

Louis Joseph Dachwald, 85

Louis Joseph Dachwald, 85, passed away on Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born on July 18, 1918, in Edwald, Wash., to Louis and Ethel (Duncan) Dachwald. Louis moved with his family to Spokane at the age of 5 where he received his early education.

After graduation he worked odd jobs until joining the Army and serving through World War II.

Louis moved to Whitefish and went to work as an engineer for the Great Northern Railroad until

retiring in 1977 at the age of 59.

He was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman and enjoyed his yard and flowers. He was also a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, and his son.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Dachwald, and some cousins.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jack R. Daggett, 82

Jack R. Daggett, 82, died Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at a Libby hospital.

He worked on the Libby Dam Project before being employed by W.R. Grace & Co.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of Libby, and his children, Wendi Straer of Edge-

wood, Wash., Noni Mitchell of Spokane, Jenny Fredrics of Texas, and Mark Daggett of Libby.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Richard Earl Dahl Jr., 56

Richard Earl Dahl Jr., 56, died at his home in Kalispell on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Dean Howard Dahlgren, 76

Dean Howard Dahlgren, 76, passed away Friday, Oct. 10, 2003, at his home in Bigfork. He was born Sept. 7, 1927, in Wakefield, Neb., to Paul and Violet (Johnson) Dahlgren.



Dean grew up on a farm in Wakefield and graduated from Wakefield High School. After graduating he took over the operation of the family farm, feeding cattle and raising corn and soybeans. He married Audrey Marie Haugan Sept. 8, 1956, in Sioux City, Iowa.

In 1975, he moved with his family to the Flathead Valley to manage Christmas tree farms in the area. He also spent five years managing the nursery operation at Eagle Bend Golf Course in Bigfork. Upon retirement, he traveled extensively in the Southwest during the winter months and enjoyed warm months on Flathead Lake.

Dean enjoyed gardening and landscaping. He was an avid hiker and a member of the "Over the Hill

Gang," a group that has hiked weekly in Glacier National Park for the past 15 years. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. He loved his family, friends and games of all sorts.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Dahlgren, of Bigfork; two daughters, Jana Waryan and husband, Kent, with children, Scott and Bryn of Denver, and Maria Ballantyne and husband, Steve, with children John and Andrew of Evanston, Ill.; one son, Paul Dahlgren and wife, Marcia, and child, Luke of Denver; one brother, Clarke Dahlgren and wife, Charlotte, of Fort Myers, Fla.; and one sister, Elsie Dyer and husband, Don, of Glenview, Ill.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, 2003 at Bethany Lutheran Church with Pastor Jack Shannon officiating. The family suggests memorials be given to Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Montana 35, Bigfork, MT 59911, or the Nature Trail, c/o Bigfork Development Co., P.O. Box 486, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Sigurd J. Dahlquist, 81

Sigurd J. Dahlquist, 81, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born July 14, 1922, in St. Paul, Minn., to Sigurd E. and Elsie M. (Horak) Dahlquist. Sigurd was raised in St. Paul, and as young child appeared in the silent movies show "Our Gang", playing the character of the baby in the carriage.

He served in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theater.

Following the war, Sigurd's career was in hotel management, and he was employed for different hotels in St. Paul, Washington and Montana. He served as president of the Minnesota Hotel Association.

On June 14, 1958, he married Marjory McGavren in Billings. After living in Butte for a short time, they moved to the Flathead Valley in the early 1970s. They

have made their home here since. For several years, Sigurd was the assistant to Judge Shay of the Flathead County Court system.

He was a big fan of the circus and had quite a collection of circus music. He enjoyed photography, and loved Glacier Park.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Marjory Dahlquist; and a cousin, Dorothy Nygard, of St. Paul, Minn.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant.

The family suggest memorials be given to the American Heart Association, 510 First Ave., N., No. 114, Great Falls, MT 59401.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Marjorie G. 'Marge' Dakin, 88

Marjorie G. "Marge" Dakin passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, the day after her 88th birthday.

She was born Nov. 5, 1915, in Great Falls, the only child of Jewel (Lynch) Gibson and Donald Gibson.

She graduated from the Ursuline Academy and attended the College of Great Falls.

She married R.J. "Jim" Dakin in 1938 and they began their 63 years together in Butte.

