

## Lucille Margariett Dahlke, 93

Lucille Margariett Dahlke, 93, died peacefully Sunday, March 8, 2009, at her home at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.



She was born on March 21, 1915, in Kalispell, to John G. and Elsie M. (Stoner) Street.

On Aug. 12, 1933, she married Leo E. Dahlke. After their marriage she worked as a cook at the Temple Tea Room.

She was a wonderful mother and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo; her parents; a daughter, Margene; three brothers, Gilbert, Donald and Richard;

and two sisters, Hazel and Ruby.

She is survived by her sons, Leo Eugene Dahlke and his wife, Peg, of Omaha, Neb., Roger Dahlke and his wife, Marilyn, of Edmonds, Wash., and Larry Dahlke and his wife, Karen, of Kalispell; and her daughter, Geri Gillespie, of Warsaw, Mo.; also nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her beloved kitty, Muffy.

Funeral services for Lucille are pending at this time. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Lucille's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Lucille's guest book.

## Leroy Dalager

A memorial service for Leroy Dalager, 72, who died Nov. 6, 2008, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at the Eagles in Kalispell.

## Geri DiPasquale Dallman, 53

Geri DiPasquale Dallman, 53, of Florence, "went out with a bang" on the Fourth of July, 2009, due to a long battle with cancer, at her sister's residence in Florence. She was born March 30, 1956, in Kalispell to Albert and Lilian (Tinka) DiPasquale. She grew up with her family in Whitefish and graduated from Whitefish High in 1974. She went on to attend the Vo-Tech in Missoula where she received a degree in data entry.



On Aug. 29, 1981, she married Bill Dallman. They moved to Seattle where they had their first daughter, Breanne Ione Dallman, on Feb. 28, 1982. Soon after, they returned to Florence where they had their second daughter, Camerin Lee Dallman, on June 2, 1987.

Geri enjoyed the outdoors by going on long drives, fishing, boating and camping. She also took great pleasure in family and friends, music and dancing, garage saleing, and the scenery that Montana offers.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Geri is survived by her

loving daughters, Camerin Hidas, and her husband, Dustin, of Missoula, and Breanne Janes and husband, Travis, of Missoula; grandchildren, Dooley Hidas and Dylan Janes, of Missoula; sisters, Teri Wold and husband, Cyle, of Florence, Revan Rogers and husband, Ron, of Polson, Judy Grant and husband, Pat Bears, of Polson, and Jacquie Britton of Sacramento, Calif.; brothers, Art Barber and wife, Pat, of Lafayette, Colo., Dale Barber and wife, Madonna, of Polson, and Ralph Brown and wife, Carol, of Cornelius, Ore.; uncles, Wally Weivoda of Pablo, and Phil Weivoda of Selah, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Lolo Community Church, with Tim Taunt officiating. A reception will follow at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Guardian Angels of Missoula or Aspen Hospice of Montana.

Services are entrusted to the care and direction of Brothers Mortuary & Crematory, 415 S. Second St., Hamilton; 1-406-363-1111. Condolences and memories may be e-mailed to her daughter Breanne at [mtmerchant9@hotmail.com](mailto:mtmerchant9@hotmail.com).

## Marvin 'Kermit' Daniels, 93

Marvin "Kermit" Daniels, 93, died on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Deer Lodge. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Elna Darrow, 65

Death came to Elna Darrow, 65, as she passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009. By her desire and the wishes of her family, she was cremated. Her ashes will be scattered in a private family ceremony on Red Tail Ridge that overlooks the family farm home, Paladin Farms, where George and Elna lived for 32 years.

The title of a work of art in their home expressed the pact between Elna and her husband George, "If I could live forever and you would be with me ... I'd choose a house for all seasons in mountain greenery."

She is survived by her husband, George; and stepchildren, Roy and Jeanne Darrow, Reed and Cathie Darrow, John Darrow and Rose, and Karen Darrow; along with seven won-



derful grandchildren; her nephew, Todd Bezenek; and various cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ethel Eshom;

and her sister, Virginia Eshom-Bezenek.

The family of Elna Darrow wishes to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the many notes of sympathy and condolences together with offers to be helpful in any way needed. Bigfork and the Flathead Valley are an exceptionally supportive community.

A celebration of life for Elna by her family and friends is being planned for early summer to follow subsequent to the scattering of her ashes.

