

## Priscilla Celia Isler Davenport, 85

Priscilla Celia Isler Davenport, 85, of Columbia Falls, died Tuesday morning, Oct. 15, 1996, at North Valley Hospital.

She was born Sept. 27, 1911, in Milwaukee, Wisc., to Ernst and Priscilla Isler.

She married Jay Davenport in 1931.

Her life was devoted to her religion, her family, and her garden. She was one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She also helped raise her sister's two daughters, Rose Arnoux and Delores Branson, after her sister's death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her two sisters, two broth-

ers, a son-in-law, and a niece.

She is survived by her husband, Jay, of Columbia Falls; four daughters, Ellen Ramsey of Anchorage, Alaska, June Nelson of Columbia Falls, Pat Badger of Columbia Falls, and Adele Davenport of Honolulu, Hawaii; 10 grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness, 195 Veterans Drive, Columbia Falls. Interment was in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. Arrangements are by Columbia Mortuary.

## Nellie David, 81

Nellie Mary David, 81, died March 14, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Aug. 17, 1914, in Diesmen, N.D., to August and Octavia Barbion. She had lived in Nortonville, N.D., where she graduated from Allendale College.

She married Arthur David on June



23, 1939, in Aberdeen, S.D. They moved to Montana in 1970.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur, of Kalispell; her brother, Prosper Barbion of Eugene, Ore.; several nieces and nephews including Mel Barbion of Bigfork and Joanne Hallock of Jamestown, N.D.

Memorial funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Paul Taylor officiating. Graveside urn burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

## Jack Arthur Decker, 60

Jack Arthur Decker, 60, died May 27, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Jan. 18, 1936, in Creston to John and Ruth Decker. He spent his whole life in Montana, mostly in the Flathead Valley and West Glacier areas.

He worked for the state for 30 years. He then retired and started his own carpentry business. He built many of the beautiful homes along Lake McDonald. He also spent several months helping remodel Lake McDonald Lodge. He built the house that the movie "Beethoven II" was filmed in.

He loved the outdoors. He would get up very early in the morning and walk into the Chain Lakes to go fishing. He also spent many cold days ice fishing on Duck Lake with his family and friends. One of his

favorite things to do was to go to the family cabin east of the mountains and go hunting with his family and friends. As long as it was outdoors, he loved doing it. He was a likable guy and will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta, in April of 1994; his parents; two sisters, Lucille Valentine and Dorothy Pierce; and a brother, Don Decker Sr.

He is survived by his son, Keith Decker of Kalispell; daughter Karen Chartrand of Phoenix, Ariz.; sisters Helen Roby and Joan Dempsey; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Donations to Hospice or Option Care are suggested.

## Ernest 'Ernie' Davis, 66

Ernest "Ernie" Davis, 66, of Big Arm, died Saturday at his residence. *17 Feb 1996*

He was born to George and Minnie Davis in Polson on April 5, 1929. He attended schools in Proctor and Polson.

He married Erma Mapston on Feb. 12, 1949, in Polson. He owned a construction and logging business and built many docks on Flathead Lake.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Dara.

Survivors include three children and their spouses, Gayle and Ray Rose, Dana and Ken Blush and Dean Davis and Dennise, all of Polson; his wife, Erma Davis, of Columbia Falls; a sister; mother-in-law, Grace Mapston of Polson; friend and constant companion, Joyce Boon of Polson; three grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be on Friday at 3 p.m. at the Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home in Polson.

## Ken Davis, 59

Ken W. Davis, 59, died Saturday, March 16, 1996, in Bangkok, Thailand.

He was born Nov. 17, 1936, in Chicago. He grew up in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he graduated from high school. He attended the University of Denver.



He was a very colorful individual who owned and operated many businesses including a service station in Colorado Springs, The Hartsel Hotel in Hartsel, Colo., the El Burrito Restaurant in Denver, The London Mine in Fairplay, Colo., the Ute Ulay and Golden Wonder mines in Lake City, Colo., the Windjammer Bar Casino and Motel in Woods Bay.

He played ice hockey in high school and was tour guide for the Pikes Peak area. He was a professional race-car driver who, in 1961, came in second in the Pikes Peak Hill Climb in Colorado

Springs.

