and Elna enjoyed 32 years together before she passed away in 2009. As a Bigfork resident, George was involved in diverse business ventures. He and Elna mutually owned and operated Kootenai Gallery in downtown Bigfork for over 15 years. As the owner of Paladin Farms, George actively managed lentil, barley, mint and hay crops. He oversaw ranching operations for sheep, cattle and even owned and bred Percheron draft horses. At no time, did George, ever "retire." He and Elna took regular winter sun-breaks for many years, mostly in the Southwest.

After Elna's passing, George's children did their best to fill the void by visiting often, inviting him for holidays and joining him in attending functions. He spent the last months of his life in his "winter apartment" at Prestige Assisted Living, in Kalispell, where family and his dog, Ginger, visited often. There, he enjoyed friendships and dining with the other residents, and was very well taken care of by loving and caring staff.

George made a great many contributions to the state of Montana and the community of Bigfork. He served in the Montana legislature from 1967 to 1974, serving in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. One of the chief legislations George authored was the Montana Environmental Policy Act, an Act that was successfully passed and still exists today, protecting and preserving

environmental and water quality for all Montanans. Throughout his lifetime, he actively participated in environmental organizations and stayed politically active, successfully influencing environmental legislation. On a local level, he spearheaded and served on various committees, one being an effort to conserve Cougar Canyon, a tract of state land on the mountainside above Woods Bay, as accessible public property.

George contributed to the Bigfork community through being a founding member of the Bigfork Center for Performing Arts and Sliter Park, and being a member of the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce. He served on the University of Montana President's Advisory Council for more than eight years. George indeed left many footprints during his time here on earth, both in the hearts of many and on the natural environment.

George was preceded in death by his son, John Robin Darrow, in 2010.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Darrow, of Whitefish; and sons, Roy Darrow and wife Jeanne, with their two daughters, Pam and Megan, of Powell, Wyoming, and Reed Darrow and wife Cathie, with their five children, Makayla, Jace, Lane, Rayna and Kamryn of Kalispell; along with his brother, Bob Darrow, of Denver, and his first cousin, Harry Sager, of Houston, along with their families.

George's ashes will be scattered on the family farm on Red Tail Ridge by family.

In lieu of flowers, please give to a charity of your choice.

We invite all to join the family in a celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 13, at Bru-Mar Estate south of Bigfork. For driving directions, please go to their website at <http://www.brumarestate.com/>.

'Pillar of Bigfork' dies at 90

Darrow shepherded lasting environmental laws

By LYNNETTE HINTZE
The Daily Inter Lake

Longtime Bigfork civic leader and environmental policy pioneer George Darrow died Wednesday in Kalispell. He was 90.

Darrow and his wife, Elna, who died in 2009, were consummate volunteers for decades in the Bigfork community where they owned and operated Kootenai Galleries for many years. He was a driving force behind the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts and led an effort to raise nearly \$1 million for

the center in the mid-1980s.

"He was a pillar of Bigfork," said Bruce Solberg, former Bigfork Chamber of Commerce director. "He was always an influential guiding force, there to lend an ear and give really good advice."

Bigfork attorney Randy Snyder recalled how the Darrows "gave sacrificially of their time."

"He and Elna were a constant, visible face and voice of support for this community," Snyder noted.

Several Bigfork leaders recalled that Darrow was a man of his convictions and

always spoke his mind about the topic at hand.

"He was a really determined man and strong in his beliefs," Solberg said. "If he had an opinion he would definitely share it."

Sen. Bob Keenan, R-Bigfork, said Darrow was "uncompromisingly passionate" about his promotion of Bigfork as a destination resort village. He was equally passionate about Montana and his work as a conservationist and wilderness advocate.

As a state legislator, Darrow

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ELNA AND GEORGE Darrow of Bigfork stand in 2006 under an apple tree that was part of the original homesteader's orchard. The Darrows purchased this land and home in 1968. (Daily Inter Lake file photo)

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in 1971 wrote and led the passage of the Montana Environmental Policy Act, landmark legislation that still guides the planning of development projects with a focus on environmental impacts.

Darrow served as a Republican lawmaker representing Yellowstone County in both the Montana House and Senate from 1967 to 1974. Right out the chute as a new legislator, Darrow was the chief sponsor of the Montana Water Policy Act in the 1967 Legislature. He remained a vocal advocate for clean water.

As an elected legislator in 1972, Darrow couldn't participate in Montana's Constitutional Convention as one of its 100 citizen delegates, but he followed the process intently. Swan View Coalition Chairman Keith Hammer noted in a 2012 article he wrote about Darrow in the *Conserve Montana* publication.

Hammer recalled how Darrow gave him a copy of the Montana Constitution with certain phrases highlighted such as this one: "All persons are born free and have certain inalienable rights. They include the right to a clean and healthful environment ... In enjoying these rights, all persons recognize the corresponding responsibilities."

The Darrowes were active in the Bigfork

Chamber of Commerce when Hammer first became active in trying to protect the Swan Range and secure a wilderness designation for the Swan Crest. He noted how the Darrowes persuaded the Chamber to support the wilderness proposal.

"George has been at the cutting edge in arguing for preservation of the incalculable value pristine forests and waters contribute to local economies," Hammer said.

In 1992 Darrow testified before a U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee, telling federal lawmakers: "One of the sustaining attributes of the Bigfork area and indeed, the other forest inter-linked communities of the Flathead Valley, are the ramparts of the Swan Range rising 4,000 feet above the valley floor within the Flathead National Forest. The entire snow-capped Swan Crest from Columbia Mountain through the Jewel Basin and into the Bob Marshall Wilderness provides the high-quality watershed, recreation and wildlife habitat that underlie the Flathead economy."

Darrow came by his interest in the natural world through his farming and geology backgrounds. He was born in Osage, Wyoming, at the time an oil-field boom town 60 miles south of the Montana border. His father, following another

oil boom, led the family to Lewistown a few years later.

He earned degrees in geology and economics from the University of Michigan, serving in the Navy between his two courses of study. He worked for several companies in oil and groundwater exploration after moving to Billings in 1949 and was a consultant until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1976, the same year he and Elna were married.

The Darrowes operated an extensive farm operation on two sites in the Bigfork area, growing grain and hay and raising livestock. They restored an old homestead near Bigfork, with an 1894 cabin serving as Darrow's office.

Flathead Audubon honored Darrow, one of its longtime members, in 2013 with its Conservation Achievement Recognition award for his many years of service.

In a 2002 interview with the *Daily Inter Lake*, Darrow, then 77, talked about the couple's desire to keep volunteering as long as they were able. Retiring — or even slowing down — "would be dull," he said. "There are too many interesting things to do."

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Charmaine Davall passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 30, 2015, at the Whitefish Care Center.

Charmaine Daniels was born in Columbia Falls on Feb. 5, 1933, to Carl and Valentine Daniels. Her first job as a teenager was working for Mel Ruder at the Hungry Horse News.

She married Don Davall in 1950 and they had three daughters.

Together they operated Davall Mercantile along with Don's parents. When the mercantile closed, Charmaine turned it into her own antique store. She loved attending rummage sales and estate sales looking for treasures. She had many customers who became friends because they loved to see what Mom had found.