## John Reno Davies, 89

Peacefully and willing, John "left this life for the next" on Jan. 13, 2009. Physically overwhelmed by a myriad of illness, and not wanting to live by heroic measures, he chose to take the next step in life. With optimism and enthusiasm he lived life, the first to help someone in need. He never did meet a stranger. A most wonderful father and husband, he gave everything he could to his wife and two sons.

He was born John Reno Rorvik in Glendive on May 22, 1919, the last of 12 children born to shepherders from Norway, Peter and Marie Rorvik, of Circle. Life on the frontier was harsh; his mother passed away before his first birthday. His father's new wife also had many children of her own and John was passed on to an older sibling, then adopted by a loving couple, Art and Marie Davies. He grew up in Circle until the Dust Bowl and hard times chased the family to Polson, where he went to high school and graduated at age 16.

Cowboying was his life. Life was good on horseback, riding his own horse from the age of 3, until selling the farm in Round Butte (Ronan) 30 years later. He even met his bride of 62 years, Margaret Beck, after getting kicked in the head by a horse. Stories of hunting trips, riding from Ronan to "the Bob," and summers in Ovando working on haying crews have been told many a time. His budding career as a cattle rustler was short-lived at age 13.

Enlisting in the Navy as soon as he could when World War II broke out, he became a ship fitter first class in charge of repairing battle ships in New Guinea. "We were just a



bunch of kids," he would often remark when reminiscing about his service. Seeing New Guinea natives must have been quite an eyeeful for a Round Butte cowboy.

John and Margaret carved a life for their family in Montana, living mostly in Kalispell and working incredibly physical jobs at Plum Creek for 20 years. Active in the Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts, John donated many hours as a leader and helper.

Golfing became a passion later in life — he made four holes-in-one, while his wife may have topped that.

For the last 20 years, John had a guardian angel in the form of Ed and Molly Clark, whose help allowed them to live "independently." True friends, "Thanks, Ed and Molly."

John was preceded in death by his natural parents; adopted parents; and 11 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons, Kirk and Eileen Davies of Lolo, and Don and Wanda Davies of Florence; five grandchildren; and one beautiful great-grandbaby.

"We miss you and love you, Dad."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America, or the Partners in Home Care Hospice.

Memorial services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell.

## Linda R. Davis, 66

Linda R. Davis, 66, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, at the Bréndan House in Kalispell.

Services will be held in August in Troy. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Maretta Wiladein Davis, 84

Maretta Wiladein Davis, 84, of Kalispell, passed away on Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.



Maretta was born Dec. 8, 1924, in Missoula to Dick and Alta Williams.

On Dec. 11, 1940, Maretta married Richard Learn in Kalispell. They made their home in Proctor, raising five sons, Jim, Ernie, Rod, Wayne and Ken. They later divorced, and she married Raymond Davis of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; and her sister, Audrey.

Maretta is survived by her sons, Jim and Maxine Learn of Proctor, Ernie Learn of Proctor, Rod and Brenda Learn of Polson, Wayne and Arlene Learn of Ronan, and Ken and Linda Learn, also of Ronan; 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; one brother, Warren Williams, of Trego; and two sisters, Pat Hanson and Gloria Landon, both of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Private burial will be at Glacier Memorial Gardens after the funeral.

You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave the family your condolences. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ruth Wallace Davis, 84

Ruth Wallace Davis, 84, died on Friday, June 12, 2009, at her residence in Bigfork.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Davis, of Bigfork; daughter, Judy Koffel, of Harleysville, Pa.; two grandchildren, Barb Moyer and Dan Koffel.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Ruth's guest book.

## Walter C. Davis, 87

Walter C. Davis, 87, died Monday, March 16, 2009, at his home in Kailspell.

His ashes will be buried in

Irrigon, Ore.

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

## James T. Dedman, 78

James T. Dedman, 78, passed away, Dec. 5, 2009, at Brendan House in Kalispell. He was born May 25, 1931, in Sullivan, Ill., and raised in Illinois.

He attended Sidell High School in Sidell, Ill. He then attended Blackburn College in Carlinville, Ill., for two years, and graduated two years after, from the University of Illinois in Champaign, Ill.

He served in the U.S. Army, stationed one year at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and one year in England, building air strips.

On Sept. 12, 1959, he married Barbara A. Cain, in Champaign.

