

Bill Dale, 67

"God must have needed to add a bit of merit to heaven so he called Bill home" on Jan. 31, 2017.

Born in Great Falls on Feb. 22, 1949, Bill was blessed with the gift of an engaging smile and an infectious laugh and lived 67 years, embracing all that life had to offer.

He was comfortable on both land and sea. He loved being a native Montanan, fly fishing the rivers as a small child, big game hunting the western mountains, or bird hunting the plains.

He served as a Navy corpsman in San Diego during the Vietnam War. Scuba diving opened adventures in the waters of the Pacific Ocean and the Bahamas. Bill was well read in poetry, fiction, history and the daily news. He was a builder of small birdhouses or large shopping malls, but struggled with getting part A to fit into part B because he refused directions. He was most proud of the home he built on the Swan River and family times spent there. He had an eclectic taste for all genre of music, even though he couldn't carry a tune or remember a lyric. He took pleasure in the beauty of flowers and was fascinated with modern technology. He loved traveling, and his sparkle drew crowds while dancing in



Piccadilly Square or walking the streets of Paris. He delighted in afternoon naps, good food and good fellowship, always the life of the party.

Bill was a spiritual man who, throughout his entire adult life, sought a close relationship with God. He and his wife, Char Dale, built and managed three assisted living communities in the valley — Prestige, The Springs and Rising Mountains. They shared a great love affair from the moment their car doors bumped many years ago.

Bill had a deep affection for his stepchildren, Marty, ordained minister/counselor, Edmond, Oklahoma; Michael, deputy sheriff, Fort Collins, Colorado; Marc, teacher/athletic director, Granby, Colorado; and Molly, Ph.D. professor, San Luis Obispo, California; nine grandchildren; and his brothers, Bob and Peter, and their families.

Bill always loved a party. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the CrossRoads Christian Fellowship in Bigfork. Friends are welcome.

OBITUARY *May 28*

Andrew Dalimata, 35

Andrew Dalimata was born in Whitefish on a typical, dreary morning of Nov. 20, 1981. He was the second of seven children and a third-generation Montanan who loved God, his family and his dogs. He grew up on the family ranch by West Glacier and enjoyed many a shenanigan with his older brother, Anthony, and a variety of cousins, like Robert and Matt.

Andrew had his ups and downs in life, but found his true love — gold prospecting — in his last years. He was generous to a fault and always willing and able to help anyone in need. As a life-long, avid outdoorsman, he loved to hunt and fish, even when he was 8 years old and not allowed to do it alone, and thus would drag along his younger sisters.

He died with his boots on, May 23, 2017, while prospecting with his good friend, Steven Coohl.

Andrew made friends wherever he went, and they will all miss him.

He was preceded in death by his maternal



grandparents, Elmer and Catherine Nibler; his uncles, Larry Nibler, and Father

Jim Nibler; and his aunt, Jeannie Williams.

He is survived by his parents: Richard Dalimata and Mary (John) Dayton; his six brothers and sisters, Anthony (Amanda) Dalimata, Rebecca (Matthew) Springett, Rosemary (Chris) Plass, Judiann (James) Demasi, Suzette (Austin) Shields, and Francis (Afton) Dalimata; and his paternal grandparents, John and Ruth Dalimata. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, numerous cousins, and eight nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass and services with Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home are currently pending; please check their website for further details.

Donations can be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/memorial-fund-and-donations>.

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Harriett M. 'Hattie May' (Almond) Damm, 83

Beloved sister, mother and friend, Harriett M. "Hattie May" (Almond) Damm, 83, formerly of Kalispell, resided in Oak Hills, California, at the time she passed away on Dec. 23, 2016.

Harriett was born on June 18, 1933, in Savage, Montana. She was a daughter and seventh child of John and Carrie (Leivestad) Almond.

Harriett was preceded in death by her parents, John and Carrie (Leivestad) Almond; brothers, John Almond and Roy Almond; and sisters, Mary (Almond) Pust and Edith (Almond) Damm.

She is survived by her three sisters, Annie (Almond) Klempel of Bigfork, Ida (Almond) Larson of Camp Verde, Arizona, and Florence (Almond) (Don) Dvorak of Wikieup, Arizona; and her seven children, Lois (Mel) Peterson of Martin City,



Marilyn (Tracy) Hall of Hamilton, Sandra Judd of Vancouver, Washington, Edna (John) Collins

of St. Cloud, Florida, Edward (Kathy) Damm of Oak Hills, Lorna Borgen of Peyton, Colorado, and Eugene (Marian) Damm of Ararat, North Carolina. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Viewing is immediately one hour prior to services which will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 South Main St., followed by interment in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell.

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

10 Jan 2017

Jeanine Danielson, 63

On Sept. 1, 2017, Jeanine Danielson "was received into the arms of Jesus Christ," whom she accepted as her Savior. There were many things that defined Jeanine as a person, but most of all was her

love for Christ and her desire for others to come to salvation and grow spiritually.

Jeanine was born on March 3, 1954, to Bernard and Elnora Owen in Kalispell, where she later married and raised three children. Jeanine was always a mother to more children than her own; her arms were always open to those who needed a mother.

Jeanine was an active member of the community, and owned her own salon, Country Hair Design for 15 years. She was a cowgirl at heart and loved to ride her horses, and the simplicity of ranch life, an appreciation that she has passed on to her children. She was also an avid gardener and a wonderful cook.

Jeanine was devoted to bringing her three children to Christ. She continually prayed and encouraged them until they all came to the saving knowledge of his sacrifice. Through her influence

there will be so many



people who will join her in eternity, including her six grandchildren whom she

adored. Jeanine loved to give gifts, and that was the greatest gift she gave to us.

Jeanine is survived by her children, Kristy and Doug Wray of Marion, Chad and Christi Danielson of Buffalo, Wyoming, and Justin and Caiti Danielson of Kila. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Siri, Sophia, Bryson, Wesson, Maisy, and Lynnly Danielson; and by her siblings, Patsy Treat, Bob and Gina Owen, Ed Owen, Bernadette and Shon Caigle, and Kathleen Owen; and many nieces and

nephews.

Jeanine "has been reunited in eternity" with her brother Charlie Owen, whom she was extremely close with, her parents Bernard and Elnora Owen, and her nephew Brad Treat.

There will be a memorial service held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Smith Valley Grange, with a light lunch to follow.

Her life is just beginning!

10 Sep 2017

Marion Cecelia D'Arcy, 85

Marion Cecelia D'Arcy, 85, of Polson, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, at St. Luke Extended Care.

Marion was born on Feb. 1, 1932, in Polson, the daughter of Norris and Mary (Polly) Boice. Marion was the youngest of their five children. Marion grew up in Valley View and attended Reservoir Valley School, sometimes even riding her horse to get there. She graduated from Polson High School in 1950 and then attended St. Patrick's School of Nursing and graduated in 1952.

While working at Galen Hospital near Warm Springs she met the love of her life on a blind date. In 1954 she married Charles Joseph D'Arcy and together they had six children. After numerous transfers while Chuck worked for National Cash Register Co., the family settled in Billings.

