

John Joseph Dalimata, 93

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John Joseph Dalimata, 93, went to be with the Lord peacefully on the morning of Dec. 31, 2021. His life was bountiful and productive and he passed away at home in his sleep from natural causes.



John was born on Sept. 11, 1928, at the home of John and Aurelia Dalimata in Hay Coulee, Montana, near Chester. At the age of 11, he was sent to DePere, Wisconsin, to be educated by the White Fathers at Norbertine School. He attended high school in Chester before the family relocated to the homestead at Nyack Flats 10 miles east of West Glacier. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1945. He married his beautiful wife and

in the meadow. He overcame numerous hardships, including the 1964 flood when his entire herd was lost except for five cows.

John loved camping, fishing, and hosting family and friends at his home, where he would frequently treat them to music on his accordion. He was a man of great faith and proud to have built and maintained a chapel at Nyack where many attended and prayed and a few were married.

John was also a father to five boys and four girls who were raised on the ranch in the home that Ruth and John still occupied at the time of his passing. He served on the board of directors for

Christopher of Coram, Pauline Hannegan of Pelham, New Hampshire, and Anita Armendariz of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is also survived by 48 grandchildren, 102 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth and family request that any memorials be made to St. Richard Church in Columbia Falls.

There will be a rosary and visitation at St. Richard Church on Friday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be at St. Richard on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m., with burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

A reception will follow at St. Richard.

James 'Jim' Darling

A celebration of life for James "Jim" Darling, 71, who died Aug. 13, 2021, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Somers/Lakeside Firehall, 784 Somers Road, Somers

Pati Dauber, 82

Pati Dauber, 82, of Hungry Horse, died Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

She is survived by her husband Dwight, and her children Lance Dauber and Jennifer Hernandez. No services are being planned.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Larry G. David, 85

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Larry G. David, 85, passed away on Feb. 16, 2021, in Thousand Oaks, California.

Larry grew up in Kalispell, the son of Bernard and Edna David, where he was a member of DeMolay, active in the youth group at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a member of the VFW shooting team while attending school and working in his father's Conoco station. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1955.

His achievement as a nationally ranked junior rifleman led to college scholarships. He attended St. Olaf College for a year, then transferred to the University of Montana (Missoula) where he joined the Sigma Nu fraternity and competed with the Air Force ROTC rifle team. He graduated UM in 1958 then began military service as an Air Force officer, marrying his college sweetheart, Anne Louise Thomas of Butte, before



where he trained as a computer programmer for the new NYADS SAGE computer network (developed to better protect U.S. air space) long before the public knew about computers. That early training led to a 30-plus year career as a government subcontractor in the defense industry. His work brought the David family to California in 1968 where they made their home in Thousand Oaks, always returning to Whitefish and Butte for summer vacations until Anne could no longer travel due to Alzheimer's disease.

shipping out for a tour of duty in Korea. Upon his return, he was stationed at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey

Larry fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming a pilot by earning his private pilot license and eventually building and flying his own experimental aircraft. He also enjoyed sharing his "fix it" talents with Ascension Lutheran Church, Habitat for Humanity, and his many friends.

Larry is survived by daughters, Brenda Lincoln (Warren) of Los Angeles and Kelly Frangos (Zach) of Moorpark, California, grandchildren Teresa, Leanna, Nic and Tim, his sister, Shirlie Plummer Joseph of Seattle, as well as nephews, a niece, and cousins. His beloved "Annie" predeceased him in 2018.

A memorial service will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks on May 30 at 2 p.m. The service also will be broadcast virtually at: <https://alcto.org/ascension-lutheran-church-livestream/>

Leah Rose Davis, 45

Leah Rose Davis, 45, of Kalispell, died Monday, March 1, 2021, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Services are being planned for a later date.

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

Travis D. Davis, 36

Travis D. Davis, 36, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at Island Lake in Lincoln County.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby.

Robert Wayne Davis, 92

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Robert Wayne Davis, 92, passed away Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021.

Robert, always known as "Boots" or the Booter, was born on Jan. 21, 1929, on his family's farm near Clayton, New Mexico. He had six older siblings, two sisters and four brothers and remained in Clayton until retiring to Green Valley, Arizona in 1995. Boots lived 92 wonderful years and died in his sleep in Montana after a month-long hospitalization for multiple complications and pneumonia.

Boots had a 44-year career with the Clayton Post Office. He began working part-time during high school because of the shortage of workers due to World War II. He met the mail train in the mornings and delivered mail in the afternoons. The post office was a good fit for Boots.

He loved visiting with people on his mail routes and over the years continued to advance to postmaster before his retirement.

Boots married Hallie Mae Hammond on Dec. 30, 1949, in Clayton, New Mexico. They had four children, Rick, Debbie, Brian and Sheri. They had a very busy life with four children but Boots made extra money for his family by refereeing ball games and playing drums in a band. He had many great stories about those times in his life.

Boots had many



hobbies throughout his life. As a young man he played football and bas-

ketball and even received a scholarship offer to play football and or basketball at two New Mexico universities. He loved to waterski at their family cabin in Montana where he spent his summer vacations. His children's first water skiing experience was on his shoulders. Boots also had a passion for golf, which precipitated his move to warmer winters in Arizona.

In the last few years of his life he and Hallie provided for a major remodel of their 54-year-old cabin in Montana. Their legacy will be enjoyed by many generations to come.

Boots is survived by his wife, Hallie Mae; his four children, Rick, Debbie, Brian and Sheri, and her husband Steve; five grandchildren, Adalina, Caroline, Spenser, Cassidy and Brandon; and two great-grandchildren, Kaylie and Porter.

Boots had a gregarious nature and never knew a stranger. Even though he moved from his small hometown of Clayton, New Mexico, part of his heart never did. He remembered his friends and family fondly.

Ruth M. Davy, 93

Ruth M. Davy, 93, died Dec. 20, 2021, at Whitefish Care and Rehab.

She is survived by her son, John Schultz. No services are planned.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish.

Marion Yvonne Ramsey Daue, 96

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Marion Yvonne Ramsey Daue departed her life on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, five days before her 97th birthday.