Jim worked in various jobs as a teenager, mostly on farms. In college, he worked for engineering firms and the state of Illinois, five years with Illinois Bell Telephone Co., and 25 years with the Engineering Department of the U.S. Forest Service, in Missoula and Kalispell. In retirement he worked for Pacific Power and Flathead Electric as an energy consultant.

Jim was a member of the church councils of Bethlehem Lutheran and Eidsvold Lutheran churches, on the Somers School board, Flathead Safety Council and the Technical Advisory Committee, working on various safety concerns and the alternate

route issue. He was a member of the Kalispell Lions and received the Melvin Jones Award. He was also responsible for building the picnic tables and maintaining the trees and landscaping in Lions Park.

Jim enjoyed woodworking and built many pieces of furniture for his family. He also started the Destitute Cattle Co. with his friend Floyd LaBrant, finishing locker beef.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Elizabeth (Wetzel) Dedman; and an infant daughter, Katherine Marie.

Jim is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbara Dedman; sons, Thomas E., Daniel B., and David N. Dedman; grandchildren, Taylor Dedman of Helena, and Chloe and Colter Dedman of Kalispell; sisters, Connie Puzey and husband Clifford, and Ginger McGee and husband Jerry, all of Illinois; sister-in-law, Jane Becker, and husband, Charles, of Springfield, Ill.; and nieces and nephews in Illinois.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers.

Memorials are suggested to the Kalispell Lions, P.O. Box 321, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Blackburn College, 700 College Ave., Carlinville, IL 62626.

## Carson R. Dedrick, 19 days

Carson R. Dedrick, 19 days old, died on Sept. 28, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born on Sept. 9, 2009, in Kalispell, the son of Jeremy and Afina Dedrick.

Survivors include his parents, Jeremy and Afina Dedrick, of Kalispell; paternal grandparents, Sabrina and Rick Graves, and Darwin and Sandy Dedrick, of Libby; maternal grandparents, John and Gypsie Spoonmore, of Libby; brothers, Dylan Dedrick and Kyler Dedrick, of Libby; paternal

great-grandparents, Robert and Cari Dedrick; maternal great-grandparents, Bubba and Shirley Conn, of Libby; great-aunt, Vicki Edwards; aunt and uncle, Dusty Spoonmore and Sam Vickrey, and cousin, Nevaeh Vickrey, all of Libby; and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

## Charles Edward Delaney, 60

Charles Edward Delaney, 60, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

At his request, he will be cremated.

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

## David Frank DeMars, 71

David Frank DeMars, 71, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell. David was born on March 5, 1937, in Nevis, Minn., to David Silas and Mavis (Steel) DeMars. He was raised in Shelby and graduated from Circle High School.

David married Elsie James in 1956, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

After high school, David worked for the U.S. Forest Service doing fire control. He later worked construction, operated heavy equipment, and worked in the trucking industry as a mechanic, partsman and in truck sales.

He enjoyed gardening, auto restoration and building projects.

He was preceded in death by his father, David S. DeMars; a brother, Jerry DeMars; sister, Carolyn Seichting; and a son, Russell DeMars.

David is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elsie James DeMars; his children, Dale DeMars, Darla Czyz, Cindy Cory and Ginny Weber; siblings, Donald E. and Danny L. DeMars, Shirley Koskella and Mavis Gordon; his mother, Mavis DeMars; grandchildren, Nichole O'Masters, Daveleen McHenry, Cassandra and Misty DeMars, Kimbely Crosswhite, Kaitlin Barta, Johnathan Cory, Dalton and Dustin DeMars, and Geoffrey Barta; and several great-grandchildren.

A celebration of David's life will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork, with the Rev. Gary Hatt and Mike Steenson serving as co-officiants.

You are invited to go to [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave the family your condolences. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Kirk Patrick Denny, 54

Kirk Patrick Denny, 54, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. He was born April 2, 1955, in Orange, Calif., to Louis and Vera (Fenner) Denny.

Kirk attended primary school in Orange, and grew up between California and New Mexico. In the early 1980s he served a short time in the Merchant Marines. He moved to Kalispell in 1996 where he worked as a private and commercial painter.

In 1999 he met the love of his life, Wanda Adams.

Kirk enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and anything associated with the outdoors. He loved listening to guitar music and Waylon Jennings.



Kirk's passion was his family; he loved them deeply.

Kirk was preceded in death by his parents.