He was chairman of the Park County Republican Central Committee from 1967 to 1974. He was on the Park County, Colorado Planning Commission and served a term as county commissioner.

He came to Montana to visit a friend and never left. He lived next to the Windjammer on Flathead Lake. He loved to hunt, fish and boat on the lake. In 1988, he raced a hydroplane boat in competition.

He had a great sense of humor and will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy, and father, Lawrence Davis, of Colorado Springs.

He is survived by his sister, Gaye Miller, of Walbash, Ind., and nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place and per his wishes, no formal funeral will be held. A get-together for family and friends will be at the Windjammer Friday from 6-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to the Bigfork Q.R.U.

## 1996 Lawrence 'Lorney' C. Deist, 78

Lawrence "Lorney" C. Deist, 78, died at his home in Kalispell on Wednesday, May 1.

He was born Sept. 28, 1917, in Glasgow and moved to Kalispell at a young age. He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1935. On Dec. 31, 1938, he married "Izzy" Devall in Kalispell. They owned the Spur service station. He entered the Marine Corps in 1942 and saw active duty in New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Guam and Bougainville. He was discharged in 1945.

In 1946 he became a game warden for Montana, retiring in 1977. His career as a warden required him to spend much of his time in the Bob Marshall Wilderness patrolling with his pack string of mules. He was well known for his backcountry skills and acquired the reputation as the warden who traveled at night, as he would show up at the most unexpected times and locations.

During the winter months, he continued his patrols in the roadless areas of Montana on snowshoes with his bloodhound companion, Joe.

He was a supporter of local Boy Scout troops and often led the troops through the wilderness and provided logistical support with his pack string. His warden duties comple-

mented his great love and compassion for animals. He was always nurturing sick, injured or orphaned animals to be again released in the wild.

During his later years, he often drew a crowd to listen to his endless stories that summarized his life's experiences. To many, he was a legend within his time.

He was preceded in death by his brother Russ Deist and sister Vera Nelson.

He is survived by his wife; brothers Bob Deist and wife, Betty, and Ray Deist, all of Kalispell; sisters Fern Nelson and Ellen Boorman, both of Whitefish; sons Lanny Deist and wife, Deb, and Jay Deist, all of Kalispell; grandchildren Zack, Lacy and Courtney, and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Camp Make-A-Dream, P.O. Box 7456, Missoula, Mont., 59807. The camp is for children with cancer.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Pastor Bob Nelson officiating.

Burial with military honors will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

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## Henry 'Hank' Deitrick, 76

Henry "Hank" Deitrick, 76, died Tuesday.

He was born in Hazelton, N.D. He was a logger for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Loretta "Ret;" three daughters, Charlotte Bostic, Connie Guest, Susannie Hutcheson, and a son, Steven Deitrick, all of Kalispell; three sisters; one brother, Oscar Deitrick of Kalispell; 12

grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Funeral services will be at Johnson Mortuary Chapel on Saturday at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens with military honors conducted by area veterans.

## Ralph Denning, 70

Ralph C. Denning, 70, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born June 7, 1925, in Hays, Kan., to Nicholas and Barbara Denning and grew up on a farm with 13 brothers and sisters. He received his education in Hays.

He served with the U.S. Army, 2nd Infantry, during World War II at the Battle of the Bulge during the Normandy invasion. He received an honorary discharge.

He married Mary Louise Obley in Hays in 1945.

He worked in the oil fields of Colorado and Wyoming prior to moving to Glendive in 1955.

He owned and operated Ralph's Mobile Homes in Glendive from 1962 to 1982 before moving to Kalispell where he owned Gregg's Mobile Homes. He

later worked for S&S Campers.

He loved boating, fishing and the outdoors. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Moose Lodge No. 1922 of Kalispell and the VFW.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Survivors include four sons, Mike of Billings, Patrick of Glendive, Curt of Auburn, Wash., and Brad of Portland, Maine; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Those who wish may contribute to the Montana Heart Association, c/o Lavonne Aiken, 623 2nd Ave. E, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Catherine 'Kay' Duncan, 77

<sup>6 May 1996</sup>  
Catherine "Kay" Duncan, 77, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Monday.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, at home in Lakeside, and other relatives.

