

# BETTY SCHULTZ DALEY, 91, AND CARL A. DALEY JR., 95

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Betty Schultz Daley, 91, died May 4, 2016.

Carl A. Daley Jr., 95, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017; both were residents of Immanuel Skilled Care Center in Kalispell.

Betty was born on Nov. 6, 1924, to Otto and Elsie Schultz, and raised in Kalispell where she attended public schools. She was one of the first women to work at Hungry Horse Dam and later was a sales clerk in the women's department of several stores in Kalispell. Betty was an avid gardener, a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, a Sunday school teacher and choir member.

Carl was born in Choteau on Nov. 23, 1922, the son of Carl and Benora Daley. He attended Flathead Valley schools and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1940. Carl served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He was a carpenter by trade and worked in Alaska before returning to Montana. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and local saddle and calf roping clubs.

Both Betty and Carl enjoyed attending and participating in rodeo sports.

Carl and Betty were married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Sept. 23, 1961, where they remained active members.

A son, Michael, preceded them in death in 1986.

They are survived by a brother, nephews and nieces, and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Immanuel Skilled Care Center Chapel, with Pastor Larry Stappler officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Richard Clark 'Dick' Daniels, 88

Richard Clark "Dick" Daniels, 88, of Columbia Falls, died peacefully of natural causes at his home on April 16, 2018.

Mr. Daniels was born Aug. 5, 1929, in Superior, Montana, to Clark Henry "Happy" Daniels and Anna Belle Miles. He attended school in Superior and married Betty Ann Thompson on June 14, 1947. A son, Douglas Clark, was born in Superior in 1948 and a daughter, Lonna Lee, was born in Missoula in 1951.

Dick worked in the logging industry most of his life and followed work to Hot Springs in 1957 and then to Columbia Falls in 1961. He had worked for Royal Logging, Canyon Logging and Ureco as an equipment operator and mechanic, retiring in 1999. He was also retired from the local Operating Engineers Union.

Mr. Daniels was an active member of St. Richard's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He donated time and money to many causes, but considered the



giving of firewood to the needy as his favorite.

He was preceded in death by his parents

Happy and Ann, sister Nita Darlene Olsen and wives Betty Thompson and Marge Cheff.

Survivors include son Douglas and wife Lynne Daniels of Anchorage, Alaska, and daughter Lonna and husband Ron Landwehr of Columbia Falls. Grandchildren surviving are Kelcey Daniels, Tana Daniels Bloss, Donald Landwehr and Heidi Landwehr Cunningham. Great-grandchildren include Leanne Harris, Marina and Kelcey Bloss, Riley Landwehr and Courtney Luepkas.

Memorial services are tentatively planned for Aug. 5 in Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Richard's Catholic Church.

## Virginia D. (Hoyt) Daniels, 87

Virginia D. (Hoyt) Daniels, 87, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away Jan. 4, 2018, in Spokane.

Virginia was born on March 8, 1930, in William County, North Dakota, to Kenneth and Mildred Hoyt. The family later moved to Ferndale near Bigfork where she grew up and graduated from Bigfork High School. Virginia attended Montana State University where she studied hard to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Nov. 15, 1952, she received her certificate from the Montana State Board of Nurse Examiners. Duly qualified to practice professional nursing, she was entitled to be "styled and known" as a registered nurse.

While working in Great Falls, she spotted a tall guy and told her friends, "That's the guy I am going to marry," which she did ... twice! — Once for the Air Force and once for her mom and dad back in Ferndale. Virginia was the beloved and dedicated Air Force wife of Robert L. "Bob" Daniel; they were married for almost 54 years.