He is now survived by his wife, Wanda Adams, of Kalispell; two sisters, Nancy Engholm of Brainerd, Minn., and Patsy Wayman of Quail Valley, Calif.; three brothers, Lewis Denny III of Brainerd, and John Denny and Jim Denny, both of Kila; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Levi Lusko officiating. A potluck supper will follow the memorial service.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Kirk's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to view Kirk's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

## Melvin 'Mel' Anthony Desch, 91

Melvin "Mel" Anthony Desch, a longtime Kalispell resident, passed away Monday, July 27, 2009, after a short stay at Heritage Place. Mel was born on a homestead on Sunny Slope west of Polson on Nov. 19, 1917, the fourth child born to Fredrick and Marian (Myers) Desch, who had arrived in the Flathead Valley earlier that spring from Dayton, Ohio.



He attended Sunny Slope School through eighth grade. He worked on the family ranch, as well as worked for other ranchers in the Polson area until 1948 when he moved to Kalispell. One of his favorite stories was when he helped drive the last cattle off of Wild Horse Island. The cattle were wild and they had to load them on a boat for the trip to Polson. When they unloaded at Polson, the cattle scattered and ran down Main Street, creating all kinds of havoc.

While in Kalispell, he worked for the City of Kalispell Street Department, several contractors and was a longtime employee of Harp Line Construction from which he retired. After retiring, they enjoyed wintering in Yuma, Ariz., for over 20 years.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and recently received his 55-year pin. He also was a 55-year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles as well as a member of the Moose Lodge.

Mel married Marjorie "Marge" Lilja McGihon and to that union was born a son, Robert M. Desch, "Robbie." Melvin was the proud stepfather to Marge's children, Ron and Karen McGihon.

Mel and Marge operated a Christmas tree and wreath business from their home south of Flathead High School for 45 years,

servicing generations of Kalispell residents with trees from their property west of Kalispell. He cut and sold trees through last Christmas, at age 91.

Mel left the farm, but the farm never left him. He was an excellent gardener, producing bumper crops of vegetables every year. Any time he entered his produce in the fair, he would take first place. He was a great hunter and the freezer was always full of wild game. Most of all, Mel liked to work, and those that knew him best will always remember the strong man that could work the best of them into the ground.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Fred Desch; and sisters, Virginia Zimmerman, Catherine Skogen and Marian Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Marge Desch, of Kalispell; one brother, Roy Desch, of Kalispell; son, Robbie Desch, and wife, Michelle, of Spokane; son, Ron McGihon, and wife, Norma, of Chantilly, Va.; daughter, Karen McGihon, of Boulder; a granddaughter, Shaele Wood, of Charlottesville, Va.; and grandson, Scott McGihon, and wife, Melissa, of Abbotsford, British Columbia; as well as three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Aug. 1, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the Eagles Auxiliary 234, 37 First St. W., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Mel's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer a condolence and sign Mel's guest book.

## Nina D. DeStefano, 92

Nina D. DeStefano, 92, passed away from natural causes on Thursday, May 14, 2009, with her family by her side. Nina was born in Philadelphia on Nov. 3, 1916, to Anatole and Clara Pokatiloff. At a very young age, her family moved to Chicago where she was raised and graduated from Fenger High School.

She married William Galloway and had two children, Bob and Janice. In 1951 she married Michael DeStefano and had two more children, Michael III and Teresa. The family moved to Carpentersville, Ill., in 1956. Nina lived there until 1997, and has lived in Kalispell since 1999.

Nina was a loving mother and grandmother. She loved to travel and enjoyed reading, bowling, going for walks, playing pinochle, and spending time with family and friends.

She was a lifetime Democrat, was involved with school parent organizations, Girl and Boy Scouts, and senior citizen clubs. She was greatly loved and will be missed.



Nina was preceded in death by her parents, Anatole and Clara Pokatiloff; husband, Michael DeStefano; brother,

Walter Pokatiloff; sister, Vera Cody; and son, Robert Galloway.

Nina is survived by her daughters, Janice Dow and Teresa DeStefano, of Kalispell; son, Michael DeStefano III, and wife, Lisa, of Vista, Calif.; grandchildren, Ursula DeStefano of Kalispell, Michael IV and Christopher DeStefano of Vista; and great-grandchildren, Rylin and Jasper, of Kalispell.