Charmaine was a homemaker who took pride in her skills. Her home was always immaculate. She always had fresh baked items to offer anyone who stopped by. And if the ground was not frozen, Charmaine could be found working out in the yard. Flower gardening was her specialty. People would go out of their way to drive by and see her beautiful blooming yard. Pictures and articles on Charmaine's gardens were in the newspaper many times.

Charmaine was an avid fisherman. It did not matter to her whether it was rafting down the river, trolling on a lake or still fishing. She was also an excellent fly fisherman. She either caught the biggest fish, or the most fish. One of her highlights was a fishing trip to Alaska.

Charmaine's other hobbies were embroidery, sewing and many types of crafts, including extravagant gift wrapping. She loved to collect fabric, lace, beads, buttons and ribbon. She also loved dolls and Teddy bears and was a member of the Flathead Valley doll club for several years. She also enjoyed her membership in the Red Hat Society.

One of the joys of Charmaine's senior years were the Sunday afternoon



potluck/pinochle card parties with her friends Gladys Shay and Marion Andrew.

Their friendship spans more than 60 years.

Dr. Robert Hager has been a friend of Charmaine's for more than 40 years. He greatly enhanced her quality of life and enabled her to remain independent. He shared his friends and family with Charmaine including his husband Drew Otto and their very good friend Pierre Petrau, who became an extra right arm to Charmaine, helping her with errands and working in the yard. They spent many hours sharing stories and enjoying good food and fellowship. They are part of the family.

Charmaine was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Wilma Doane, her ex-husband Don Davall, and her nephews Casey Doane and Carl Galloway.

She is survived by her sister, Linda, and Chuck Bailey, of Congress, Arizona; and daughters, Karen and Rick Huston of Mililani, Hawaii, Leslie and Marvin DeVries of Conrad, and Diana and Allen Pullec of Hastings, Nebraska; one granddaughter, Casey Schultz, and Jake Jamison, and two great-grandsons, Piper Schultz, and Jasper Bergschultz, all of Missoula; and one niece, Kathie, and Butch Arvidson, of Columbia Falls.

If you wish to pay tribute to Charmaine's life, you could consider, planting a garden, making a homecooked meal for your family, baking fresh cookies or a homemade pie. Charmaine also supported Relay for Life and they would welcome donations of your time or funds in her memory.

A celebration of Charmaine's life will be held outdoors when the weather is better.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Charmaine's family.

Doris Elizabeth (Lyonais) Davis, 79

Doris passed quickly on March 20, 2015, at Valley Care Hospital in Pleasanton, California, of an aortic aneurysm. Her children Greg Davis and Lisa Maneatis were at her side. She was anointed and blessed by the hospital chaplain, then cremated at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton.

Doris was born on March 23, 1935, in Williston, North Dakota, to Cecilia and Ed Lyonais. The family moved to Kalispell where Doris was raised surrounded by her large and loving family. She attended St. Matthew's and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1954. She moved to Portland right after high school to comfort a friend whose husband was away at the Korean War.

Doris studied secretarial science and received a Dental Assistant Certificate at University of Oregon Dental School. Having an interest in performing, Doris attended the Academy of Music & Arts Portland, and Gloria La Vonne Finishing School. She supported herself working as a dental assistant and by modeling.

In 1959, Doris met and then married Robert S. Davis in June 1961. In May 1962 they had a son, Greg, and in December 1963 a daughter, Lisa. Doris was a wonderful homemaker, wife and mother; she was the heart of the family. Doris was the driving force, keeping all immediate and extended family close. She hosted large family dinners almost



every Sunday and countless get togethers with friends. When not hosting parties, Doris

was very active in the PTA and always chaired or helped at school events and shows.

One of the family's favorite things to do was the yearly trip to Kalispell to visit family. In 1979, her husband Robert was transferred by JI Case Co. and the family moved to Livermore, California. Having more free time, Doris perused her favorite hobbies: decorating, arts and crafts, tennis and swimming. She decided her passion was decorating and in 1982 attended Chabot Junior College and got an Interior Design Certificate. Doris later opened her own business, Davis Designs & Interiors in downtown Pleasanton. She put her talents to work on the decorating committee of St. Charles Church, as well as taking the Eucharist to the elderly, and hosting a grief support group at her home. Doris continued to enjoy yearly trips to Kalispell and to Portland to visit family, especially her granddaughter in Portland, Amanda, born 1993. She was blessed with another granddaughter, just 30 miles away in California, Nicole, born 2003.

In 2009 Doris's health began to deteriorate due to a 2003 injury. She was on oxygen full time and

her son Greg moved from Portland to Livermore to stay with her. Although her health was deteriorating, she was still able to make the trip to Kalispell in August 2014 to attend her 60th class reunion and visit family. She enjoyed the 2014 holidays with her children, granddaughter Nicole, and extended family in California.

Doris was truly one of the wonderful people of this world, and now she is with the Lord. She will be greatly missed by all who know her.

Doris is survived by her children, Greg Davis of Portland, Lisa Maneatis of Mountain View, California; granddaughter, Amanda Davis of Portland, granddaughter, Nicole Maneatis of Mountain View; sisters, Janice Burnell of Seattle, Patti and husband James Slack of Kalispell, Judy Carr of Greenbelt, Maryland, Chris Neal of Portland; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Doris's ex-husband Robert, whom she remained close with and shared holidays and special occasions, passed on April 17, 2015, due to complications from Alzheimer's.

Doris joins her dear departed parents Cecilia and Ed Lyonais, brother James Lyonais, sister Gail Mitchell, brothers-in-law Don Burnell, Glen Carr, Michael Neal, Dan Mitchell, niece Danette Mitchell, and all extended family and friends who have passed. God bless them all!
Mass of Christian

Burial will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Kalispell, followed by a luncheon in the parish hall and then burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Risen Christ Catholic Church, 65 W. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the charity of your choice.

Taylor Shae Davis, 18

On Aug. 17, 2015, Taylor Shae Davis, 18, of Polson, passed away. Her beautiful blue eyes and infectious smile will forever be held in our hearts.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1996, to Dean Davis and Denise Amundson. She graduated from Polson High School in 2015. As early as 2 weeks old, she was in the gymnasium cheering on her Aunt Darci, brother Derek and sister Diana. Growing up, she was involved in soccer, softball, volleyball and track. She had many friends that she always wanted to spend time with, making sure she could get them to laugh by making silly faces and with her sense of humor. She loved nature and enjoyed hiking and being at the lake with her dogs, Onyx, Koda, Sinbad and Lucy.

Friends would say she was very supportive and encouraging. She always made sure other people's happiness was a priority over her own and was always there for them if needed. Her great love for animals (horses especially) started at a very young age. This endless compassion and unconditional love carried through all aspects of her life.

She had a knack for always being right, or at least convincing you that she was. She stood up for herself and others when the situation arose or just being a voice of reason if needed. She would make sacrifices no matter the cost to herself if it meant helping someone else. It was amazing how much spunk, love and compassion fit into that little body.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, George and Minnie Davis, Ray and



Frankie Boettcher and Arnold Amundson; her grandfather, Ernie Davis; and her sister,

Dara Davis.

Survivors include her parents, Dean Davis and Denise Amundson; brother, Derek Davis and Jess; sister, Diana Davis-Hughes and Chris; her grandparents, Arlyn and Karen Amundson, and Erma Davis Prier and Gil; her great-grandmother, Isabelle Amundson-Dougherty; her aunts and uncles, Danyel McCrea and Randy, Darci Amundson and Josh, Gayle Rose and Ray, and Dana Blush and Kenny; her cousins, Marissa and Colton McCrea; her nieces and nephews, Landyn, Harper, Sawyer and Palmer Hughes, Brittian and Maddy Davis; and her love, Wyatt DuCharme; along with her many friends and family that she held dear to her heart.