Marion was born at home on June 27, 1924, in the small town of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, across the Susquehanna River from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's capital city. Marion was an excellent student and learned to play both the saxophone and the piano as a schoolgirl. In high school she was the only girl in her trigonometry and physics classes. In the early 1930s, when passenger air travel was new and open cockpit airplanes were still common, her grandparents survived the Great Depression by owning and operating a small restaurant at the Harrisburg-York Airport, the newly built airport for Pennsylvania's capital city. Pilots would spot Marion playing along the airport's only runway and call out "Hey kid, want a ride?" Away she would soar — usually without her grandparents' knowledge or permission — in the back of open air two-seaters, loving the thrill of her secret adventures in the sky. Her grandmother would make lunches for pilots and passengers when planes landed to refuel. Marion willingly delivered these meals because it gave her the opportunity to meet celebrity flying pioneers Amelia Earheart and Charles Lindbergh and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

After the start of World War II, Marion determined to pursue a career in nursing. In 1943 she took the train from New Cumberland to Baltimore, Maryland, where she enrolled in the University of Maryland's School of Nursing. The tuition was \$25. Marion worked for a year at the Olmstead Army Airfield to earn the money.

grandsons, Erik Gronvold and wife Beth Sterner of Altamonte Springs, Florida, Alex Daue and wife Andrea West of Glenwood, Colorado, and Nick Daue of Los Angeles; her four great-grandchildren, Grace Gronvold, Anderson Gronvold, Sage Daue and Micah Daue; nieces, Gabrielle Shaykin and Toni Taylor of New Hampshire and Cindy Stone of Pennsylvania, and nephew Marc Toporcer of Pennsylvania; cousins, Robert Breese, Linda Brian and Sheri Thurber; and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Marion was predeceased by her husband Edwin in 1987.

Marion also leaves her best and dearest friend, Eileen Ayers, of Kalispell. Marion's family and friends knew her as a talented baker and cook. She was famous for her Christmas cookies, pies, pastries and

sticky buns. She baked for hospital auxiliary bazaars, her husband's surgical patients, her children's college roommates, her grandchildren and their friends and the ski lift operators at Big Mountain, where she skied until she was 87. Marion joined the Summit Fitness Center when it first opened in 1995, the year she moved to Kalispell. She walked the track and was a faithful participant in water aerobics until the age of 91. At 71 she joined a hiking club and hiked the trails of Glacier Park.

Marion was a generous contributor to charitable efforts all her life and was known for her generosity. She drove for Meals on Wheels and put care packages together for U.S. soldiers in Iraq. She was a formidable Scrabble player, loved to read, watch birds and solve puzzles. In the late

In 1946 Marion graduated from the University of Maryland as a registered nurse. During her university studies, she developed an affinity for operating room nursing and was selected by the hospital's chief of surgery and head of the university's Department of Surgery, Dr. Arthur Shipley, to be his dedicated operating room "scrub" nurse.

In 1947 Marion met and married Edwin O. Daue, Jr., M.D., recently returned from four years of war in the South Pacific. Dr. Daue served as a U.S. Army captain and trauma surgeon in a MASH unit during some of the heaviest fighting in the Pacific Theater. They met in the operating room at Baltimore's University Hospital.

Marion is survived by her sister, Mardee Morrison, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; her daughter, Caryn Gronvold, of Kalispell; her son, E. Craig Daue and wife Peggy Daue, of Missoula; her daughter, Debra Daue, of Kalispell; her

2000s Marion and daughter Debra traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where in 1863 Marion's great-great-grandfather — a soldier in the Bucktail Brigade of the 150th Pennsylvania Regiment — lost a leg at the Battle of Gettysburg. Marion donated her great-grandfather's treasured Union Army bucktail and a rare Civil War memoir to the Gettysburg College Library.

At Marion's request no funeral services will be held. She will be interred with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Her family requests that any friends wishing to make a donation in memory of Marion please consider making a contribution to Meals on Wheels, the Kalispell ImagineIF Library, or the Flathead Audubon Society.

Nancy Lee DeCroix, 88

Nancy Lee DeCroix, 88, of Lakeside, died Oct. 1, 2021, at her home.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Joyce DeLong, 96

Beautiful Joyce DeLong was called home to the Lord on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021.



She was born on Nov. 18, 1924, in Cheshambucks, England, to Sidney and Rose Butler.

She met and married Russell DeLong (a GI stationed in England) in 1944. Joyce was a war bride sent by Congress and landed in Somers, Montana, during World War II. After World War II Russell and Joyce settled in Somers together and raised their three children. She was a housewife and very involved in her church.

Joyce, to all who knew her, was a kind and caring individual who touched the lives of so many. She was a friend to everyone and famous for her pies.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell DeLong; parents, Sidney and Rose Butler; sister, Joan, sister Phylis and brother Dennis.

She is survived by her children, Graham DeLong and his wife Linda DeLong, Linda Joy DeLong and Ray DeLong. Joyce is also survived by her grandson Mathew DeLong, granddaughter Shanna Hale and five great-grandchildren, Abigail, Grace, Katelynn, Hailey and Micah.

A funeral will be held on Monday, Oct. 18, at Epworth United Methodist Church at 11 a.m., followed by a burial and a luncheon.

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

Donna Hefner De Diaz, 65

Donna Hefner De Diaz, 65, died at Logan Health Center in Kalispell on Aug. 7, 2021.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Norman Lee DeForrest, 82

Norman Lee DeForrest, 82, passed away on Jan. 20, 2021, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

Norman was born on Feb. 20, 1938, to Manuel and Georgia (Gorich) Silva in Oakland, California. After graduating high school, Norman joined the Cal State University in Hayward, California, where he earned his master's degree in art history.

Norman spent time serving his country from 1956 to 1960 in the Supply Division of the United States Air Force. He also worked for the United States Parcel Service where he later retired from.

Norman was an active



member of St. Matthew's Church. He was the treasurer for St. Matthew's Knights Of Columbus and he also sang with the choir. He also for

a time sang with Valley Voices Choir. He loved attending and hosting church social functions.

Aside from his devoted interest in his church, he also loved to do little hobbies like landscaping and art. He was a talented artist who painted, sketched and would even mold

ceramics.

Norman is survived by his sisters, Elsen King (California) and Shirley Nalty (Arizona), and four nephews and their families. He will be forever missed.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to either St. Matthew's Catholic Church or the Veteran's North West Food Pantry.

Due to the current pandemic, no services are planned at this time. Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

John Wesley DeYoung, 76

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John Wesley DeYoung passed away Sept. 27, 2020, in Mesa, Arizona.



trative officer for the Kootenai National Forest in Libby.

and his first wife Linda.

