

**Kenneth R. Daley, 84**

It is with great sadness that we announce Kenneth R. Daley, 84, unexpectedly passed away Tuesday May 24, 2022.  
Born Nov. 1, 1938, in Kalispell, Ken grew up in Somers where he lived all his life. Ken attended Somers school and graduated Flathead in 1957. He met his wife Myrni in 1966 and was married Oct. 1, 1967.

Ken was known as a hot rodder, but mostly remembered for his community service in the Somers/Lakeside area. He was almost a charter member of the Somers Volunteer Fire Department. In the '80s



he became battalion chief and later chief. Ken also served with the Flathead County Search and Rescue as a rescue diver for several years. He dedicated his life to helping others. For that he will truly be missed.  
Ken is survived by his wife Myrni, son Robert and his wife Janette, and several grandsons, Dalton, Austin, Colton and Cameron.

He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Jesse, brother Roger, and daughter Jody.  
A celebration of life will be held at the Somers Fire Hall Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. There will be a potluck and pulled pork sandwiches will be supplied by the Somers Fire Hall.  
Ken spent his life risk ing all to save others. He will be deeply missed.

**Luis G. Daglio, 82**

Luis G. Daglio, 82, beloved husband, father, grandpa, uncle and friend, passed away on Aug. 24, 2022. The oldest of five boys, Lu was born in 1939 in New York City and moved to Tucson, Arizona, in his youth. After Salpointe High and later Ojai Catholic prep, he attended Creighton University in Nebraska. In 1962, he joined the Army and served as a "chef." After the Army, he married his first wife and had three children in California where he worked in the mortgage industry at Imperial Savings and Loan. Later, he remarried Susan in Fallbrook, California, and they began serving in healing and prison ministries. In 2008, he followed his dream to "Big Sky Country," Kalispell, where they began raising animals (cows, goats, chickens, ducks and rabbits) and enjoyed serving in new prison and healing ministries!  
He loved reading his Bible, praying for others, watching Westerns, telling jokes, and worshipping the Lord. Lu was a man of great humor, strong faith in Jesus, love, and always had an



uncanny ability to make everybody laugh and smile and was a true cowboy at heart! He was one of the kindest people you will ever meet. He will be remembered adoringly as the best father and husband in the world.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, of Kalispell; brother, George, of Tucson; children, Michael, Katherine and Ann of San Diego; grandkids, Ethan, Jackson, Seth, Jake, Chris, Ashley and Amanda; and many nieces, nephews, great-grandkids and friends.  
Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at St. Matthew's Church, 602 S. Main St, Kalispell, (reception following). His rosary vigil/remembrance will be Monday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's.  
Johnson-Gloschat funeral home is caring for Luis and his family.

**John Joseph Dalimata, 93**

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 neighbor, Ruth Yvonne Voss, on June 28, 1949, in Columbia Falls. John was a farmer, rancher and sawmill operator who earned his work ethic from his parents and emphasized the value of hard work to his children and grandchildren. John spent many years as a logger, CAT operator, and volunteer. He assisted many neighbors and agencies throughout his life clearing avalanches, rock slides, train derailments, pulling people out of the ditch, and occasionally helping an airplane land



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

Flathead Electric Cooperative for 30 years. John was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus.  
He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Aurelia (Skierka) Dalimata; as well as five grandchildren, Lindy Walker, Andrew Dalimata, Daniel Dalimata, Benjamin Semmler and Rebecca Wilson; and one great-grandchild, Mariella Dalimata. John was especially close to the Voss and Skierka families, many of whom also preceded him in death.  
He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Ruth; as well as nine children, Mike, Richard, Mark and Steve of Nyack, Mary Jane LaLiberty of Cascade, Montana,

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. 8, at 10 a.m., with burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.  
A reception will follow at St. Richard.

### Michael 'Mike' Joseph Dalimata, 70

Michael "Mike" Joseph Dalimata passed away peacefully on Jan. 14, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Mike was born in Kalispell on Feb. 17, 1951, to John and Ruth Dalimata. He was the oldest of nine children. Mike grew up in Nyack Flats, on the same land that his grandparents settled on in the 1930s. In his youth, he loved trapping and tanning mink and beavers at the ranch. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1969. Following graduation, he enlisted in the Navy and spent time stationed in Morocco and Antarctica. While stationed in Rhode Island, he met the love of his life, Patricia "Patty."

They married that same year on Dec. 28, 1974. Mike and Patty lived in Great Falls for several years and he worked as a mechanic at John Deere. In 1985, they relocated to Nyack Flats, where



he grew up, and he built a home for his family. He worked hard on the ranch, farming, logging, running the sawmill, building cabins

and doing whatever he could to provide for his wife and four children. Mike was proud of his family and taught them all what hard work looked like.

Mike enjoyed spending time in his shop. He was a jack-of-all-trades and could build or fix just about anything. From jewelry boxes to beautiful violins, he took great pride in the things he built. Most recently, he built knives and would spend hours forging steel and hand sewing sheaths.

Mike was always the

first to help anyone out. All were welcome to his home and he treated them like family. Mike never met a stranger and if you ran into him at the store, he would tell you a story and try to make you laugh.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Aurelia (Skjorka) Dalimata, as well as his parents John Dalimata who passed Dec. 31, 2021, and Ruth (Voss) Dalimata who passed Jan. 9, 2022.

Mike is survived by his wife of 47 years, Patty (O'Hara) Dalimata; his four brothers, Richard, Mark, Steve and Christopher; his four sisters, Mary Jane, Susanne, Pauline and Anita; as well as his four children, Marty (wife Mandy) Dalimata of Bridgeport, Nebraska, Tim Dalimata of El Paso, Texas, Matt Dalimata of Vancouver, Washington, and Collen (husband Chris) Finberg

of Columbia Falls.

His favorite title was Grandpa and he would drop everything for them. He is survived by his grandchildren, Scott, Jessica, Cassidy (husband Colin), Kyle, Paige, Logan, Chandler and Charlee; and great-grandchildren, JayLynn and Lylah. Mike would take any child under his wing and love them as his own. His nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews always knew they could count on their uncle Mike.

There will be a private rosary at the Chapel at Nyack on Sunday, Jan. 23, and funeral services will be at St. Richard Catholic Church on Monday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m., with burial at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell, with a reception to follow at St. Richard.

### Ruth Dalimata, 92

Ruth Dalimata, 92, of Nyack, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022, at the home she shared with John and her nine children, surrounded by her loving family.

A private family rosary will be said on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Family Chapel in Nyack. Funeral services will be Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. at St. Richard Church in Columbia Falls. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ruth Voss was born on April 15, 1929, near Havre. When she was 7 years old the Voss family moved to Nyack. She attended grade school there and then high school in Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1946. She attended nursing school in Great Falls for one year. She returned to Nyack where she married the handsome neighbor boy, John Dalimata, on June 28, 1949, at Saint Richard. They began a ranching life together that spanned 72 years.

Ruth was John's right hand on the ranch, and could be found helping with calving out cows and running hay equipment while keeping a large gar-



den to feed their growing family.

A very talented seamstress, Ruth made most of the clothes for

her family. Her great pride and joy was hand stitching quilts to give away to her numerous grandchildren. Ruth was quick with a joke and loved to successfully "pull one over someone."

Ruth nurtured and passed on her wealth of wisdom and life experience to her five boys

and four girls, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and their spouses. There was always room at her table for neighbors, friends and anyone who just showed up at meal-time or needed a place to stay.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years on Dec. 31, 2021; her parents, Rude and Etta Voss; and her seven siblings; grandchildren, Andrew Dalimata, Lindy Dalimata Walker, Benjamin Semmler, and Rebecca

Wilson; great-grandson Daniel Dalimata; and great-granddaughter, Mariella Dalimata.

She will be greatly missed by her nine children, Mike, Richard, Mark and Steve of Nyack, Mary Jane LaLiberty of Cascade, Montana, Suzanne Semmler of Ipswich, South Dakota, Christopher of Coram, Anita Armendariz of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Pauline Hanegan of Pelham, New Hampshire; 46 grandchildren, 103 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.