Marge had fond childhood memories of her great-grandfather, Great Falls founder and U.S. Senator Paris Gibson, and of his friend, Charles M. Russell. Growing up, her parents made homes in Minneapolis, Memphis, Tenn., St. Louis, and in Spokane, Wash., where her uncle was in the Gonzaga Glee Club with Bing Crosby, and the young men were frequent dinner guests of her parents, entertaining with song in the evenings.

Following World War II, Marge and Jim made homes in Conrad and in Kalispell before moving to Columbia Falls in 1953 with their three little boys, who were joined by a sister in 1958. She and Jim built their family home and "stayed put" until all the children were through school. Marge was a homemaker and a "mom." She was an avid bridge player and a volunteer librarian for many years. When her "nest" started to empty, she also worked part time as a bookkeeper for the Columbia Falls

Lumber Co.

She and Jim spent nine years in retirement in Prescott, Ariz., and traveled throughout the U.S. and Hawaii. She drove herself and Jim north each summer to visit family and friends and their favorite place on earth, Lake McDonald in Glacier Park.

They returned to live in Montana in 1989, to Polson, and moved back home to Columbia Falls in 1991. They later moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace. Since 1996, she had resided at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Marge was predeceased by her husband, Jim, in 2001. She is survived by her sons, Tom of Missoula, Bill and Sarah, and Bob and Claudia, of Columbia Falls; and her daughter, Mary Lou Fitzpatrick and Mike of Coram; by grandchildren, Maggie at Gonzaga University, and Robbie of Columbia Falls, five stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

No memorial service is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Columbia Mortuary. Internment will be in St. Richard's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Immanuel Lutheran Home Foundation at 185 Crestline Ave. in Kalispell, and expresses its deep gratitude to the many care givers and volunteers at ILH, and to Flathead Hospice, whose comfort for the aged and infirm is so deeply appreciated.

Willard L. Danz, 85

Willard L. Danz, 85, died March 2, 2003, of natural causes at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; his daughter, Sandra McGill; and his sons, Daniel, Leon and Rod Danz.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, May 17, at 1

p.m. at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

The Rev. Joe Pat Moran will officiate.

Following the inurnment, there will be a gathering of friends and relatives at the family home at 396 Fern Lane in Ferndale.

Paul W. Daggett, 56

Paul W. Daggett, 56, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, in Libby.

He was born Sept. 4, 1946, at Spokane, to Jack and Arlene Daggett and came to Libby as a small child, where he was raised and educated; he graduated from Libby High School in 1964. He later served in the United States Navy.

He attended nurses training at San Diego, Calif., graduating as a registered nurse. He did institutional and residential long-term nursing care while in San Diego.

He had been a self-taught chef since his teenage years and had further developed his skills throughout the years. He later changed careers, working as a chef in California, Seattle, and for many years in the greater Miami area, working in many fine dining establishments. He returned to

Libby in 1998, where he and Debbie Loomis had operated the Hidden Chapel Restaurant as well as developing, producing and marketing unique food products such as huckleberry butter and gourmet pasta products.

He is survived by a son, Paul Daggett Jr. of Austin, Texas; his father, Jack Daggett and wife, Shirley, of Libby; his sisters, Wendi Straer of Edgewood, Wash., Noni Mitchell of Spokane, and Jenny Fredrics of Texas; a brother, Mark Daggett of Libby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1992.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 1-6 p.m. today and until noon Monday.

Rodger Daniel 'Dan' Danaher Jr., 58

Rodger Daniel "Dan" Danaher Jr., 58, passed peacefully March 23, 2003, after bravely battling cancer. He was born Sept. 28, 1944, and was raised in Kansas City, Mo.



A lifelong entrepreneur, Dan built, owned and operated several businesses including steak houses and IHOPs. Dan provided love and support to his wife, Susan, during her demanding career that provided them the opportunity to live in many beautiful places. His final venture was as a general housing contractor which in all facets was his true passion.

Dan's hobbies included working with his wife Susan, father-in-law Larry, and other friends and family on projects such as wood-working, stained glass and antiques.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Marie Ward Danaher of Kalispell; mother, Margaret Mary Danaher of Kansas City, Mo.; mother and father-in-law, Mary and Larry Ward of Kalispell; son David Danaher, 37, of Stillwater, Okla., son Doug, 34, and Jenny

Danaher, of Salina, Kan., son Eric Danaher, 32, of Bellingham, Wash.; brother, John and Susan Danaher of Kansas City; sister, Patty and Alan Britton of St. Louis; and sister, Kathy Gowler of Kansas City.