Virginia was known for her honesty, sincerity, kindness and devotion to God and commitment to family. She loved to tinker and was never afraid to fix and repair anything around the house — a gift she certainly got from her dad. She was so content in her life and never seemed to want for anything. She was thrifty, maybe a trait of her mother, and so she loved the excitement of a



addresses. While raising her children, she worked and volunteered as a school

nurse and school librarian. Following Bob's retirement the family settled in Glasgow, where she was able to re-establish her nursing career working full time for the local hospital. Later moving to Spokane in 1977, she began working at Regency South and later transitioned to Sacred Heart nursing home facilities caring for the elderly.

When she finally retired, she and Bob traveled across the country in their travel trailer visiting family and friends. They later moved back to her home- stead in Ferndale in 1992. Then in 2007 she moved back to Spokane, when Bob passed away.

Virginia was a devoted mother of three children, Aaron Daniel, born in Morocco, and Teresa and Hoyt Daniel, both born in Great Falls.

Virginia is survived by her children, Aaron (Sue) of Anchorage Alaska, Teresa of Spokane, and Hoyt of Burlington, North Carolina; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Marion Hoyt, of Ferndale; brother-in-law, Phillip Daniel (Ginny), of Denver; and sister-in-law, Dortha, of Denver.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob"; brother, Lyle Hoyt, formerly of Ferndale; and father and mother, Kenneth and Mildred Hoyt.

Saturday morning yard sale spree. Then there was that never-ending love of quilting, crocheting, knitting and sewing. In fact, the Ferndale Sewing Circle was a big part of her world after she retired from nursing.

There was a lot of traveling being the wife of a service man as evident from the list of at least 24 former home

Family and friends will gather for a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, at Heritage Funeral Home in Spokane.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Horizon Hospice & Palliative Care — Spokane, 123 W. Cascade Way, Spokane, WA 99208. (509) 489-4581, www.horizonhospice.com

# Beverly Jean Davis, 92

Beverly Jean Davis, 92, passed away peacefully Dec. 22, 2017, in her Las Vegas home surrounded by family. She succumbed to cancer.

Beverly was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Jessie and Judith Bigelow. Beverly grew up in Council Bluffs as part of a railroad family. Throughout her youth she demonstrated excellence in academics, student government, drama, athletics, and — especially — music. She started singing in the adult choir at church at age 12. In high school she was a vital part of the award-winning a cappella choir and girls glee choir, accompanied the girls glee choir on piano, and sang in several operettas. Beverly graduated in 1942.

After a two-year stint working for Northwest Bell, Beverly enrolled in 1944 at the University of Omaha as a music major. She was consistently on the dean's list, participated in the Women's Chorus, accompanied vocal students, and performed as a soloist. She left the university after her junior year to marry Charles Davis on June 6, 1947. They moved to Iowa City, Iowa, so that Charles could complete his master's degree in music. They were blessed with four children, sons Charles II, Randall and Nicholas, and daughter Candace. Beverly assumed the role of supportive mother and wife.

At the University of Iowa she sang in the university chorus and took voice lessons. In September 1952 the family moved to Pullman, Washington, where Charles took a position at Washington State University. In Pullman, Beverly managed households in three different homes — even while participating in the university chorus and several musicals. In August 1959 Charles accepted a position at the University of New Mexico in



Library.

After Charles retired in 1979, they searched for a retirement home.

They settled on Summerlin Sun City in Las Vegas. That move was planned for the spring of 1993. Unfortunately Charles suffered a stroke shortly before the move. He was still in recovery when that move took place. Beverly managed the care of Charles and the construction of their new home. Sadly, Charles died March 5, 1994, and never spent a night in their new home. Beverly moved into her new home later that spring and resided there until her death.

She assisted in the establishment and construction of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and was active in the music ministry there. As of 2014, Beverly had been singing in church choirs for 77 years. She loved solo road trips, was an avid bingo fan and enjoyed the company of her many bingo buddies. She enjoyed being host to family and friends at her home. Beverly was always loving, self-sacrificing, supportive and caring. All who knew her were blessed to be in her presence.