### Douglas E. Daniels, 79

Douglas E. Daniels passed away May 27, 2022. He was born March 31, 1943, the second son of Eugene and Vera Daniels in Missoula. He attended elementary school in Ovando, and Missoula. He graduated from Missoula High School and then attended college on a wrestling scholarship at Montana State, Bozeman. He also squeezed in one quarter at University of Montana, and Ohio State extension classes in Mexico. He graduated from Montana State, June 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. After graduation he was employed by the Washington Highway Department, Kirkland, Washington, from June 1967 to September 1969. He then returned to Montana at Great Falls to a company from September 1969 until April 1972 when that company moved him to Kalispell where he managed the office until the fall of 1982.

When starting his career as an engineer he married and started his family of three boys. During his college years in Bozeman, Doug along with six lifelong buddies, hitched around Europe, became smokejumpers and still are great buddies today, though their ranks are thinning somewhat. Doug's love of the smokejumpers has always been a huge part of his life. He jumped in Alaska, Montana, Idaho, clear down to Cave Junction, where he said the trees were so tall they never had enough let down rope. For 20 years at the other end of his life, he has been part of the Retired Smokejumpers Trail Crew. They head for the back country all over, repairing trails from winter wear, and fixing fences and ranger cabins in the wilderness areas. He has spent most of his time in the Sawtooth area in Idaho, and more than several years, flows in Utah, usually based out of Cedar City.

After he was transferred to Bozeman, he started his own firm, Daniels & Associates.



While still in Kalispell, he started a new life partnership with Marlene Phillips.

Doug and Marlene also started Montmaps, a landowner reference map and later developed large Montana state maps for classroom use. Doug and Marlene became very close with the Pass Creek community. Doug helped with the design and engineered whatever was needed with the building of the Pass Creek Community Center. Doug was on the board for the Center for some time. They enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping in their campers in the Big Hole together and with one of Doug's brothers. Doug had camped there with his family since he was about 8. After Marlene retired in '97, they made many trips in their fifth wheel to Alaska. Doug visited the areas where he jumped on fires in their early fire season.

Doug was also an avid collector of diamond willow, which he fashioned into walking sticks and beautiful railings inside the house for Marlene.

Doug is survived by his wife, Marlene; sons, Todd Daniels (Gwen) of Bozeman, Robb Daniels of Osage, Wyoming, and David Daniels (Sara) of Seattle; three stepsons, Michael Barragan (Pam) of Princeville, Oregon, Steve Barragan (Kris) of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and David Barragan (Jana) of Columbus, Ohio; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Marlene and family would like to invite you to a celebration of life for Doug on June 19 at 3 p.m. at "The Ponds at Dry Creek," 91 West Dry Creek Road, just across from, and past the Dry Creek Church in Belgrade.

In lieu of flowers please contribute to a charity of your choice. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.dahl-cares.com](http://www.dahl-cares.com).

### Griffith Howell Davies III, 77

Griffith Howell Davies III passed away Nov. 1, 2022, at his home in Big Arm, Montana, at the age of 77 years.

He was born in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, June 13, 1945, to Thelma Beatrice (Smith) Davies and Griffith Howell Davies II. They moved to Billings in 1954 where he attended schools and graduated in 1963 from Billings West High School. He attended Eastern Montana College and St. Vincent's Nursing School, and his goal was to become a nurse anesthetist because three of his friends were in the program. He eventually transferred to Montana State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1968.

Griff married Sandra (Herman) Davies on Aug. 12, 1967, and later divorced. They both joined the United States Air Force in August of 1968 as 2nd lieutenants. They were sent to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, and started Jan. 2, 1969, at the base hospital. Griff worked in the Medical Unit, Psychiatric Unit, and the ICU. They were discharged in December 1970. They attended Montana State University and received their Master of Nursing degrees in 1972. He rejoined the Air Force and was sent to Travis AFB in California. There he was a general nurse, clinical specialist, and eventually he was in charge of the Cardiac Cath Lab. He made captain Dec. 15, 1972. While at Travis AFB they welcomed their first child, Sasha. They were transferred to Gunter AFB in Alabama and Griff was one of three nurses selected worldwide in 1974 and assigned to design a computerized

documentation system for a hospital with the Army.

After being honorably discharged in 1976, they returned to Billings, Montana, and Griff went into business with his family establishing D&D; Transport and Refrigeration. They welcomed their second child, Griff, in 1978. Shortly after, a second location was opened in East Missoula in the early 1980s and eventually progressed to a new location at the Wye West of Missoula. He designed and constructed a new shop that sold ThermoKing refrigeration units and utility trailers. A few years later he acquired Freightliner Trucks, and he rebranded the company as Big Sky Freightliner, which then included the top three industry leading brands in trucks, trailers and refrigeration with sales, service and parts in Missoula. Due to his high achievements in the business he and Sandy were awarded many trips around the world. He retired from this business in 1995.

During his first retirement he finished his commercial pilot's license and opened a charter business which included two planes, a 210 turboprop and a 340 twin engine with a custom-built hangar at Polson.

After a short retirement he purchased Nickel Charlie's in Polson in 1996 and spent the next year as general manager and contractor, transforming it from mothballs to The Salish



Restaurant and Lounge full of brass and glass, with an upscale gourmet restaurant on the third floor, retail spaces, professional offices upstairs and a convention room at lake level. Renovations included adding the second ever elevator located in Polson and establishing spaces with Flathead Lake and Mission Mountain views. Upon graduating college his daughter worked with him to design and manage the restaurant, bar, retail space, office space and event center. He brought elegant dining along with entertainment to Polson, including comedy nights, Sportsman's Widows Night, and concerts. This was later sold so that he could work full time with his son.

He worked side by side with his son, starting in 2004 and built D&D; Customs and Coatings. They transformed it into a large powder coating shop, custom car shop, and fabrication. They expanded to include SignPro, Monument work, and two heated storage units. Due to their continued success they traveled to SEMA, Bonneville Salt Flats, and drag racing championships. In 2011 he purchased the Cheers Bar and Restaurant in Pablo. It was purchased, remodeled, and reopened for business. It offered food, drinks, pool, and horseshoe leagues.

Throughout his life he was involved with many organizations such as being a part of the Saint's Coachmen car club in high school, Montana Motor Carriers, The Tavern Association, and a lifelong member of the Elks. He received top awards from ThermoKing, Freightliner, and Utility Companies along with

trophies from his cars, billiards teams, and horseshoe teams. He excelled at photography and taught his daughter how to use a dark room. He had a NHRA driver's license for drag racing. He loved to reside and spend time on the lake with his family. He especially enjoyed cruising around the lake in one of his custom cars with his son. Other activities he enjoyed included scuba diving, golfing, snowmobiling, car restoration, drag racing, drag week in Illinois with his son, and loved billiards parties. He also especially loved Fourth of July campouts with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, brother Gerald Davies, sister Connie Sue Hutchings, and grandson Griffith Howell Davies V.

Survivors include his former wife Sandra Davies, daughter Sasha (Orest) Pilska, grandchildren Ariyana, Ethan, Aleksandra, Maximilian and Natalia; his son, Griffith Howell Davies IV (Melina), Kirra, Kianna, and Gavin; brother William Lee Davies Sr., and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He cared for his family, close relationships, local community, pool players, dart players, horseshoe players, and patrons of his establishments.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 3 p.m. at the Polson Elks Lodge, 512 Main Street.

Messages of condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.lakefuneral-homeandcremation.com](http://www.lakefuneral-homeandcremation.com). Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Hallie Mae Davis, 91

Hallie Mae Davis, 91, of Green Valley, Arizona and Lake McDonald, Montana, died Jan. 29, 2022, in the hospital of Covid complications.

Hallie was born Dec. 17, 1930, on her family's ranch near Hartley, Texas, to Wendell Raymond Hammond, also known as Tete, and Hallie Hammond.

Hallie loved ranch life and inherited her father's sense of adventure. Some of her favorite memories living on the ranch were cattle drives, riding her horse to the one-room schoolhouse, and feeding cattle. At 4 years old she learned how to let the clutch out slowly on the pickup so her father could push the hay bales off the back. From these experiences Hallie gained not only a love of adventure, but a sense of courage that served her well for life. It was because of Hallie's love for adventure, courage, and perpetual curiosity that her father nicknamed her "Pill." As a child "Pill" no doubt got into her fair share of mischief.

Hallie's family moved to Clayton, New Mexico, for her to attend middle school. She joined the band and loved playing the clarinet and taking piano lessons. Hallie also met her future husband



in school at Clayton, Robert Wayne Davis, fondly known as Boots. They fell in love and

were married on Dec. 30, 1949.