He is survived by his loving wife, Myrna Jayne Hinton-DeYoung, "M.J.," and her adult children Chad (Mona), Darren (Kelly) and their children and grandchildren. He is survived by his sons Sean Terrance and his son John Darrell (Jodie), grandchildren Steven (Breezie), Brandon and Terran. He also leaves behind two great granddaughters, Camryn and Aubree. He is also survived by his brother Gary (Mary), his sister Nancy Tiensvold, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

After retirement he spent

John was born Dec. 27, 1943, to John Wesley and Mary Louise DeYoung and spent the majority of his growing up years on the family cherry orchard and around Flathead Lake.

his winters in Mesa, his summers in Libby and, for the last few years, a part of each spring in Maui, Hawaii, with M.J. Mixed in with that were cruises and trips and gatherings with friends and family at the Libby home and, as always, returning to Flathead Lake whenever possible to continue to make memories there.

He married his high school sweetheart Linda Lee Dickson in 1963 and they were together for 51 years until her passing in 2014.

He met and married Myrna Jayne Hinton, "M.J.," and was married to her for six fun-filled years until his passing from complications from liver transplant surgery.

He was a friend, a husband, a father and "great and grand" father and thoroughly enjoyed laughing and playing and having the most fun possible in a given situation. He had a sharp mind and a clever playful wit and always strived to stay busy and make the most of his life.

John graduated college from the University of Montana in Missoula with a degree in business finance, working his entire career for the U.S. Forest Service, and retiring at 55 as the adminis-

John was preceded in death by his parents John Wesley and Mary Louise,

There will be a gathering and celebration of John's life on Thursday, July 29, at 11 a.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson where he will be buried. Family and friends will gather after the service at a no-host luncheon at a location to be announced at the memorial. If you have questions, please feel free to contact John Darrell at johnwte11@yahoo.com.

Michael 'Mike' Kurt Degerness, 59

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Michael "Mike" Kurt Degerness was born Oct. 10, 1961, in Salt Lake City to Oliver and Elsie (Opp) Degerness.

He passed away on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, in Rowlett, Texas, after a vehicle accident.

Oliver was a civil engineer and the family, including his brother David, moved many times during Mike's childhood. One memorable place was Korea, where his family worked with the Pearl Buck Foundation and fostered many children, some of whom Mike still considered family. From a very early age, Mike had a passion for firearms, fostered by his Uncle John. While pursuing the goal of a career in firearms, he worked in law enforcement and emergency medicine. Mike met Michelle (Copenhaver) in paramedic school in Bismarck, North Dakota. They married on May 9, 1987, and became a pair-a-medics, spending their honeymoon doing clinicals with Denver General.

Mike and Michelle began their married life in Twin Falls, Idaho, where they and a friend became the first paramedics in Southern Idaho. From there they moved to Great Falls to help start the first paramedic level service in Montana. Their first son was born there and not long after, they moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where they had five more children.



continued all his life. With a prototype made in his garage, he started building

carbon fiber barrels that revolutionized the way gun barrels performed. He put together a patent, making sure that his barrels would have a place in the growing firearm industry and started his own company, Advanced Barrel Systems. In 2010, he sold his company to Proof Research, in Columbia Falls. Mike, Michelle, their six children, and nephew moved to Montana, where Mike continued to work and refine carbon fiber barrel technology.

More recently, Mike spent time in Wyoming, Idaho and Texas still dreaming of new firearm concepts.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Elsie Degerness, and his Uncle John, as well as grandparents and other aunts and uncles.

Mike will be remembered and missed by David Degerness (Sonja Kuehnle), Michelle, his children Jonathan (Bethany) Degerness, Elisa Degerness, Jeremiah Degerness, Joshua Degerness, Hannah Degerness, and Josiah Degerness, his nephew and nieces whom Mike viewed as his own children, Holly Degerness, Heather (John) Seever, Lianne Degerness, Justin Degerness, his great-nieces and nephews, Aunt Claudia, extended family and many friends.

Russell Wayne Dickson, 61

Russell Wayne Dickson, 61, of Polson, died on July 2, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Mike loved the opportunity to teach his own children and others about firearms, safety, reloading, hunting and fishing. He also instilled in them a love for music. Mike played piano most of his life and enjoyed family jam sessions with his children playing guitar, fiddle, ukulele, mandolin, and singing. Mike enjoyed sitting on the front porch swing, talking with friends and family, any hour of the day or night, especially if the conversation evolved around questions of deep faith.

Mike's dream of building a better rifle

Memorial services will be held in Kalispell on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church, 1970 U.S. 93; and Lincoln, Nebraska, on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. at North Pointe Community Church, 2224 Fletcher Ave.

Memorials to Jonathan Degerness to help cover final expenses, or Cornerstone Community Church.

Marian Thea Dickman, 96

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Marian Thea Dickman was born June 5, 1925, to Metilda and Hilmer Knudson and settled in Peerless, Montana.

After graduation, Marian attended Billings, Montana, Teacher School and taught in a one-room schoolhouse during the war.

Later, Marian, her sister Goldie, and her husband Howard started a band together. Marian was very musical and played the clarinet, saxophone and piano, but Marian also had a beautiful voice, and loved to sing to Patsy Cline.

Marian was a secretary for the Ford Motor Company when she first met the love of her life, Walter, who managed the Whitetail, Montana, grain elevator.

Marian's dream came true when she and Walter wed on Aug. 25, 1946. From that union three children were born, Larry, Linda and Ronald.

Marian enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom, but when the children went to school Marian put on a new hat and became Walter's bookkeeper and was a natural at her new job. They enjoyed the adventures of traveling by train to the grain elevator conventions.

Marian will always be remembered as a sweet lady with a kind heart, always ready to help. Marian spent many years as a volunteer for North Valley Hospital, the Vets Home and the Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce. She was adored and



touched the hearts of many.

Marian always looked so radiant and dressed to the nines and was recognized by the many cute hats she wore. Marian spent her last years at Immanuel Lutheran Communities and the nurses and caregivers would often call her "Hollywood." Thank you to you all for taking such good care of our dear mother, Marian. We appreciate you very much.

Marian was preceded in death by her beloved husband Walter, son Larry and brothers Norman, Maurice and Donald and sister Goldie.

Marian is survived by her daughter Linda and son Ronald (wife Desiree) along with many grandchildren, Lonnie, Rhea, Dustin, Shay, Kory, Becky and Taylor, as well as numerous great-grandchildren.

All who knew Marian saw she was a bit of a firecracker. Silly, giggly and always smiling. Guess it was fitting she left with a bang on the Fourth of July, 2021. Marian will be missed by so many, but especially her family.

