

Marilynn Dunn



Marilynn Margaret Dunn (Fry), a longtime resident of Whitefish, passed away in Kalispell on Feb. 12, 2023, after a long illness.

On July 3, 1953, Marilyn entered this world, born to Lewis and

Shirley (Perry) Fry in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was raised in Whitefish and graduated from high school there in 1971. After graduation, she attended nursing school in Great Falls where she also met her future husband, Wayne. In 1975 she moved back to Whitefish, with Wayne following her a year later. Marilyn worked at the Montana Veterans' Home for over a decade, then later transitioned to a career in insurance.

Marilynn endured many hardships throughout her life, most notably

beating cancer in her 30s, and the loss of her leg at age 62. She was a fighter though, and always had a positive outlook on life. She had a great sense of humor, loved to laugh, and was an amazing cook. She will be missed by all that knew her.

Marilynn loved her family dearly, she always enjoyed watching them participate in sports and other activities. Known as Skeeter to many, she also loved being in the woods and picking huckleberries. She, like her parents, could always find the best patches.

Even after the loss of her leg, she would enjoy the activity, and would have Wayne park close to the hillside so she could spot the best bushes for him to pick. When the weather wasn't conducive to being outside, she enjoyed relaxing around the house with family, always cooking or baking, and watching Christmas movies and old Westerns.

Marilynn is preceded in death by both of her parents, and her brother Bill Haverkorn. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Wayne, and their two sons, Shawn

(of Spokane), and Matt; her two grandchildren, Sawyer, and Addison (of Spokane); her brother Ralph Haverkorn, sister Cindy Sharp, and numerous extended family members.

Arrangements are

entrusted to Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, 1890 Highway 93 North, Kalispell, Montana 59901, where services will be held on Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. You are encouraged to visit their website to leave notes of condolence.

Duskie Dwelle, 74

Dayton- Duskie Evelyn Dwelle, 74, peacefully passed away on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, in Kalispell.

She was born with her twin sister, Dixie, on July 25, 1949, in Philipsburg, Montana, to Pete and Flossie Davis. She and her siblings grew up in Philipsburg until the family moved to Big Arm in 1963. She attended Polson High School where she was very active in many activities including the Majorettes. She graduated from Polson High School in 1967.

She was able to maintain close friendships with many people from the Philipsburg and Polson areas. She cared for and loved every one of her friends and made it a point to keep up with them, their kids, and their grandkids.

In 1968 she was introduced to the love of her life, Bill Dwelle. Bill and Duskie were married Jan. 31, 1970. Bill was managing his family ranch and Duskie loved everything about the lifestyle, working with Bill raising cattle, irrigating, putting up hay, baling and harvesting Christmas trees from family property near Somers. She had fond memories of time spent with Bill's mother Vi who worked right beside them.



one of them felt special and loved.

When her three sons transferred

to Polson School from Dayton Elementary she started working at Harbor Light Furniture. She also worked at the Election Office in Polson, and was clerk of Dayton Elementary School. She loved her jobs and working with her cohorts.

Genealogy was a big part of her life, and she had a wealth of knowledge of the history in the Flathead valley. She also enjoyed doing crafts, sewing and was a wonderful cook. She had a way with plants as well and she was well known for her flower gardens which she tended with love.

She was preceded in death by Bill Dwelle; her loving husband of 53 years; her brothers, Gene and Bill; and her sisters, Cleo, Violet, Dorothy and Shirley.

She is survived by her sons, Josh (Laura), Jeremy (Lindsey) and Justin (Kelly); her grandchildren, Kassidi and Trent; Isaiah Allik, Dillon and Levi; Annika; and her sister, Dixie Witt (Will).

She was the center of

They were blessed with three sons, Josh (October 1977), Jeremy (November 1978), and Justin (January 1980). She thoroughly enjoyed teaching them how to take care of the land and livestock, passing on the tradition of ranch life and hard work. She was always right there with her boys no matter if it was going in the field, hunting, fishing, or working in the garden that would supply the family with vegetables all year round. Her favorite way to spend her time was with her grandkids and she rarely missed a wrestling or football game. She and Bill were always there on the sidelines cheering them on. Her grandkids were her world, she made sure every single

our world. We thank her for the love with which she surrounded us and the memories we will forever hold dear to our hearts. We will miss her always.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 3, at the Lake Funeral Home in Polson. A reception will follow at the Chuck Wagon in Dayton. Flowers to the family in memory of Duskie Evelyn Dwelle should be sent to the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory. Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com.

Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Lorene Mae Dyr Dahl, 83

Lorene Mae Dyr Dahl of Kalispell, passed away on March 7 at the age of 83.

She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband Lee.

Lorene was born and raised in Cut Bank Montana to Andrew (Andy) and Laura Stjern. Andy and Laura emigrated from Norway eventually settling down in Cut Bank. Both Andy and Laura came from large farming families of 10 and 11 children. Andy was a talented finish carpenter, Laura a thrifty homemaker with a large garden. They raised Lorene and her two sisters Annette and Vivian in a quaint little white house. Andy built the single-room house, adding rooms and a basement in his spare time.

Lorene met her sweetheart Lee Dyr Dahl in high school. After attending trade school in Spokane, she and Lee married and began a family in Cut Bank. For several years they lived next door to her parents raising Lance and Lynn, their two oldest children. In 1966 they decided to move West, away from the "breeze" to Kalispell, settling in the Northridge neighborhood. In Kalispell, they had their third child, Link. Lorene worked for DMV most of her working life, rising to the management level before retiring.

Lorene had many talents, she was an avid seamstress, tole painter,



potter and watercolor artist. She loved animals and had a special soft spot for her

two poodles. Lorene also loved to garden flowers in her peaceful backyard with her puppies. With a little sweet tooth, she enjoyed baking which she shared with her friends and family. There were many favorites but her holiday treats, Norwegian rosettes, lefse and Christmas cookies were always in high demand.

Lorene was a hardworking and talented person full of grit and perseverance. Despite challenges she always remained positive and found a way. No doubt her grit came from her Norwegian heritage. She maintained lasting relationships with her high school and work colleagues. Lorene will be missed by her family and many friends.

Lorene leaves her son Lance and wife Jami, three granddaughters—Tailyr, Brianna and Elle; daughter Lynnette and husband Doug, son Link and wife Tracy — grandchildren Jack and Sacha. A Celebration of Life will be held in the spring with the time and place to be announced later. 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.



Lacey Jo Dziuk a.k.a. Lacey Irwin, 38, of Martin City passed away June 2, 2023. She was born September 9, 1984 in Whitefish to Daniel Irwin and Karen “Kiki” Sue Irwin (Mills).

Lacey was a caring and loving soul who was loved by everyone. She was highly photogenic and a real people person. Lacey enjoyed the outdoor lifestyle including camping, boating, rafting, 4-wheeling, and fishing. She loved helping others, traveling, playing pool and her flowers. Professionally, Lacey worked many places like Alaska as a barista and Brooks Range Supply and locally at Sportsman Ski Haus. She was creative and could draw freehand with colors. Lacey volunteered her time and energy through community outreach and support. Lacey will always be remembered for her laughter.

Lacey is survived by husband of three years, Chuck Dziuk; daughter, Breann Moon (Josh); son, Alex Dziuk; son Sean Dziuk; grandchildren: Jocelyn, Jairus, and Bristol; father, Daniel Irwin; mother, Kiki Irwin; brother, Brandon Herral (Bianca); brother, Wayne Ball (Jen) and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by one aunt and uncle.

A celebration of Lacey Jo Dziuk's life was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. To send online condolences, please visit www.columbiamortuary.com.