Hallie and Boots had four children and she devoted her life to being a good mother and wife. By all measures she was remarkable and as perfect a mother as anyone could ask for. Hallie's house was the one to visit as she always had an assortment of fresh baked goods.

Hallie continued her love of music and played piano and sometimes organ for the First United Methodist Church. Hallie infused a love of music in her children and encouraged each of them to play an instrument.

Hallie loved her children greatly and spent the majority of her life selflessly guiding them. She felt it was important to stay home until her youngest child reached school age. But in her 30s Hallie went back to college at West Texas State University to become a teacher. She spent part of the summer taking classes in Canyon, Texas, and drove back and forth

for classes, two or three times a week during the school year until she graduated. She accomplished this undertaking while still having small children at home. But as she planned, the money she made teaching helped fund college educations for her four children.

Hallie taught in the Clayton school system for 22 years. She believed teaching was the best job in the world, probably because she adored being with children. In return, her students adored her as well. Hallie's patience, kindness, knowledge and keen intuition made her a great teacher. In 1981, she was named "Teacher of the Year" at Alvis Elementary. Retirement led Boots and Hallie to a new home in Green Valley, Arizona.

Hallie's parents took her to Glacier National Park for summer vacation when she was 11. This place captured their hearts and would become Hallie's favorite place in the world. She spent summers in Glacier for most of her years. She loved to hike, fish and play cards. She also enjoyed time on and in the water and was an avid water skier in her younger years. Throughout her life, her love of adventure never waned and there was

never a hike or trip she didn't want to take. She instilled her adventurous spirit in her children.

Hallie is survived by her four children, Rick, Debbie, Brian and Sheri, and Sheri's husband Steve; five grandchildren, Adalina, Caroline, Spenser, Cassidy and Brandon; and two great-grandchildren, Kaylie and Porter. Hallie was loved by everyone and it was said by those that knew her, "Hallie was one of the sweetest people you could ever know." She met the world with a positive spirit that continued to the very last of her days. She woke up happy each day and always thought of others before herself. She was truly a perfect example of how to be a good person.

An interment will be held at a later date in Clayton, New Mexico, along with her husband Boots. Hallie and Boot's celebration of life will be held in Montana summer 2022.

### [Mary] Joan Davis-Gause, 94

[Mary] Joan Davis-Gause, maiden name Jackson, was born on Dec. 8, 1927, in Kalispell.

While growing up, Jo loved to camp and fish with her dad. She also loved to visit her uncle's ranch and lend a hand wherever she was needed.

She discovered she loved to travel when she was able to go to New York City to visit her brother. Travel was temporarily put on hold when she married Loyal Davis in May of 1953. They had two children, Brian and Bruce, and Jo took them all over the outdoors in Montana and Canada, teaching them such things as camping and skiing.

When Loyal passed, Jo put her energy into her grandchildren. Each one of them has fond memories of camping, skiing, water skiing, fishing, motorcycling, and play-

ing outside with their Grandma Jo.

While traveling, Jo met and eventually married

Bert Gause. The two of them were perfect travel companions. They went all over the United States, Mexico and even made their way to Europe. Their experiences were captured in pictures and stories passed onto to all who knew her. If there was something Jo wanted to do, she found a way to do it. Nothing held her back. Even after the passing of Bert, she continued to make her way to Yuma each fall and winter. She had a network of friends to make the trip with and create memories with while away from home. Later in life, Jo settled



down permanently in Kalispell. Her son Bruce moved back to Kalispell as well to be near her, and her Boise, Idaho family continued to visit her as often as possible. With each visit, it was as if no time had passed.

Eventually, Jo had to leave the house she had lived in since marrying Loyal and transition to a new home at Wel-Life. Her son, Bruce, made sure she was never alone and visited often. Her son, Brian, stayed in contact through weekly phone calls. After he passed in 2019, her daughter-in-law Melanie wrote letters and visited as often as possible to stay in touch. Her special friend Vona and cousin Barbara Lawrence also made sure she had several visits a week so even though she could not be in her house, she was still very much at home.

When she passed, she was with people who loved her, and she is survived by so many who miss her.

Jo had a life well lived packed with adventures and laughter. She passed peacefully on April 14, 2022.

Although her life has come to an end, she lives on in the hearts of her son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and very special friends.

Her funeral will be a celebration of the wonderful life Jo lived. The funeral will be held at Wel-Life in Kalispell at 10 a.m. on April 21, 2022, with burial to follow at Conrad Cemetery. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.



### Lois Dawson, 88

Lois Dawson passed away peacefully at home in Kalispell, surrounded by family, on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022.

Lois was born on June 31, 1933, in Galesburg, Illinois, to Frances and Clarence Yeager. She was the third oldest of six children. Lois married her high school sweetheart, Leo "Hank" Dawson on Nov. 2, 1952. They shared 69 years of love and laughter in their marriage. Together they raised three children and enjoyed years of camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, gardening, huckleberry



picking, Easter Sundays in Glacier Park, and potluck dinners with close friends. Lois was a devoted homemaker for much of her life and eventually shared her knowledge of crafts and sewing as an employee at House of Fabrics in Kalispell. Lois was a talented seamstress and quilter and was also a beloved member of the Flathead Quilters Guild. Lois is survived by her husband Leo of Kalispell,

her son Jeffrey of Des Moines, Iowa, her daughter Cheryl (Collin Leach) of Bigfork, and her daughter Laura (Steven Jeffords) of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. She had three grandchildren, Andrew Vang-Roberts (Wendy) of St. Paul, Minnesota, Thomas Jeffords (Katlyn) of Louisville, Kentucky, who are expecting the first great-grandchild in June, and Emily Jeffords of Paducah, Kentucky. Lois is also survived by one sister, Donna Grady of Blair, Nebraska, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Lois' life will be held in the spring as the flowers come back into bloom. Memorial contributions would be welcomed, in Lois' name, to Flathead Quilters Guild, Flathead County Animal Shelter, Humane Society of Northwest Montana or a charity of your choice. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

### Ralina 'Randy' Houston Degele, 71

Ralina "Randy" Houston Degele, 71, passed away peacefully on Feb. 13, 2022, after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's.

Randy grew up in Kalispell and graduated from Red Lodge High in 1958. During high school she spent a year in Venezuela where she met and later smuggled home her favorite pet parrot "Ringo."

After working at Super 1 Foods (Kalispell) for many years she moved to Columbus, Montana, where she married Sheldon Degele in 2001. While in Columbus, she worked for Matovich IGA until she retired.

She enjoyed crafting of every type, bowling, golfing, and loved to be outside in the sun. She especially loved her visits back to the Flathead Valley.

Randy was sassy, stubborn, and had a great sense of humor.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Harley Houston and Charlotte

"Chuck" Homewood; and siblings, Jim Houston, James Houston and Del Homewood.

She is survived by her husband, Sheldon Degele; children, Brad Waggener and Jaylyn Long; grandchildren, Kyle, Kaitlyn, Mariana, Frankie and Emjae; great-grandchildren, Ella, Timothy and Haizlee; siblings, Janet Tyree, Lucky Homewood; and stepchildren, Melinda Kleinhanz and Coby Johnson and their children.

A celebration of life will be held this summer in the Flathead Valley.

Please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

### Sharon Kay DeMotts, 80

Sadly, we must announce the passing of Sharon Kay DeMotts, 80, of Bigfork, on March 19, 2022, at Whitefish Care and Rehab.

Sharon, or "Shari," as friends and family often called her, was a friend of many, and one of the most loving women who ever lived. With a heart for the less fortunate, her kindness, curious nature and back-road exploration led to friendships across the entire Flathead valley.

God broke the mold after Sharon was born to the late Florence (Papenau) and Allen Quinn on Sept. 24, 1941, in Whitefish. Sharon was just a year older than her sister Barbara (Osborne), six years older than her sister Patricia "Patti" (Tamblyn), and about 10 years older than her brother "Pete" Allen.

The family moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, after their father returned home from the Second World War, where Patti was born and Sharon suffered from rheumatic fever in the first grade. She was bed ridden for the entire school year, yet still managed to teach her sister Barbara what she would learn from the homework Barbara brought home for her.

Later, they moved to Kennewick, Washington, where brother Pete was born before returning to Whitefish. Sharon met her late husband, Roger DeMotts, at Whitefish



High School. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Walla Walla,

and crocheted all sorts of clothing, blankets and decorations. Her overflowing love for her family often spilled over to friends or anyone in need. And she loved to drive her car, and Sharon knew every backroad in the Flathead Valley like the back of her hand. She even taught many of her family members to drive, "R is for race," she would say.