No formal funeral is planned. A celebration of life is planned at a later date.

Timothy Francis Dilworth, 60

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Timothy Francis Dilworth, 60, returned to his heavenly home on Dec. 20, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after fighting a brave battle against COVID-19. His devotion to family and his faith in the Lord gave him strength and peace throughout his struggle.

Tim is survived by his beloved wife Donigale, and cherished daughter Sierra. He is also survived by his parents, Mike and Pat Dilworth, his siblings Diane, Ginni, Martha, Dan, Theresa and Mike, and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his daughter Rhianna and his brother David.

Tim was born in Detroit, but spent his youth in Franklin, Massachusetts. He was a standout track and cross country runner at Franklin High School, graduating in 1978. After high school, Tim studied wildlife biology at Colorado State University and it was here that he accepted Christ as his Savior. Tim then enlisted in the United States Navy. He was admitted into the selective nuclear power program and served honorably as a nuclear submariner from 1983 to 1989 as an electrician's mate second class on the USS Bluefish and the USS Cincinnati.



During this time Sierra was born, making their family complete. Tim said he got his degree with "a baby in one arm and a book in the other."

Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Michigan where Tim pursued a Master in Accounting degree. Whereas most people dread tax time, Tim found the field of tax preparation fascinating. He earned CPA and enrolled agent designations, which allowed him to represent clients in front of the IRS. Desiring to return back to the West, the family moved to Kalispell in 2014 where Tim fulfilled a lifelong dream of opening his own business, Alpine Tax & Accounting. Tim's work ethic and intelligence earned him the respect of the community and in 2019 Alpine Tax was voted as one of the best tax firms in the Flathead Valley.

Tim had a huge love for the outdoors; if he wasn't with his family or at work, you'd likely find him hunting, fishing or hiking. He was an avid explorer and always wanted to reach the true summit. This true summit attitude carried over to reading as well. If Tim opened the cover of a book, he was going to finish it no matter how long it took. He also had a passion for music. He frequently played guitar and showed his goofy side by composing songs about vegetables.

Fred E. Dineen, 96

Fred E. Dineen, 96, of Missoula, and formerly of Kalispell, died Jan. 25, 2021.

Arrangements are under the care of Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies in Missoula.

Michele Elizabeth Dodson, 48

Michele Elizabeth Dodson, 48, of Kalispell, died on Sunday, March 21, 2021, at her home.

She is survived by her mother Rita Amacker and her children: Laci Lancaster, Bailey Dodson-Howell, Rylee Dodson and Layton Rickard.

No local services are being planned. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Using the electronics skills gained in the Navy, Tim worked as an electrical technician at Deer Valley Ski Resort, which allowed him to log in over 120 days of skiing each year in Utah's famous champagne powder. Tim also met Doni, the love of his life, at Deer Valley where, in addition to skiing, they shared a faith in God and a love of hiking, rock climbing and travel. They married in 1993 and welcomed their oldest daughter Rhianna into the family a year later. Despite being new parents, their love of travel did not diminish and in 1995 they sold their home and embarked on an around-the-world backpacking trip. Spending 24-7 together with a toddler for 14 months was a true test of their marriage!

Upon returning to the states, Tim attended the University of Utah to pursue a degree in finance.

Most of all, Tim loved his family dearly. He regularly kept in touch with his parents and siblings and attended all of his girls' skiing, tennis, speech and debate competitions. Tim was a loyal friend and faithful companion to all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service and luncheon will be held to celebrate Tim's life at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at Easthaven Baptist Church, located on Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell. Friends, family, clients and business associates are welcome to attend.



Michele Elizabeth Dodson, 49

Michele Elizabeth Dodson, age 49, of Kalispell, passed away Sunday, March 21, 2021, at her home.

Michele was born Dec. 17, 1972, in Carmel, California, to David Otto McMahan and Rita Sue Amacker. Michele received a bachelor's degree at Brescia University of Owensboro, Kentucky, and a master's degree at the University of Louisville, after which she worked as a Clinical



well as other conditions.

Michele is preceded in death by her father David Otto McMahan; her grandparents Coy and Luvenia Goff; and granddaughter Kyla Bay Welch.

Social Worker specializing in child abuse and obsessive compulsive disorders, as

well as other conditions. She is survived by her children: Laci Lancaster (Thomas Welch) of Clarksville, Tennessee; Bailey Dodson Howell (Jake Howell) of Abilene, Texas; Rylee Dodson (Logan Evans) of Owensboro, Tennessee; Layton "Hoadie" Rickard of Owensboro, Tennessee; grandchildren: Karson Lee Welch and Gracelynn Leigh Dodson; her mother Rita Sue Amacker of Joelton, Tennessee; sisters Alison "Ali" Blehm

of Springfield, Tennessee; Sara McMahan and Molly McMahan of Carmel, California; aunts: Laddonna Tumbson of Joelton, Tennessee; Kathleen Colone of Fresno, California and Connie Walle of Columbia Falls.

No local services are being planned at this time.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Jennifer Kate 'Katie' McLean Dobesh, 47

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Jennifer Kate "Katie" McLean Dobesh was a loving daughter, a caring wife, a loyal sister, a doting aunt, and an incredible friend. After a courageous battle with cancer, Katie left this life to be with our Lord on June 12, 2021. She will be greatly missed by many that loved her.



adventurous spirit and love for the outdoors soared. She was an avid skier and devel-

Katie rushed into this life on Jan. 25, 1974, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Rodney and Jimmie Ann McLean. Jimmie Ann barely made it to the delivery room before Katie arrived. Katie refused to slow down for the next 47 years. Katie was raised with an older sister and three brothers. She grew up along the Gulf Coast in the small town of Grand Chenier, Louisiana. While in Louisiana, young Katie became very active in sports, enjoyed riding horses, climbed trees like a squirrel, and trekked barefoot through many pastures, blazing her own trail. This love of the outdoors and her desire to explore continued into her adult life, launching a great appreciation for nature and adventure.

At the age of 12, Katie's parents decided to relocate to Kalispell. This is where Katie's

oped a love for hiking in the mountains. Katie would hike the trails throughout Northwest Montana, among many other places, any chance she could. When it came to hiking, Katie had no fear, wouldn't accept bad attitudes, and confronted some of the toughest hiking trails around.

Companions had better be ready to keep up because she was not slowing down. She would start earlier than other hikers, fearing they would "scare off the grizzlies" before she could take photographs of the bears. Katie took thousands of nature photos throughout the hundreds of miles that she hiked, and thousands more of the numerous locations, people and family members around the globe that she visited.