Mass of the Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers with the Rev. Richard Sodja as celebrant. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## John N. DiGiovanni, 92

Longtime Kalispell resident John N. DiGiovanni, 92, died May 26, 1996, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

He was born in Rossburg, Minn., on Feb. 1, 1904. On Nov. 8, 1930, in Aitkin, Minn., he married Louise F. Perry.

He was employed by the Minnesota Highway Department until the spring of 1941, when he moved to Montana. He hauled ties and lived in the Marion area until June of 1945, when he moved to Kalispell. He purchased a home at 1009 Second Avenue West and was employed by Equity Supply Company. Due to increasing problems with his feet, which were injured when he was 4, he changed careers and completed an accounting course through the ICS Correspondence Schools. In 1949 he moved to Hot Springs and worked as a bookkeeper at the Hot Springs Creamery until 1950. Returning to his residence in Kalispell, he was employed as the office and credit manager by the F.A. Buttrey Company until his retirement in 1971.

After 48 years of marriage, his wife Louise preceded him in death in 1979.

He married IvaMay Polish on July 17, 1982, and lived at Hillcrest Estates north of Kalispell until the time of his death.

He enjoyed many hobbies, including camping, fishing, hunting, gardening, bowling and golf.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and for many years was an active member of the Knights of Columbus. As a member of the Kalispell Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 234, which he joined in 1943, he received many local, state and national awards.

He is survived by his wife, IvaMay; a son and his wife, Gerald R. and Charlotte DiGiovanni of Bremerton, Wash.; a daughter and her husband, Florence L. and Bud Ring, of Spokane; a stepson and wife, Delbert and Maria Polish of Swan Lake; four stepdaughters, Marilyn Jo and Fred Schwab of Millington, N.J., Bonnie Blumer of Anchorage, Alaska, Dorothy May and Rick Sollman of Spring Hope, N.C., and Rosalie "Lee" and Jim Ten Eyck of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren; 15 stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Rosary services will be at Johnson Funeral Home on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Christian Burial will be at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on Friday at 10 a.m. Grave-side services will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

## Robert K. DeVoe, 78

Robert K. DeVoe passed away on Dec. 4, 1996, at the age of 78, in Hemet, Calif.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Roberta; loving children, Stephen DeVoe and Deborah Melers; three grandchildren, Tracy, Wesley and Travis; sister, Jeanne Myron; and brothers, Ronald and George.

He was born in Somers and moved to Whittier, Calif., after his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was employed in the sporting-goods industry in California for over 40 years.

After retirement, he and his wife divided their time between their native Montana and Hemet. He was a loyal friend to many and was greatly loved for his warmth, humor, intelligence and love of life.

Donations may be made to World Vision, 348834 Weyerhauser Way S., Federal Way, WA 98001, or St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004.

## Paul 'Pete' Detjens, 81

Paul A. "Pete" Detjens, 81, died Tuesday at the Libby Care Center. *5 Mar 1996*

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Bean Detjens, of Libby; two daughters, including Linda Pival of Libby; three sisters, including Evaline Williams and Ruth Person, both of Libby; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Chuck Gray officiating. Memorials may be made to the Libby Volunteer Fire Department or to a church of the donor's choice.

## Christine Louise

### Williams Dirkes, 27

*29 Oct 1996*  
Christine Louise Williams Dirkes, 27, of Troy, died Tuesday at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City following chemotherapy treatment for leukemia.

Survivors include her husband, Sean Dirkes, of Salt Lake City; her parents, Richard and Judy Williams of Troy; five sisters including Suzanne Mattson, of Kalispell, and Kathy Williams, of Troy; two brothers, including James Williams, of Troy; her paternal grandmother, a niece, a nephew, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rosary and parish vigil will be Friday evening at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Troy. Mass of the Resurrection will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Hannigan as celebrant. Interment will be in Troy Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Christine Williams Dirkes Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 464, Troy, MT 59935.

## 1996 Rudolph Ditolla, 71

Rudolph J. Ditolla, 71, of Kalispell, passed through God's heavenly gates on Thursday, Oct. 10, at St. Joseph's Convalescent Center in Polson.