Her celebration of life is at 2 p.m. on Aug. 22 at the Polson High School auditorium with a reception to follow in the High School Commons.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Taylor Davis Memorial Fund that will be used to help a local community outreach programs. Donations may be made out to Karen Amundson and can be deposited at the Whitefish Credit Union under the Taylor Davis Memorial Fund or left at the service.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ione Dawson, 88

Elma Ione (Singleton/Search) Dawson passed away on Jan. 26, 2015, at her home in Redwood Valley, California, at the age of 88 years.

Ione was born on March 23, 1926, in Kalispell to Thomas K. Singleton and Emma (Bruffey) Singleton. As an infant, Ione was cared for and later adopted by Henry and Leola Search. After graduation (in the 1940s) Ione attended and graduated from the nursing school in Eugene, Oregon. She spent most of her years caring for her family and still kept up a career as a nurse in various fields.

Ione was preceded in death by her sisters, Isabelle (Singleton) Everett and Dorothy (Singleton) Sundt; and her brother, George Singleton, formerly of Kalispell, and her brother, Kenneth



Singleton, formerly of Washington. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Dawson; and a son, Giford Rethwill.

Ione is survived by her two daughters, Sylvia Sinclair of Tacoma, Washington, and Christine Dawson of Santa Cruz, California; and four sons, Leo Search of Longview, Washington, James Dawson of Spokane, David Dawson of Redwood Valley, and Joseph Dawson of Maiden, Washington. She is also survived by four grandsons, four granddaughters and one great-grandson.

A memorial service in her honor will be held in Kalispell sometime this summer.

Larry Davis Delaney passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, at his home in Whitefish, surrounded by family.

He was born Sept. 24, 1938, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to Evelyn P. Morgan and Charles Mims.

For those who knew him, Larry was "The Most Interesting Man Alive." Raised by a Marine during World War II, he spent his youth traveling from Midway Island to the Carolinas before settling in Orange County, California.

After high school, he enlisted in the Navy where he drove submarines and was a UTD Frogman, a precursor to the Navy SEALs.

During his 20s, Larry was a deputy for the Orange County Sheriff's Department, trained guard dogs, and married and had his first child, Deborah. He worked for the Olympic Committee during the Mexico Olympics before moving to Los Angeles in the mid-'60s to pursue a writing career at an entertainment trade journal.

He eventually became the magazine's editor but was courted by Capitol Records where he became the head of press relations, working intimately with The Beatles, The Beach Boys and Glen Campbell among others. Earning the camaraderie of The Beatles, he became integral in helping them launch their independent label Apple Records.

At the dawn of the '70s, Larry's savvy PR skills were noticed by the White House and he successfully helped spearhead Richard Nixon's re-election campaign.

He returned to the entertainment industry but this time as an actor, starring in such television shows and films as "Brian's Song," "West World," "Gunsmoke," "The Six Million Dollar Man," and "Mayberry" where Larry met and married TV star Arlene Golonka. He also appeared in "The Streets of San Francisco," acting alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger. But



his most prominent acting role was as Jay Livingston on the iconic soap opera "Days of our Lives."

In between acting gigs, Larry penned New York Times best-selling novels "Blood Red Wine," "Triton Ultimatum," "Sea Ranch," "Blood Harvest," as well as "No Sympathy for the Devil" under the pseudonym Fredrick Snow.

It was at this time he rekindled an old romance with and married Mary (Hart) Delaney, whom he had briefly dated during his Capitol Records days. When she became unexpectedly pregnant and gave birth to a baby boy, they decided to give up the city life and moved to an old log cabin in Whitefish.

Larry put his vast skills to good use, working for Big Mountain Ski Resort's marketing department where he teamed up with Doug Betters of the Miami Dolphins to form the Doug Betters Winter Classic.

Over the years, Larry worked for such local innovative companies as Applied Information Services, CyberPort, one of the first Internet providers in Montana, and Silicon Valley-based semiconductor company Integrated Materials.

Upon retirement, Larry spent his twilight years beekeeping, writing and mentoring his son Morgan in the art of storytelling.

Larry is survived by daughters, Elizabeth Phillips, Deb Puckett, Kim DeGeer and Jennifer Clemente; son, Morgan Delaney; brother, Bill Mims; and granddaughters, Meghan Walker, Kristen Walker and Jenna Lee Walker.

A celebration of life will be held for Larry from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Bohemian Hall, 125 Blanchard Lake Road, behind Montana Coffee Traders in Whitefish.

Gibson 'Gib' Delano, 55

Gibson "Gib" Delano, 55, passed away Dec. 30, 2015, in Casper, Wyoming.

He was born July 15, 1960, in Bozeman.

A loving and generous father and husband, Gib had a genuine concern for all. Gib was proud of the time he spent in the Coast Guard, finishing top in his class and getting a letter of commendation as Master at Arms on the Dauntless for his service. He was a ship captain of a gambling ship and seemed to excel at everything he did. Gib loved playing the guitar, water skiing, sports, and spending time with his family and pets. He will be missed.

Gib is survived by his daughter, Laura, wife of many years, Sylvia Delano, and Joshua Betcher, all of Casper, Jenny Betcher of



Montana, sister Becky Olsen of Monroe, North Carolina, brother Gary John Delano of Indigo, California, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hazel and Gary Lee Delano.

Graveside services will be held in the summer in Helena, to be announced.

In lieu of flowers there will be a fund set up for Gib's minor daughter Laura's college fund.

Bustard's Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Florence DeLong, 85

Florence Lillian (Hanson) DeLong, 85, longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, suddenly, but peacefully, "joined the company of angels" on June 9, 2015.



her husband Sergio of Sacramento, California, and Catherine Mathis of Roy, Utah, as well

Florence was born in White Earth, North Dakota, on November 5, 1929, to Rudolph A. and Emma B. (LaBar) Hanson. She was the third of ten children.

as by her granddaughter, Jessica Mathis. She is also survived by one brother, Claude Hanson of Palm Desert, California; one sister, Eileen Bredstrand of Kalispell, and dozens of nephews and nieces.

While still a young girl, she and her family moved to the Flathead Valley, eventually settling in Whitefish in a house her father built. She graduated from Whitefish High School in 1948.

Florence was preceded in death by her first husband, Vernon Sindt; both of her parents; six brothers and one sister.

Widowed at the tender age of 24, Florence married Joe DeLong on June 2, 1958. They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary the week before her death.

A celebration of life in Florence's honor will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, at the Lagoon Pavilion in Woodland Park. A lunch will be provided.

She is survived by her husband, Joe, and by her two daughters, Joanne DeLong Rodriguez and

Please join us and share your special memories of Mom.

Betty Irene DeLong, 87

Betty Irene DeLong, 87, of Polson, passed away on March 6, 2015, surrounded by her family at St. Joseph's Medical Center, due to a stroke.



cially loved caring for the lambs and calves; animals were one of her biggest passions.

son in 2000.

Betty was born April 10, 1927, in Keystone, Idaho, to Victor and Eleanor (Barker) Benson. She joined one sister and one brother.