Extended family included Marilyn Ward of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Barbara Coccia of Seattle; Lawrence Ward of Kalispell; Sandra Hamon Couer d' Alene, Idaho; Christopher Ward of Boston; Patrick Ward of Kalispell; and grandchild, Faith Danaher of Salina, Kan.

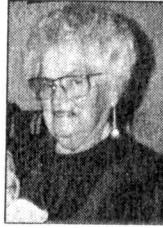
Dan was preceded in death by his father, Rodger Daniel Danaher Sr. and brother-in-law Daniel Alan Ward.

The Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at St. Mathew's Church in Kalispell. Interment at C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery will immediately follow Mass. A reception celebrating Dan's life will take place at The Doran Center at St. Matthew's Church following interment. Due to Lenten season, no flowers please.

Dan had a spontaneous, fun-loving spirit and will be dearly missed. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jane Lorene Darner, 82

Jane Lorene Darner, 82, a retired telephone operator, passed away Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at a Whitefish care center of natural causes. Funeral services will be at



1 p.m. today, Nov. 25, at the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre, with Pastor VaunDalee Delong officiating. Burial will follow at the Highland Cemetery. There will be a fellowship luncheon held at the Eagles Club immediately following the services at the graveside.

Memorials in Jane's honor may be made to the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church or a memorial of one's choice. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Holland & Bonine Funeral Home.

Jane was born July 14, 1921, to Earl and Ida Best in Bennington, Kan. Her folks moved in 1922 and settled on the U.S.-Canadian border of Sweet Grass and Coutts, Alberta. Jane attended school in Coutts for 11 years and was an outstanding athlete in high school. She won the most outstanding track athletic award for the Province of Alberta in 1938, and was also a member of the girls championship basketball team. She attended her last year of high school at Sweet Grass and was the only graduate in the class of 1939.

On Aug. 17, 1940, Jane married Gene Leonard Darner in Sweet Grass. To this union, two children were born. The family moved to Cut Bank when she went to work for Mountain Bell Telephone. She later transferred to Havre, working as an operator, until she retired in 1983.

Jane was a member of the Van Orsdel United Methodist Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles Auxiliaries, Royal Neighbors of America, Lillian Rebekah Lodge and Women's Club. She was a volunteer for Northern Montana Hospital for 30 years, and was active in her church circle and Bible study groups in her church.

Among her many hobbies, she loved to crochet and take pictures.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and her husband, Gene, on April 21, 1983.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Pauline Petty, and husband, John, of Shepherd; son, Marshall Darner, and wife, Judi (Nelson), of Whitefish; grandchildren, Michael Petty and wife, Heather, of Shepherd; Ginger Darner of Whitefish, Ross Darner of Kalispell, and Ricky Darner of Denver; and three great-grandchildren; one brother, J. Duane Best of Sundance, Wyo.; sisters, Anita Powers and brother-in-law, Leo, of Havre; Audrey Johnson-Nevins of Missoula; and Joyce Hartl of Sundance; and many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy M. Darsow, 93

Dorothy M. Darsow, 93, passed away Monday, May 12, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 7, 1909, in Sauk Rapids, Minn., to Ernest and Minnie Palmer. She was the oldest child in the family. The family moved to Montana when she was a child. She attended grade school at the Canyon View School in Half Moon.

She was married to Fred A. Darsow on July 30, 1933, in Kalispell. When asked how they met, Dorothy said, "Fred was living with his brother and sister-in-law just a few houses down from my parents. He heard of me, so he came to visit my parents and then he started dating me. The next thing you know, we got married."

When the family was growing up, the house always smelled of freshly baked bread, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cake. The kids used to sneak in the kitchen and cut the heels off the still warm bread and eat them up before getting caught. Dorothy used to do a lot of canning too, using the fruits and vegetables from the garden. She loved to work in her flower garden and took great pride



in her beautiful window boxes.

Dorothy kept in touch with her family by traveling to Portland to visit her brother and numerous other relatives. She also rode the train to South Dakota to visit her daughter, Rose.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Fred in 1968; a brother, John; and a sister, Grace.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Doug Darsow and his wife, Cherie, of Columbia Falls, Jeanette James of Kalispell, Dale Darsow and his wife, Terri, of Kalispell, and Rose Hundstad of Mobridge, S.D.; two sisters, Violet Palmer of Kalispell and Betty Hill of Spokane; a brother, Clarence Palmer of Newberg, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Pastor Dan Lydick of the Rocky Mountain Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to Heritage Place, 171 Heritage Way, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arthur Joseph David, 86

Arthur Joseph David, 86, of Bigfork, formerly of Bismarck N.D., died Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Jan. 26, 1917, in Dickinson, N.D., the son of Henry and Lena (Burke) David. He grew up on a farm 10 miles east of Dickinson. He attended and graduated from Versippi School in the rural Dickinson area.