With her children nearly grown, she proudly returned to work as a registered nurse in Butte



and later went to work for the state of Montana as a nursing home surveyor before

retiring in 1994.

Following retirement, Chuck and Marion traveled to see their children and grandchildren. They went camping, fishing, gardened and enjoyed their family and friends.

In 2008 they moved to Polson and in 2015 became residents at St. Joseph's Assisted Living. Together they enjoyed these past two years making new friends and staying active.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Frank (Olive); sisters, Ethel (Arnold) Lund, Margaret Coulter, and Florence (Philip) Schmitz; infant daughter, Margaret; and son, Michael.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Chuck D'Arcy; her children, Patricia (Jay) Blanchard of

South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Frances (Jim) Wilson of Polson, Thomas (Mel) D'Arcy of Helena, Robert (Chris) D'Arcy of Fairhaven, Massachusetts, and daughter-in-law, Debbie D'Arcy of Casper, Wyoming; her brother-in-law, Neal Coulter, of Charlo; and her sister-in-law, Mary D'Arcy, of Butte. She is also survived by her 12 grandchildren, Tiege (Becky) Gates of Fernley, Nevada, Chris D'Arcy of Casper, Kelsey D'Arcy (Mary Ellen) of Billings, Jamie (Tony) Blixt of Missoula, Kellie (Ryan) Grandone of Great Falls, Katie (Jack) Leiter of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, Drew Wilson of Peoria, Arizona, John Blanchard of South Dartmouth, Brittany (Andrew) Provo of Sunapee, New Hampshire, Amber (Tom) Riley of Belgrade, Jessica D'Arcy of Helena, and Brendan (Heather) Foster of Fairhaven. Her 20 great-grandchildren also survive her.

Family was always most important to Marion.

Her lasting legacies were her deep faith, her feisty spirit and her infectious laugh.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. on Thursday evening, Sept. 21, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 22, at Immaculate Conception Church. A reception will follow in the church basement.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com. Arrangements are entrusted to the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson.

19 Sep 2017

Donald R. Darling, 87

Donald R. Darling, 87, of Rexford, passed away peacefully at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls on Monday, Oct. 2, 2017.

He was born June 24, 1930, in Garrison, North Dakota, to Neville and Martha (Christman) Darling. He grew up in Columbia Falls and the West Kootenai.

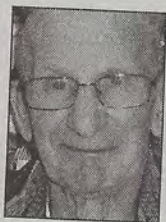
Don joined the U.S. Navy in 1951 during the Korean War and served aboard a destroyer and submarine. He received an honorable discharge in 1955 and then joined the U.S. Air Force. He served his second enlistment while stationed in Great Falls.

Don married Nellie Triplett Truman on Dec. 23, 1961. He and Nellie raised her two youngest daughters, Sharkie and Cheri, in Rexford, where they lived the remainder of their marriage.

Don was a logger, worked for the U.S. Forest Service, spent time on the Alaska Pipeline, and retired from Owens & Hurst Lumber Company.

He enjoyed walking 5 miles every day, hunting, fishing, picking huckleberries, and was known for his green thumb and garden.

Dad loved visiting



with family members, neighbors and many friends. Anyone who met him (especially his grandchildren) loved hearing about his adventures and misad-

ventures.

He was preceded in death by his greatest love, his wife, Nellie; his parents; brother, Doug; stepdaughter, Shirley Kaufman; and seven grandchildren.

He is survived by his brother, Allen Darling, of Columbia Falls; sisters, Sharron Branscome, and Cecil White (Dale) of Eureka; his daughters, Barbara Cook, Cheri Butts (David), and Charlotte 'Sharkie' Kraus (Tom); his grandchildren, Davey Butts; Andy, Rocky, Sue, Teresa and Barb Torres; Travis and Josh Truman; Bobby and Bonita Cook; Derick Pitman; Brandy Hinzman and Amanda Sandon; and many great- and great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews not listed.

His family would like

to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Montana Veterans Home for the wonderful comfort and care they extended Don.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at the First Baptist Church in Eureka.

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

4 Oct 2017

Terry Kevin Davis, 59

Terry Kevin Davis, born Jan. 22, 1958, in Ottumwa, Iowa, passed peacefully at home on April 25, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Since the age of 2 he battled diabetes and many complications that followed. Those who knew him, who were many, loved his good nature and caring ways.

Terry was a gardener — best corn stalks in town — and took pride in his yard in his leisure time. His family was always foremost in his life, for his family and friends he threw the most fabulous and memorable Christmas parties every year and the summertime pig roast barbecues. Hunting, fishing and outdoor living with friends and family around the bonfire were some of Terry's favorite times. He had built picnic tables and swings for many people over the years, so this summer as you sit down and enjoy your family picnics, please send a prayer to him in heaven.

Terry was a great son, father, nephew, brother, uncle, and grandfather to many.

He was preceded in



death by his father Gary, and sister Lisa.

Terry is survived by his mother, Karen Davis, of

Whitefish; brother, Doug Davis, and wife, Susan, of Kalispell; sister, Kim Wides, and husband, Aaron, of Columbia Falls; daughter, Katie Zell, and husband, Brian, of Parker, Colorado; daughter, Amanda Miller, and husband, Blaine, of Columbia Falls; son, Colton Davis, and wife, Miranda, of Kalispell; and grandchildren, Addison, Cooper, Sawyer and Baby Miller to join us soon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Terry Davis Memorial Fund at the Whitefish Credit Union.

A celebration of life will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th. Ave. West, Columbia Falls. Father Sean Raftis will be saying a prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Terry's family.

26 Apr 2017

Lester Harlan Day, 87

Lester Harlan Day, 87, passed away peacefully on Oct. 6, 2017, in Meridian, Idaho, surrounded by friends and family.

Les was born in Peoria, Illinois, on Sept. 23, 1930, to Harlan G. and Elizabeth G. Day.

He married the love of his life, Betty Garland, on June 5, 1959.

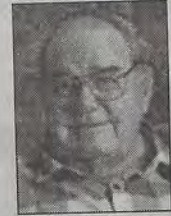
He was preceded in death by his wife Betty, brother Jim Day, and sister Doris Howland.

He is survived by three sisters, Vivian Worsfold, Marie Johnson and Estaleen Nelson; three children, Charla Rettinger, Darla Voigt and Rod Day; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

After graduating from high school Les moved to Montana where he proudly joined the United States Navy. He served in the Korean War from 1949 to 1953.

After leaving the Navy he went to work for the Great Northern Railroad where he enjoyed a long career.

He enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing on Whitefish Lake, playing cards, and watching "The Price is Right"



and calling Don Worsfold every day to compare bids on the show.

He moved to Meridian in 2016.

Viewing is from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, at Austin Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial will follow services at Whitefish Cemetery.

10 Oct 2017

Salvatore B. DeAngelo, 81

Salvatore B. DeAngelo, 81, of Columbia Falls, died peacefully at home in his beloved Montana on May 25, 2017, after a courageous battle with acute myeloid leukemia.

Sal was born May 21, 1936, in Brooklyn, New York, the first son of Salvatore and Catherine DeAngelo. He was baptized at the Church of St. John the Baptist June 14, 1936, and remained a life-long Roman Catholic.