A private celebration of Nina's life is planned for this summer.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave condolence notes for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Gayer Gardner Dominick, 69

Gayer Gardner Dominick, 69, passed away peacefully on Jan. 27, 2009, surrounded by family in his home in Whitefish, ending his battle with renal cell cancer. He was born in New York, N.Y., on Independence Day, 1939, to Bayard and Elizabeth (Yallalee) Dominick.



He attended Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in Connecticut, a master's in American history from the University of Hawaii and a juris doctorate from the University of Michigan.

Proposing to her on their second date, he and Patty moved to Hawaii shortly after graduation from Yale, where he taught high school and went to graduate school and his first two children, Tracey and Bayard, were born. His intrigue and interest in politics led him to law school in Michigan where his daughter, Wendy, was born, before moving to Olympia, Wash.

While he successfully practiced law in Olympia for over 35 years, he did not measure his success in financial terms. His greatest successes were those that touched people on a personal level: helping a couple to adopt a child, or helping a friend of one of his children get into college.

He was the founder and coach of the Cooper Point Kickers in Olympia. He taught his children to play tennis, fish, hike, ski, sail, dig clams and generally appreciate life. He was a mentor and adviser to dozens of kids; part-time teacher at the

local community college; llama, bison, Hereford, Scottish Highlander, sheep, goat and miniature donkey rancher; and political activist and philanthropist, serving on many not-for-profit boards and often "giving" more than he could afford. His interests were diverse and seemingly complicated, but the pleasures he took in them simple. He cared about people, especially young people.

At the root of his soul he wanted to help people and did so on any occasion he could. The reward for such a life is that he was loved by many and will be missed by all, especially his family and his two Havaneese dogs, Bear and Benny.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bayard and Elizabeth Dominick; and by his father-in-law, Bayard Coggeshall.

He is survived by the love of his life, Patricia C. Dominick; and his three married children, Tracey and Scott Gerber of Pound Ridge, N.Y., Bayard and Hunter Dominick of Whitefish, and Wendy and Chris Wilkinson of Oakland, Calif.; and is affectionately known as "Grumps" by his seven grandchildren, of whom he was most proud.

No services will be held at this time.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Vital Ground (<http://www.vitalground.org>) to help protect grizzly bear habitat or the Leiomyosarcoma Foundation (<http://www.nlmsf.org/>) to help find a cure.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Gayer's family. You are invited to go to [www.jgfuneralhome.com](http://www.jgfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences and sign Gayer's guest book.

## Dominik Michael Dooley, infant

Dominik Michael Dooley, 10 days, passed away April 30, 2009. Dominik was born April 20, 2009, in Whitefish, the son of Frank E. and Elizabeth R. (Baker) Dooley.

He is survived by his parents, Frank and Elizabeth Dooley, of Bigfork; brother, Frank W. Dooley, of Bigfork; grandparents, Frank P. and Amelia D. Dooley of Bigfork, and Rhonda K. Baker of Whitefish; and great-grand-

parents, Harry W. and Kathleen Bowers.

Celebration of life services will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 8, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A gathering will follow at the family home in Bigfork after the services.

Friends are encouraged to visit the Web site at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Delbert R. 'Bud' Dockery, 81

Delbert R. "Bud" Dockery, 81, of Columbia Falls, passed away April 4, 2009. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 13, at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Chapel, 11200 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kan. Visitation will begin an hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Johnson County Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Bud was born Aug. 9, 1927, in Kansas City, Kan. After serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II, he was employed by the National Cash Register Company (NCR) as a service repairman. After 25 years, he ended his very successful career with NCR in the position of district director for the Minneapolis region. He

then became self-employed, working with friend and partner Mac Gilbert, owning oil field-related businesses in Houston.

Bud enjoyed flying, owning five single-engine airplanes in his lifetime. He was a great father and wonderful husband and will be remembered and missed by many.

Bud was married to a wonderful wife and mother, Lovell L. Nickisch Dockery, until her death in 2000.

Survivors include his brothers, E.P. "Bill" Dockery, of Warsaw, Mo., and Larry Dockery and wife, Rose, of Warsaw; daughter, Lisa C. Durand, and husband, Allan L., of Whitefish; three grandchildren, Corey M. Hansen, Kelly J. Trump and Alex G. Dockery; and one great-grandchild, Madison R. Trump, who is 14 months old.

## Robert J. Disney, 77

"Seventy-seven, I'm going to heaven." Born on June 21, 1932, in Merced, Calif., Robert J.