Sharon raised her first grandsons, "the twins," Branden and Joshua, who were born in 1977, with an amazing amount of love and support. A natural caretaker and loving companion, Sharon cared for her late husband, Roger DeMotts, until he passed in 2003. She then cared for her "soul mate," Robbie Lynch until his passing in 2015.

She is survived by her daughters, Tricia DeMotts and Debbie Shaw; grandchildren, Branden and Joshua DeMotts, Derrick Jackson, David Shaw and the late Matthew Shaw; and her great-grandchildren, Ace, Maverick, Rafe DeMotts, Shae Jackson, Aspen DeMotts and Camryn Jo Shaw.

A celebration of life service is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Woodland Park's Lagoon Pavilion in Kalispell. A potluck reception will follow the service and everyone is invited to bring your favorite dish, and to share in the memory and celebration of her life.

### Jane Irene Schroeder Dennison, 83

Jane Irene Schroeder Dennison passed away March 15, 2022.

Jane was born July 26, 1938, in Kallispell to John and Marie Schroeder.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband George after 62 years of marriage, her parents and her twin sister.

She is survived by two sons, Robert and Rick, their spouses, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

Jane spent her childhood in the Flathead Valley. She and George, along with their two young sons, moved to Miles City in 1958. In 1960 they moved to Missoula and later in 1963 moved to Seattle where George pursued his Ph.D. Jane earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree later. They moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas, in 1967 for a year, back



to Seattle in 1968, and then to Fort Collins, Colorado, in 1969.

After spending 17 years in Fort Collins at Colorado State University, they moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, for three years. In 1990 they made their final move back to Missoula when George became president of the University of Montana.

Jane worked at the University of Washington, the University of Arkansas, Colorado State University, and volunteered at the University of Montana Alumni Center.

She enjoyed watching sports, traveling, golf, and the interactions with the University of Missoula community.

Private services will be held later.

### Mack Webb Dettmann, 48

Mack Dettmann, 48, passed away at home on April 30, 2022.

He was born to James and Etta (Webb) Dettmann in Kallispell. Mack attended Evergreen Elementary School in Kallispell and later moved with his mother and sister to Livingston where he graduated from Park High School in 1992. He was active in football, wrestling, band, Boy Scouts and Legion baseball.

He went on to Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, on a football scholarship, where he graduated with honor degrees in both international relations and sociology/criminal justice.

After college, Mack returned to Livingston and met his future wife, Sheryl. They married in 2001 and together they lived in Belgrade with their daughters, Madison and Ainsley.

Mack always had mul-



iple jobs. He worked his way through high school and college by holding various

bartending and restaurant positions, and was a member of the Moorhead Police Department's reserve program while in college. For many years, he also worked part time dealing poker in Bozeman. Mack's career, though, was with John Deere and most recently he was the general manager for the Frontline Ag dealerships in Belgrade and Livingston.

Along with work, Mack was active in his community. He was a founding member of the board for both Belgrade's Educational Foundation and the Producers' Partnership. He was an active member of the local FFA Foundation and a strong supporter of

anything related to education or kids.

Mack had lots of other interests and many hobbies including politics, playing golf, hunting, snowmobiling and camping. He enjoyed playing billiards and shooting trap too. Mack cherished his time chasing the elusive walleye on his boat every chance he got. He was an avid fan of Raiders football and Cardinals baseball. Most of all, Mack loved riding his Harley on the backroads of Montana.

Above all, Mack loved his family. He loved his girls — Sheryl, Madison and Ainsley. Most recently, he was excited to meet his newborn niece, Charlotte Rose. Mack was the ultimate family man.

Mack is survived by his wife, Sheryl; daughters, Madison and Ainsley; parents, Jim and Etta; sister Katie (Matt) Banks; his nieces and nephews; in-laws, Bruce

and Sue Martin; and many beloved friends whom he also considered his family.

A memorial service for Mack will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, at the United Methodist Church, 121 S. Willson Ave., Bozeman.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Mack Dettmann Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Belgrade Education Foundation. Donations can be sent to the Belgrade Education Foundation at P.O. Box 422, Belgrade, MT 59714.

The Dettmann family would like to thank Drs. Annie Castillo and Justin Thomas, as well as the nurses at Bozeman Health's Cancer Center, for their care and kindness to Mack during his treatment.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service, Bozeman.

### Clyde Robert Devall, 88

Clyde Robert Devall, 88, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

Clyde was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to George and Orbie Devall. Later in life he moved to Washington state and settled in the Yakima Valley where he met his wife of 66 years, Darlene Devall. They had two children, Terri and Randy, whom he was immensely proud of and loved very much. Clyde worked for Boise Cascade for 30 years before retiring and moving to Kallispell 22 years ago.

Throughout Clyde's life, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially deep-sea fishing in West Port, Washington; and, as he got older, he enjoyed rock-hounding with his friend Tom.

Clyde is survived by his wife Darlene Devall, daughter Terri Devall, grandchildren Kandi



(Vanessa) Birkland, Jeff (Ashley) Eberle, Lacey (Ryan) Cyr, Aaron Devall, stepgrandchild John (Kylee) Bossert, brother Earnest Devall, sister Orbie Pinkston,



and seven great-grandchildren.

Clyde was preceded in death by his son Randy Devall, parents George and Orbie Devall, sisters Millie Hall, Edith Hendricks, Freida Wilson and Lily Devall, brother George Devall, and stepgrandson Brett Bossert.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



**Doris Leanne (Jones) Dey, 83**

Doris Leanne (Jones) Dey, 83, passed peacefully at home in Missoula April 21, 2022.

Doris was born on July 4, 1938, in Kalispell to Harold and Mary (Welch) Jones. Doris attended schools in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1956. During high school, she was active in choir and participated in several high school musicals. During her childhood, she helped her father and mother run Jones Bakery and Pastry Shop and had a fondness for driving her father's bakery delivery truck.

When not in school, Doris spent as much time as possible with her horses, a love that carried on throughout her life. Doris was active in the training and showing of Arabian horses, participating in a number

of horse shows and winning many awards. She developed many lifelong friendships with those in Kalispell's horse community. She spent many joyful hours riding around the Kalispell area and along Flathead Lake long before development dominated the shoreline and the area.

When not tending to her horses, Doris was a voracious reader. Throughout her life she often read several books in a week and had a fondness for romance and mystery novels.

Doris worked as a telephone operator in Kalispell and for a time as a grocery checkout clerk at D&B, in Kalispell. In 1965, Doris met Mike Dey, who had recently returned from the Navy. The two forged a strong connection and were married Oct. 8, 1965. Mike preceded her in death earlier this year, but the two celebrated their 56th anniversary in October. Doris missed Mike ter-

ribly after his passing in January.

After marrying Mike, Doris turned her attention to her family. Together they raised three children, Ken, Roger and Kathy. Things were not always easy for the couple, but Doris created a loving and safe home for all her children. It often took some creative bookkeeping, but her children always had presents under the Christmas tree and enjoyed many birthday parties. She was active in many of her children's activities and had a long tenure volunteering for the Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts of America. She was an untiring advocate for her children and was always proud of their



accomplishments, both big and small.

In their later years, Doris and Mike traveled across the region gathering and selling many items at flea markets. The couple also spent many enjoyable hours listening to bluegrass music at Wheat Montana and attending bluegrass celebrations on the weekends.

Doris was truly the glue that held the family together through the many ups and downs of life, especially at times when Mike never gave up, and her faith was a big part of it all. She grew up in the First Baptist Church in Kalispell and later attended a number of Lutheran churches with Mike and her family. Faith gave her the optimism to carry on. She would say things like, "If it wasn't for bad luck,

we'd have no luck at all," and she always looked forward to a better day.

Her parents Harold and Mary, brother Charles Jones, and sister Phyllis (Jones) Huffman preceded Doris in death. Doris is survived by her children, Ken (Karen) Dey, Roger (Erin) Dey, and grandchildren Kyle, Kaitlyn and Emma.

The family would like to thank the nurses and caregivers at Home Health and Hospice of Montana for the compassionate care they provided to Doris in her final days. Simply Cremation handled funeral arrangements.

The family is planning a summer gathering to celebrate the lives of Doris and Mike. All friends and family are invited to attend on June 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 112 N. Grove St. in Missoula.