Spending time in the vegetable garden and apple orchard, as well as tending to her flowers were a few of her favorite pastimes.

Betty was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She had the ability to bring love and warmth to everyone she knew, and she will be deeply missed. Betty was truly one of the sweetest, most genuine people on earth.

In her early childhood the family moved to Hot Springs where she attended local schools and graduated from Hot Springs High School.

Betty took great pride in their family and her home. She was an incredible cook and was happiest when her family was around the table. Along with working the ranch, Betty helped manage Camp Aqua Bathhouse for 20 years. She was also part of numerous community clubs and enjoyed being involved with her children's school.

Her parents and siblings all preceded her in death.

Betty married Roy M. "Pat" DeLong on July 6, 1946, in Kalispell. They were married for 68 wonderful years. Initially, they resided in Somers where their first son, Clinton was born. In 1950, Pat and Betty's dream became reality when they purchased their ranch in Hot Springs. Here, the family grew with the addition of a second son, Kelly, and a daughter, Darla.

Family was the center of their world. Betty adored her five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. After 50 treasured years on the ranch, Pat and Betty retired and moved to Pol-

Betty is survived by her husband, Pat; son, Clinton, and wife, Karen, of Kalispell; son, Kelly, and wife, Lori, of Columbia Falls; and daughter, Darla, and husband, Tom Allen, of Kalispell; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at the family home in Polson.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the family at www.thelakefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Darrell Dennison, 56

Darrell Dennison, 56, passed away Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015, surrounded by his family and close friends.

Darrell was born May 15, 1958, in Kalispell, the second of five children to Earl and Virginia (Bruch) Dennison, both of Kalispell.

When Darrell was 10 years old, his father was killed in a car accident, but lucky for Darrell he had many aunts and uncles to help raise him and his brothers and sister.

Darrell had fond memories of his cousins, the Dennisons and Joneses, who lived up Hoffman Draw where he spent many hours wandering the hills and doing mischievous stuff with them. The joke always on his mother was "What's for dinner?" If Darrell didn't like what his mother was cooking he would hightail it to Hoffman Draw to his grandmother Dennison's house, because it was, according to him, much better.

Darrell also spent many years with his great uncle Chet with whom he spent fishing in the pond and hunting the surrounding hillsides.

Darrell left Montana shortly after graduation for Grangeville, Idaho, where he worked for Harland Ballard and opened and managed Cooperhood Pizza Parlor. That is where he met his wife,

Shelly; they were married in 1980 and moved back to Montana.

Darrell had many illnesses

through his life and was not able to work after 1995, but he enjoyed going to the gun shows with his longtime friend, Maynard Denna, and sometimes hunting with his close friends and family. But the thing that most lit up his day were his grandsons Justin and Parker, and his daughter-in-law Heidi.

Darrell is survived by his wife of 35 years, Shelly; sons, Sam and Heidi Dennison, and Jake Dennison; sister, Rhonda, and Wayne Ferguson; brothers, Greg and Deanna Dennison, and Les and Val Dennison; and his grandsons, Justin and Parker; also nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and -nephews.

"May God relieve your pain. You will surely be missed by all."

A celebration of Darrell's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Village Green Community Center, 135 Palmer Drive, Evergreen.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfun.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.



Wilbur 'Bill' O. Dempsey Sr., 82

Family and friends of Wilbur "Bill" O. Dempsey Sr. are deeply saddened by his recent passing.

Bill passed away at home of natural causes on the evening of Aug. 24, 2015.



Bill was born in Frazer, Montana, on Sept. 4, 1932, the youngest of eight children. His family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1946.

He met the love of his life, Lorraine D. Sheridan, at a roller rink at Lake Blaine and they were married on July 2, 1952, a marriage that lasted more than 63 years. Only his passing could take them apart.

They produced two daughters, Dorrie Stone and Debra Johnson, and a son, Bill Dempsey Jr. who gave him and Lorraine nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Along with his wife, Lorraine Dempsey, and his three children, Bill is survived by his grandchildren Laura-Lee, Tory, Jason, Brienne, Billy, Trisha, Shanda and Nikki.

Bill was preceded in death by grandchildren, Shayde and CassieJo. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his seven siblings.

He is also survived by his 13 great-grandchildren and his mother-in-law Hazel who turned 101 on Aug. 1.

Bill would be unhappy if we didn't also mention his dog Missie. Bill worked as an auto mechanic after completing his mechanical

training in 1957. Along with work, he loved the outdoors, especially fishing and camping with his family. He was also a man who became a trained athlete the second he saw a dance floor - any dance floor. He was also always only a call away for anyone that needed help with anything. It didn't matter if it was a neighbor, a friend, a family member or even a stranger.

He will be greatly missed by a great many people.

Services are pending at this time, but those wishing to make donations are requested to donate to the local council for aging.

Lastly, the family thanks Jayson at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory who patiently, professionally and kindly helped the family through a very difficult time.

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Mary D. 'Corky' (Calbick) Derby, 80



writer and published author, with articles appearing in Readers Digest, among

other periodicals. She wrote community interest columns for both the Daily Inter Lake and the Missoulian newspapers. One of her columns featured early pioneers of the Flathead Valley which she dedicated to her grandmother, Mabel "Bubble" Parker, and titled, "To Bubble, With Love." She spent countless hours interviewing and getting to know the subjects of her stories. Corky had a knack for quickly turning strangers into friends and had a true affection for the elderly.

Another one of her segments featured local law enforcement. Much to the embarrassment of her teenaged children, Corky rode "patrol" each Saturday night with the Kalispell Police Department and published a weekly Sunday column she titled "Saturday Night Live." This eventually launched her into what would become a 17-year career at the Flathead County Sheriff's Office, a job she started in her mid '40s. Corky trained at the Law Enforcement Academy in Bozeman, and worked in many roles at the sheriff's office, promoting to public information officer a few years into her career. Because most of the deputies were young enough to be her sons, she soon became the office "mom." She was well liked and respected by them and she maintained lifelong friendships with several.

In partnership with her duties in law enforcement, Corky became a tireless advocate for people with mental

health issues in Flathead County and worked at both the state and local level to create support for laws gauged to protect this segment of the population. Resources were few in the late 1970s so people with these challenges were often placed in jail for lack of other facilities. Her efforts helped draw attention to needed treatment centers that would segregate people with mental health issues from the general jail population.

She was so passionate about this cause that in retirement, she created a nonprofit entity, and renovated a home into a four-unit apartment for women with mental health issues, called Corky's House. It provided housing for dozens of women during the 10 years Corky operated it. In retirement she also celebrated the births of each of her grandchildren with fanfare. She could hardly wait to become a grandma and she enjoyed and loved them all deeply.

Corky had a kind heart and was known for bringing soup and pie to sick friends and grieving families. She could be counted on when people needed her most — something that friends have been conveying to our family for some time now. She cared for her grandmother, mother and uncle in their declining years and was a dedicated and loving daughter, granddaughter, niece, wife, mother and friend.

Corky is survived by her husband, J. Leonard Derby, of Kalispell, four children and eight grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her children, Lynn and Paul Ausbrooks of Colorado, Laurie and Brent Smith of Kalispell, Dean and Kathy Derby of Bozeman, and Julie Hunter of Kalispell.

Mary D. "Corky" Derby died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, at The Springs in Whitefish of natural causes. She was 80 years old.

She was born in Kalispell to Bert and Laura Jane (Parker) Calbick on May 27, 1934.