Beverly was predeceased by her husband Charles, her parents Jessie and Judith Bigelow, her brother Phillip Bigelow, nephew Paul Bigelow, and granddaughter Wendy Conn.

She is survived by her sons, Charles (Marvilla) Davis, Randall (Vicki) Davis and Nicholas (Nancy) Davis; and daughter, Candace (Walter) Peterson. She is survived by five grandchildren, Tracy (Steve) Armstrong, Daniel (Farnoush) Davis, Jason Davis, Jessica Peterson and Charlie (Jana) Peterson; 10 great-grand-

children, Cassi Campbell, Colton Campbell, Trysten Armstrong, Tanner Armstrong, James (Arianna) Schindler, Arya Davis, Kaya Peterson, Lane Peterson, Paige Peterson and Ty Walter Peterson. She is also survived by three great-great-grandchildren, James Armstrong, Maizie Schindler and Cleo Schindler. Beverly will be missed very much by family, friends, and others who knew her.

Beverly immersed herself in the Fairbanks cultural scene. She did whatever was required to make events successful, whether that was piano accompaniment, participating in choral groups, being a featured mezzo-soprano soloist alongside William Warfield in Bach's "St. John Passion," or playing lead roles in light opera performances.

She served on the board of the Fairbanks Concert Association, and was active in establishing the new Christ Lutheran Church in Fairbanks. She also worked full time at the Archives Department at the UAF

Albuquerque. After four years in Albuquerque, Charles accepted a position at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. In September 1963 the family motored up the Alaska Highway to Fairbanks to start a new life there.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 8901 Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the "St. Andrew Lutheran Church Music Ministry" at the church address listed.

## Calvin Lloyd Davis, 66

Calvin Lloyd Davis, 66, passed away at his home on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, with loved ones by his side.

He was born on May 21, 1951, in Missoula to Donald and Eleanor Snyder Davis. He spent his childhood in Missoula learning to hunt and fish, which he loved to do throughout his life.

In 1969, Calvin moved to Libby, where he attended high school until he obtained employment working as a laborer on Libby Dam.

Calvin started working at the Lincoln County Landfill in 1975 and worked his way up to management until he retired in 2005.

Calvin was married twice; to Sherry Palmerton in 1974, and they had daughter Kelly in 1976, then in 1981 to Ruth Diane DeGeorge, and they had two children, son Garrett in 1983 and daughter Richele in 1984.

In 2006, Calvin met Gina Huffman, his



partner for the remaining years of his life. Calvin and Gina spent

time sharing and working on a home in Libby, and enjoyed entertaining friends and family in their spare time.

Calvin was preceded in death by his father Donald Davis, and step-father William Birnie. He will be forever loved and never forgotten.

He is survived by his mother Eleanor Birnie; partner Gina, her daughters, Brianna and Kyndal; sister, Lynn Francis; his three children, Kelly, Garrett and Richele; and grandsons, Braden and Kolby.

Services for Calvin will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Online condolences and memories may be made at [www.schnackenberg-fh.com](http://www.schnackenberg-fh.com).

## William T. Dawson, 84

William "Bill" T. Dawson, 84, passed away July 28, 2018, after a valiant battle with lung cancer.

Bill was born in Kalispell Nov. 8, 1933, to James, also a Kalispell native, and Sadie (Harding) Dawson. He joined siblings Louise and later Ron. Truly proud of his deep roots in the Flathead Valley, which started in 1902, the Dawsons currently stand at four generations deep and counting.

In 1954 he married his Flathead County High School sweetheart, Virgie Shoemaker, also a Kalispell native. Bill and Virgie raised three children, Michael, Monica and Tony. He joined the Army in 1955 where he worked as a surveyor and served honorably in Korea.