He married Nell Barbion on June 23, 1939, at Aberdeen, S.D. They lived in Jamestown, N.D., where he worked doing road construction. Later, he and his brother-in-law owned and operated David and Rix Construction in Bismarck. In 1970, they moved to Columbia Falls and operated the Mountain Shadows Motel. Later they retired and moved to Kalispell.

His wife of 57 years, Nell, passed away in March 1996. He

then moved back to Bigfork. In March of 2003, he entered Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nell; his parents; two brothers; and one sister.

He is survived by a sister, Kathryn Rix of Bismarck; a special niece, Jo Hallock of Jamestown; special nephews, Dwight and Evelyn Faiman of Dickinson, Ronnie and Rosemary David of Hazen, N.D., and Melvey "Punk" and wife, Margaret Barbion of Bigfork; a brother-in-law, Prosper Barbion of Oregon; and many more nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Urn burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens, where he will be laid to rest with his loving wife and faithful dog, Lawless.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Berle Eldon Davis, 80

Berle Eldon Davis, 80, passed away at St. Peters hospital on March 7, 2003.

Berle was born Nov. 23, 1922, to Philip and Esther (Miller) Davis in Judith Gap. He and his siblings Enid, Clifford, Russell, and Philip grew up on the family homestead and attended school in Judith Gap. Berle was in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 and served time in the Philippines, New Guinea and Japan. He went to college at Montana State University in Bozeman, graduating in 1957.

Over the course of his life he worked many jobs, including the Forest Service, where he was a

smokejumper, firefighter, fire control officer, straw boss and aerial observer. Later he ran the Town Pump stations in Big Timber and Great Falls. He retired in 1988 while working for MSU in Bozeman.

He is survived by four children: Judy Palmer of Somers, Harlan Davis of Helena, Blake Davis of Great Falls, and Jeff Davis of Kalispell; and nine grandchildren. Berle loved to drive the backroads of Montana and Idaho, he loved oyster stew and a good steak, and he always drove a Buick.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Edith G. Anderson-Davis, 91

Relatives and friends are invited to come join in celebrating the life of Edith G. Anderson-Davis, 91. She arrived Jan. 10, 1912, and was deceased on Dec. 25, 2003.

Mr. and Mrs. Harval and Clara Anderson of Bottineau N.D., received her as their second child of four children. The Andersons moved to Kalispell when Edith was 4 years old. She then attended grade school in Kalispell for 12 years, graduating in 1931.

Edith was a secretary for several independent companies when she met and married Walter Allen, which produced two daughters. Edith retired in 1974 after 21 years of service as a secretary with the government.

Edith stayed in contact with her past work and was very instrumental with her involvement in the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE.) Edith was also a member of the Eagles — she joined in Kalispell in 1947 and had stayed active for 56 years.

Edith met a man that was the

love of her life on her birthday in 1999. She married Dean Davis on July 23, 1999. Edith loved to travel, camp, fish and spend her winters in Mesa, Ariz., with Dean at her side. There wasn't a day that would pass without telling the love they had for each other.

Edith is survived by her husband, Dean; and her brother, Chester and Helen Anderson of Galatin Gateway; daughters, Marlene Le Count and Bonnie Lund; grandchildren, Lisa Kupsh, Jana Lowe and David Le Count; great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Rebecca Kupsh; and many nieces and nephews that cherished her company.

All that knew Edith will be richer in their future; many thanks for Edith.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. on Edith's birthday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Kennewick Eagles Lodge corner of Canal and Fruitland in Kennewick, Wash.

Donations can be made to the Shriners Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

Marie Magdalene Christensen Day, 72

Marie Magdalene Christensen Day, 72, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2003, at her home in Somers.



She was born on Jan. 8, 1931, in Kalispell, to Jens

Nelson and Susan Marie (Coram) Christensen. Marie grew up in Somers above the fish hatchery on Spring Creek Road. She attended area schools and continued her education at college in Havre.

On June 30, 1952, she married John V. Day in Missoula. After a year in Washington state the Days resided in Pablo for a short time before settling in Somers.