She attended Kalispell public schools and graduated in 1952 from Flathead County High School. It was also in 1952 when she met her future husband, Len Derby of Missoula, on Big Mountain. For the next several months, Len would call Corky to go on double-dates, invariably bringing along one of his Missoula buddies to be Corky's date.

Len was transferred to Georgia for advanced military training and he and Corky began writing letters to each other. Before being deployed overseas, he was given a one-month leave and he returned to Montana. He promptly called Corky to actually ask her out on a date. Thinking he was offering her another double-date, she turned him down. Eventually she relented and they dated during that month and became sweethearts. They communicated faithfully while he was stationed in Germany and upon his return, he proposed. They married on Dec. 18, 1953, and celebrated 61 years together a few weeks ago.

Corky enjoyed volunteering and, as she raised her four children, she held offices in the Montana Republican Women's Association and assisted with the Red Cross. She and Len were instrumental in launching Flathead Valley Community College and were among its first staff. She taught contract bridge as Community Education for five years for Flathead Valley Community College.

Corky was also an avid

She adored her grandchildren, Austin Pempenger, Kristen Smith, Bailey and Logan Derby, and Lauren, Bianca, Jackson and Sophie Hunter, and will be remembered by them as "the bestest grandma in all the land."

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister Francis Duane Hawk.

Corky's family would like to extend sincere thanks to Dr. David Habel, the staff at The Springs of Whitefish, Home Options Hospice and the many friends who ministered to her and her family these last few weeks.

Funeral services for Corky will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at the First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main Street, Kalispell, with a lunch following.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Springs of Whitefish (Employee Holiday Fund), 1001 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Corky's family.

Sherry Jane Dillon, 61

Sherry Jane Dillon, 61, of Columbia Falls, passed away in her home on July 29, 2015.

She was born Dec. 10, 1953, in Forsyth, to Herman "Buck" and Luella Mitzkus. She spent most of her youth growing up in Eastern Montana and graduated high school in Miles City. She enjoyed barrel racing and rodeo where she met Jim whom she eventually married. They started a family and had three children. The lived out on Moon Creek Road near Miles City ranching and trapping with Sherry's parents and eventually moved to Billings where they started an insurance corporation together.

In 1987, Sherry met John. They fell in love and in 1989 they were married. John and Sherry and the three kids moved to the Flathead Valley where they would spend much of their time with the horses at the race track. They also loved spending time together hunting, fishing and getting firewood. In 1995, Sherry graduated college with her associate's degree. In 1996, John and Sherry bought a restaurant in Spokane and ran that until family brought them back to the Flat-



head Valley where she would live out the remainder of her life.

Anyone that knew Sherry knows that when she did something she did it big, whether it was raising guinea pigs, making charms, Christmas shopping and, most recently, her passion for raising puppies. She loved her husband, loved her children, loved her family and she loved her dogs. Her biggest joy of all was her grandkids. She loved spending any time she could with them, whether she was watching them play sports, watching movies at home or her most recent crazy adventure of zip lining in Glacier Park. She was always up for some crazy, spur of the moment adventure.

Sherry was caring, kind-hearted, generous and well loved. She will be deeply missed and remembered forever by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She was preceded in death by her dad Herman, and mom Luella.

She is survived by her husband John; daughter Amy, her husband

Rob and their children Michael, Nathan, Stacy and Brianna; her daughter Jamie, her husband Chris and children Ashley, Chelsea and Katie; and son Jimmie, fiance April and their child Tucker.

She is also survived by her sister Kathy, husband Barry, her brother Michael, wife Nancy, half brother Jesse, and her nephew Lee and his family, her niece Jenny and her family and many

other nieces, nephews. She also leaves behind her beloved dogs Sadie and Pebbles.

Private services for family will be held this morning, Aug. 5, and there will be a celebration of life at the family home in Columbia Falls at 5 p.m. this evening.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations for home medical equipment for John's move to Hot Springs.

Norma L. Dillon, 84

Norma L. Dillon, 84, Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell is caring for the family.

Norma L. Dillon, 84, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, at her home in Kalispell.

MEMORIAL

Cindy Dittmer

Memorial services for Cindy Dittmer, 58, who died Jan. 5, will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Moose Lodge in Evergreen.

Suzanne R. DeShazer, 68

Suzanne R. DeShazer, 68, of Eureka, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, at her home in Eureka.

A celebration of life and potluck dinner will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015, at First Baptist Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are under the care of Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home and Crematory of Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Cindy Kaye Dittmer, 58

On Jan. 5, 2015, "Heaven was blessed with a new angel." Cindy Kaye Dittmer of the Flathead Valley passed peacefully in the early morning hours, at the age of 58, in Seattle.



Cindy was born April 3, 1956, in Kalispell, to Thomas and Mikell Tonkinson.

She moved to Shelton, Washington, as a young woman where she met and went on to marry Mack Howard Dittmer Sr., in October of 1974. Mack and Cindy were soon blessed with three children. Kayla, Mack Jr., and Lacy. Mack worked hard as a logger, and while Cindy worked various jobs throughout her life, her main focus was creating a loving home for her family.

Cindy was the proudest of mothers. She spoke of

her children all the time and absolutely doted on her grandbabies, Keyawna Janice, Eli Mack, Riley Tyce and Payden Louise. She had many friends and anyone who knew her would tell you she was a real kick to be around, the life of the party. Cindy was very talented in both writing and various forms of art. She loved camping, bottle digging, working in her yard and on her home. Cindy was also an excellent pool player. She was always busy doing something, especially cleaning. She would rake around our campfires so the ground would "look nice," which is just one of countless funny

memories we will keep of her. She could make any house a home and she did. Cindy welcomed all walks of life into her heart. She said, "Sometimes people just need a little help."

In 2004, Cindy met the love of her life, Ernest Gravelin, and her family happily grew, adding four children, Ronelle, Erin, Danielle and Bo, and seven grandchildren, Kaleb, Colton, Kearra, Taylor, Fisher, Gunner and Michael. For several years, the book of memories grew in bringing the two families together and it showed in the way our mom surrounded herself with pictures of her loved ones.

Cindy is survived by her daughter, Kayla Janice Dittmer; son, Mack Howard Dittmer Jr. and wife, Kelly; daughter,

Lacy Lee Anderson and husband, Cody; brother, Rick Tonkinson and wife, DeAnna; sister, Debra Dishon and husband, Jerry; stepmother, Caroline Tonkinson; and grandchildren, Keyawna, Riley, Eli and Payden.

Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Tonkinson; mother, Mikell Tonkinson; former husband, Mack Dittmer Sr.; and mother in law, Peggy Dittmer.

Our mother left a legacy of happy, funny and loving memories that will never be forgotten. She lit up any room with just a smile and will be greatly missed.

Services are to be held June 6, 2015, at a time and venue to be later determined. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Cindy's life.

Sara S. Dix, 77

Sara S. Dix, 77, of Kila, died Nov. 11, 2015, in Kalispell.

No services are

planned at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

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George Gibbs Dodge, 56

George Gibbs Dodge was born Jan. 15, 1958, in Missoula.

He passed away Jan. 1, 2015, at Heritage Place in Kalispell, at the age of 56.

George lived in Ronan where he owned and operated a clock repair business. He moved to the Flathead Valley in the early 1980s, finally settling in Kalispell where he lived until the time of his death. George's life changed considerably with a diagnosis of autoimmune liver disease in 2005. He lived a full life despite the health challenges and was well liked by his circle of friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents, George G. Dodge and Frances Cameron Dodge.