Strong and vibrant to the end, he was a gardener, a golfer, a fisherman, a welder, a veteran, an outdoorsman, a union man, an airplane pilot, huckleberry picker, a father, a grandfather and an exceptionally dedicated husband. Bill was truly a man of many skills. He tried anything that interested him, let nothing stand in the way of his curiosity and succeeded at most of his endeavors. He possessed a mixture of optimism and practicality. With a voice that commanded attention and announced his presence long before he could be seen, Bill had a manner that was both gruff and soft, that followed him wherever he went.



Bill was a welcome fixture and a friend to many at the cabinet shop.

He loved to ice-fish and it was his common winter past time with his son-in-law Larry. He was also a passionate golfer and played at least once a week with his buddies, and weekly as the patriarch on the three-generation golf team at Village Greens with his son, Tony and grandson, Gabe.

After his retirement Bill crossed several bucket items off his list. A trip to Washington, D.C., fishing trips to Alaska, a hole-in-one, and his attempt to join the electronic generation. A big fan of emailing friends and family he found online, he also loved buying vehicles on eBay and then traveling across the U.S. for his "good deal." While he was proud of his discoveries, he found no reason to replace his flip phone or update his old desktop computer. It did the job, just like many of the other things in his life that brought him simple

contentment. Part of that contentment came in the form of his garden. Tomatoes and fruit trees were aplenty, but nothing rivaled his hydrangeas. After entering his finest in the local fair, Bill was awarded several blue ribbons for first place and even a few best-in-show ribbons. He proudly displayed his check for a whopping \$3 in prize money! Another surprise he dished up in his retirement was the delicious pies he would bake for family gatherings. The smile in his victory and success was a joy we will always remember as it shown clearly in all he did.

Bill was

Bill was honored to be selected to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Bill is survived by his wife Virgie with whom he celebrated 64 years of marriage. Of all his enduring traits, arguably one of his finest was the uncompromising love and unwavering support he showed for Virgie.

From the deep respect he showed from the earliest years, to the caregiving support he faithfully gave up to the end, we have all gained a valuable lesson from his example.

He is also survived by his brother, Ron (Bonnie); his children, Mike (Ellen), Monica Craven (Larry), and Tony (Lisa); grandchildren, Jessica and Erin, Daniel and Matthew, Ashley, Gabe and Chad; and six great-grandchildren. Loved by many, Bill also leaves behind his favorite nieces, nephew, and his dear golf and fishing buddies.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. A reception will follow at the church, then a graveside service at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

As a proud union ironworker, he worked on many projects across Montana including the aluminum plant, Libby Dam, and the "new" hospital in '73. Starting in the late '70s, he and Virgie traveled across the Western states where he worked often as a foreman or superintendent on projects from the deepest missile silos to the tallest buildings on the West Coast. He would often say he retired too soon. He loved his trade.

In his retirement he continued his welding skills for friends, bartering for golf, or for his son's local cabinet shop. His crowning achievement came just last year when he fabricated the entire steel sub-structure for the historical replace-

## Donald L. Dean, 90

Donald L. Dean was born Feb. 19, 1928, in Valier to Dorwell and Freda Dean. He grew up on a farm north of Valier and attended grade school at Abbott Lake Country School for eight years. He was the only student in his class. He graduated from Valier High School in 1946.

After graduation he enlisted in the Air Force and was honorably discharged in May 1949. He served as a weatherman in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska, with a rank of sergeant.

He married the love of his life, Mildred G. Miller, on July 27, 1949, in Great Falls and they had three children, Isola L. Dean, Debra G. Dean, and Wayne D. Dean. Don and Mildred farmed in Valier from 1949 until 1978.

In retirement they moved to Echo Lake near Bigfork and built a cabin on the lake. They lived by the lake until 2002, then bought their home in Bigfork where Don resided until his death on March 10, 2018.

Don loved farming, hunting, fishing, trapping, digging arrowheads, building furniture and wooden toys, and bowling. He was a skilled builder and woodworker and passed those skills on to his children, who have shared that knowledge with several of his grandchildren. He enjoyed collecting hatchets, axes, knives, coins and stamps, remaining active until the time of his death.