Marie raised five children and became an avid knitter, pursuing several different methods of knitting. She also enjoyed reading, gardening and playing pinochle with her friends. She was a friend and mentor to many and a member of the Flathead Lake Lions.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and two brothers, Martin and Jens.

She is survived by five children, Verna M. Day of Kalispell, John M. Day of Somers, Marguerite S. Whitted of Maple Valley, Wash., Joyce C. Day of Somers, and David Patrick Day of Covington, Wash.; one brother, August Morton Christensen of Kalispell; grandchildren, Adam Buntain, Clea Buntain, Sabrina Day, Justin Whitted; and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 18, at Johnson Mortuary with Pastor Steven Snipstead officiating.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, P.O. Box 1266, Forsyth, MT 59327; to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Kalispell, MT 59901; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Eva C. Decker, 74

Eva C. Decker, 74, "had a date with Dad to do the two-step" on Friday, Feb. 28, 2003. "They'll forever be dancing in the sky." She passed away at Kalispell Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.



She was born on July 10, 1928, in Frazer, to Frank and Maybelle (Underwood) Dempsey. She received her early education in the Fort Peck area schools. She married Donald D. Decker Sr. on Oct. 9, 1948, and was married for 46 years before his passing in 1994.

Eva enjoyed upholstery, dancing, gardening and mowing her lawn. Playing with her two great-grandchildren, Kaila and Kailey, was the joy of her life. She was a member of the Moose Lodge and enjoyed playing keno and bingo there.

Eva was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Decker Sr.;

her parents; sisters, Blanche and Todd; and brothers, Jack and Robert.

She is survived by her three children, Donna Lapp and her husband, Kenneth, Donald Decker Jr. and his wife, Wendy, and Jan Sibert and her husband, Tony, all of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Krista Schrader and husband, Joe, Kenneth Lapp Jr., Christopher Larcom, Jennifer Larcom, and David Decker; two great-grandchildren, Kaila Larcom and Kailey Schrader; and three brothers, Wilbur Dempsey and wife, Lorraine, of Kalispell, Frank Dempsey and wife, Rosie, of Arizona, and Lloyd Dempsey and wife, Joanne, of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Myrtle Elizabeth Hennessy Decker, 91

Myrtle Elizabeth Hennessy Decker, 91, passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. She was born in Fairfield, N.D. on June 6, 1911, to George and Lottie (Oakland) Corbett.



Myrtle received her early education through Lincoln High School in Libby. She then married Hugh Hennessy in 1933, and the couple opened and operated the Caboose in Libby. In 1948 they built and operated the Hennessy's Steak House in Kalispell. After Hugh's death in 1956, Myrtle continued to operate the steak house.

Myrtle married Clyde "Bub" Decker in 1967 and the couple sold Hennessy's in 1968. Myrtle enjoyed

her retirement traveling, fishing and playing many rounds of golf. Clyde passed away in 1998.

Myrtle was preceded in death by both husbands; one son, Jerry Hennessy; two brothers, Lloyd and George Corbett; and one grandson, Danny Hennessy.

She is survived by her son, David Hennessy of Kalispell; her stepson, Richard Decker of Seattle; one brother, John Corbett of Polson; one sister, Elva "Bean" Detjens of Libby; three grandchildren, Shelly Hennessy, Shannon McKinnon and Dennis Hennessy; and six great-grandchildren.

No formal services are scheduled at this time. The family suggests that memorial gifts be given to the Home Options/Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901 or to the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Rocky Brian Decker, 26

Rocky Brian Decker, 26, of Columbia Falls, died Dec. 12, 2003, in Missoula.

Survivors include a son, Garrett Decker of Missoula; and father, Cal Decker of

Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at Carpenter's Arena in Kalispell.

Isabelle "Izzy" Deist, 85

Isabelle "Izzy" Deist, age 85, died peacefully on Monday July 7, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Home after a very long illness. Izzy was born on March 30, 1918, in Whitefish to Clarence H. and Josephine (Collins) DeVall and had six brothers and sisters.



Graduating from Whitefish High School in 1936, she married the love of her life, Lorney Deist on Dec. 31, 1938. While Lorney was stationed in California during World War II, Izzy moved there with him, working at a local bank. After the war, they returned to Kalispell and lived for over 40 years in their home on the Whitefish River, just off of West Reserve Drive, in Kalispell.