**Nicole Rene Dockstader, 53**

Nicole Rene Dockstader, 53, died of cancer on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at home in Bigfork with her mother by her side.

Nicki was born July 8, 1968, in Kalispell to Mike and Anni Dockstader. She joined her 2-year-old brother, Jim, who remained her friend and ally until the end of her life.

Nicki graduated from Bigfork High School in 1986 and attended the University of Montana. In her late 20s she moved to Seattle for six years and worked at the Origins cosmetic counter at Nordstrom.

She returned to Bigfork to live with and care for her grandmother, Effie Dockstader. After the death of her grandmother, Nicki moved to Florida where she was a flight attendant for Spirit Airlines. Later she cared for her mother in Florida while Anni was receiving treatment for cancer.

Nicki spent many winters with her boyfriend, St. Roosa, in Mesa, Arizona. While in Arizona, Nicki helped to reopen Minder Binders Bar, which is a Tempe icon, and she also worked at Rula Rula Bar and Restaurant in Tempe.

Nicki's true home was always Bigfork. She loved to spend her summers boating on Flathead Lake with St.

Nicki worked in restaurants for most of her life. If you had lunch or dinner in the Bigfork area over the past 35 years, there is a good



chance that Nicki took care of you.

After being diagnosed with cancer, Nicki's mother cared for her everyday while she underwent painful months of chemotherapy and radiation.

Nicki never complained throughout her treatment; she exemplified hope, courage and fearlessness to the very end. Nicki was preceded in death by her father, Mike Dockstader, and her cousins, Matthew Hein and Mark Hein.

Survivors include her mother, Anni, of Bigfork and Dania Beach, Florida; her brother, Jim Dockstader and his wife, Noelle, and their children, Eli and Andi of Redmond, Washington; her aunt and uncle Mary and Paul Sullivan, her aunt and uncle Maureen and Ray Hein; and her cousins, Mary Guffin, Paul Sullivan Jr., and Maureen Sullivan, all of Bigfork. On her mother's side, she is survived by her aunts, Martine Ireland of Riverside, Rhode Island; and Chantal Turlan of Paris, France. She is also survived by her boyfriend, St. Roosa, of Mesa, Arizona.

A celebration of life for Nicki will be held on Sunday, July 10, in Bigfork.

### Michael W. Dofelmire, 70

Michael W. Dofelmire "Papa Mike," 70, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019 at Kalispell Regional Hospital surrounded by his family.

Born Sept. 27, 1949 in Kalispell Montana, he was the son of George and Helen Dofelmire.

Mike graduated from Flathead High School and then served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He later worked for the city of Kalispell for nearly 30 years.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and hunting with his family, specifically his brother George, brother-in-law Cal, and cousin John. Mike cared about the things that truly mattered to him. He would make every game, concert or event that pertained to his grandkids. Mike was a devoted father, grandpa, brother and uncle. "We will carry



your memory in our hearts and continue your legacy."

Mike was preceded in death by his father George, mother Helen

and brother Gary. He is survived by his daughter Angela (Dofelmire) Coates and her two children Hannah and Leah Loble of Missoula; his son Colby Shaw, his wife Kelly and their son Cameron of Kalispell; his sister Roxanne Reynolds, sister Rhonda Wester and her husband Cal; his brother George Dofelmire and his wife Suzi; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends.

Services will be held at a later date.

### Rick Donahue, 67

Whitefish Legend Richard "Rick" Donahue, 67, passed in Whitefish on July 4, 2022, after a 15-year courageous battle with diabetes.

Born June 16, 1955, he lived his entire life in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1973. He had a lifelong career as a PGA Golf professional



22 as Herald the Hark and in 2009 was King Ullr-L of the Carnival. Rick was a first-class

player and instructor.

Rick served 25 years for the Whitefish Winter Carnival,

musician, playing first chair trumpet at Whitefish High School and the University of Montana.

Rick would attract dozens of people just walking into downtown Whitefish from his Mill Avenue home.

Visit the website RickDonahue.com (for full bio, photos), and

hear his famous Herald the Hark Trumpet theme!

Special thanks for the staff at Mountain View Manor, being there for Rick when he needed them, and to Austin Funeral Home.

A celebration of life and ash spreading will be held by Rick's close friends soon.

### Rose Helene Loy Doney, 83

Surrounded by family at her home on Whitefish Lake, our beloved Helene passed away April 15, 2022, after suffering for several years with dementia. Born in 1938, she was just three weeks shy of her 84th birthday.

Helene is survived by her true love, Roger, whom she married nearly 60 years ago on June 17, 1962; her sister, Janny Loy Holmes, of Phoenix; and children, Lauryn (Andrew) Rice of San Diego, Michael (Jennifer) Doney of Seattle, John Doney of Helena, and son-in-law Barry Smith of Portland. She was predeceased by daughter, Carolyn Doney Smith (2010).

Helene was the proud grandmother (Beloved Mame) of 10 grandchildren, Maxl, Gage and



Doney (Michael), and Evan and Addison Rice (Lauryn).

A life well lived, Helene was the daughter of homestead farmers John and Carol Loy of Great Falls and spent summers on Flathead Lake. She was an avid University of Montana Grizzly alum, second grade teacher, skier, cook/baker, and much-adored wife, sister, mother and grandmother. Her home was always open, and she was a dear friend and second "mom" to so many.

In their retirement

Hutton Smith (Carolyn), Conner and Angus Doney (John), Jack, Paul and Ava

Helene and Roger spent their winters in Arizona where they also developed many deep and lasting friendships.

Fun memories of Helene include: Monster cookies, Norwegian pastries, pulling kids hooky-bobbing, hot chocolate on the ski hill, eggs ralph (benedict), building rock people, and matador burritos.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of Helene and their daughter Carolyn to the Whitefish Community Foundation.

At Helene's request, there will be no service. Friends are encouraged to post messages and favorite memories of Helene on her tribute page at www.austinh.com. (Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish).



## Donald Allen Dorlarque, 69

Donald Allen Dorlarque, 69, of Columbia Falls, passed away Friday, Jan. 7, 2022.



A public viewing will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Columbia Mortuary located at 1010 4th Avenue West in Columbia Falls.

Don was born in Soap Lake, Washington, where he and his six siblings were raised. Don graduated high school in Coulee City, Washington, and was one of 14 students to graduate from the school that year.

His parents, Jack and Donna Dorlarque, moved to Columbia Falls and bought the Dew Drop Inn in 1970. In 1972, Don moved to Columbia Falls and helped his parents run the Dew Drop Inn until they sold the establishment in 1973. After selling, Donna continued to work at the Dew Drop Inn while Jack took a job with the National Forest Service.

After leaving the Inn, Don accepted a position with Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad May 1976. He worked for the railroad out of Essex until he retired in April 2008. During his time working for the railroad, his job functions ranged from track work, cut-in new rails, installing new ties, and steel and tie gang work and train derailment support. During the winter months, Don also plowed snow up and down the Continental Divide.

Don married Jolla Kickbush in 1973 and they raised Phillip Kickbush and Nathan Dorlarque. In 1986, he married Patti Kluth and they remained married for 35 years and raised Nathan and Jacqui Kluth.

After retiring from Burlington Northern Sante Fe in 2008, Don volunteered his time at the Columbia Falls Junior High School where he supported the master gardener to dig holes, planted 24 trees, work the flower brush and mounts. He continued this volunteer effort for two years.

For about four or five years, he also volunteered alongside friend Bob Smith at the Columbia Falls baseball fields where they painted, repaired, mowed and overall ensured the fields were ready for play.

In 2015, Don served as a Columbia Falls High School (CFHS) Wildcat Athletic Endowment Association board member for four years. Patti provided volunteer

support by coordinating donations for school events and fundraisers. By August 2016, the Association reported to the Hungry Horse News the Association and Endowment supporters they collectively raised \$500,000. These funds were used to allow CFHS athletes to play without paying for fees and essentials. Don resigned his board member position in 2019.

As in their tradition, Don and Patti continued attending CFHS sporting events. One can always find them in the stands, whether at home games or on the road, dressed in blue and white school colors. Don has been known to appear in the stands donning face paint with signs cheering on the high school athletes. For his effort, he was named a CFHS Wildcat #1 Super Fan in January 2014.

The same energy was shared in the stands of any given Montana Grizzly game.