After graduating from S.J. Tilden High School in Brooklyn in 1955, Sal served honorably in the Army National Guard of New York from 1959 to 1965. He was promoted to Specialist -4 as a company machinist and instructor due to previous knowledge of wide range ability in machine techniques and tooling.

Sal's career continued in New York with machinist, tooling and jig



and fixture positions with companies including Sperry Gyroscope, Grumman Aircraft and Republic Fairchild Hiller. After moving to Colorado in the early 1970s Sal worked for Coors Container Division in Golden and later joined Martin Marietta Corporation in 1976, and retired from Lockheed Martin in Orlando, Florida, in 1992.

Sal is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Barbara Jean DeAngelo. They married Nov. 22, 1978, in Orlando and later moved to California, Washington state and finally retired in Whitefish and Columbia

Falls.

Sal was blessed with four children, Jannae DeAngelo of Charleston, West Virginia, Gina Brod and her partner Michael Wood of Littleton, Colorado, Salvatore DeAngelo (deceased), and Christine (Lucky) DeAngelo and husband Todd Buxton of Montgomery, Texas. Grandchildren include Michael Kemal DeAngelo and wife Ashley and their sons Theo Thompson DeAngelo and James Galileo DeAngelo; also, Gabriel DeAngelo of Daytona Beach, Florida. He is also survived by younger brother, Robert P. D'Angelo, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Throughout his life, Sal enjoyed the great outdoors and was a big game trophy hunter in New York, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, California, Montana,

Canada and South Africa. Other interests included physical fitness and body building, auto mechanics, sports cars, boxing and, of course, Italian cooking. Sal also held the Third degree in the Knights of Columbus in Brooklyn. Other organizations included the NRA, North American Hunting Club, Rocky Mountain Elk Association and Whitefish, Montana Rifle and Pistol Club.

A Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 29, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls.

A family and friends memorial and graveside service will also be held at Woodlawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Orlando, Florida at a later date.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Sal's family.

27 May 2017

Mary Katrina Deitrick, 91

Mary Katrina Deitrick, 91, passed away Aug. 24, 2017.

Mary was born to Carl and Agnes Stenberg May 31, 1926, in Loring, Montana, and later moved to Creston where she grew up with eight brothers and sisters.

She graduated Flathead County High School in Kalispell in 1945 and moved to Spokane to attend secretarial school where she learned to be a teletype operator. While attending school she worked for a time as a riveter on aircraft for the war effort.

While working in Spokane she met and married Bennick Hyder Bowman. They moved to Johnson City, Tennessee, for a short time and then moved to Kalispell where she was a lifetime resident. They had five children, Ben, Linda, Jeanne, Elaine and Alan. Mary was widowed in 1965 with Bennick's passing.

Mary later married Oscar Deitrick and they had a son Brian.

Mary is survived by her sons and daughters, Ben and Brenda Bowman, Linda and Mick Bonar, Jeanne Bowman and her husband Robb Hatton, Elaine and Steve Symington, and Brian and Dana Deitrick; eight grandchildren and seven



great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brother Christian, and sisters Kay, Anna, Agnes, Carol, Laura and Delores.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, brother John, and son Alan.

Mary was a kind, gentle soul loved by her family and everyone who knew her. Mary held the conviction that the Lord is with each and everyone of us.

"Jesus has always been in my heart and he will be where my next journey begins."

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, with a celebration of life following at Buffalo Hill Terrace, Buffalo Room. Favorite pictures and sentiments of Mary would be appreciated.

The family extends special thanks and gratitude to the staff of Buffalo Hill Terrace for their care and professionalism.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Roy Milton 'Pat' DeLong, 94

Roy Milton "Pat" DeLong, 94, passed away on Dec. 28, 2016, surrounded by his family at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Pat was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1922, in Falls City, Wisconsin, to Milton and Ruth (Tibbetts) DeLong, the third of seven children. He attended school in Somers and Dayton and graduated from Flathead County High School.

At 18 he worked at the railroad tie mill in Somers until he went into the military. Pat enlisted in the U.S. Marines in October 1942 and served in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in August 1945. He participated in operations at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Peleliu, Palau Islands and Okinawa Shima Ryukyu Retto. After being discharged he worked at the mill in Polson.

On July 6, 1946, he married the love of his life, Betty Benson. They would be happily married for the next 68 years until Betty's passing in 2015. Initially, they lived in Somers where their first son, Clinton, was born. In 1950 they purchased their cattle ranch in Hot Springs, and they had two more children, a son, Kelly, and a daughter, Darla. Family was very important to both of them.

In addition to having their ranch, Pat worked at the sawmill in Plains for 20 years, getting up early each morning to milk 10 to 12 cows before leaving for the mill. Ranching was Pat's passion; it was common to hear him whistling or singing a song while on his John Deere tractor. He enjoyed hunting bobcats with his hounds and fishing. Pat and Betty both adored the animals on the ranch and always had a special dog. The farm was their pride and joy. They resided there for 50 years.

Pat was an active member of the Hot Springs community. Pat served 18 years as a Sanders County commissioner. He was a member of the Masons, the VFW, and served on the Chamber of Commerce.



He was also on the school board and chairman of the Hot Springs Refuse Garbage District. Pat went on to get his bro-

ker's license and opened DeLong Realty on Main Street in Hot Springs.

After retiring Pat and Betty downsized and moved to Polson in 2000. Here they enjoyed the retired life and continued their love of gardening.

Pat always followed politics closely and enjoyed a good political discussion, as all who knew him could attest to! Pat will be very deeply missed. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, father-in-law, son and brother.

Pat was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his parents, Milton and Ruth DeLong; and brothers, Russell and Dennis.

He is survived by his three children, son Clinton and wife Karen DeLong of Kalispell, son Kelly and wife Lori DeLong of Columbia Falls, and daughter Darla and husband Tom Allen of Kalispell; five grandchildren, grandson Chad and Gayle of Clancy, grandson Corey and KayAnn of Charlo, grandson Tracy and Andrea of Gig Harbor, Washington, grandson Marc and Brenda of Kalispell, and granddaughter Angela (Allen) Burns and Jeremy of Whitefish; seven great-grandchildren, Riley, Clay, Grant, Nathan, Greta-Marie, Aiden and Emma; sister, Theoria Engstrom; brothers, Darcy, Joe and Don; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A public gathering will be held at a later date in the spring as well as a private family burial service.

To send a note of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalo-hillfh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory.

Lorraine Dempsey, 81

On July 23, 2017, Lorraine Dempsey of Kalispell "decided to take a nap. When she woke up, she woke up in a new, bright beautiful place.

She had found her way to heaven. Instead of being in a small room, she woke up surrounded by friends and family — friends and family who had patiently waited her arrival; back with her husband Bill Dempsey who had preceded her; greeted by her mother Hazel and her father Neal Sheridan; grandchildren Shayde and Cassie Jo smiling and reaching for her hands. Lorraine was greeted by a large crowd," because she had impacted so many people during her time on earth.