Izzy was active in Calvary Lutheran Church and also served a teacher's aide and election judge.

Izzy and Lorney loved gardening, with a variety of fruits and vegetables, along with beautiful flowers and roses in every section of their lawn. Izzy loved to can fruits, jams and vegetables and was well known for winning ribbon after ribbon at the county fair for her pickles, jams and baked goods (especially hamburger buns, orange "Kissme" cake, and cinnamon rolls!)

Izzy was a wonderful mother to her two sons, Lorney "Jay," and Lanny H. Together as a family with Lorney, they packed into the Great Bear and Bob Marshall Wilderness areas, with Izzy's favorite mule, Sissy Socks. It was common for them to be gone for 10 days at a time, traveling the wilderness areas extensively, from one end to another. Active in the

local Boy Scouts, Izzy would accompany the troops into the wilderness and would serve as a temporary "mom" to the scouts, making fresh backcountry, cinnamon rolls for the boys. Izzy would hide a "rock" in the pack boxes to enhance her flower gardens from the remote areas they traveled (with Lorney often questioning the weight of his packs!) Together, they passed on a legacy of memories, knowledge of the wilderness areas, backcountry skills and incredible stories that will be kept alive through friends and family.

Izzy and Lorney lived a full life, and loved to square dance and entertain, hosting large spaghetti parties and other family picnics at their Evergreen home. In their later years, they became snowbirds, traveling to Hawaii with friends to include her sister Betty Fay and husband Glen, and to Arizona during the winter months. Lorney died in 1996 and Izzy became a resident of Immanuel Lutheran Home in January 1997.

Izzy is now at peace; "able to again, talk, walk and dance as she begins her final journey with the Lord."

Izzy is survived by her two sons, Lorney "Jay" Deist and wife Kim, and Lanny H. Deist and wife Deb; five grandchildren, Courtney, Lacy, Katelyn, Dustin and Zack Deist; one sister, Betty Fay Brown; and two brothers, Lawrence "Frenchy" DeVall and wife Marie, and William "Bill" DeVall and wife Eva, all of the Flathead Valley.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday July 9, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

Gordon Dell, 64 and Dolores Dell, 60

Husband and wife, Gordon Dell, 64, and Dolores Dell 60, passed away May 22, 2003 near Ely, Nev.

Gordon was born in Flint, Mich., on Oct. 5, 1938, to Cecil and Margaret Dell. Dolores was born Sept. 4, 1942 in Alpena, Mich., to John and Florence (Skaluba) Roy.

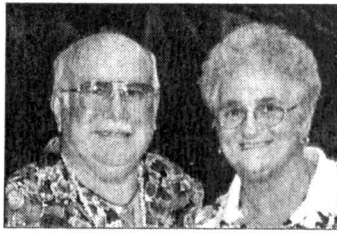
Gordon and Dolores were married in Alpena, on Jan., 20, 1962, where Dolores grew up. They were married for 40 years.

Gordon worked for Burlington Northern Railroad as a boiler operator then worked for the Yuma Transportation as a bus driver for the schools.

Dolores worked at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork, as a nurse and then at Ever Care Select as a case manager in Yuma.

They both enjoyed searching out rummage sales and boating. Gordon loved flying while Dolores created and sent care packages to her children and grandchildren, and family. Together, they enjoyed traveling the U.S.A. to spend joyous times with their families.

Gordon's parents preceded him in death. Dolores' brother, Jim Roy, preceded her in death.



They are survived by their children, John and wife, Sherri Jo Dell, of Kalispell, and Jennifer and husband, Jake Simler, of Kamiah, Idaho; grandchildren, Zaniel,

Devon, and Trenton Dell, Ashley Clarke and Justina and Joelle Simler. Gordon is additionally survived by his brother Paul and wife, Beatrice Dell, of Alpena. Dolores is additionally survived by sisters, Sally Roy of Alpena, and Kay and husband, John Pitcher, of Kalispell; brothers, Kim and wife, Cathy Roy, of Salinas, Calif., Jerry Roy of Alpena, Richard and wife, Carol Roy, of Pontiac, Mich., and Tim Roy of Salinas, Calif.; and both leave many nieces and nephews behind.

Funeral services for Gordon and Dolores Dell are tentatively set for Thursday, May 29, at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary in Kalispell.

"The family will deeply miss the way they brought us all together for many occasions and grounded our relationships."