After serving on the CFHS Wildcat Athletic Endowment Association, Don had volunteered for several years at the Columbia Falls Food Bank and served meals to community residents between Whitefish and Columbia Falls via the Meals on Wheels program.

Serving family includes three children, Phillip Kickbush and wife Kortni of Coram, Nathan Dorlarque and wife Shaylyn of West Jordan, Utah, and Jacqui Barker and husband James Barker of Panama City Beach, Florida.

Don was preceded in death by wife Jolla Kickbush, father Jack Dorlarque, mother Donna Dorlarque, and brother Jack.

Surviving siblings include Peggy Phillips of Ephrata, Washington, Dan Dorlarque of Cortez, Colorado, Sandra Dorlarque of Anaconda, Montana, Janice Dorlarque of Roseburg, Oregon, and Annette Dorlarque of Columbia Falls.

Don has eight grandchildren, McKenzie Kickbush, Lauren Ramirez, Gage Handwork, Kyle Dorlarque, Robert Johnson, Isaiah Dorlarque, Jenna Barker, Austin Kickbush, and Shane Dorlarque. He also has one great-great-grandchild, Bristol Kriskovich.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to The Wildcat Athletic Endowment Association at P.O. Box 2732, Columbia Falls 59912, the Columbia Falls Senior Center, Columbia Falls Food Bank or the National Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

## Helen Grace (Graig) Doten, 72

Helen Grace (Graig) Doten, 72, passed away on Feb. 26, 2022, at her home in Somers, with family by her side.

Born Dec. 16, 1949, in Hillsboro, Oregon, to Ed and Grace (Murphey) Graig, Helen would be raised in Ketchikan, Alaska. In Tacoma, Washington, on Dec. 18, 1971, Helen would marry her true love, Doug Doten and spend

the next 50 years by each other's side. She would go on to graduate from Pacific Lutheran University with a Bachelors of Arts in Education degree where she used her talents to teach grades one, two and three in Demersville, Montana, and grades one and two in Creston.

Helen is survived by her husband, Doug, of Somers; daughter, Janalynn Ferguson Douglas, of Alaska; sister, Julie Krabel; and grandchildren, Aaron and Melani Doten Ferguson.

No services are planned at this time. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [buffalohillfh.com](http://buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolence for the family.

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

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### Loretta J. Drake, 91



Loretta J. Drake, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, peacefully entered into rest on Aug. 16, 2022, at the BeeHive assisted living facility in Columbia Falls.

Loretta was born to William and Alice Krohn in Seattle on July 1, 1931. She was the oldest of three children and spent her childhood years in Seattle along with her brother and sister. She graduated from Highline High School in 1951 and then began to work for Sears in Seattle as an accountant.

Loretta met Everett Drake while he served in the Army at Fort Lewis, Washington, as a heavy equipment operator and they married shortly thereafter. In 1957 Everett and Loretta decided to make Montana their home. They moved from Seattle to the Flathead Valley where they raised their three children Donna, Diana and Raymond. In 1976 they developed Half Moon Mobile Home Park on their Columbia Falls property.

She was a lifelong homemaker, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; family was the cornerstone of her life. Everett and Loretta lived on a small farm where she worked hard gardening, canning and sewing for her family and friends. She wore an infectious smile wherever she went and never hesitated to extend kindness and love to anyone.

Loretta's greatest treasure was her family

and she dedicated her life to taking care of them. She found joy in time with family and spent as much of her time with them as she could. She loved to attend activities of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were all very dear to her. She enjoyed celebrations that brought the entire family together for a meal or any reason. She loved the holidays and had accumulated numerous decorations and enjoyed rotating them throughout the year as each holiday passed. Christmas was her favorite holiday and she had countless decorations and ornaments that she treasured and was able to pass along to her family. Anyone visiting her home soon became aware that she had a passion for collecting owls and snowmen.

She loved golfing, bowling, playing the piano and was a troop leader for Girl Scouts and Brownies, and enjoyed being active in the Red Hats, Columbia Falls Senior Citizen Center and the Moose Lodge in Whitefish. In her later years her yard was her sanctuary. She loved to putter around working in the yard while feeding the birds and squirrels.

Loretta moved to the Columbia Falls Beehive in 2019 where she lived out her remaining years putting together puzzles,

visiting with family and walking as much as she could. She enjoyed viewing the garden and fountain there in the spring and summer.

In addition to her parents and brother, she was predeceased by her husband Everett Drake, and son Raymond Drake.

She is survived by her daughter Diana Kile and son-in-law Ed Kile of Columbia Falls, daughter Donna Trump of Clarkson, Washington, daughter-in-law Barbara Drake of Jamestown, California, sister Beverly DeBroeck of Bremerton, Washington, and sister-in-law Sally Krohn of Seattle; six grandchildren, Tara Rieger, Kayla Kile, Ben Kile, Casey Littlefield, Jeremy Littlefield and Shayla Trump; and seven great-grandchildren, Bode and Wyatt Rieger, Hailey and Blake Littlefield, Noah and Kasch Littlefield and Everett Kile.

The family is grateful for the caregivers at the BeeHive who extended their warm hearts and compassion throughout her time there. As a family, we are all very grateful, thankful and blessed to have had her in our lives and she will be fondly remembered forever.

Loretta will be laid to rest next to her husband Everett at Glacier Memorial Gardens where the family will gather privately to celebrate Loretta's life on Aug. 24. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

### Gregory Carl Dramer, 81



Gregory Carl Dramer, 81, died peacefully at home in Bigfork on July 29, 2022, after a year-long battle with cancer.

Born in New Jersey to Ruth and Carley Dramer, he was the oldest of four sons.

The family moved slowly westward, arriving in Columbia Falls in 1953. After high school graduation, he attended Montana State University in Bozeman, then enlisted in the Air Force in 1960 and was stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, Alaska.

While in Anchorage, he met and married Madonna Sue Mattingly. They had three sons, James Anthony, Michael Dennis, and Christopher Joseph. He often said, "I give all the credit to Sue. She raised four boys, me and our three sons."

After retirement in

1999, Greg returned to Montana. The following year, he married Jo Ann Hacke Speelman.

The couple participated in numerous volunteer opportunities across the country and in Belize. They enjoyed hiking, bicycling and skiing, traveling around Montana and Arizona and in Europe with friends.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Uhlin; sons, James Dramer and wife Peggy, Michael Dramer and wife Heather, and Christopher Dramer and wife Amy; seven grandchildren, Andrew, Zachary, Mary Morgan, Mattingly, Logan, Anna Reed and Jacob Gates; and his three brothers, Peter, Edwin and Lawrence.

Darlington Cremation handled his remains and his ashes will be scattered as per his wishes.

At his request, a private celebration of life is planned for this fall.

### Elisabeth Edra Dresen, 82



Elisabeth Edra Dresen, 82, of Columbia Falls, passed away on May 10, 2022, at Brendan House.

She was born Oct. 1, 1939, to Doris and Herbert Bingham in Cut Bank. "Snooks", as her friends and family called her, attended schools and graduated at Cut Bank High School.

She married Art V. Dresen Oct. 19, 1957, and moved to a ranch north of Cut Bank along the Canadian border. They had three daughters, and worked on the farm from 1957 through 1983. Upon retirement, they decided to make the move to the Flathead Valley. A wonderful hostess, Snooks had a beautiful smile

that will be missed by all, as well as her stories and quick wit coupled with outstanding food and sweets. She passed that torch to all of her daughters and many grandchildren. She had a real passion for creating beautiful flower gardens and watching the birds from her deck.

Edra was preceded in death by her parents, older sister and three brothers. She is survived by her three daughters, Darlene Dresen, Danelle Kingston and Deanna Dresen-Hale (John);

grandchildren, Trevor, Jayme, Jarid and Jaylene Stewart, Hanna Kingston, Joshua Kingston, Nate Dresen Hale and Tanna Hale Brann; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; brothers Herb and LeRoy Bingham, and sister Kay Griffith.

Services will take place in the summer. Memorials may be sent to Badrock Fire Department or Montana Hope Project.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home & Crematory is caring for the family.



**Loren Ellis Drewry, 78**

Loren Ellis Drewry passed away on Sept. 13, 2022, in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Loren was born in Storm Lake, Iowa, on June 28, 1944. He was raised on his parents' farm outside of Columbia Falls.

Loren had a sweet and gentle spirit, along with a playful sense of humor. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be deeply missed.