Katie graduated from Flathead High School in 1992. Due to her experiences at a young age while in Louisiana, Katie had a desire to

become a veterinarian.

Katie later decided to transition to pediatric nursing, graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa in 1999. Later that year, she started her career at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

After taking care of a baby cardiac patient, Katie was inspired to continue her education, earning her master's degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She started working as a neonatal nurse practitioner in 2003, working in the neonatal ICU for almost 18 years, never slowing down. Katie was truly passionate about her job, saving and caring for many babies.

In January of 2016, Katie met Craig Dobesh and they immediately hit it off. Sharing many common interests, they were virtually inseparable from the start. Katie and Craig would enjoy taking hikes, weekend road trips, attending festivals and sporting events, and participating in various outdoor activities. As their relationship grew, Craig proposed, Katie accepted, and they were married at St. Mary's Church in Plantersville,

Texas, on Aug. 3, 2019.

Katie raced through life, from one adventure to the next, blazing her own trail through the wilderness, never slowing down. Her kindness and generosity profoundly affected everyone, and she left an indelible mark on each person she met.

Katie is survived by her husband Craig Dobesh, her parents Rodney and Jimmie Ann McLean, her brothers Douglas, Duncan and Donald McLean, her older sister Bonnie Matheson, and many nieces and nephews, all of whom she truly adored, and who will deeply miss their Aunt "KK."

"Visitation will be held on June 19 at 3 p.m. at Moore Funeral Home, 1219 North Davis Drive, Arlington, Texas. Funeral services will be held on June 21 at 2 p.m., also at Moore Funeral Home."

To leave condolences, please visit www.dignitymemorial.com

"Nature's first green is gold, Her hardest hue to hold. Her early leaf's a flower; But only so an hour. Then leaf subsides to grief, So Eden sank to grief, So dawn goes down to day. Nothing gold can stay." — Robert Frost

LaVonne (Vonnie) Donahue

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LaVonne (Vonnie) Donahue of Eureka, born in Deadwood, South Dakota, on Nov. 29, 1951 passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 8, 2021.

Vonnie was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Rose Goble and brother Curt.

She is survived by her son Josh Shafer, friend and companion of 32 years Warren Donahue, and siblings Craig, Jim, Beth, Helen, Keith and extended families.

Vonnie was known for her love for family, friends, gardening and flowers.

Service will be held at a later date. 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 caring for the family.

JoAnn Edna (Babiash) Donovan, 80

JoAnn Edna (Babiash) Donovan, 80, formerly of Kalispell, died Dec. 14, 2020, in Green Valley, Arizona.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Donovan; and children, Julie Lynn Donovan,

Jeffrey Thomas Donovan and Michelle Kathleen Donovan Sevier.

Rosary will be said at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27, followed by a service at 12:10 p.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Kathleen Diane Dortch, 67

Kathleen Diane Dortch, 67, was born Sept. 21, 1954, and passed into the hands of God and our Savior Jesus Christ on Oct. 3, 2021. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

She was preceded in death by her brothers



John, Richard and Larry.

Kathleen is survived by her husband Dennis of 47 years, daughter Krista (Sam), son Richard (Dana), granddaughters Alexandra and Kennedy, grandsons Sammy and Jacob, sister Becky, mother Elaine, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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

Gene Armand Doty, 86

PAL 27 May 2021

Gene Armand Doty, 86, of Kalispell, passed away May 22, 2021. Gene was born April 22, 1935 in Wayzetta, North Dakota, to Chauncy and Irene Doty. Gene was raised in the Flathead Valley where he graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953. He married Juanita McAtee in Kalispell on Feb. 12, 1956.

Gene spent most of his career working for the Kalispell Fire Department retiring as fire chief in 1986. After retiring from the Fire Department, Gene pursued many additional careers, finally retiring again from Fair-Mont-Egan School.

He was an avid collector of many things, baseball coach for his sons, packleader for the Boy Scouts, and proud supporter of all his grandchildren's sporting events in the Flathead Valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Linda Freyholtz.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Juanita Doty; sons,



Donald and his wife B, son-in-law Duane Freyholtz, Steven and his wife

Christy, Jerry and his wife Pam, and daughter Cheryl Doty. He is also survived by his 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews; and brother, Lyle Doty, of Conrad.

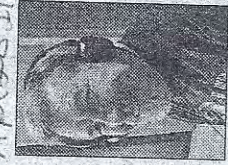
A celebration of Gene's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A private urn burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Fair-Mont-Egan School, or an animal shelter of your choice.

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

Todd Downen, 59

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Todd Downen passed away suddenly on Feb. 18, 2021, from a massive heart attack.

Todd was born in Bozeman, on Oct. 1, 1961. He was raised in Havre, and later in Kalispell. Todd graduated from Flathead High School in 1980. In the fall he left for Minneapolis where he attended broadcasting school at Brown Institute. He spent 30 years in the radio broadcasting industry, most recently with Bee Broadcasting. Sports was a big part of his life and he was "The Voice of the Braves and Bravettes for 25 years. He also broadcasted The Lakers baseball for many years. Todd loved all the athletics and enjoyed their accomplishments as though they were his children. Todd served in the National Guard and loved his country, as well as the great state of Montana. He was currently employed by Assurant Insurance Company, a worldwide company.

Todd completed his bucket list, which included: a Rose Bowl game and parade, a Notre Dame game in Notre Dame, Indiana, trips to Arizona, and finally he and Terri went to Hawaii to tour the Pearl Harbor Memorial.

Todd is survived by his wife Terri, his parents Jim and Darlene, and his sister Pam Sundene, along with her husband Eric Sundene and their son Mitchell. He had many additional relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, Aug. 12, at Snowline Acres from 5 until 8 p.m.

Todd, you will never be forgotten and we will all hold you close within our hearts. There you will remain to walk and guide us through our lives. Until we meet again, we love you.

MEMORIALS

Todd Downen

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A celebration of life and reception for Todd Downen, 59, who died Feb. 18, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Snowline Acres, 3315 U.S. 93 S., in Kalispell.

Fred Jerome 'Jerry' Doyle, 80

PA 7 25 Aug 2021

Fred Jerome "Jerry" Doyle, 80, of Marion, died Aug. 2, 2021, from natural causes. Known for his tireless advocacy of children's behavioral health challenges and pioneering the Wraparound approach to family supportive services, Jerry helped transform the foster care system in California.