In lieu of flowers, the family requests floral tributes be live plants, trees, or flowers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Daniel Cleave DeLong, 90

Daniel Cleave DeLong, 90, passed away on Sunday, April 6, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born in Heron, on Jan. 17, 1913, to Elijah and Louise (Knott) DeLong. Daniel received his early education in Heron before moving to Kalispell in the 1930s, where he worked in the lumber industry. He also worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps before moving to Carnation, Wash., in 1940.

Daniel worked at the Carnation Farms where he met Avis McElhoe. They were married on July 17, 1941, in Sandpoint, Idaho. Daniel enlisted in the Army on Feb. 3, 1942, and served his country in Guadalcanal for 23 months where he received two bronze stars.

Shortly after he returned in 1945, Daniel settled with his family in the Flathead Valley. Daniel worked in the woods until he and Avis were able to purchase their first ranch in Holt. They raised black Angus cattle here until selling in 1966 and purchasing a ranch in Creston to expand their capacity. In 1976, after over 20 years of ranching, Daniel and Avis retired and became snowbirds. For the next 24 years they

enjoyed traveling the country from Maine to Florida to Texas and up into Canada.

In his younger days, Daniel loved hunting, fishing and camping, especially with his dear friend Bud Withy. He was proud of his 10 straight seasons when he was able to take an elk.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Avis; two sons, Jim and Carol DeLong of Las Vegas, and Larry DeLong of Mukilteo, Wash.; and two grandsons, Charlie and Allen DeLong, both of Las Vegas.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Johnson Mortuary with Pastor Ron Pierce officiating. Burial will follow at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the Salvation Army, 110 Bountiful Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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Donna L. DeMar, 70

Donna L. DeMar, 70, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, after a lengthy illness.



She was born Oct. 30, 1932, in Great Falls, to Edward and Lucille Rinke. At a young age, the family moved to Los Angeles, where she eventually attended Hamilton High School.

This is when she met her high school sweetheart and husband-to-be, Arnold Hoffman. They were married and had three children, a son, Robert, and twin daughters, Linda and Laura.

Her truest love of life were animals and working with the Humane Society and Animal Relief Center. She also was a volunteer with many organizations.

Her husband, Arnold, died. In 1970, she married Clifford DeMar. They owned the food and beverage division of Mesa Verde Country Club in Costa Mesa, Calif. This is where she discovered the great game of golf.

In 1979, they decided to return to her home state of Montana where they became the proprietors of the Short Branch in Lakeside. During this time, she became an avid player of bridge, which was a real love of hers through the remainder of her years. After selling the Short Branch, she went to work in clothing and jewelry sales, which were two areas that she truly enjoyed.

She was preceded in death by

her parents and both husbands.

She is survived by her son, Robert Hoffman of Rancho Santa Margareta, Calif.; her twin daughters, Linda Brouwer and husband, Ron, of Medford, Ore., and Laura Hoffinan of Chico, Calif.; her brother, Robert Rinke and wife, Vicki; her loving friend, Jodi Anderson; and her caring neighbor, Larry Saksa. She was a loving grandmother to eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She also had several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Donna L. DeMar will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Roger D. DeMotts, 63

Roger D. DeMotts, 63, died on Sunday, April 6, 2003, at his home in Bigfork.

His request was to be cre-

mated. Services will be held later. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Earl F. Dennison, 89

Earl F. Dennison, 89, formerly of Kalispell, passed away on Nov. 19, 2003, at the Riverside Nursing Home in Missoula, following a lengthy bout with cancer.

Earl was born on July 30, 1914, in Elkhart, Ill., the eldest of 10 children of parents, Virgil and Glenna Mae Dennison.

Earl married Irene Gladys McWhorter in Illinois. Following their marriage, Earl, Irene and family moved from Illinois to western Montana, where Earl worked in the logging industry and the mining industry. He then went to work for the Equity Supply Co-op grain elevator where he finished out his work career as the manager of the grain elevators.

Earl and Irene moved to Missoula, in 1998, so they could be closer to their four sons and their families, and where both Earl and Irene both became residents of a nursing home.

"We, Earl's family, would like to thank the staff at the Riverside Nursing Home and the Hospice staff for their loving care of Earl during his residency at the facility."

Earl was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Irene; and two of his six children, Andy and Wayne. He was also preceded in death by three of his brothers and

sisters, who all lived in Illinois.