He is survived by his sisters, Pat Murphy and Ron of Whitefish, and Deanna Mathison and Steve of Kalispell; and one brother, Jon Dodge, and wife, Ann, of Laramie, Wyoming. George is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Montana author Ivan Doig dies at 75

4-10-15

SEATTLE (AP) — Ivan Doig, an award-winning author whose books set in his native Montana made him one of the most respected writers of the American West, has died. He was 75.

Geoff Kloske, the publisher of Riverhead Books, said in a statement that Doig died Thursday of multiple myeloma at his Seattle home.

"Ivan was one of the greats," Kloske said. "We have lost a friend, a beloved author, a national treasure."

Doig was born in 1939 in White Sulphur Springs, Montana. The former ranch hand earned bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Northwestern University and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Washington.

He wrote 16 books, including the so-called

McCaskill trilogy, three novels about a fictional Montana family covering the first 100 years of state history. His 1979 memoir, "This House of Sky," was a finalist for the National Book Award.

In 2007, Doig won the Wallace Stegner Award, which recognizes someone who has "made a sustained contribution to the cultural identity of the West." He was also the recipient of the Western Literature Association's lifetime Distinguished Achievement award.

His publisher said that two of Doig's later works, "The Bartenders Tale," released in 2012, and the yet-to-be published "Last Bus to Wisdom," were inspired by experiences from Doig's youth. But the author also made it clear that his novels were fiction.

His writing gained him many admirers. The Aus-



THIS UNDATED IMAGE released by Riverhead Books shows author Ivan Doig. Doig, an award-winning author whose books set in his native Montana made him one of the most respected writers of the American West, died of multiple myeloma on Thursday at his home in Seattle. He was 75. (AP Photo/Riverhead Books, Carol Doig)

tralian author Thomas Keneally said Doig was "one of the great American voices, full of grace, abounding in humanity,

easeful in narration, hypnotic in pace, grand in range."

Doig is survived by his wife, Carol.

Edna Doyle, 88

Edna Doyle, 88, of Belgrade, passed away at home on July 18, 2015.

She was born to Charles and Lorena (McConnell) Kallner in 1926 in Malta. As a child, she moved with her family from Malta to Conrad, and later to Whitefish where the family homesteaded and she attended school.

Edna started working away from home when she was 16, first in the kitchen in the Soldiers' Home in Columbia Falls, and later as a waitress in the railroad hotel dining room at Blackfoot.

In 1945, while working at Isaak Walton Inn in Essex, she met Charles "Chuck" Reich. They were married in 1949. To this union were born three daughters, Charlene, Carolyn and Lorena. Chuck passed away unexpectedly in 1958, leaving Edna alone with three little girls to raise. She then went to work for the Whitefish schools as a cook.

In 1968, Edna married David J. Doyle in Whitefish and to that union was born their son, David James "Jim" Doyle. They moved from Whitefish to Belgrade in 1979, purchasing and then expanding a mobile home park. Edna also had her own house-cleaning business. Following a lengthy illness, David died in 1994.

At the age of 72, she finally retired and spent



the rest of her days focused on home and family.

Edna is survived by her children,

Charlene and Stan Webber of Kalispell, Carolyn Reich of Kalispell, Lorena Reich of Belgrade, and Jim and Judy Doyle of Belgrade, and by her "adopted" daughter, Robin Shanor Sullivan of Belgrade. She is also survived by grandchildren, Dana and Joe Snyder of Alaska, Kama and David Petty of Alaska, and Rana and Jake Henn of Oklahoma; stepgrandchildren, Allannah and Will Clark, and Sabrina and Duncan Anderson of Bozeman; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Chuck Reich and David Doyle; three brothers, Russell Quest, Ralph Quest and Jordan Kallner; and five sisters, Ann Shoudy, Merle Moore, Jean Osborne, Shirley Kallner and twin Ethel Shanor.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Belgrade Community Church.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service; www.dokkennelson.com.

Wonita Luke Drake, 81

Wonita Luke Drake, 81, passed away July 4, 2015.

Wonita was born Sept. 20, 1933, to Thomas and Una Ritter Luke, in Kalispell, at her grandmother's home on Eighth Avenue West. She spent her entire life in Kalispell.

Nita married Ernest Drake October 1950 and to this union there were three children born; Edward Ernest Drake (who passed away at childbirth), Shellene Bernice Reese and David Ernest Drake.

In her younger days she had many jobs including house cleaning, taking care of children, working in the Christmas tree yard, potato farm and C&C Plywood plant. She later got involved with her new hobby, ceramics; through this she met many new friends.

Wonita and Ernest were proud and excited in 2009, when they were baptized at the Faith Life Family Church in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her hus-

band, Ernest Drake; son, Edward Ernest Drake; her parents; brother, Thomas Luke; grandson, Christopher Drake; great-grandson, Lukas Leigh, along with numerous aunts and uncles.

She is survived by daughter, Shellene Reese, of Kalispell; son, David and Cindy Drake, of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Chad Noziska, Sara Noziska, Laci and husband Eric Burk, Desiree Drake; great-grandchildren, Shane Noziska, Taysha Noziska, Dalton Leigh, Drake Burk and Brycen Burk.

A celebration of Wonita's life will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with burial at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, her wish was for donation to Montana School for the Deaf and Blind in Helena.

To send a note of condolence to the family please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Sarah Lauren Drellich, 44

Sarah Lauren Drellich, 44, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, at her home in Kalispell. She is survived by her father, Justin

Drellich.

There are no services at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Jean E. (Rendahl) Driscoll, 81

Jean E. (Rendahl) Driscoll, 81, passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 16, 2015.

Jean was born on June 12, 1934, in Burley, Idaho. She was the third of five children born to Kenneth and Mary (Wagner) Rendahl. She graduated from Presentation Catholic Girls High School, San Francisco, class of 1952.

On Oct. 31, 1953, she married the love of her life William P. Driscoll at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in San Francisco. They were married for 61 years. They moved to Whitefish June 1970 with six children and soon after had their seventh child.

Jean was a dedicated homemaker. Family and friends were always welcome around her table to enjoy a delicious meal that she loved serving. As a skilled seamstress, there was an abundance of everything from custom clothing to repairs. They say if you want something done, ask a busy person. Jean fit this description. Being well orga-



nized, she found time to volunteer at North Valley Hospital, take in ironing and alterations for people and be an active member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Colleen Reimer; sisters, Katherine Herberson and Vera Zinn.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Driscoll, and six children, Michael and Marilyn Driscoll, Kathi and Mark Cronrath,

Donna and Doug Bost, Brian and Dawn Driscoll, Bill and Mary Driscoll, Elaine and Jim Kennedy as well as 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

There will be a rosary service 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at Austin Funeral Home. A memorial mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Whitefish. A luncheon will follow.

We will forever remember her for her nurturing love and inspiring example of how to live our lives.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for Jean's family.

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Charles 'Charlie' Albert Druedow, 95

Charles "Charlie" Albert Druedow died Nov. 7, 2015, at the age of 95, surrounded by his family.

Charles was born March 30, 1920, south of Brockton, Montana, on a homestead on Charley Creek to parents Herman G. Druedow and Laura G. Whitney Druedow. He attended Armstrong Public School two miles from his boyhood home. He started working at age 14 on a haying crew. The crew lived in a sheepherder's wagon and Charlie was the stacker.