Lorraine was born to Hazel Lillian Johnson and Neal Sheridan on Dec. 24, 1935, in the town she called home for most of her life — Kalispell. She had a love of life and a love of music that led her to a skating rink in Lake Blaine in May of



man who shared her love of life and music. His name was Wilbur "Bill" Dempsey, and it was love at first sight. They were married two months later, and remained together until Bill's passing in August of 2015. The family is so happy that they are together again, just hoping they have music and roller skates in heaven.

She and Bill had three children, Dorrie, Debbie and Bill. Those three blessed them with grandchildren that they loved and adored. Dorrie gave them LauraLea, Shayde and Trisha. Debbie added Tory and Jason. Bill blessed them with Brianne, Billy, Nicki and Cassie Jo. Shayde and Cassie Jo left this earth early in their lives, but

1952. She was still in high school at the time, as was the young man she met that day, a young

were there to greet their grandmother at her journey's end. The others, including son-in-laws Greg Johnson and Mike Stone gave her and Bill too many great-grandchildren to list.

While those in heaven are rejoicing, those of us left behind are grieving. We hope to stop the grieving in September of this year with a memorial gathering at Little McGregor Lake. That was one of Lorraine's final wishes. Friends and family are all invited. Information on the celebration of life will be forthcoming. Lorraine and Bill want their ashes, and the ashes of Lorraine's dear mother Hazel united forever. The family will make sure they are together forever, on earth as they are in heaven.

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.

29 Jul 2017

George M. Dennison, 81

George M. Dennison, the longest-serving president of the University of Montana and one of the most impactful educators in the history of the state, died Jan. 3, 2017, due to complications from non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He was 81.

George was born Aug. 11, 1935, in Buffalo Hart, Illinois, to Earl and Irene Dennison. He was the second oldest of six brothers, and the family moved to Montana in 1936. George grew up in the Kila area and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1957.

George married Kalispell native Jane Schroeder in 1954, and their 62-year union produced two sons, Robert, a retired teacher and coach in Tecumseh, Kansas, now working in information technology, and Rick, the offensive coordinator for the Denver Broncos.

George first dabbled in higher education at Custer County Junior College in Miles City where he earned an Associate of Arts degree in 1960. He then began a lengthy relationship with UM in Missoula, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with highest honors in 1962, and a history master's degree in 1963. He earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of Washington in 1967.

George launched his career as a historian and college educator from 1967 to 1969 at the University of Arkansas and the University of Washington. He then worked 18 years at Colorado State University in positions ranging from assistant professor to associate academic vice president and director of admissions and records. He burnished his administrative credentials from 1987 to 1990 as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Western Michigan University. After a national search, he was inaugurated as the 16th UM president on Aug. 15, 1990. He would lead his alma mater for two decades.



Success, an initiative to increase retention and graduation rates by better preparing and supporting students. He also led the effort to create

the Montana Campus Compact, a statewide coalition to further campus-based public service, founded the Montana Commission on Community Service and was a charter signer of the American Colleges and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

Some jokingly accused George of having an "edifice complex" for all the new construction on campus during his tenure. The University added 1.3 million square feet, which equates to 20 percent more total usable space. Building projects completed include the Davidson Honors College, the Gallagher Business Building, Pantzer Hall, the Todd Building, the Fitness and Recreation Center, Don Anderson Hall, the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center, The Payne Family Native American Center, three expansions of Washington-Grizzly Stadium and several renovations of existing buildings. In May 2012, the University Theatre was renamed the George and Jane Dennison Theatre in recognition of their many contributions to UM.

In 1999, George was awarded the Leadership Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He was Montana Ambassadors Educator of the Year in 2005 and earned the Montana Excellence in Leadership Award in 2007. Universities in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan presented him honorary doctorates, and he earned the Governor's Humanities Award in 2009. UM presented him with a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2013. Additionally,

author of two books: "The Dorr War: Republicanism on Trial, 1831-1861," which was runner-up for the Frederick Jackson Turner Award in 1976, and "Montana's Pioneer Naturalist: Morton J. Elrod," which was published this past September by the University of Oklahoma Press.

At UM he was known for his unique lifestyle: running four miles before sunrise, arriving first on campus to work long days and only eating one meal in the evening. He would drink massive amounts of coffee and snack during meetings. He didn't believe in driving slowly, and he was passionate about Grizzly Athletics and golf.

After retiring from the UM presidency, George worked for the University's O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West. He also returned to his roots as a historian, researching and working on a history of UM.

In a farewell message he penned in UM's Montanan magazine,

George wrote, "I have enjoyed every moment of the time I have had the privilege to serve as president of my alma mater."

George was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Irene Dennison, and two brothers Wayne and Andrew Dennison.

George is survived by his wife, Jane; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Diann, and Rick and Shannon; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Additionally he is survived by three brothers and their wives, Richard and Linda Dennison (Missoula), Jim and Bea Dennison (Kalispell), and Tim and Dee Dennison (Seeley Lake).

A celebration of George's life will be held in May.

For those wishing to make a contribution in George's honor, the family suggests the University of Montana Foundation to support renovations for the upper balcony seating areas in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre, or a donation to the charitable organization of choice.

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His tenure as president was a time of sustained growth and accomplishment for UM. Student enrollment increased nearly 50 percent, from 10,055 in 1990 to nearly 15,000 in 2009. Always an advocate for Native American inclusivity, he worked to grow Native enrollment from 239 to 569. He also built a culture of philanthropy across campus and among UM alumni and friends, increasing the campus endowment from \$17.3 million to \$120 million. He completed two fundraising campaigns for buildings, scholarships and other campus needs. The second, the "Invest in Discovery" campaign from 2002 to 2007, at the time was the most successful fundraising campaign ever launched by a Montana nonprofit. In addition, George started Partnering for Student

George served on the board of directors at the International Heart Institute and the board of directors at the Montana Historical Society. Blackfeet Chief Earl Old Person gave George the name "Fast Buffalo Horse" for his service to Native students.

His extensive curriculum vitae mentions scores of presentations, research reports, publications and special administrative assignments. He is the

Julian Leonard 'Len' Derby, 89

Julian Leonard "Len" Derby passed away from natural causes Aug. 28, 2017, at The Springs of Whitefish. He was 89.

He was born April 9, 1928, to Leonard L. and Inez M. (Ryan) Derby in Missoula, their only child. He attended Missoula schools, displaying an early aptitude for military science. He joined and loved Scouting and attended Scout camp at Camp Paxson on Seeley Lake where he later worked as a lifeguard. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in high school and following graduation enrolled in the University of Montana School of Journalism through ROTC. Prior to his graduation, Len took a weekend skiing trip where he met his future wife Corky (Mary Diane Calbick) on Big Mountain. They kept in contact for the next several months.

Upon his college graduation in 1951, he was commissioned to Fort Lewis, Washington.

Len was called to active duty in September 1951 to Fort Benning, Georgia, to attend infantry school and was assigned to Fort Ord, California, as cadre in an infantry battalion. During a one-month leave, before being deployed overseas, he returned to Montana and promptly called on Corky. They dated that month and faithfully communicated while Len was stationed in Germany.