Disney used this phrase on his birthday in 2009 to mark the year he would leave this world. He died in the care of his family at the home of his son-in-law, LeRoy Brush Jr., on July 16, 2009.

He always thanked God and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous for his life. They gave him a path to three beautiful wives, 11 children, 24 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He worked as an engineer in the aerospace program in California in the 1960s, and in logging and electronics in Montana in the 1970s and 1980s.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lizzie F. Disney; his sisters, Norma Silva and Helen Machado; wife, Mary Alice Disney; and wife, Lois Marie Disney.

He is survived by his wife, the incomparable Mary Kay Disney, aka Mrs. Mother; his children, Robert II, Mark, Mary Dodson, Troy, Elizabeth Fox, Shari, Lisa Brann, Teresa Brush, Shelly Rocheleau, Micheal and John; as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. July 18, at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Inc., P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163; or Northwest Healthcare Foundation and Hospice Program, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Gerri Lynn Dollman, 53

Gerri Lynn Dollman, 53, formerly of Whitefish, died at her sister's residence in Florence the afternoon of Saturday, July 4, 2009, with

her family by her side.

Services are entrusted to the care and direction of Brothers Mortuary and Crematory in Hamilton.



## Madeline A. Dorobon, 84

Madeline A. Dorobon, 84, died Sunday, June 21, 2009, at her home in Polson.

She is survived by her four children, Carole Rannie of Polson, Marty Zajanc of Polson, Steve Zajanc

of Bigfork, and Joe Zajanc of Ressa, Calif.

No services are planned for Madeline.

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

## James Joseph Dougherty, 85

James Joseph Dougherty, 85, of Kalispell, passed away July 18, 2009, at the Montana Veterans Home with his wife, Isabelle, and stepdaughter, Sharon, and curly, by his side.



He was born April 16, 1924, in Detroit to Leo and Pauline (Waite) Dougherty.

He was a World War II Navy veteran, a master plumber and 65-year member of Detroit's Local 98. He had been requested, and had the honor of, plumbing Mr. Henry' Ford's home in Dearborn, Mich.

Known to many as "Gentleman Jim," he was always there for friends and neighbors to lend a hand.

He was the widower of Ida Amelia (Ferruti) Dougherty.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Viola Saunders; brothers, Bernard and Richard; and daughter, Mary Katherine.

He is survived by his wife, Isabelle (Amundson) Dougherty; sister, Barbara Snyder; daughters, Lynette Baum, Anita Murz and Paula Miller; son, Christopher; 16 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren; stepsons, Arlyn Amundson of Polson, and Don Amundson of Portland; stepdaughter, Sharon Weidner, of Kalispell; and brother-in-law, Steve Sanders of Arizona.

As requested by Jim, no funeral services will be held.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Veterans Home of Columbia Falls.

## Mark Alan Dougherty, 53

Mark Alan Dougherty, 53, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2009, from complications following a motorcycle accident. Mark was born in Kansas City, Mo., and raised in Montana by his parents, John, "Bud" and Noma Dougherty, now deceased.

Mark had lived in Jacksonville, Fla., for the last 20 years and was an active, beloved member of Church of Pentecost.

He was a registered professional nurse, but his wide range of talents and skills also included project consultant and analyst, extensive technical training and knowledge for computers and software, master carpentry skills and freelance Web design and management.

Mark was preceded in

death by his parents; and a brother, Steve.

He is survived by his wife and soulmate of 28 years, Cherry Dougherty. He is also survived by his children, Alycia Baker and husband, David, Shea Dougherty, and Cory Dougherty and wife, Samantha; grandchildren, Jacob and Brookelyn Baker, and Curtis and Caden Dougherty, all of Florida; and his brothers, John Dougherty and Mike Dougherty, of Kalispell.

Funeral services were held in Jacksonville. Burial and graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. A reception will follow at the home of John Dougherty, 760 Shadow Lane, Kalispell.

## Alan G. Downen, 58

Alan G. Downen, 58, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at his Kalispell residence.

He had worked for the Flathead Janitorial Service in Kalispell.

Services will be held in Massachusetts after the first of the year.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Donald Eugene Downing, 83

Donald Eugene Downing ("Uncle Don") "went home to be with Jesus" on July 15, 2009. He was born in Victor to Bill and Kathleen Downing on Aug. 12, 1925. He hopped a freight train at age 14 to Seattle and started his many travels in which the stories of his life have been shared with family and friends.