Don was preceded in



death by his beloved wife of 55 years, Mildred; his parents; brothers, Richard, Raymond and Dale Dean; nephews, Richard Dean Jr.

and Dana Dean; nieces, Karen Dean and Terrie Sullivan; and great-granddaughter, Kurstin Reeves.

Don is survived by his daughter Isola Dean of Bigfork and her children, Tami (Lorne) Krone, Jamie (Michael) Brownell, Karen (Martin) Murphy and Jodi (Tommy) Seifert; his daughter Debra of Kalispell and her children, Ernest C. (Amanda) Reeves, Michelle Reeves, and James Reeves; his son Wayne (Kathy) Dean and their children Dawn (Chas) Bales, Cody (Natalie) Dean Faltin, Kyle (Maria) Dean, and Clinton (Taylor) Dean; and 21 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Don's name to the Humane Society of Northwest Montana.

A private family burial is planned for Thursday, March 15, at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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

Marcy was born May 26, 1930, in Ohio. Her family moved to Hamilton, Ontario, for some 12 years and then moved to Claremont, California. She graduated from Claremont High School.

Marcy enrolled at Mills College, a high academic girls' school in Oakland, California. At an open house she met Walter Deets and they were married in September 1950. They were married 67 years.



## Marcy Deets, 87

Shortly after her four children were in school, she enrolled at University of California Davis where, three years later, she became a registered nurse. In 25 some years she delivered a thousand babies into the arms of loving mothers. She was an early days ALERT flight nurse.

Upon retirement she was a quilter, specializing in baby quilts. Marcy passed away at age 87 in December 2017, and will rest in Fairview Cemetery near home for eternity with her loving husband Walter. She was loved by a husband, four children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Norma Kay (Thompson) DeLange, 80

Norma died on Dec. 29, 2017, having been diagnosed with a brain tumor in August.

"Waitress Extraordinaire" was the title that most people gave to Norma DeLange because of her career as the friendliest of waitresses in the many restaurants she worked in a career spanning more than 40 years, from Vince's Italian Restaurant in West Sacramento, California, to three of San Jose's most famous bistros, Farrell's, Manny's Cellar and Bini's, where she made hundreds of people feel welcome with her imperturbable optimism and her file of jokes. She retired in 1993 without fanfare to care for her ailing mother.

Norma Kay Thompson was born in Glasgow, Montana, on July 20, 1937, on her own mother's 25th birthday. The family moved to Whitefish shortly after her birth where she spent her childhood.

When she was just 13 years old, she fancied that she had fallen in love with an older boy of 18, Ralph DeLange, whom she had met at a "teen" dance. Never mind the age difference or the fact that he already had a steady girlfriend, she was smitten. She was convinced it was fate and confided in her friends that she was someday going to marry him. He paid her no heed in the



ensuing years when he went off to the U.S. Navy in 1951 during the Korean War and her letters

went unanswered. But for three and a half years she maintained her determination and his name was always at the top of her notebooks. She dated, but all of her suitors soon learned that they were number two.

A chance meeting at another dance while he was home on his leave from the Navy brought them together again and, when her fishhook earring caught him in the nose, she apologized, but soon after he realized that he had indeed been "hooked" and he proposed.

Before graduating from high school, she married Ralph in 1955 and helped her husband obtain his college degree on the GI Bill at the University of Montana in 1959. It was during these years that she worked at various jobs while maintaining a home with two youngsters and assisting him in his homework, a role that he later recalled, "I think she got a better education than I did."

The family moved to West Sacramento, California, in 1963 and to San Jose in 1966.

Throughout those years the family vacationed at Lake Tahoe, a spot that Norma likened to her Rocky Mountain homeland and which she called "my favorite place next to Montana."

After retirement in 1999, Norma and Ralph purchased "our little slice of Paradise," a second home on the Swan River near Bigfork, and spent six months there every year.