He was born Dec. 27, 1924, in Denver, the youngest son of Joseph and Giovannia Ditolla. He had nine brothers and sisters.

He went through the ninth grade at Horsman Elementary School in Denver and then went to work at his uncle's upholstery shop to learn the trade.

On Sept. 25, 1942, at 19 1/2, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served three years of wartime service on the USS San Francisco as a gunners mate striker. While on board this ship, he earned eleven bronze stars in the Asiatic-Pacific theater and a bronze star in the Philippine Liberation, and a victory medal.

In 1945, he moved to Southern California where his family had moved. He opened his first upholstery shop there.

On Aug. 20, 1948, he married Mary Ellen Steinman. They had two daughters, Marudy and Theresa.

In 1964, he moved his family to Rollins. About a year later, he opened an upholstery shop there and later moved it to Kalispell.



The family lived in Rollins for 11 years and moved to the Kalispell area in 1975.

He enjoyed his upholstery career and driving for Kalispell Taxi until his retirement. His hobby was mainly

horse racing and he was known in local betting circles as the man who would always bet on the grays.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Mary Ellen Ditolla, in 1986.

He is survived by his two daughters, Marudy Michael and Theresa Holmes, both of Kalispell; three granddaughters; two grandsons; two great-grandchildren; a stepdaughter in Texas; and a brother in Colorado and a sister in Nevada.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial with military honors will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation today from 1-4 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday.

## Harry Donaldson, 75

Harry Donaldson, 75, longtime Eureka teacher and coach, died Tuesday, May 21, 1996, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born in Marinette, Wisc., on March 28, 1921, to Harry and Edna Donaldson. He attended the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa where he was a member of the football team. Until 1966, he held the NCAA collegiate record for the longest kickoff return.

He entered the Army Air Corps as a cadet in 1942 and served as a pilot with Chenault's Flying Tigers during World War II in the Burma and China theater; he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and three bronze stars.

He married Virginia Schick on Aug. 17, 1946, in Marinette.

He returned to the University of Alabama where he completed his bachelor's degree in industrial arts. He taught and coached in Hot Springs for five years before moving to Eureka in 1953. He taught industrial arts and driver education as well as coaching sports at Lincoln County High School in Eureka for many years until his retirement in 1984.

He was active in the civil air patrol program in Eureka. He was a member of St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church and the Eureka Lions Club, a member and past master of Eureka Lodge 93, AF&AM, and had served for many years as lodge secretary.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, of Eureka; three daughters, Lynn Schermerhorn and Karen Apeland, both of Eureka and Barbara Powers of Laurel; a son, Kevin Donaldson, of Eureka; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Friday and until 11 a.m. Saturday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka. Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Carolyn Keil of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church officiating. Interment will be in the Tobacco Valley Cemetery with rites by Eureka Lodge 93, AF&AM, and military honors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorials may be made to Eureka Ambulance, P.O. Box 736, Eureka, MT 59917 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Emma Douglas, 75

Emma <sup>23 Nov 1996</sup> Lucinda Douglas, 75, of Libby, died Saturday at St. Johns Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include five sons, Truman Ekstedt and his wife, Joanne, Don Ekstedt and his wife, Jeannie, Forest Ekstedt, and Charles Ekstedt, all of Libby, Carl Ekstedt and his wife, Lois, of Condon; daughter Evon Sizemore and her husband, Forest, of Polson; brother; a sister; 22 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Libby. Memorials may be made to Kootenai Volunteer Hospice, P.O. Box 781, Libby, MT 59923.

## Hilaire Harmon Doolittle, 72

Hilaire Harmon Doolittle, 72, died Tuesday, June 11, 1996, in Brendan House.

He was born June 11, 1924, in Elliot, Iowa, to Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Doolittle. He attended Stanford University in California as a pre-med student under ASTP, returned to Omaha, Neb., and graduated from Creighton University of Medicine in 1947.