Don sailed in the Merchant Marines between 1943-1971 and provided supplies and support in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Don moved to the Flathead in 1955, where he raised his family. Don had two daughters, Sandra and Susan, with his first wife. Don then married Arlene Sundvor and had four children, sons, Pat and wife, Theresa, Mike and wife, Colleen, Jim and wife, Bobbie, and daughter, Dawn



Rene'. Don had 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He opened his home and heart to family, friends and strangers.

Don was a hard worker, raising four children as a single father. Occupations included logger, sailor and heavy equipment operator. He loved cutting firewood and spent his retirement years running Uncle Don's Fruit & Ice Cream Stand. He loved talking to the many tourists who visited his stand.

Don gave his life to Jesus Christ at the age of 52 and has spent his last 32 years serving Him. He loved sharing the news about Jesus and was loved by many, and will be missed but not forgotten.

Don was preceded in death by parents, Bill and Kathleen Downing; brother, Miles Downing; sister-in-law, Diane Sigman; and great-nephew, Dustin Downing.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at Hungry Horse Chapel, with a potluck reception following.

## Michael Edward Driscoll, 70

Michael Edward Driscoll, 70, of Columbia Falls suddenly "left to be with his Lord" on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009.



Mike was born on March 28, 1939, in Moab, Utah, to Marjorie and William Driscoll. The family moved to Columbia Falls in 1953. He was a proud Wildcat for Columbia Falls High School and graduated in 1957.

Mike married the love of his life, Peggy Jo Reid, his wife of 53 years. Mike and Peggy were blessed with five children, Mike, Michelle, Lisa, Deana Jo, and Stephanie.

Mike's lifelong career in the lumber industry began with pulling on the green chain at Columbia Falls Plum Creek, advancing to management positions with several other lumber mills, including Rocky Mountain Lumber. He spent the last 20 years as a fibre purchaser for Longview Fibre. He was a hard-working, loyal, dedicated man who loved his family with everything he had and was respected by all who came in contact with him.

Mike was an avid athlete in his youth, a coach, a hunter and fisherman. He was a volunteer firefighter, active in the First Christian Church and later the United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls, as an elder, usher, Sunday school teacher and member of various committees. He found satisfaction in a hard days work, and joy in the simple things in life. Peggy was his everything.

Mike was preceded in death by his mother and father, Marge and Bill; moth-

er and father-in-law, Dorothy and Al Reid; infant daughter, Deana Jo; and brother-in-law, Danny Reid.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, son, Mike, and wife, Mary Driscoll, of Lake Stevens, Wash.; daughter, Michelle and husband, Tony Whitaker, daughter, Lisa and husband, Jim DeWaters, daughter, Stephanie and husband, Jim Henjum, all of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Meghan and husband Matt, Keefe, Sean, Jesse, Jared, Danelle and husband Rob, Shelby and husband Michael, JJ and wife Judi, Colby and wife Kerri, Dylan and wife Athena, Analise, Danny and Ethan; great-grandchildren, Blake, Colt, Annabelle and Elias (and two on the way); sister, Linda, and husband, Don Canepa, of Grand Junction, Colo.; sisters-in-law, Lorrie Larson, and her daughters, Kate and Kaylen, and Karla Armstrong, and her children, Gabe and Sarah; and much loving extended family.

Our husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend will be profoundly missed.

Viewing will take place from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Nov. 13, at Columbia Mortuary. A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the United Methodist Church of Columbia Falls, with Pastor David Merkel officiating. The reception will take place following the service, with interment taking place at Woodland Cemetery after the reception.

In lieu of flowers, you may send memorials to Inter-mountain Children's Home, 500 Lamborn St., Helena, MT 59601; or the Columbia Falls Fire Department.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Lavana Elizabeth 'Dolly' Driver

Lavana Elizabeth "Dolly" Driver died Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at St. Luke Community Hospital in Ronan, after a brief illness.

Born in 1921 in Kentucky, she spent much of her adult life in Kalispell. Later she lived in Kentucky and North Carolina, returning to Montana in 2004.

Dolly was preceded in death by her daughter, Brenda, in 1946; and husband, Fred, in 1998; and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a brother, Jim Null, of Minnesota and Florida; a sister, Dorothy Wolfe, of Kalispell; son, Timothy, of North Carolina; daughter, Fran, of Arlee; and adopted son, Joe Starkey, of St. Ignatius; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dolly was employed for many



years by Northwest Telephone (later PP and L) in Kalispell.