Born in West Bend, Wisconsin, in 1941, Jerry loved waterskiing and fast boats. Lining the windows of his garage workshop were old trophies from his racing days, and pictures of him in small, flat boats, with his pale blonde hair flying back in the wind, grinning from ear to ear. He loved things of beauty, from the outdoors to good music, to his beloved 1967 Jaguar and

his wife of 51 years, Julie. He was a big bear of a man with a gentle soul. He cried at movies and even the occasional television commercial.

Originally intending to be a priest, Jerry left the seminary when he realized there were no girls there. He loved St. Francis of Assisi and the grace of light through stained glass windows. He attended Loras College and then University of California, Berkeley for graduate school where he became a licensed clinical social worker and embarked on his life-long mission to help children



and families in crisis.

Jerry retired in 2009 after 39 years at the helm of what is now one of California's largest children's services agencies. He earned a nationwide reputation as a champion for children in crisis, and under his leadership, the agency grew from serving 140 children each year to approximately 20,000 children and their family members annually. However, his legacy extends far beyond the agency, impacting vulnerable children and families throughout California every day.

After retirement, Jerry moved to Montana where he declared that he had finally found the good life, out on the lake on a beautiful summer day with his family all

around him. He is survived by his wife Julie, daughter Tasha and son-in-law Jason, and their three children Hope, Luke and Zack, and his son Derek.

Jerry will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Glacier UU Fellowship. The address is 1515 Trumble Creek Road, Kalispell, MT.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Uplift Family Services in honor of Jerry, his legacy and his life work. He would be heartened to see families and children being lifted out of crisis, even in his passing. Donations can be made in memory of Jerry at <https://upliftfs.org/get-involved/donate/>

Edwin 'Ned' Drake, 88

PA 5 21 Nov 2021
Edwin 'Ned' Drake, 88, of Somers, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021, at his daughters home in Missoula of extended illness.



outdoor activities Montana has to offer includ-

He was born on Oct. 29, 1933, in Somers to Anna and Vernon Drake. After being raised in the Flathead Valley, Ned went into the Army and served for two years. After returning from the Army, Ned worked in the local sawmills, then joined the IBEW union and worked many places, including the Libby dam.

ing hunting, fishing and camping. He and his wife spent many summers with their grandchildren camping or traveling. Ned was a good-natured man that will always be remembered for his kindness.

On Nov. 7, 1955, Ned married Irene Nelson. The two were married for 55 years, settled in Somers, and raised their two children Denise (O'Lear) and Larry Drake.

Ned was preceded in death by his wife Irene, son Larry, and his eight siblings and his parents.

When Ned wasn't tinkering in the garage, he was enjoying all the

He is survived by his daughter Denise O'Lear (Mike); daughter-in-law Fely Drake; four granddaughters, Sarah, Sharri, Lisa and Mindy; and his two great grandchildren

Per Ned's request, no funeral services will be performed.

Lauralee Drake, 84

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Lauralee Drake passed away peacefully at the age of 84 on Sept. 24, 2021, in Kalispell. Lauralee was born in Kalispell on August 18, 1937, to David Mitton and Rachel Wise. Her family moved to California when she was a child, which she always referred to as her home. She was a very intelligent woman who went to business college and successfully ran multiple businesses in California and Montana. Lauralee built and managed the Bayshore Resort and Motel in Lakeside for many years until she sold it to retire and spend more time with loved ones.

clubs to play games with her "girl-friends." Some of her favorite things to do were



Morgan Crevier, Jenny Profitt, their spouses and children, cousins, nieces and nephews. Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of all those who knew and loved her.

shopping and spending time at the ocean. Everyone who knew her commented on her great sense of humor, and how fun it was to be in her presence. She will be deeply missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Lauralee was a devoted mother and grandmother, who made sure the ones she loved were well taken care of. She loved to go dancing and joined many

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Rachel Mitton; her sister, Merlene Mitton; son, Gregory Brown; daughter, Linda Brown; and husband, Rodney Drake.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Dalton Hill, Carlee Stoller,

A funeral service is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. All those who knew Lauralee and wish to attend are welcome.

Nona Drew, 84

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Nona Drew, 84, of Missoula, passed away the afternoon of Saturday, May 15, 2021, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She was surrounded by her family and her circle of love.

She was the daughter of Earl and Irma (Thompson) Larson, and was born in Butte. She grew up and attended school in Whitehall, Montana, graduating in 1955. An enthusiastic member of the Whitehall Whiz 4-H Club, she qualified for a trip to the National 4-H Congress held in Chicago.

She attended the University of Montana, receiving a degree in education. While there, she joined the Delta Gamma sorority and had the privilege of serving as president in her senior year. She was also a member and co-ed colonel of the ROTC Angel Flight.

She married Warren Drew in 1959 and, after a short military stint and a few years in Great Falls where she taught kindergarten, the family, now including two small daughters, moved back to Missoula. She was active in the civic and cultural community and was instrumental in launching the Missoula Head Start program, later successfully lobbying the legislature to incorporate kindergartens into the public



school system. She also led a Brownie Scout troop for several years.

In 1973, now divorced and a single mother, Nona changed venue and joined the sales staff of KYLT radio, a job she held for 12 years. Then, with her daughters out of school, she spent a few years in Hawaii and Asia with the Youth With A Mission organization, working in squatters zones, burning garbage dumps and mercy shelters. Upon returning home and holding several short-term positions, including director of sales of the Village Red Lion Inn, she realized that her calling was with the disadvantaged, the elderly and the infirmed. Propelled by Heartland Caregivers of Missoula, she traversed the United States for the next 15 years on assignments.

Nona loved to travel and did so extensively. She lived her life with courage and was not afraid to take chances or to make changes. She felt that life was about rewards ... recoveries ... and the grace of "letting go"... and that, once fear and regret are set aside, all that remains is peace and gratitude.

In 2003 she retired to Missoula, blessed by the proximity of her much loved family. She felt that she had lived in the best of times and would want to extend thanks to all of those who supported her, laughed with her, or walked beside her throughout the trip.

Nona is survived by her daughters, Desiree (Randy) Cogdill and Whitney (Dale) Crosby Newman of Whitefish, her grandchildren, Drew Crosby Newman, Cameron Crosby Newman, and Lauren (Jonson) England; her brother, Tom Weir, of Santa Barbara, California; sister, Claire Whealy, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; five nieces and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Jim Weir of Butte, and her granddaughter Elizabeth Paige Crosby Newman of Kalispell.