Loren Drewry was predeceased by his



parents Ellis and Mildred Drewry, and by his sister Jeanette Mayo.

He is survived by his wife Mary Drewry, his daughter DeAnnra Glenn, his son-in-law Wayne Glenn, his grandchildren Annalise and Curtis, as well as by his sister Elaine Nash.

The funeral was on Friday, Sept. 23, in North Charleston.

**Shirley Ann (Owens) Druesdow, 91**

Shirley Ann (Owens) Druesdow, 91, passed away on Sept. 5, 2022.

Shirley was born in Libby on Jan. 29, 1931, to James H. Owens and Rachel Williams Owens. Tragically, when she was just 3, her father drowned while working for the Forest Service. Following his death, her mother moved her and her three brothers and sister to Kalispell. Her mother later remarried Orville Hoover and together they added another boy and girl to the family.

Shirley married Charles A. Druesdow on Aug. 8, 1949. They celebrated 66 years of marriage and were blessed with three children, Mike, Susan and Sherry. She was a stay-at-home mom until 1968 when Charles lost his sight in an auto accident. Shirley became his faithful caregiver and companion until his death in November of 2015.

When many would have struggled, she carried on. She taught herself to tackle home improvement projects, maintained a beautiful yard and flower gardens, and continued the fam-



ily's love of camping and spending time outdoors. With Charles in tow, she would load up her grandkids and take them on adventures they will never forget. Many memory-filled summers surrounded by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins were spent at Swan Lake, McGregor Lake, and various other locations throughout the area. Her children and grandchildren will always cherish those times.

She enjoyed numerous activities including ceramics, tile painting and collecting Cherished Teddies. She was a talented seamstress, making holiday outfits, costumes and doll clothes for her children and grandchildren. She loved decorating her home for each holiday.

She was always busy in her kitchen and especially loved making cinnamon rolls for family and friends. Her baking powder biscuits were close to famous, and her grandkids were often

found banging on her door just to see what she had in her refrigerator. She made sure no one left her home hungry.

Shirley treasured time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Over the years she taught them her baking, sewing and crafting skills. Her face would always light up when they came to visit.

She never turned down a card game, and always had a bag of quarters in her purse just in case the opportunity for a game of 31 came about. She loved hunting for treasures at local thrift stores and garage sales and was always trying to lovingly pass on her finds to her family.

She and Charles shared an appreciation for music that was contagious. Their favorites being Marty Robbins, Johnny Cash, Tom T. Hall and Hank Williams.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles; brothers, Patrick, Dennis and Gaylon "Lum" Owens; sisters, Dorothy Owens Fennoyer and Lynda Marie Hoover; and cherished sister-in-law and

friend, Arline Owens.

She is survived by her children, Mike (Zina) Druesdow, Susan (Andrew) Tweet, and Sherry (James) Miller, all of Kalispell; her cherished grandchildren, Andrea, Lisa, Chuck and Michael Druesdow; Melissa Tweet; Mindy (Tweet) Glenna; and McKenna (Miller) Quick; also, great, and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Mike Hoover of Rexford; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful, compassionate care she received from the staff at Wel-Life of Kalispell and Enhabit Hospice. Your kindness and love shown was truly appreciated.

Graveside services for Shirley will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery on Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. A celebration of life will follow at Village Greens Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, please bring your quarters for a game of 31 in her honor.

Johnson-Gloschat funeral home is caring for Shirley and her family.

**Donald E. DuBeau, 86**

Donald E. DuBeau died two weeks short of his 87th birthday on May 31, 2022, of natural causes. His life was long, eventful and successful.

He was born on June 13, 1935, to Cecile Hutchins DuBeau and Logan DuBeau in Billings, the oldest of three children. Judy and Susan completed the family. Twenty-four first cousins, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and grandparents, plus all the neighborhood kids who became lifelong friends helped shape young Don's life.

After graduating from Billings High School in 1953, Don and Betty Keiser were married. Don became a businessman at age 18 when he went into the grocery business with his dad. Within a few years they owned four grocery stores and a wholesale/retail meat business.

During this time Don served eight years in the Army Reserve under Commander Bud Hansen. For many years Bud had been trying to convince Don to join him in his successful real estate firm. It happened one day when Don had become disillusioned with the red tape connected to a retail business. The commercial investment part of Bud's business became his passion and satisfied his creativity.



Don and Betty became parents in 1963 with the birth of their son Kent. Leslee and Bill soon followed. The family acquired friends all over



the United States when Don was asked to join the Society of Exchange Counselors, a prestigious group of real estate professionals who solved complex real estate transactions nationwide. Don was in his element. He later became their president.

Billings benefited from Don's acquired knowledge as he became a mover and shaker in many areas, helping to shape the future growth of the city. He served tirelessly on state, local and national boards and on the Shrine G.I. Patrol, while growing his business — DuBeau Nesson Commercial and Ranch Real Estate. Ed Nesson was the farm and ranch partner, while Don handled the commercial work.

The collapse of the real estate market and the banking system in the 1980s changed the course of Don's life. Recovering his assets

became his new reality. Midlife also brought him a new marriage to another real estate broker from Whitefish, Jeanne Tallman. After several years of working his way out of the real estate collapse, Don was back in his element from developing a private fly-fishing community near Bozeman to brokering a teak plantation in Costa Rica. Life was challenging and rewarding. He also took many young people under his wing and encouraged them to be successful entrepreneurs. He held a strong faith in Jesus and had an early role in the development of the weekly meeting of the Dirtbags Men's Bible Study in Bigfork. He never missed an opportunity to acquire more knowledge in the pursuit of excellence. He was the proudest of the three weeks each year for three years that he spent at the Harvard Business School studying with entrepreneurs from all over the world.

As Don's business life slowed down, he lived up to his remark to a friend, "I was born to be a grandpa!" Family became his passion. He also spent time in Florida enjoying the sunshine, white sand beaches, reading books and smoking cigars with his buddies at the smoke shop. He was a happy man enjoying his seven grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren and being a friend, mentor and Papa to his wife's family.

His legacy includes his children, Kent (Emily Dailey), Leslee (George Bennett), and Bill (Kim Hinckley); grandchildren, Brooke and Morgan Hove, Paige Bennett (Jordan Pomeranz), Sam and Max Bennett; MacKenzie (Danton Evilsizer) and Keaton DuBeau; great-grandchildren, Joseph Hove DuBeau and Jackson Pomeranz; and his two sisters, Judy Bannister and Susan Nybo (Kent Koolen). He is also survived by his wife, Jeanne and her family, all of whom were very dear to him, Shannon Tallman (deceased) and her son Jesse Strunk; Kimi Tallman Nebres (Bob Nebres) and their children Josiah, Brandon, Jocelyn and Makena; their spouses and children; Brett Tallman (Michelle Richards) and their children Tyler and his family and Solan; Heather Tallman-Ruhm (Brian Ruhm) and Bailey.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at the Hilands Country Club located at 714 Poly Drive in Billings from 4 to 6 p.m. on July 1 with the Cloyd Funeral Home in Lowistown assisting the family. Condolences for the family may be posted online at [www.cloydfuneralhome.com](http://www.cloydfuneralhome.com)

### Judy Ann Dunbar (née Johnson), 80



Judy Ann Dunbar (née Johnson), preacher's wife, mother, homemaker, insurance saleswoman, seniors' residence administrator, and servant leader in Christ's church, passed into glory 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, in Kalispell, of complications unrelated to Covid-19, at the age of 80 years.

Judy was born June 11, 1941, in Malta, Montana, eldest of two daughters, to Harry and Marian Johnson, sheet-metal journeyman and banker, respectively. Judy's life and ministry were focused on her family and the church. Her Grandma Johnson taught Judy the sewing and crafting skills that would enhance the lives of all whom Judy touched throughout her life.

As a teenager, Judy was chosen to serve as Tacoma's Daffodil Queen — a young woman as beautiful inside as on the outside!

Allan and Judy Dunbar were married Sept. 10, 1960, in Tacoma, Washington, and began their family and part-

nership in ministry of more than 60 years. Judy's supportive role cannot be over-estimated.

After graduating from Alberta Bible College in 1960, God's calling led them to many locations: Hanna Church of Christ, Alberta; South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana; Florence Christian Church, Oregon coast. In 1973, they returned to Calgary to serve a church that would impact that city and beyond. Bus ministry, 22 years on a Sunday TV program that Judy named ... "To You ... with Love."