Her lifelong loves were Jesus, dinners, phone calls, trips with family and friends, gardening, and the wild places and wild creatures of Montana.

Dolly always had plans, even on her death bed, though she was ready to "go home" for the last couple of years. She was sweetness and steel.

No services are planned. There will be a future celebration of her life. Burial was in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell next to her beloved daughter, Brenda.

Memorials in her name may be made to the Salvation Army or other service agencies will be appreciated. Condolences may be sent to Dolly Driver, P.O. Box 116, St. Ignatius, MT 59865.

Shrider-Thompson Funeral and Cremation Services of Ronan is assisting with arrangements.

## Dustin 'Dusty' Drown, 25

Dustin "Dusty" Drown, 25, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2009, following an accident in Manhattan.



He was born in Kalispell on Sept. 20, 1983, to Frank Drown and Denise (Potts) Belt. Dusty attended Swan River School until 1994 when he and his family moved to Manhattan where he then attended the Manhattan schools. In 1999 they returned to Bigfork and he attended Bigfork High until his senior year when he returned to Manhattan and graduated in 2002.

Dusty was employed with Montana Furniture at the time of his death. Previously, he also worked at The Oasis, The Depo and Big Sky Carvers in Manhattan.

Dusty was loved by everyone whom he came into contact with, and he returned that love to all his family and friends. He enjoyed fishing, snowboarding, gopher hunting, camping and spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed life and having fun and always had a smile on his face.

Dusty is survived by his father, Frank Drown, and Rika Mogolis, of Bigfork;

mother, Denise Belt, and stepfather, Kipp Belt, of Bigfork; two sisters, Darcy Drown of Manhattan, and Kristen Drown of Dillon; half brother, Jeff Drown; grandparents, Douglas and Dorothy Potts, of Bigfork, step-grandparents, Ron and Connie Belt, of Bigfork; Great-grandma Price, of Ohio; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Stanley and Lula Potts; grandparents, Glenn and Vida Drown; and a sister, Amanda Drown, at birth.

"We know we will see you again, until that time we are going to miss you and may God hold you in his loving arms. We love you."

May his passing bring fond memories and a smile to the hearts of anyone that knew him.

A memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 27, at the Gallatin Valley Baptist Fellowship (the old Trailer Sales) in Manhattan.

A memorial service will also be held at 2 p.m. July 3 at the Crossroads in Bigfork.

Should friends desire, memorials in Dusty's name may be made to the Crossroads.

Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. [www.dokkennelson.com](http://www.dokkennelson.com).

## Martin K. Dukleth, 33

Martin K. Dukleth, 33, of Missoula, passed away at his home on Monday, June 8, 2009. He was born Jan. 30, 1976, in Missoula, the son of Glenda and Jack Dukleth.

Martin had worked for Northern Fire for several years, before working for Fire Systems West, where he was an installation technician for security and fire suppression systems. Martin enjoyed music, motorcycles and classic car restoration.

His family includes his parents, Jack and Glenda, of Missoula; brother, Tony, of Missoula; aunts and uncles, Fred Dukleth; Richard and

Rozanne Dukleth, and children, Michelle and Tim; David and Sherry Dukleth; Janice and Gordon Braaten, and children, Kyle and Bobby; Paul and Deedee Adams, and children, Paul Jr., Theresa and Lynn; and Buck Johnson and son, Danny; and cousins, Crystal and Danae Johnson.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Richard Johnson; and grandparents, Owen and Doris Dukleth, Vera Dukleth, Harry Johnson and Clara Christenot.

A family gathering will be held at a later date. Cremation is under the care of Garden City Funeral Home.

## Douglas Duncan, 86

Douglas Duncan, 86, died Friday, May 15, 2009, at Greenwood Village Assisted Living in

Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Edith Kruger Dundas, 84

Edith Kruger Dundas, 84, of Bozeman, and formerly of the Flathead Lake area, died April 13, 2009, at her home in Bozeman.

She is survived by her husband, Tom; and children, Gigi Swenson of Boz-

eman, Christine Dundas-Harper of Berchtesgaden, Germany; and Douglas of Seattle.

Funeral services were held April 17 at Dokken-Nelson Sunset Chapel in Bozeman.