In Germany, Len was assigned to the 43rd Infantry Division with duty stations at Nuremberg, Munich, Berchtesgaden and Bad Tolz, Bavaria. Upon his return to the states, he proposed to Corky. They celebrated 61 years of marriage before Corky died in 2014.



Command and General Staff College at the University of Nevada Reno. In addition, he served as a liaison officer for West Point Military

Academy.

Len was also an award-winning photographer. Many of his photos reside in the archives of the Daily Inter Lake, Hungry Horse News, FVCC, University of Montana and the U.S. military. He retired from the military after 29 years of service and rank of lieutenant colonel. He retired the same year from FVCC.

Retirement didn't suit him and before long he was testing for his real estate license. He sold real estate for the next several years, retiring for a second time in 2000.

He and Corky raised four children. He enjoyed singing and taught his kids to sing in three-part harmony. No car trip, long or short, occurred without the family breaking into song. Even in old age, Len was a singer, joining any singing occasion in his clear, tenor voice.

Len is survived by his four children and 10 grandchildren.

He will be dearly missed by his children, Lynn Derby, Laurie (Brent) Smith, Dean (Kathy) Derby and Julie Hunter.

He loved being a grandfather and will be missed but remembered fondly by his grandchildren, Bailey and Logan Derby, Lauren, Bianca, Jackson and

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Len successfully balanced his home life with his military and civilian career over the next several decades. He began his journalism career in Terry, Montana, working at the Tribune before landing a job with Mel Ruder at the Hungry Horse News. He joined the staff at the Daily Inter Lake in 1954 and spent 14 years working with offset print. During this same time, he was active in the Army National Guard and the Army Reserves. He and Corky also started a family.

In 1968, he was asked to join the staff at Flathead Valley Community College as the journalism instructor and as the Director of Public Relations, a career he had for the next 12 years. During this same time he organized and taught at the first USAR School in the Flathead Valley and he taught two cycles of the Branch Officer Advanced Course to Army Reservists and members of the National Guard. In 1974, he began the first Command and General Staff College courses and taught in Kalispell for several years. He also taught the summer phases of

Sophie Hunter, Austin Peppenger; Garrett (Elisa) Smith, Natalie Smith, and Kristen (Patrick) Dutton.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and a favorite aunt, Sally (Ryan) Sanford.

Len's family would like to extend sincere thanks to Dr. Jonathon Torgerson, Dr. David Habel, the staff at The Springs of Whitefish, Home Options Hospice and the many friends who ministered to him and his family over the last few years.

Funeral services for Len will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, 540 Main Street, where Len was a member and deacon, serving alongside Corky. Services will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, with lunch following. Private interment, with full military honors, will be held at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the First Presbyterian Church.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for Len's family. Please visit and sign Len's online memorial at www.buffalohillfh.com.

1 Apr 2017

James H. DeShais, 90

James H. DeShais, 90, passed away peacefully March 31, 2017, at North Valley Hospital with family by his side.

Before moving to Columbia Falls in 1988 he and his wife were longtime residents of Garden City, Michigan. They met in high school and married June 16, 1945. Jim served in the U.S. Air Force for two and a half years where he was schooled in electronics and radar. After



hobbies included crossword puzzles, computer scrabble, building model

leaving the Air Force he worked in electrical maintenance at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. He retired in 1988. His

airplanes, collecting Ford model cars, and going to his favorite hangout at the Nite Owl Restaurant.

He is survived by his wife Helen and their children, Connie and her husband Dave Konopatzke of Columbia Falls, and Ron and his wife Deb DeShais of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

There will be a private grave side service at Woodlawn Cemetery.

16 Sep 2017

Natalie 'Inge' DeSteunder, 86

Natalie "Inge" DeSteunder passed away Sept. 8, 2017 at her home in Columbia Falls. She was born Oct. 1, 1930 in Nuremburg, Germany to Otton and Albertyna Renn.

She came to the U.S. at the age of 23 to live with family in San Francisco, later moving to Lake Tahoe, California to work at the Swiss Chalet as a waitress. Inge would help a regular customer named Ralph and the two fell in love and married in



1957. They built the first home together by hand and started their family in Lake Tahoe.

In 1975, they moved to Hungry Horse after purchasing the Crooked Tree Motel. The business was operated by the whole family participating. After retiring the couple moved to Columbia Falls.

This gave Inge time

to enjoy what she loved best. She made fabulous dinners for family and friends and always had coffee and "something sweet" for any friends stopping by. She had a large garden that was tended daily with care. Knitting beautiful blankets and sweaters always looked easy watching her needles fly — she gave these treasures with love in each one. During the winter a good book was usually close by.

Inge is survived at

home by her husband Ralph; her sister, Alma Szamocka, in Poland; her daughter, Vickie, and her granddaughter named in her honor, Natalie.

At the request of Inge, there will not be services held.

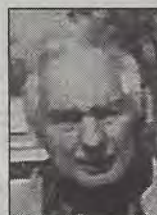
In Lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Home Options Hospice, 275 Corporate Dr. Suite 600, Kalispell, MT 59901

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Inge's family.

Jerome Dixon, 85

Jerome Dixon, 85, of Bigfork, died May 24, 2017, in Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife Luella Dixon of Bigfork; children Don Dixon (Barbara) of Maryland, Joanne Dixon of Bigfork, Sharon (Chris) Halasz of California, and Christina Wiltfong of Bigfork; grandchildren Diane Dixon of Germany, Mandi Johnson of Bigfork, Karest Nash of Florida, Kayla (Ladd) McMahon of Dayton, Cody Nash of Minnesota, Johnathan Michaelson of Bigfork, and Joshua



Wiltfong of Bigfork; and great-grandchildren Troy Dixon, Remi McMahon, Lincoln

McMahon, Titan McMahon and Halle McMahon.

There will be a service held for Jerome at 2 p.m. today, May 27, at the family home.

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

Laura Lea (Green) Djonne, 71

Laura Lea (Green) Djonne, 71, passed away Jan. 27, 2017, after a brief illness surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 23, 1945, in Whitefish to Gordon and Thelma Green. She attended school in Columbia Falls and in 1960 she married Walt Webster and had two children, Walt and Vicki.

The family purchased the Dam Town Tavern in 1971. Laura tirelessly ran the bar until 2014 and along the way helped start the Canyon Kids Christmas which she spearheaded until her departure in 2014.

In 1985 she married Buck Djonne and they resided in Columbia Falls until her death.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Walt Webster, her parents Gordon and Thelma Green, brother Larry Green; and sister-in-law Debbie Green.



She is survived by her husband, Buck; children, Walt and Terri Webster, and Vicki

and Ryan Watmough; stepchildren, Penny and Bob Hardy, and Marvin Djonne; brothers, Richard and Karen Green, John Green, and Terry and Deanna Green; grandchildren, Scott, Justin and Kyle Lingle, Jeremy Webster, Devin Chappel, Brittney Gietzen and Nicole Chappel; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

There will be a viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, from at Columbia Mortuary. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Columbia Mortuary. There will be a potluck reception following at 3 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Columbia Falls.

31 Jan 2017

J. Michael 'Doc' Dockstader, 77

J. Michael "Doc" Dockstader, 77, died Wednesday, May 24, 2017. He was born March 3, 1940, in Kalispell, to James and Effie Dockstader.