On Dec. 18, 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a radio and control tower operator and mechanic. On July 1, 1942, his unit was sent to the Caribbean to train for the "War in the Atlantic." They searched for submarines and on one occasion his convoy was hit by German subs in the Atlantic, but they prevailed. He was discharged in 1945.

After the war he began a series of jobs building roads and working in the timber industry. Notable projects included the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam and rebuilding and paving the



road from Eureka to Canada.

He met his wife of 66 years, Shirley Owens, while she was working at Woolworths in 1948.

They were married Aug. 8, 1949, and had three children, Michael, Susan and Sherry. Some of their favorite childhood memories were summers spent on Swan Lake and other locations where their father worked.

On May 25, 1968, Charlie was severely injured in a car accident which took his sight. He spent seven months in VA hospitals in Minneapolis, Salt Lake City and Fort Harrison in Helena. He later attended blind schools in Bozeman and American Lake, Washington.

The accident may have taken his sight but it did not take his spirit. One of his goals was to live to be 113 and he kept active throughout his life. Charlie liked to visit and

talk politics, the economy and share stories about hunting and working in the woods. He could remember every logging road in the Flathead Valley and recount how to get to his favorite hunting spots. He loved playing his guitar and country music. He spent countless hours making recordings for all his friends and family. His favorites included Boxcar Willie, Hank Williams and Marty Robbins.

He always enjoyed going out for breakfast at Nickel Charlie's or Sykes' and was quite the charmer with the waitresses. His grandchildren will always remember the special nicknames that he gave each of them and chatting with him about his long rich life. He was an inspiration proving that with hard work and determination one can overcome the hardships in life.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his sister, Virginia Bickle; his three children, Mike and Zina Druedow, Susan and Andrew Tweet, and

Sherry and James Miller, all of Kalispell; seven grandchildren, Andrea, Charles and Michael Druedow, Lisa and Mike Kawauchi Druedow, Melissa Tweet, Mindy and Dominic Glenna and McKenna Miller; and two great-grandchildren, Cody Moats and Isaiah Glenna.

"We love you, Poppy!"

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery followed by a reception at Sykes'.

His family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at the Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls and North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. The loving care and concern Charles received is greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made to the Montana Association for the Blind, Leila Proctor Braille Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 465, Helena, MT 59624; or simply take a moment to sit and appreciate the beautiful scenery that surrounds you, in Charlie's memory.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Edward Roy Duelfer, 65

Edward Roy Duelfer, 65, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015, at his home, surrounded by his loved ones, in Lakeside.

Ed was born on March 8, 1949, in Mount Vernon, New York.

He grew up in Yonkers, New York, and joined the Marine Corps in 1967. After serving in Vietnam, he got on his motorcycle and traveled cross-country to come out West. He stopped in Montana and never left. He met and married Mickey, and earned his degree in criminology at Montana State University, while also working for the National Park Service in Many Glacier.

He began his law enforcement career as a police officer and later transitioned into the role of probation and parole officer. He served the citizens of Montana for over 25 years.

After his retirement, he continued to teach through the Probation and Parole Office until four months prior to his death. Ed was a member of Kiwanis and the Knights of Columbus. He was an active parishioner of Risen Christ Church. Ed enjoyed hiking and being outdoors, and loved wildlife. He was also an avid history buff.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, stepmother, moth-



er-in-law and father-in-law.

Ed is survived by his loving wife, Mickey Duelfer; his younger brother, Timothy Duelfer; and his two chil-

dren, Roy Duelfer and Mandy Westphal. He is also survived by his six loving grandchildren, all of whom he was so very proud.

A viewing will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A rosary will be said at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Interment will follow with military honors at 12:30 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any donations be made to your charity of choice.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Edward's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Edward's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Albert William Dufresne, 91

Albert William Dufresne, 91, of Rollins, passed away in Kalispell on Aug. 15, 2015.

He was born Sept. 18, 1923, in Missoula to William and Margaret Dufresne. He lived life to the fullest, starting at a young age working summers for his grandparents and at his uncle's farm.

He attended Bonner Grade School and graduated from Missoula County High School. He later worked at a sawmill in Bonner and at Disbrow's grocery store in Milltown that he eventually owed with his wife Anne.

He joined the Navy in 1943 and was honorably discharged in 1945.

Albert was active in the Lions Club and in Lutheran churches, and a volunteer firefighter both in Bonner and Rollins, even into retirement. He and Anne loved to travel. He was able to retire in 1986 to his dream home on Flathead Lake for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and Anne — he and Anne were married for 56



years; and his wife of six years, Erma Jorgenson; and his son-in-law, Doug Ure.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Smith, whom he

married in 2012, and her daughter Kathy Williams; two daughters, Carole and Dean Conklin, and Susan and Doug Ure; as well as two sons, Thomas and Linda, and David and Sheila. He has 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 10 at Eidsvold Lutheran Church near Somers.

Albert's family would like to thank Prestige Memory Keepers staff for their exceptional, special love given to Albert during his stay. Thanks also to Home Options Hospice.

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

Jack Owen Dukleth, 72

Jack Owen Dukleth, 72, of Missoula, died Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at Hillside Manor in Missoula.

Born on Aug. 13, 1942, in Seattle, he was the son of Doris Francis (Munter) Dukleth formerly of Kalispell, and Owen Robert "Bud" Dukleth formerly of Kalispell (both now deceased).

Mr. Dukleth graduated from Flathead County High School in 1961 and graduated from Northern Montana College in 1963. Following college, he enlisted in the Army where he worked as a photogrammetrist stationed in Japan, Virginia and Hawaii.

Following his military service, he returned to Kalispell with the U.S. Forest Service and also met his future wife. Together they moved to Missoula where he was principally employed as a cartographer/photogrammetrist with the Missoula Blueprint Company.

Mr. Dukleth's principle interests in his spare time over his lifetime were skiing, hiking, woodworking, welding, metal working, antique engines and collecting and restoring antique cast iron toys.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Glenda Erleen (Johnson) Dukleth, daughter of the late Harry Edward Johnson, formerly of Whitefish, and the late Clara Elizabeth (Stubbs) formerly of



Kalispell. Jack Owen is also survived by one son,

Anthony Owen, of Missoula; four siblings, Fred Robert of the Bissell rural area near Whitefish, Richard Martin and his wife Rozanne Marie (Aamoth) of Helena, David "Dave" Lowell and his wife Sherry Lynn (Waterbury) of Dayton, Nevada, and Janice Diane (Dukleth) Braaten and her husband Gordon A. Braaten of Lake Stevens, Washington.

Jack Owen was preceded in death by one son, Martin Kyle, formerly of Missoula; four grandparents, Victor Munter, formerly of Kalispell; Flathead, Paul Martin Dukleth, formerly of the Bissell rural area near Whitefish; Clara Tomina (Christopherson) Munter, formerly of Kalispell; and Bertha (Wollan) Dukleth, formerly of the Bissell rural area.

No services are planned. Cremation and private internment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell are planned.

The family expresses their thanks to the staff and management at Hillside Healthcare Center and St. Patrick's Hospital of Missoula for their efforts in caring for Mr. Dukleth during his final days.