Beyond the local church ministry, Judy provided her special touch for city-wide events: like the Billy Graham Crusade — and Christian ministry to thousands during Calgary's Winter Olympics.

Later, they accepted a call to the presidency of Puget Sound Christian

College (PSCC), in Edmonds, Washington. Judy was the best "First Lady" a college ever had.

Our final ministry was to serve as executive director of the North American Christian Convention blessing thousands of Christians across Canada and the USA.

Upon retiring in 2011, they moved to Kalispell, taking Judy's mother with them to be near her mother's sisters. They became active members of Kalispell's Family Life Christian Church. They enjoyed visits with the family of their son, Daren, and daughter-in-law, Joy, who live in Calgary, Alberta, and with their daughter, Jill, who lives in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

Judy was more than a support to Allan as she pursued ministry and leadership in her own right. Managing a senior citizen's residence — a leader among women's ministries — and a catalyst for togetherness in prayer and fellowship.

Judy loved Jesus. She loved Allan. She loved

her son, her daughter, her daughter-in-law, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Judy loved people, and they loved her back! To paraphrase the Apostle Paul, Judy personified that "greatest of all gifts, Love."

Predeceased by her parents, Harry (1989) and Marion (2014), Judy Ann Dunbar leaves to mourn husband, Allan; sister, Connie Johnson; son, Daren (Joy), and daughter, Jill; grandchildren, JT Dunbar and Jolisa (Wolfgang) Kendler; and great-granddaughters, Deja and Kall.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. (MST), Saturday, Feb. 12, at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foy's Lake Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

The "Celebration of Life" service will be available to all using this link: <https://bitly/JudyDunbar>

In lieu of flowers, dear to Judy's heart would be a gift designated to the "Mission Ministry Outreach," of Family Life Christian Church.

### Geraldine 'Grandma' Dunkl, 88



Geraldine Dunkl, born Aug. 27, 1934, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 with family by her side after a brief battle with kidney cancer. She was 88 years old.

The celebration of life services are on Jan. 7, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Easthaven Baptist Church, 2010 Whitefish Stage Rd. in Kalispell. Please send flowers and donations to the church in care of Geraldine Dunkl.

Geraldine was born to George and Effie LaHood of St. Paul, Minnesota.

She was raised on her family farm where she had many chores including feeding over 500 chickens, several pigs, cows and sheep.

After graduating high school in 1951 she worked as a car hop waitress at the local A&W; root beer stand.

In 1953 she met the love of her life, Freddy Dunkl, at a Harlem Globetrotters game, and in February 1955 they married. Together they had six children; Theresa Armstrong of Sacramento, California; Michael Dunkl of Sacramento; Beverly Heroux of Fort Bragg, California; Jim Dunkl of Kalispell; Tom Dunkl of Yuba City, California;

2019 and then she moved to Kalispell where she lived with her son Jim and granddaughter Brittany.

She loved Montana. She enjoyed playing bingo at Del's Bar in Somers where she was well known to all as "Grandma."

She was preceded in death by both her parents; 7 brothers; 3 sisters; her son Michael and one grandson Orion Franklin. She is survived by her one sister Bernie Drager of St. Paul; 5 children; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and many more nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was loved by everyone who met her. She had a smile that was infectious and a sweet spirit that brought happiness and joy to all who met her.

Some of the great passions she had in life were bingo and sewing. She was a talented artist. She will be greatly missed by all of us who had the privilege to know her. We all love and miss you so much.

and Angel Brewer of Junction City, California. After they married they settled down in St. Paul until 1971, in 1971 the family moved to Arizona and then in 1976 to California. Geraldine lived in Sacramento until



**Marilyn Ruth Dunne, 82**

Marilyn Ruth "Mickie" Hadorn Emmons McBride Dunne was born Oct. 2, 1939,



to Frederick William Hadorn and Ruth Olga Samuelsen Hadorn in Beattie, Kansas. She died peacefully in her sleep at home in Marion Jan. 27, 2022.

She worked many jobs in her life but what she is most proud of was returning to school at age 61 and getting a license massage therapist certification and graduated with a 4.0 grade average. She was a strong, determined and opinionated spitfire who faced everything in life with gusto and fierce determination. She was cherished by her family and peacefully assured in her faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister Anna Lorene (Larry) Thomas.

She is survived by her sisters Helen Sorensen, and Pearlene "Peggy" McManus, her children Lorena Emmons, Rita Bador, Lynda Parry, and Melody McBride, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and at least one great-great-grandchild.

She loved her faith, gardening, and writing country song lyrics and

enjoyed singing. Her struggles are over and she has returned to the Father in heaven.

Memorial services will be at 301 W. Wyoming St. in Kalispell Saturday, Feb. 19, at noon, followed by a pot-luck luncheon in the basement of the church. (Thank you Mary and Rick Todd.) We will be connecting via Skype and Zoom and recording in case anyone would like a copy or is not able to attend.

In lieu of flowers, perhaps a small tree that we can plant in her honor on the new land in the spring. Preference for locally hearty fruit trees, nut trees or any deciduous that is good for color. Any donations can be sent to 9390 Hwy. 2 W. Marion, MT 59925 and I will distribute to her ministers. Those of us with like faith can give to the work as they feel led.

**Mavis R. Durado, 77**

Mavis R. Durado was welcomed home by her heavenly Father on Sept. 6, 2022.



She was born March 16, 1945, in Missoula to Frank and Mary Roderick. Mavis was raised in St. Ignatius and was the oldest of three sisters. She graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1963 and married Gerald Johnson of Ronan a year later. Together they had a son, Jerry, and a daughter, Tonya. They later divorced.

Mavis worked at the KM Department store as manager and buyer of women and children's clothing. It was there she met her soulmate, James Durado, who also had a daughter Lori who was loved as her own. Mavis and Jim experienced a special forever love for 34 years. Her greatest joys in life were her grandchildren, Brauna and Seth, Billy and Tyler, along with three great-grandchildren Ezra, Tre Shaun and Maddox.

She was preceded in death by Gerald Johnson, James Durado,

and parents Frank and Mary Roderick. She is survived by sisters Bonnie and husband Dennis, and Moraine and husband Tim, son Jerry Johnson, daughter Tonya and husband Randy Meyers, and Lori and Bill Lowe; four grandsons, three great-grandsons, several nieces and nephews; and her lifelong best friends Robin and Jeff Borden and their children Brooke and Brandt whom she loved like her own.

To my mother, "Mom we miss you dearly. Thank you for being such a loving and caring soul. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in heaven. No goodbyes, only see you soon."

No services are planned per her request. Her last message was "Don't weep for me, look up to the clouds. I'll be watching over you all."

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**James Joseph Duval, 73**

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 (Mitzl), 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.

## Donald James Dvorak, 92

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Don Dvorak, 92, of Columbia Falls, on Aug. 31, 2022, but with the peaceful knowledge that he is in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Don was born in Glendive to Edna (Rogers) and James Dvorak. He graduated from high school in 1948 and joined the Navy, reporting aboard the USS Norton Sound. He worked as an electrician's mate and was in combat action in Korea. In 1953 he met and married Florence Almond of Savage, Montana.

Don worked for Beatrice Foods Company for 38 years. Don and Florence retired to Columbia Falls

in 1993 where they lived full time until 2005 when they began to split their time between Columbia Falls in the summer and Wikieup, Arizona, in the winter.

As a young boy and into adulthood, Don loved to fish. At the age of 27, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and began to fish for souls. Don loved to share Jesus with others. He attended Bible School in Alberta for four years and was



involved with numerous churches throughout his life.

As well as fishing for souls and fish, Don enjoyed yard work (particularly trimming trees), and helping others with any number of projects. Don liked doing a jigsaw puzzle a day, and his favorite snacks were popcorn, potato chips, and Boston baked beans.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Florence; his son, Craig Dvorak, and daughters Dawn Boutwell (Dan), Terry Laudenklos (David), and Joy Whitehead (Scott). He also leaves nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, his sister Louise White, and stepsister Delores

Copping.

In addition to his parents and stepparents, Gordon Timmer and Dorothy Dvorak, Don was preceded in death by his son Jim in 2012.

A celebration of Don's life will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Avenue West, Columbia Falls. Inurnment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, 2200 9th Street West, Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Don's memory can be made to the Sword of the Lord, P.O. Box 1099, Murfreesboro, TN 37133.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.columbiamortuary.com](http://www.columbiamortuary.com).