Earl is survived by four sons, George Dennison and wife, Jane, Richard Dennison and wife, Linda, Jim Dennison and wife, Bea, and Tim Dennison and wife, Darlene, all of Missoula; a daughter-in-law, Virginia Dennison, of Kila; three brothers, Wilbur Dennison of Cantrall, Ill., Leonard Dennison and wife, Lucille, of Williamsville, Ill., and Norman Dennison and wife, Eileen, of Springfield, Ill.; three sisters, Lydia T. Dambacher, Evelyn Freeman, and Janet Antonacci, all of Springfield; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Johnson Mortuary chapel, 525 Main Street, Kalispell, with burial following at the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

A memorial has been established in Earl's name; those wishing to contribute may send it to the Neurodegenerative Disease Research Fund at the University of Montana, c/o University of Montana Foundation, Brantley Hall, Missoula, MT 59912.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Henry Michael Dennison, 53

Henry Michael Dennison, 53, of Troy, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2003, in Kalispell from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

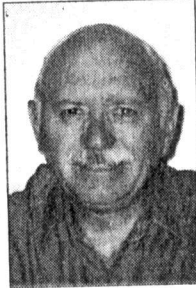
Survivors include his mother, Birdie Dennison, of Florida. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Gil Deppmeier, 70

Gil Deppmeier passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, after a mercifully brief illness. He was 70 years old.

The sixth of eight children, he was born to Doris and George Deppmeier in Havre. Riding his horse, Lady, and working summers as a ranch hand with his brothers and lifelong friend Bill Sanguine were fond memories from his childhood.

After working for the Great Northern Railway, he served in the Air Force in Germany during the Korean War. From Europe, Gil was transferred to Portland, where he met and married Donna Bar-



rette, his beloved wife of 47 years.

While in Oregon, he worked as an accountant for the state.

Though he lived in Oregon for 30 years, his heart remained in Montana. Upon his retirement, he and Donna moved to Kalispell. Here they built a log home in the country with the help of family and friends, under the close supervision of Smokey the cat.

He remains in the hearts of those who loved him, including his brothers, Edwin, Lynn, Virg, and Larry Deppmeier; his sisters, Miriam Kinzel and Phyllis Robbins; his daughters, Dianne Deppmeier and Kathy Lamb; his son, David Deppmeier and his wife, Lisa; and his granddaughters, Annalise and Kathryn Deppmeier.

Loved and respected by all who knew him, Gil's quick wit, quiet humility and kind spirit will be sorely missed.

Margaret Elizabeth Dern, 81

Margaret Elizabeth Dern, 81, died peacefully at home on June 3, 2003.

She was born on March 28, 1922, in Ramona, S.D., to Alvina (Hannemann) and Emil Borchardt. She was the seventh of eight children and the youngest daughter.

She was preceded in death by son, John Keith Dern in 1964; husband, Donald L. Dern in 1976; as well as a brother, Clements Borchardt; and sisters, Clara Reveling and Florence Borchardt.

Margaret is survived by her three daughters, Carolyn and husband, Duke LaRance of Choteau, Karna Herr of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Kay Woodworth of Missoula; five grandchildren, Beth and Baron LaRance, Jonathan Herr, and Andrea and Kara Woodworth; and a brother, Gene Borchardt and his wife, Phyllis, of Madison, S.D.; three sisters, Lydia and Bob Hendricks and Erna Caproon, all of Minneapolis, and Irene Theel of Hartford, S.D.; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

She graduated from Ramona High School in Ramona, S.D., moving to live with her sisters in Minneapolis to attend cosmetology school. In Minneapolis, she met the "love of her life" and was



married in Madison, S.D., in St. John Lutheran Church to Donald L. Dern of Kalispell, on June 10, 1947.

She and her husband moved to Montana and operated a small grocery in Hungry Horse and then in Kalispell, until 1956, when they moved to Evergreen. Margaret became a stay-at-home mom with four children for many years before starting work with Buttrey Foods in Kalispell where she retired after 21 years.

Margaret has always been active in the Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen and after retirement, participated with the RSVP program and volunteered at Friendship House, Cornelius Hedges School, Flathead County Care Center, and Evergreen Food Bank.

She loved to dance and read. She loved her "widow ladies" and all her friends.

She was a very optimistic and faithful person with a bright smile and often advised "life is great if you don't weaken." She was very much loved and will be missed by all, especially her family.

A celebration of her life will take place 11 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church on June 14.

Remembrances may be made to the WINGS Program, American Cancer Society and the Calvary Lutheran Church Women.