Doc graduated from Bigfork High School and attended Carroll College on a basketball scholarship. After graduating from Carroll in 1962, he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters for Allied Powers in Europe) in France. While in France, he met Andrea Daval, and they were married in Bigfork in 1965.

Doc influenced many young people over the years. First, he served as principal and coach in Geraldine, Montana. Later he worked with young men at the Swan River Youth Camp, and he ended his career teaching history and coaching both boys and girls basketball at Bigfork High School. He played or coached basketball for well over half his life. Once when being interviewed, Doc was asked about his success as a teacher and a coach and what he liked about it. He responded, "Kids, strictly the kids. I could give you a litany of what I didn't like about teaching ... but I always liked the kids. I liked helping kids that needed help, seeing them gain self confidence and dignity and grace within themselves."

After retiring, Doc married Wanda Boon, "the love of his life," and they had been together for 26 years. He was often seen cruising around his lake property and the town of Bigfork on his four-wheeler. Doc also loved scenic drives around the valley ... with Wanda driving, of course.

A true Montanan, the only time Doc spent away from his beloved state was when he was in the army. His grandmother was the first white child born in what is now Flathead County, and her father, Doc's great-grandfather, was the first sheriff of Flathead County.



Proud of his heritage and a history buff, Doc enjoyed reading John Fraley's book, "Wild River Pioneers," which included a reference

to a shootout where the sheriff, Doc's great-grandfather, was victorious. Fraley discovered that the first sheriff of Flathead County was buried in a Missoula cemetery, and the only marking on his grave was an old piece of concrete with his name misspelled on it. Doc immediately ordered an appropriate headstone. He and his wife, Wanda, along with Fraley and others were present at a ceremony when the tombstone was dedicated.

Passionate about sports and politics, Doc was well informed and could discuss both topics in-depth until a few days before his death.

His wife, Wanda, survives him at their home in Bigfork on Flathead Lake. Other survivors include four children, Jim Dockstader and his wife Noelle and their children, Eli, and Andi of Redmond, Washington; Nicki Dockstader of Mesa, Arizona; Michael Dockstader of Bigfork; and Levi Dockstader and his wife Kayla and their son, Lincoln, of Kalispell. He is also survived by two sisters, Mary Dockstader Sullivan and her husband Paul of Bigfork, and Maureen Hein and her husband Ray of Bigfork; one nephew, two nieces, and a host of friends.

Services will be held on Friday at 10 a.m. at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork with Deacon James Butts officiating.

Johnson Gloschat Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Doc's guest book.

Thomas A. Dooling, 75

Thomas A. Dooling, 75, died peacefully after a long battle with cancer on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, at Shelby House Assisted Living in Helena.

He was born April 13, 1942, in Jackson, Montana, to John and Dorothea (Matthews) Dooling, the fifth of six children.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature degree from Harvard University, his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry degree from the University of Miami, and his law degree from George Washington University.

He served as Foreign Services reserve officer for the United States Department of State in Washington, D.C. After moving back to Montana, he opened his own law practice in Dillon, and later served as attorney at Disability Rights Montana in Helena. In 2000, he was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents;



and by his three sisters, Catherine Dooling, Mary Ann Troedsson

and Janet Bertino.

He is survived by a brother, John Dooling, of Jackson; a sister, Ellen Dooling Reynard, of Nevada City, California; by six daughters, Daniella Dooling of Tivoli, New York, Amy Dooling of Guilford, Connecticut, Charlotte Dooling of New York City, Jennifer Dooling Koschalk of Potomac, Maryland, Ellie Dooling of Washington, D.C., and Maggie Dooling McBeth of Sharps, Virginia; four sons, Steve Dooling of Somers, Andy Dooling, Joe Dooling and Tom Dooling of Helena; and by 27 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena, with a private burial at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ACLU.

Twila Helen Dopp, 91

Twila Helen Dopp passed away Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017, at her residence in Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

She was 91 years of age at the time of her death.

Twila was born on June 13, 1926, in Helena to Iva and Fay Stott. She spent her early years at the Flathead Mine near Niarada where her father worked. There she attended a one-room school and formed several lifelong friendships with the other young residents. Later her family moved into Kalispell where Twila attended Flathead County High School.

Twila married the love of her life, William Richard Dopp, in Idaho on Aug. 7, 1943, while Bill was stationed at the Farragut Naval Base. Before long, Bill shipped out to the South Pacific as part of the World War II Naval force and Twila moved in with her parents in Kalispell. As was common with many war brides, Twila gave birth to their first child, Richard, while Bill was at sea, so Rich was 9 months old before Bill met his son. The young family settled in Kalispell where Bill ran one and eventually two Phillips 66 stations. Twila kept the books for both stations

for 28 years while raising a family of eventually four children.

Many family memories were created at "The Cabin," a small two bedroom cabin the family purchased on Echo Lake. Twila was always an enthusiastic participant in all of the lake activities, whether it was boating, water skiing, fishing and swimming during the summer, or sledding, snowmobiling, ice skating and riding the "Ice Carts" in the winter.

Twila was preceded in death by her husband Bill who passed away in December of 1999.

She is survived by her four children, Rich and his wife Josie who reside in Kalispell, Jim and his wife Patty of Manzanita, Oregon, Connie and her husband Keith of Stevensville, Montana, and Tim and his wife Barb of Meridian, Idaho. Twila will also be missed by her 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren living throughout the U.S.

Graveside service for Twila will take place at 10:30 a.m. today, Aug. 11, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Hilary Kay Doran, 58

3 Jun 2017

Hilary Kay Doran, 58, of Kalispell, died at Heritage Place on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, after a brief illness.

She was born June 14, 1958, at Kalispell General Hospital to Irene and Howard Doran.

Hilary spent her early childhood playing creek-side and riding her bicycle at Doran's Campground, the family property on Helena Flats Road. After the family moved into town, she attended St. Matthew's Catholic School and local junior high and high schools. Throughout her teens, Hilary rode horses at Bailey's Stables and competed in horse shows around the state. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1976.

Hilary earned both bachelor's and master's degrees. She attended the University of Saint Mary, in Leavenworth, Kansas, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in art and English with a minor in biology, graduating in 1981. For graduate studies, she went abroad to the University of York, pursuing a Master of Arts in women's studies. She graduated from York in 1999, with distinction.

Hilary's lifelong interests in women's issues, social justice and travel took her first to Guatemala, where she volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and, later, for three years, with the Guatemala Women's Weaving Project in Santo Tomás La Unión, a mission of the Catholic Diocese in Helena. Between the two, she interned for Sojourners, a peace and social justice ministry in Washington, D.C. Later she would travel to Portugal, Morocco and Turkey. She would also return many times to the United Kingdom to visit friends and continue in her role as graphic designer and co-director of Raw Nerve Books, at the Centre for Women's Studies at the University of York.

For more than a decade, Hilary resided in Maryland and worked as creative and production manager for Bread for the World, a D.C.-based, non-profit organization working to end hunger worldwide. Her publication



designs received many awards including a 2006 Award of Excellence in the

DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards Competition, sponsored by the Religion Communicators Council.