Norma and Ralph had a love for travel and they counted themselves lucky to have visited 45 countries, 50 states and seven provinces of Canada during a lifetime of roaming the world. During these journeys they forged many enduring friendships with fellow travelers.

One of her great passions was her photo albums. It was a family joke that she could take the best of pictures only to discover, upon their development, that the people had no heads!

A Norma trademark was her legendary "home-made bread," as well as her applesauce and huckleberry jam. At Christmastime she would bake over 100 loaves, four at a time, mixed and kneaded by hand, to give to customers at "Manny's Cellar" and friends and neighbors.

Another tradition was "Family Night" Friday dinners. Her "7 bone roast" with beef gravy and all the

trimmings was a major and constant hit. She likewise always hosted the holiday dinners with great aplomb. Family was her pride and joy.

Norma was preceded in death by her father, Elmer John Thompson; her mother, Margaret "Muggs" Janice (Hewitt) Thompson; her sister, Nancy Jean (Kramer) Ray; and her husband, Ralph Edward DeLange.

She is survived by three daughters, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren; Denise Earlene DeLange and husband George Calvert, and their daughter, Leslie Calvert; Janice Lillian Barton, her daughter Michelle Luttrell, son-in-law Jake and grandson Robert, and son, Michael Barton; and Jeanette Louise De Lange-Ortiz and husband Vince, their daughter and son, Nicole Louise De Lange-Ortiz and Matti Joe De Lange-Ortiz, daughter-in-law, Nadia, granddaughter Everly and grandson Logan; as well as many nieces and nephews and friends.

She was the best wife, mom, grandma, great-grandma, aunt and friend anyone could ever have.

Funeral arrangements have been taken care of by the Neptune Society and her ashes will be interred at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.



## Cynthia June 'Cindy' Dell, 64

Cynthia June "Cindy" Dell, 64, of Kalispell, passed away on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.

Cindy was born in Kalispell on Dec. 29, 1953, to Phillip and Rodessa Norton. She attended school in Kalispell, after which she traveled and settled in Alaska for a while. Upon returning to Kalispell, she met Terry Dell. They were married in July, 1980.

Cindy enjoyed playing cards and board games. She and Terry spent many weekends driving the logging roads.

She was preceded in



death by her father, Phillip, and her sister, Bea Peterson.

She is survived by her husband, Terry; her mother, Rodessa Norton; sisters, Jan Weller, Linda Hayes and Deborah Norton; and brother, Steven Norton. "Auntie Pinky" is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

At her request, there will be no services.

## Maynard Vinson Denna Sr., 78

Maynard Vinson Denna Sr. passed away Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, at his home.

Maynard was born Dec. 11, 1939, in Susanville, California, to Gus and Pearl Denna. He was the youngest of nine children. At the age of 6, his parents moved to a farm in Standish, California. He met his sweetheart and love of his life, W. LaVonea Hyatt, in high school. They were married in the fall after graduation, and would have celebrated 59 years this month. During the early years of their marriage he worked as a logger, in an auto body shop, and as a delivery driver. He was a loving and dedicated provider for his wife and their six children.

He served in the National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve, where he received the sharp shooter award. Not only did he serve his beloved country, he served in his community as a volunteer firefighter, Scout master, and various callings within his church. After a family vacation to Montana, he had the desire to raise his family in Big Sky Country. In 1979 he purchased all the Montana franchises for Chem-Dry Carpet Cleaning and moved his family to Kalispell, where they have remained.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, yard saleing, and using his imagination to create numerous



unique and one-of-a-kind items. His greatest treasure was his family, and the love he had for them was absolute.



His legacy of love will continue within his family and friends. He was fun loving and always had a joke or entertaining story.

He was preceded in death by his son Benjamin Denna, his grandsons Donny Hall and Brian Webb, seven of his siblings, and his parents.