Kenneth L. Dunn, 58

Kenneth L. Dunn, 58, died Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in Kalispell. Arrangements are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Helen Dubin, 86

Helen Dubin, 86, of Kalispell, died July 12, 2015.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

Edna E. Colbry Duncan, 93

Edna E. Colbry Duncan, 93, died at her Lakeside home on July 25, 2015, with family there to care for her.

Her funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 31, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, with a luncheon to follow. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Highland Cemetery in Havre. Arrangements are by Rockman Funeral Chapel, Chester; 406-759-5550.

Edna was born near Joplin in 1921. She married a Chester farmer, George Colbry, in 1939. They raised a family of five. The Colbrys retired in 1968 and moved to Table Bay Resort at Rollins, where they helped establish the Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit on Flathead Lake. They wintered in Mesa, Arizona, and enjoyed RVing. George died in 1988. Edna married Robert Duncan in 1998. They lived in Lakeside and Mesa and spent seven years together until Robert died in 2005.

Over the years, Edna



enjoyed embroidery, boating, fishing, reading, dancing, bowling, snowmo-

biling, cards and table games and cooking. She was the proverbial "hostess" when it came to entertaining.

She is survived by three daughters, April and Ken Rygh of Mesa, Mable and Roger Lincoln of Gildford, Montana, and Fern Lincoln Larson of Mount Vernon, Washington; two sons, Earl and Shirley Colbry of Chester and Roger and Suzie Colbry of Boise, Idaho; ex-daughter-in-law, Lynda Colbry, of Portland; brother, Harold "Nick" Wood, of Polson; 17 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Home Options Hospice in Kalispell, Lakeside Quick Response Unit in Lakeside, or the donor's choice.

Katherine Marie (Kimberlin) Dunham, 70

Katherine Marie (Kimberlin) Dunham, 70, died June 10, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to ovarian cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Jon Dunham; daughter, Laura Kimberlin Taylor; son, Michael Kimberlin; and stepchildren, Jeff Dunham, Jerry Dunham, Jackie Colling,

Robyn Dunham Paulson and Eryn Dunham Jenkins.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, June 19, at Christ Lutheran Church in Libby, with a luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

MEMORIALS**Charles Anthony 'Tony' DuMay**

A memorial service for Charles Anthony "Tony" DuMay, 73, who died Oct.

10 will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at 150 N. Hilltop in Columbia Falls.

9 Jan 2015

Wakako 'Katie' Kondoh-DuPuy, 82

Wakako "Katie" Kondoh, 82, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at her home in Kalispell, after a short battle with liver cancer.

Born Oct. 4, 1932 in Japan, she moved to the United States in the late '50s. She devoted much of her life to her children and remained in the Kalispell area the rest of her life.

She was a dedicated employee of the Elks Lodge in Kalispell for 35 years, and took great pride in her work in the service industry. She retired from the Elks and enjoyed her life after that remaining active and spending time with



friends and family. One of her pleasures in life was to host parties at her home, where she prepared many culinary dishes that were enjoyed by all. She was a beautiful singer and excellent seamstress. She was always such a pleasure to those around her, a reflection of the fact she loved people and treated them with high regard and kindness.

She leaves behind her longtime companion, Richard Presnell; her

brother, Teruo Kondoh of Yokohama, Japan; her daughter, Kathleen Burk; her stepdaughter, Sandi DuPuy; her grandsons, James Burk, Adam Sheldon, Zane Sheldon, Luke Sheldon, Ed Kotoch, Robert DuPuy, and Jeff DuPuy; her granddaughters, Jessica Sheldon-Goetting, Randi DuPuy and Jeannine DuPuy; her great-grandchildren; her family in Japan; and her many close friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Bruce Burk.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Elks Lodge, 1820 U.S. 93 S., in Kalispell. The family welcomes all who knew Katie to share this time and bring any photos and stories you may have. Food and drinks will be provided.

Memorial contributions are requested to be directed to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in dedication to the memory of her son, Bruce Burk. Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Dorothy M. Dutton, 83

Dorothy M. Dutton, 83, a longtime Libby businesswoman, died Monday, June 1, 2015, at Cabinet Peaks Medical Center in Libby.

Survivors include her children, Paul of San Clemente, California, Pam Tharp of Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Larry of Libby.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Monday, June 8, at the United Methodist Church in Libby with the Rev. Brent Wepprecht officiating. Interment services will follow at the City of Libby Cemetery. Visitation is from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home.

Lee Allen Dyrdaahl, 77

Lee Allen Dyrdaahl, 77, passed away at home on Sept. 23, 2015, after a brave three-year battle with lung cancer.

He was born Dec. 20, 1937, in Cut Bank to Allen and Frances Dyrdaahl. Lee grew up in Cut Bank and graduated from Cut Bank High School in 1956.

After graduating from high school, Lee drove trucks moving heavy equipment during the oil field boom – the beginning of a life-long love of big equipment. On Aug. 22, 1959, he married Lorene Mae Stjern in Cut Bank where he worked for Union Oil for seven years. Their first two children, Lance and Lynnette, were born while they lived in Cut Bank.

In 1966, the family moved to Kalispell, where Lee started a floor covering business. After five years of living in Kalispell, another son was born, Link. After dissolving the floor covering business, Lee worked in the construction business until a rise in interest rates drastically slowed home buying and new construction. Lee then returned to driving trucks, moving oil rigs across the Western states. In 1979, while working for Getter Trucking, Lee spent time moving drilling rigs from Canada to Nicaragua. In Nicaragua, he positioned rigs on an inactive volcano as holes were drilled to access geothermal energy for steam turbines producing electrical power.

After his adventure in Central America, Lee returned to Kalispell to work in construction as a finish carpenter. In addition to many commercial jobs, he spent time remodeling homes, including his and his children's. The urge to be in and around trucks never left Lee and it inspired him to buy a truck of his own and once again return to the industry for seven more years



before retiring. His last hurrah on the roads involved hauling road oil over eastern Montana during the summer months and roofing oil from Billings to the West Coast during the winter months.


In 2000, Lee retired. He sold his own truck but continued driving trucks for various people in the valley and working as a carpenter in his spare time. He was known for his beautiful finish work, skilled craftsmanship and unique home remodeling projects. He was a creative thinker with an engineering mind that could find solutions to the most complicated problems.

Lee's favorite times were spent with his family, many friends and his dogs. Talking about the valley, big equipment and politics with friends over breakfast or lunch was one of his favorite activities. Lee was known for his sense of humor, quick wit and outgoing personality with everyone he met in life. Lee had a love for dogs of all breeds and sizes. He happily spoiled family dogs his entire life and they all brought him much love, joy and peace, including his faithful bedmate Bo until the very end.

Lee leaves his wife, Lorene, of 56 years; his son, Lance and wife Jami and three granddaughters, Tailyr, Brianna and Elle; daughter, Lynnette and husband Doug, son Link and wife Tracy and grandchildren Jack and Sacha.

A celebration of life will be held on Oct. 24, 2015, time and place to be announced at a later date. To send a note of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

27 Sep 2015



The family of
Lee Dyrdaahl
would like to extend our appreciation for all the cards, visits, food, flowers and memorial given in his honor.
Please join us for a Celebration of Life Dinner
Saturday, Oct. 24th - 4:30-7 p.m.
at the Eagles in Kalispell
Buffet dinner will be served at 5:30
We look forward to seeing all of Lee's friends!
In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to a charity of your choice. Suggestions include the Humane Society and Hospice organizations.