He married Phyllis Wenstrand Doolittle on June 15, 1947, following graduation. He took his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, practiced medicine there and was on the staff of Archbishop Bergen Hospital in obstetrics and gynecology. He was also on the faculty of Creighton University in OB-Gyn. He took his post graduate at the University of Pennsylvania and was a lifetime member of the American College of OB-Gyn.

He and his wife retired in 1979, to the East Lake Shore in Bigfork and managed a cherry orchard. He was on the board of Flathead Lake Cherry Growers in building a new plant at Finley Point. He also was on the board of Red Cross, Lake County, where he helped set up disaster relief services in county and state.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo and Beulah Doolittle;

infant sons, Jay and Mark and Staff Sgt. Jon H. Doolittle who was killed May 7, 1970, in Vietnam while serving with the 101st Airborne Division.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis of Kalispell; daughter Sue Ann Doolittle of Spokane; sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hobbs of Creston, Iowa; uncle Harold Doolittle of Elliot, Iowa; aunt Joy Hull of Waterloo, Iowa; sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Helgerson of Des Moines, Iowa; uncle and aunt, Floyd Atkinson of Harlan, Iowa; brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. Curtis Wenstrand of Mt. Prospect, Ill.; numerous nieces and nephews, Ole T. Helgerson of Stevenson, Wash., Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Vandahl of Kanata, Ontario, Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Green of Glenview, Ill., and Keith Wenstrand.

The family suggests memorials to Bethany Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 398, Bigfork, MT 59911. Memorial services will be Friday, 3 p.m., at Bethany Lutheran Church with the Rev. Herbert Knutsen of Bethany Lutheran Church officiating. Urn burial will follow at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## F. William 'Bill' Duden, 75

F. William "Bill" Duden, 75, died Sunday, March 24, 1996, at his home near Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 18, 1920, in Chester, Conn., to William and Grace Duden.

He served in the Army during World War II. Upon leaving the service, he married Helen E. Pryor in May of 1946 and they made their home in Wisconsin.

They moved to Montana in the summer of 1950 and made their home here ever since.

He was employed in a number of occupations. He received a bachelor of art degree from the University of Montana. He was a teacher. His last teaching position was at Flathead

Valley Community College where he taught basic education with the CETA program.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, in 1990.

He is survived by two sisters, Florence Duden and Grace Duden, both of Chester; sisters and brothers-in-law; and his close friend, Erna Burns of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with William McClaren officiating. Burial will follow in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Johnson Mortuary.

## Seth J. Diamond, 34

Seth J. Diamond, much-loved husband and father and a leader in forestry and conservation, died Friday, July 26, 1996, in an airplane crash near Libby. He was 34.

His commitment to family and friends was extraordinary. He brought out the best in all he touched as a husband, father, son and brother.

He began his resource-management career in 1988 as a U.S. Forest Service wildlife biologist on the Lewis and Clark National Forest at Choteau. Spurred by a passion for the outdoors and wildlife, he distinguished himself by his work on behalf of wolves, harlequin ducks, cutthroat trout and grizzly bears. He received the U.S. Department of Agriculture's highest honor for developing an innovative project that utilized new technology to harvest timber in a manner that favored grizzly bears.

He gained recognition as a bridge builder — a person who excelled at helping people with polarized viewpoints find common ground. His determination and persistence also gained him a reputation for completing whatever he started.

He began working for the Intermountain Forest Industry Association in 1994 to pursue his ardent support for wild things and wild places. He was a leader in developing a precedent-setting proposal advanced by the timber industry and conserva-

tionists to restore grizzly bears to central Idaho and western Montana while maintaining timber-harvest opportunities. He initiated similar consensus-based timber/wildlife projects on several national forests in Montana and Idaho.

He will be remembered and cherished for his positive energy, his constant cheer, his intense dedication and his sharp intellect.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on Aug. 18, 1961. He grew up and attended schools on Long Island, N.Y., and graduated from high school in Oak Park, Ill., as a National Merit Scholar. He received his bachelor's degree in anthropology from Duke University *summa cum laude*. While at Duke, he organized the first Native American speakers conference. He completed his master's degree in wildlife biology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

He is survived by his parents, Paul and Lenore Diamond, of Christiana, Tenn.; his wife and family, Carol Ewen and children Kale, Laura and Jesse Lynn of Missoula; and sisters Joanna Diamond of Nashville, Tenn., and Constance Diamond of Memphis, Tenn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

Contributions may be sent to the Seth J. Diamond Memorial Fund, c/o IFIA, N. 3731, Ramsey Rd., Couer d'Alene, Idaho 83814.