At her request there will be no formal service, but a celebration of life with her family complete with games, laughter and yellow balloons. Those wishing to honor her memory might send a contribution to an organization that you feel best represents Nona, or call upon someone who is homebound.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Jean Driggers, 72

Jean Driggers, 72, passed away in Gig Harbor, Washington, on Feb. 28, 2021, with her husband Bob by her side and surrounded by the love of her family.

Jean was born on March 15, 1948, to Keith and Catherine Atkinson in Middletown, Connecticut. She graduated from the University of Maine and spent a semester during college studying in Dublin, Ireland. Jean moved to Denver in 1975 where she met and married Bob Driggers. They moved to Whitefish in 1988 and relocated to Gig Harbor in the summer of 2019.

One of Jean's greatest talents was making every person in her life feel special. She incorporated this talent on a daily basis as an irreplaceable partner, mother, friend and teacher.

Jean worked with children in many different capacities and spent more than 25 years teaching in the Olney-Bissell School District. Her great joy in life was teaching and working with children.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; children and their spouses, Kelly and Craig Dyer of Gig Harbor, and Nathan and Kathryn Driggers of Bethesda, Maryland; grandchildren, Dylan, Megan, Tyler, Parker and Ellie; and siblings and their spouses, Richard and Carol Atkinson of Whitefish, Robert and Brenda Atkinson of Boise, Idaho, and Mary Atkinson of Sudbury, Massachusetts.

A small memorial service was held this summer in Ocean Shores, Washington.

The family has formed the Jean Atkinson Driggers Scholarship to benefit students from the Olney-Bissell School District seeking secondary education. In lieu of flowers, tax-deductible donations can be made in memory of Jean to the scholarship: Jean Atkinson Driggers Scholarship Program, Whitefish Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1060, Whitefish, MT 59937.

Ronnie J. Duncan, 78

Ronnie J. Duncan, 78, of Sun City, Arizona, died July 31, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Sarah L. Dunlap, 85

Sarah L. Dunlap, 85, of Kila, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, at her home.

She is survived by her husband Noël B. Dunlap, and her son Sterling E. Dunlap.

No services are being planned.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

Nelbardine 'Nell' L. Dunn, 97

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Nelbardine "Nell" L. Dunn, 97, passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, July 31, 2021.

Nell was born on Aug. 21, 1923, in Beatrice, Nebraska, daughter of the late Merrill C. and Nellie May Crane Jones.

Nell was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Beryle "B" W. Dunn. Since losing him to Alzheimer's in 2003, she was certain they would be reunited one day, her cold fingers once again warmed by his hands holding hers.

She is proudly survived by her twin daughter and son, Betty Jean and William Joseph, whom she brought into this world in 1946, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As a military wife, she lived in or visited nearly all 50 states, and could recall her travels in vivid



detail. In their golden years, she and Beryle retired to their beloved house

on Flathead Lake and enjoyed being snowbirds. Hitting the road in their Winnebago, they wintered in California and Texas, golfing all day and square dancing all night, and making many lifelong friends along the way.

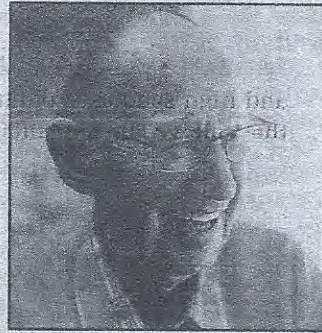
Always dedicated to the service of others, she was a tireless volunteer throughout her life, serving her church communities in numerous capacities, and working at the Surgery Information Desk at Kalispell Regional Hospital for nearly 20 years, and was heartbroken when she had to step down from her post at

age 95.

She lived a full and wonderful life with few regrets, led by her unwavering belief in and close personal relationship with the Lord. Her Bible lay open on her breakfast table every morning, next to her cup of coffee and the crossword. She was a patient listener, and always knew just what advice someone needed to hear in order to help them through a difficult time.

Nell was adored by all who knew her, touching countless lives with her compassionate counsel and wisdom, and she will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life and reception will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m. at Aletheia Christian Fellowship, 330 North Somers Road, Kalispell, MT 59901. Memorials can be made to the same.



Celebrate the life of Jack Dunne

12/25/1925 -

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A Memorial
Gathering

Wednesday June 30th

3:30 - 5:30

at the Whitefish Community Center,

121 East 2nd St., Whitefish

Coffee, cookies, and conversation

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John 'Jack' Kiernan Dunne, 95

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John "Jack" Kiernan Dunne passed away March 19, 2021.

"I'm a storyteller," Jack Dunne would say if you were lucky enough to meet him. And he was a great storyteller.

Jack was born Dec. 25, 1925, in Spokane to Charles Dunne and Julie Garr Dunne. His mother passed away when he was 3, and he lived with his Aunt Ted for several years. When his father remarried and moved to Butte to work for the Texaco company, he brought Jack with him.

From the Butte years Jack told stories of singing telegrams he delivered for Western Union and a fair amount of trouble running with his fellow Irish Catholic friends. At 17 he took the Army Air Force Cadet test, and just after his 18th birthday he left for gunnery school in Florida.

A World War II vet, Jack served as a tail gunner on a B-29 and was stationed in Guam, flying 30 missions over Japan. By 1944, at 19, he was back in the states with the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals. Asked to remain in what would become the Strategic Air Command, he declined because he had "a lot of fishing to do."

He worked in the woods in Washington and Montana to help settle himself after the war, and then he joined the newly formed Smoke Jumpers in Missoula. He gathered four summers of smoke jumping stories while he attended Western Montana College in



Dillon. He met Audrey Waldron there because she worked at the snack bar, and he was a legendary coffee drinker, and they married March 18,

1950.

When Jack graduated, they moved to Hot Springs where he taught elementary school for two years, and they welcomed their daughter Cindy. In 1952 they moved to Whitefish where he taught sixth grade for 31 years and added two more girls to the family, Dianne and Kathy.

Jack's teaching career came to a close in 1985, but his influence on students never really ended. Even in his 90s he would hear "Mr. Dunne!" from former students who recognized him anywhere he went in the Flathead Valley. They would tell him stories of their own memories of Central School where he filled a wall of chalk boards with beautiful illustrations, made lessons come alive, and showed his joy in finding his calling as a teacher. He often said the key to life was to have a job you loved to go to on Monday morning, and he did.