But she missed the West and eventually moved back, to Portland, Oregon; the following year she returned to the Valley to take a position with Citizens for a Better Flathead. Most recently she worked at Jackola Engineering and Architecture in Kalispell. She attended Northridge Lutheran Church and relished spending time with friends, hitting the elliptical at the gym, and caring for her cat, Olivia. She was much loved for her irreverence, sly wit, sense of adventure, and commitment to equality—social, racial and gender equality.

Hilary was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Irene Doran.

Survivors include her sister, Geri Doran, of Eugene, Oregon; her aunt, Alma Foot, of Kalispell; and many cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Bread for the World in Washington, D.C. at www.bread.org, or to Young Adults in Global Mission (a project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America). Donations to YAGM in Hilary's honor will help sponsor Jasmine Allen, a Libby resident and Northridge Lutheran Church member, in a year's mission work. Checks may be sent to Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901 (please note "in memory of Hilary Doran" or Jasmine's name).

A memorial service will be held at noon on Monday, June 12, at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell, led by Pastor Dan Heskett. Her ashes will be interred at Conrad Cemetery in a private ceremony. To send a note of condolence to the family please visit www.buffalohillfn.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Michael G. Dowaliby, 84

In the span of 84 remarkable years, Mike is perhaps best known as the head golf professional who touched thousands of lives with his impeccable patience and unmatched teaching style. He created highly successful junior golf programs from Southern California to Whitefish, which are still going strong today. As a Hall of Famer and 55-year PGA member, Mike's noteworthy career extended far beyond the boundaries of the golf course. He was an accomplished soapbox derby racer, girls softball coach, Frankenstein, SAG member, hand model, bird hunter, fisherman, photographer, Santa Claus, entrepreneur, radio disc jockey once known as "The Mellow Fellow," Whitefish Winter Carnival prime minister and King Ullr ... and this only scratches the surface. He truly had an infectious sense of humor, and a generous heart; and every kid who had the opportunity to honk his magnificent Lebanese nose will tell you so.

Mike's patriotism and love of country extended far beyond his four years of service in the United States Air Force. It was a rare occasion that you would see him without a U.S. flag pin on his lapel, and he would always keep extras on hand giving them away to anybody who wanted one. Mike's love of family (which also



Mike Dowaliby was born on April 13, 1933, in Los Angeles, the son of Charles and Hannah Dowaliby.

He attended Los Angeles High School, graduating with the Class of 1951. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base with the 99th Recon Wing as an ECM technician for the B-36 bomber. His Air Force years took him to Biloxi, Mississippi, as well as Guam, Japan and England. As a staff sergeant, he was presented an NCO Leadership Award and was honorably discharged in 1956.

After his service, Mike dabbled in carpentry, but his greatest interest lay in the golf industry in Southern California. He was employed at the Sepulveda Golf Club, working on the driving range and teaching. It was there he gave a golf lesson to Sally Carruthers, whom he would eventually marry on Oct. 1, 1960. Over

included many close friends), was unquestionable, and there was nothing more important to him than being together for any and all occasions.

the next eight years their four children were born. Mike started at Woodland Hills Country Club in 1960 and in 1962 joined the PGA. In 1968, Mike opened the nearby Calabasas Park Country Club as their first PGA head professional.

In 1977, Mike took over the helm at the Whitefish Lake Golf Course, bringing with him his junior golf legacy along with a world class golf shop and outstanding customer service. During his 22-year tenure there, he had a very successful career. In 2013, Mike was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Hall of Fame after celebrating his 50th year as a PGA member. He was recognized for his dedication to the game of golf and fostering youth development in the sport.

Mike's love for Whitefish was evident with his community involvement. Early on, he embraced Whitefish Winter Carnival as a Viking, and was president of the board. He was honored to be selected as prime minister to King Ullr XXVI in 1985 and himself became King Ullr XLVIII in 2007. Mike was a member of the Whitefish Rotary Club, devoting numerous hours to the Magic of Christmas Program every year, and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mike passed away on Sept. 17, 2017.

He is survived by his

wife Sally, their children Mark (Kitty) Dowaliby, Todd (Dixie) Dowaliby, and Sue (Ross) Strauser. He is also survived by his grandchildren Shane (Anamarie) Dowaliby, Emma (Jacob) Washer, Meg, Kim, Kara, and Mara Dowaliby, Rmi and Myah Strauser, and his sister Blanche Herring.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Kim.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Whitefish EMTs, KRMIC ICU and the Comfort Care staff for their care and comfort of Mike.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. The family would also like to invite Mike's friends to join them at the Whitefish Lake Restaurant on at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, for a reception to honor Mike.

The family suggests memorials made to the Whitefish Community Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Whitefish Credit Union, St. Charles Catholic Church, Whitefish Rotary Club, Whitefish Winter Carnival, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is caring for the family. Online condolences may be submitted on Mike's webpage at www.austinhf.com.

Wallace Ray Downing, 86

Wallace Ray Downing, 86, of Kalispell was born Feb. 14, 1931, in Hamilton to Clare and Kathleen Downing.

He passed away on Feb. 22, 2017.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Miles, Don and Jerry.

Wally is survived by his two sisters, Lorette Schneider of Seattle, and Betty Ann Henderson of Post Falls, Idaho, as well as his wife Connie. He also leaves children, Kathie Pedersen, Karl Downing, Theresa Hughes, Kelly, Laurie Whitaker, Shawnie Kunchick, Dana, and Ray



Downing. He will also be missed by numerous grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends that all meant so much to him.

Wally was known for his wit, amazing personality, and his love for cars. He was a veteran who served in Germany, which meant a lot to him. He was very much loved and will never be forgotten.

13 Mar 2017

Lynn Marie (Lethert) Dukelow, 75

Lynn Marie (Lethert) Dukelow, 75, of Somers, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home of natural causes on Dec. 15, 2016.

Lynn was born Aug. 5, 1941, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Katherine and George Lethert.

In 1995 she married Dr. W. Richard Dukelow in Hayward, Wisconsin.

She went through high school and business college before working as a secretary for the county of Itasca, Minnesota. She was

charming and made friends easily and was always ready with a smile. Lynn was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church and often volunteered for the women's groups and the West Shore Library in Lakeside. She was an accomplished artist and had a passion for oil painting. She enjoyed painting on wildlife scapula's (shoulder blades), knitting afghans and sweaters. She loved Montana and liked fishing, gardening, flowers and playing the

piano and organ. Lynn also loved her cats and dogs so much she got allergy shots. She enjoyed her work as a secretary and deputy sheriff in Big Timber. She was a loving, caring wife, and mother of three boys and one girl.

Lynn is survived by her husband Dr. W. Richard Dukelow, son Wes Koster, son Scott Koster, daughter Lori Flier, and son Neil Koster. She has three brothers; Jim, Steve and Mark and five grandchild-

ren, eight great-grandchildren, six stepchildren including Scott, Bruce and Kyle Dukelow.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Interment will take place in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

25 Feb 2017

Jeanette Mae Dullum, 70

Jeanette Mae Dullum died April 20, 2017, surrounded by her loving family, after a lengthy illness of multiple system atrophy.