## John Albert 'Al' Dramstad, 84

John Albert "Al" Dramstad, 84, died Thursday, May 30, 1996, in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 9, 1911, in Griggs County, N.D., to Hans and Bergina Dramstad, immigrants from Norway.

He was a farm worker in North Dakota until coming to Montana in 1938. He moved to Saco in 1940, where he met his future bride, Etta May Bryson, at O'Brien's Cafe.

They were married in Glasgow on July 19, 1941, and lived in Saco, where he ran his own garage. In 1957, they moved to Kalispell where he was employed at Manion's and Rygg Ford before working at Skyline Dairy as a mechanic for the dairy trucks.

He retired in 1976 and spent his free time camping, traveling and watching baseball. He enjoyed having the grandkids around, watching movies and cartoons with Grandpa. He enjoyed two trips to Norway, visiting the birthplace of his mother and father. While there, he also visited many relatives.

He was a self-taught master mechanic. He was a member of Flathead Good Sams.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Aby Dramstad, and a brother, Martin Dramstad.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Rita Bradford and her husband, Dick, of Shepardsville, Ky.; Ellen Taylor of San Diego, Linda Cavigli and her husband, Jon, of Kalispell; seven sons, Dale Dramstad and his wife, Linda, of Bloomington, Minn.; Don Dramstad, of Leesburg, Va.; Rex Dramstad and his wife, Kris, of Havre, Max Dramstad and his wife, Sheila, of Puyallup, Wash.; Jim Dramstad and his wife, Sarah, of Trout Creek, Dick Dramstad and his wife, Tracey, of Arlington, Mass., and Harold Dramstad and his wife, Brenda, of Helena; 26 grandchildren; seven great-grandsons; two sisters and four brothers.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and 8-10 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary. A funeral will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, Pastor Marvin A. Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation will follow. Urn burial will be later at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Catherine 'Kay' Duncan, 77

Catherine "Kay" Duncan, 77, of Lakeside, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Monday, May 6, 1996.

She was born Feb. 12, 1919, in Williston, N.D., to John and Katherine Nolan. She spent her early life and graduated from high school there. She then worked as a telephone operator until she and her sister moved in 1948 to Whitefish where she worked as a PBX operator for Great Northern Railroad.

In 1954, she married Robert "Bob" Duncan. They moved to Cut Bank until 1956, when they moved to Joplin where they farmed until retiring in 1983 and moved to Lakeside.

She enjoyed harvest time and would drive trucks to help with the grain harvest. She was active in the Women Involved in Farm Economics organization. She and her husband took part in a gasohol-fueled caravan to Washington, D.C., to promote gasohol for automobile fuel.

She helped organize and participated in a caravan of farm trucks to

Lewiston, Idaho, to assist in an attempt to obtain more reasonable freight rates for shipping grain to the West Coast.

She liked sports, especially the World Series baseball games. She loved to bowl and belonged to numerous bowling leagues and participated in numerous women's tournaments. She enjoyed camping and fishing, especially fishing for salmon in Flathead Lake.

She was an outgoing person and enjoyed being with people. She was always there to help when needed.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, at home in Lakeside; her son, Bill Dalby, and his wife, Joanne, and their daughter, Janete, all of Lake Stevens, Wash.; a sister, Frances Hartman, of Spokane; and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of the Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Somers with the Rev. Richard Sodja as celebrant. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 6 p.m. today.

## Anola Duffy, 92

Anola Duffy, 92, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1996.

She was born April 25, 1904, in Basin. She worked as an obstetrical nurse in Kalispell for many years and was the first to touch her two grandsons.

She was a member of Central Christian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Henry Duffy, in 1989.

She is survived by her son, George Duffy, and his wife, Karen, of Worley, Idaho; her grandchildren, Patrick

and Robyn Duffy and Mitch and Donna Duffy, all of Kalispell, Kristy Larkin of Worley, Jay and Shelly Madison of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Mike and Marci Knipp of Laguna, Calif.; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter as well as countless other relatives and friends.