His second career, which started in earnest in 1985 and continued for decades, was art. He carved cottonwood bark and sold his work in several area galleries. In his

80s when arthritis made the carving difficult, he painted rocks with local flowers, fish, and often a tiny ladybug in great detail. He gave those away, and you could tell where he'd been because there'd be a beautiful rock left behind.

He loved Montana and continued throughout his life to get out in the woods even when he no longer fished. He spent many happy days at Tally Lake with his Canadian family, "The Hayners!" Fred and Jean. And he was always up for an "adventure" when Dianne would take him for a drive. He also loved to take his family out for lunch and hit a second-hand store or rummage sale for books.

At 90, he decided to move out of his house and was grateful for the years of friendship from his dear neighbors Hank and Barb Peiper. He left behind the 2,000 books he'd already read for his daughters to find homes for. They did. And he brought many boxes of books he hadn't gotten to yet when he settled into the Domicile at the Columbia Falls Veterans Home where he hoped to be helpful. He said about those years that he made some of the best friends he'd ever had. And he was happy to discover he could share his books and his stories.

By the fall of 2020, the Covid isolation was taking a toll on him, and he wanted to move. Cindy and Jack brought him home to Missoula where he rediscovered the joys of pancakes and visiting.

The family referred to the three months that followed as "The Rise of the Phoenix."

On March 16, he asked for a three-day visit with his girls, and the family gathered in Missoula. He passed away peacefully three days and one hour later. His last, great story.

Jack was preceded in death by Audrey, his wife of 51 years, his sister Alice Jean Kingsbury, and brother Chuck Dunne.

He is survived by his sister Marion Kinney, sister-in-law Jean Waldron, and all his "girls"... Daughters, Cindy Babon, Dianne Guenther, and Kathy Dunnehoff; and granddaughters, Emilie Babon Strong, Ana Babon Borrego, Amanda Babon Shaffer, Eileen Babon, Ava Dunnehoff and Grace Dunnehoff; a few "boys" who married in ... sons-in-law, Jack Babon, Charles "Gunner" Guenther and Thom Dunnehoff.; and grandsons-in-law, Chip Borrego, Shaun Strong and Matt Shaffer; and a lovely mix of great-grandchildren, Kellen, Rylee, Addyson and Karson Strong, Jillian and Andrew Borrego, and Nolan and Sawyer Shaffer.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date, and a donation in his name can be made to Hospice of Missoula or the Stumptown Historical Society, 500 Depot Street, Whitefish.

"I'm a storyteller," Jack Dunne would say if you were lucky enough to meet him. His stories live on now in all who loved him.

Veronica Jeanne Dunfee, 85

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On Oct. 31, 2021, the gates of heaven opened wide for the arrival of a tiny, but mighty, spunky redhead named Veronica Jeanne Dunfee.

She was born to John and Veronica Kelly in Butte on Dec. 15, 1935. Jeanne was a devoted and proud mother of seven, grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of four. Jeanne met her one and only life partner and Prince Charming, Skip Dunfee, while attending Butte Central High School. They married June 23, 1956, and recently celebrated 65 years of a joy-filled marriage. However, those who know this special couple saw them demonstrate incredible strength and courage when faced with many of life's adversities. This modeling of strength, faith and commitment has been leaned on and emulated by their immediate family and many others whose lives they've touched.

"Mom," "Nana," "Kel," played countless roles throughout her life, with family, work and in the community, spanning a remarkable range. Varied as these roles were, there were certain traits that remained constant and reflected her fundamental nature: kindness, thoughtfulness, love, empathy and consideration.

Family always came first for Jeanne. Each and everyone felt uniquely special due to the genuine love and attention she gave. In her large extended family there were nearly innumerable children of all ages (from infancy to

post-retirement!), and she cared for all with love and good humor.

Her way of caring was a simple, yet profound, example to show us how to be our best selves. Her many small gestures — finding ice skates for the kid left behind when others went skating, making a meal for a hungry bunch, or showing how best to spread jam on a PB&J — taught us to care for and look out for each other. These lessons have had a large impact on many, making us better people, and profoundly shaping our lives.

When she did find time for herself she enjoyed bowling, hosting bridge parties, traveling, dancing and supporting her grandkids in their many sports and activities. She had a love for golf which led to many travel destinations and landing a hole in one on no. 16 at Buffalo Hill witnessed by her envious, proud and shocked better half. As with all of her accomplishments and talents, she downplayed this incredible moment. She was humble to a fault, always reluctant to take credit for being the extraordinary woman she was!

Jeanne was preceded in death by her son Ed and daughter Kristen, parents John and Veronica Kelly, sisters Mary Helen Hackett and Nancy Larvie and in laws Bucky and Helen Dunfee.

Survivors include her



adoring husband, Skip; children, Karen (John) Lowney, Vince Dunfee, Kelly (Paul) Dennehy, Steve (Karen) Dunfee, and Kathy (Paul) Kusler; grandchildren, Laci Dunfee-Meyers (Brent), Daniel Lowney (Micaela), Keeley Tighe (David), Makenna Lowney, Derek Dennehy (Ashley), Devan Johnson (Bryant), Kyle Dunfee, Jason Dunfee (Alex), Karli Kusler-Peyton (Nick), and Shelbi Kusler; and great-grandchildren, Vivienne and Eliza Meyers, Finnegan Tighe, Jett

Johnson, Sienna and Kai LaChance.

Jeanne is also survived by many nieces and nephews, including Colleen and Mike Hackett and Dr. Mykol Larvie who played significant roles in their Aunt Jeanne's life and are so grateful for the constant bright light she was in theirs.

A memorial Mass will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

In our hearts forever and ever, sweet Mama Jeanne! Fly free!

James Joseph Duval, 73

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James Joseph Duval, 73, of Kalispell, passed away Nov. 5, 2021, at Logan Health Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 12, 1948, to Leon and Anita (Savageau) Duval in Shelby and later raised in Kalispell. James met the love of his life, Carol, and soon after in 1981 the two married in Columbia Falls. Together they would raise four sons.

James would work at Stoltze Lumber for the next 42 years, but his true passions were working on old cars, camping, and traveling, especially on water in various boats, although none of those meant a thing if he wasn't spending time with his family.

James is preceded in



death by his parents, Lee, David, Joanne, Rose, Celia, Sally and Bea.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol; sons Brent (Brandi), Jason (Susan), Aaron (Mitzi), and Justin (Shawna); brother Clarence; sister Mary Ann; several nieces and nephews, 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 8, 2022, at Canvas Church. A reception will follow the service at the Eagles in Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.