Cremation will take place as conducted by Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Jeanette Mae Doeden was born July 29, 1946, to Lester and Raina (Gnadt) Doeden, in Ada, Minnesota. She graduated from Williston High School in 1964 and went on to attend Minot State College and University of North Dakota-Williston.

On March 16, 1965, Jeanette married the love of her life, Daryl Dullum. They had two children, Darin and Tina. They celebrated their 52nd anniversary on March 16, 2017.

Throughout her years, Jeanette held many positions and retired in 2005 as a program compliance auditor for the state of Montana.

Jeanette loved spending time with her grandchildren, who were the center of her life, the out-



doors, especially boating in the San Juan Islands and on Flathead Lake. She also enjoyed

riding in the convertibles, on the motorcycle and snorkeling in Flathead Lake.

Jeanette is survived by her husband of 52 years, Daryl Dullum, of Lakeside; son, Darin (Sheila) Dullum, of Marietta, Georgia; daughter, Tina (Troy) Dennison, of Missoula; four grandchildren, Austin, Sierra, Elizabeth Dennison and Devin Dullum; mother-in-law, Twila Dullum, of Williston, North Dakota; brother, Larry (Elaine) Doeden; sister-in-law, De Ann (Roy) Beard; and several nieces and a nephew.

A gathering of friends and relatives to celebrate the life of Jeanette will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, at their home at 124 Mission View Dr., Lakeside.

James Russell Durtsche, 71

James Russell Durtsche was born in Kalispell on July 7, 1946, and passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Aug. 15, 2017.



loved following sports, always making sure to

keep up with all the local teams. Jim was also a 40-year member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Harold Durtsche and Betty Jane Morgan Durtsche. He is survived by his brother, Gary Duane Durtsche, of Kalispell; two aunts, Harriet Morgan Hill of Salt Lake City, and Sandra Kay Smith of Redmond, Oregon; and many cousins, too many to name. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

He was the first born son of Raymond Harold Durtsche and Betty Jane Morgan Durtsche. Jim spent the majority of his life in Kalispell. Jim attended Kalispell schools and, after graduating from Flathead High School in 1965, he joined the United States Marine Corps and fought in Vietnam, rising to the rank of sergeant. Upon returning to Kalispell from Vietnam, Jim worked for various companies and retired after a long career as salesman for Industrial Supply and Fastenal. Jim was an avid bowler. He enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing, and spending time with his family. Jim

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

18 Aug 2017

April 22

Tom Dutcher, 80

Our husband, father, and friend Tom Dutcher passed away on March 27, 2017, at 80 years of age.

He was born in 1937 in St. Paul, Minnesota, and adopted at age 2 by Catherine and Harry Dutcher of Austin, Minnesota. He grew up in the Hormel town and was quite the man about town, becoming senior class president of Pachelli High School.

He served in the Army Signal Corps in New Jersey during the Korean War and later spent several years in the U.S. Diplomatic Service working in Algiers. There he met and married Carolyn Pink and had three children, Debra, Paul and Janice. They later divorced.

He came back to the U.S. and started working in the turkey industry, rising to national sales manager of Norbest, Inc. in Salt Lake City. He met and later married his wife of 28 years, Jill Levinson, during that time. Their daughter Kate was born, and with Jill's daughter Julie, the family moved to the Kalispell area in 1994 to escape "Big City Life."

Tom became active as a trustee in the Marion Fire Department and also the Hunter's Education Program.

At the age of 70, he graduated with his Associates of Arts degree from Flathead Valley Community College, receiving his Bench Jeweler's Certificate. He



loved his log home, his neighbors, and especially his donkeys and his Maine coon cat Oakley.

Tom will be sorely missed by his

wife, Jill; his brother, Dan (Dot) Dutcher, of St. Francis, Minnesota; his children, Debra Coffey, Paul Dutcher, Janice (Jeff) Beckstrom, Kate Dutcher and Julie (Dan) Diaz; as well as 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and a host of wonderful friends.

Our thanks are with Home Options Hospice for the wonderful care Tom received in his final months.

There will be a Mass said in his honor at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, at Risen Christ Church, 65 W. Evergreen Drive in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his name to Kalispell Hunter Education, c/o Three Rivers Bank, P.O. Box 7250, Kalispell, MT 59904, or they may be delivered in person to any Three Rivers Bank location.

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

28 Mar 2017

Linda Lee Bowles Dymkoski, 71

Linda Lee Bowles Dymkoski, 71, passed away on Sept. 15, 2017, in Pasco, Washington, in the loving arms of her children following a courageous and dignified battle with cancer.

Linda was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on Oct. 20, 1945, to Eugene and Carolyn Bowles. She grew up in Woodbridge, Connecticut, and has shared many stories of a happy childhood including fond memories of her close-knit extended Italian family. Linda, in her early years, perfected the art of friendship and developed care and devotion to others. In her senior year of high school, she caught the attention of the new, handsome boy in school, Matthew S. Dymkoski. She quickly gave him her heart; they found to be the love of each other's lives and celebrated 50 wonderful years of marriage together.

Linda attended Southern Connecticut State Teacher's College until Matthew proposed marriage and their lives took them to Storrs, Connecticut, where Matt continued his education at the University of Connecticut. It was there they started their family



with the birth of their first child.

Linda was fortunate, and her family blessed, with the opportunity to be a mother and homemaker to her young family.



Her focus on family allowed her children to immerse themselves in all that the Pasco

area offered them. Her greatest joy was in watching her children grow, excel and experience the quality childhood she had so fondly remembered of her own.

In 1983, Linda began a 20-year career as a para educator in the Pasco School District. Special needs students benefited from Linda's compassionate heart and feverish insistence of dedication to studies

that left no doubt they would find personal success. With Mrs. D you always knew you had someone that believed in you.

After raising their

family in Pasco and finding themselves with an empty nest, Matt and Linda lived in Bellevue, Washington, from 1991 to 2003. She continued her career in the Mercer Island School District until they chose their opportune time to retire. They settled into a beautiful home overlooking Flathead Lake in Dayton where they focused on family, relaxation and their breathtaking views.

Following Matt's passing in November 2016, Linda returned to Pasco to be closer to family and surrounded by her children as her disease progressed.

Linda will forever be remembered for her remarkable kindness; one who always put the concerns and comforts of others above her own. She was forever and optimistic; turning the sourest of lemons always into lemonade. Linda's final purchase, two weeks prior to her passing while receiving support from hospice, was a piece of wall art that read, "There is always, always, always something to be thankful for."

Linda's love for "her people" was deep and her devotion to family is reflected in those she

leaves behind.

She is survived by daughters, Sharon Ramos (Rick) and Christine Towns (Barry); son, Michael Dymkoski (Christy); and grandchildren, Matthew Dymkoski, Bailee Towns, Mitchell Dymkoski, Blake

Towns, Benjamin Ramos and Sophia Ramos. She also leaves behind her siblings, Mary Cay Carrubba and William Bowles, her former daughter-in-law, Marie Dymkoski; and her beloved animals, Josie, Rusty and Daisy Mae.

Private services will be held by the family.

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