She will remain in our hearts and prayers.

Funeral services were held at Central Christian Church with the Rev. Terry VanHeyningen officiating. Burial was at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were by Johnson Mortuary.

## Harry T. Dudley, 85

Harry T. Dudley, 85, of Libby, died Saturday at Libby Care Center. *TD 2c 1996*

He is survived by three sons, including Raymond of Kalispell, and three daughters, including Adella Hartle of Libby.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 1-8 p.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Grave-side services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley

Cemetery.

Funeral services for John Jay Dunlap, 34, of Columbia Falls, are 11 a.m. Friday at Valier High School. He died Tuesday in the University Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, of injuries suffered while working in Great Falls at the new Cascade County Jail.

The accident happened Monday when he was using a forklift to place equipment on the second floor of the building. After backing away from the building, the forklift began to tip over and he tried to jump clear but was pinned underneath.

He was born Aug. 4, 1962, in Conrad. *17 Sept 1996*  
Surviving are his wife Vicki, son Hunter, 12, daughters Shayla, 8, and Shelby, 2, all of Columbia Falls; his parents, Jack and Karen Dunlap of Valier; his sister, Kathy Van Marte, all of Dillon; his brother Michael of East Helena; his grandmother, Sylvia Ricks of Dillon; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Interment will be in the Lakeside Cemetery. *17 17*

## James William Dunning, 77

James William Dunning, 77, died Thursday, Feb. 29 1996, at Portland Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Portland, Ore. He was born Oct. 26, 1918, at Manvell, N.D., the son of James and Ethel Dunning.

He served with the U.S. Army and Navy during WWII. He married Dorothy Kopecky on May, 1951, at Crookston, Minn. They moved to Denver, Colo. in 1957, living there until retiring, when they moved to Libby. Here, he spent his days fishing to his heart's content. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, James and Ethel Dunning, and a son, Charles Dunning.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Dunning, Libby; one daughter, Sharon Winkler, Libby; one son, Dennis Dunning, Libby; two sisters, Annie Kushner, Crookston, Minn. and Alevera Fortine, Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren, including Billy Winkler and Danica Dunning, Libby; and many nephews.

Visitation is from 1-8p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 1996, until noon on Thursday March 7, 1996, at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Thursday March 7, 1996, at 2 p.m. at Nelson and Vial Funeral Home, with Rev. James D. Wilson officiating. *Libby*

## Lorene Grace Durst

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Lorene Grace Durst, 96, of Canon City, Colo., died Sept. 6 following a lengthy illness.

She was born March 31, 1900, to Mary Hattie Robinson and Joseph Edward Whipple in Grand Rapids, Mich.

She married Stanley David Durst

on Dec. 6, 1918, in Portland, Ore.

Her husband preceded her in death on April 3, 1963. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, seven sisters, one daughter and one son.

She is survived by a daughter, Virginia Overy of Canon City;

three grandchildren: Tom (Linda) Overy, Judy (Don) Field and Jerry (Cheryl) Overy; five great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation will be held with private family services at a later date in Whitefish.

## Lovell W. Dutton, 74

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Lovell W. Dutton, 74, of Libby,

died Monday at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

He is survived by his companion of 35 years, Eva Watts, of Libby; two sons, including Russell of Kalispell; a daughter; two brothers, including Merritt Dutton of Libby; a sister; and six grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery with rites conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

## Anna Lea Orell Dybing, 88

Ann Dybing, 88, of Monroe, Wash., died peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 20, 1996, after a lengthy stay in a Burlington, Wash., nursing home.

She was born Dec. 30, 1907, on a farm near Max, N.D. She married Henry Dybing in MacIntosh, S.D., on April 16, 1927.

She became a very good rural homemaker and gardener in northern California, western Washington and the Kalispell area for 39 years, and in western Washington again.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, in November 1982, and a brother, Johnny, in March 1981.

Survivors include a son, Leonard Dybing, of Monroe, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation was in Mount Vernon, Wash. Graveside services and urn burial will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.