He is survived by his wife, W. LaVonea Denna; his children, Connie (Tracy) Hall of Bassano, Alberta, Brenda Webb of Kalispell, Barbara Denna of Kalispell, Maynard Jr. (Tami) of Kalispell, and Larue (Jeremy) Dratah; as well as 21 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, his extended family, and many close friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road in Kalispell on Monday Oct. 22. Viewing will be at 10 a.m., with services at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Helen L. DeShais, 90

Helen passed away June 8, 2018, peacefully at Timber Creek Village in Columbia Falls, just five days after her 90th birthday.

She was born in Covington, Indiana, June 3, 1928, to Thelma and Harry Sayers. As a baby the family moved to Detroit and later she was raised in Wayne, Michigan.



1945. They were together for 72 years.

They have two children, Ron (Deb) DeShais of Hillsboro, Oregon, and

She met her husband James "Jim" DeShais in high school and they married June 16,

Connie (Dave) Konopatzke of Columbia Falls. She has two brothers, John Sayers and Robert (Dondra) Smith, both still living in Michigan.

Helen worked as a bookkeeper at Hearthside Furniture until her retirement. Helen and Jim lived in Garden City, Michigan, prior to moving to Columbia Falls in 1988, after Jim retired from

Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. They had been vacationing in Montana since 1970.

Helen enjoyed traveling, gardening, crocheting, playing cards, bingo, keno and being with family throughout her years.

A private family service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Ralph B. DeSteunder, 92

Ralph Bennie DeSteunder of Columbia Falls passed away on Saturday, April 21, 2018. He was born Sept. 21, 1925 in California. He lived with family until enlisting in the Navy at age 17. He served his country during WWII in the Asiatic-Pacific. He left the Navy at age 22 and became a masonry contractor which eventually brought him to Lake Tahoe, where he met and married Inge. They moved to Montana in 1976 and enjoyed the Flathead Valley and their final home. The couple was together for 58 years until Inge's passing.

Ralph was a "jack of



all trades," and loved helping and fixing projects for family and friends. Hunting and fishing trips were favorite family memories. Independent to his last

day, he took pride in his home and his yard.

We will miss his smile and humor, but he's united with his wife and at peace.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for Ralph's family.

## Maureen A. DeWitt, 76

Maureen Adele DeWitt passed away on this Earth Aug. 21, 2018, during surgery that offered hope for a better future. That thought was in her mind as the procedure began, promising a better life with less discomfort. Always an optimist, energetic and upbeat, she inspired those around her to be the same. God gifted her with beauty, inside and out, leaving those who loved her wanting, because of her passing.

None of us is perfect, and she never claimed to be, but hers was an inspiring life, always trying to improve the lives of others. She was continually reaching out to even the slightest of those she knew, not the least of whom were the employees of the businesses that she frequented, sometimes becoming close friends with those individuals outside of the commercial relationships.

She and her husband of over 55 years, Ward Stark DeWitt, M.D., enjoyed travel throughout the world over their married life, preferably by cruise ship, creating lasting memories not only of the locations, but also of the friends met along the way, passengers and crew alike. Maureen was a "force of nature" who earned the moniker, "Mighty Mo." She was not only a supporting staff member of North American Aviation during the Apollo project, but later worked in the theater arts in California



as a founding member of the North Coast Repertory Theatre. After moving

to Montana, she worked in the police department as well as leading the Republican Party Central Committee in Missoula. She also became the Greek life advisor at the University of Montana.

She made instant friends with most people that she met; a fact verified when her "birthday celebrations" often went on for weeks with cards, phone calls and luncheon dates. She was proudly Irish, and luckily had a chance to visit Ireland one year before God called her home.

Her family already misses her terribly including her husband, Ward Stark DeWitt, M.D., her son Sgt. Ward DeWitt, her daughter-in-law, Stacey, and her granddaughter, Stephanie. She is also survived by her dear brother, William Witcher of Houston, and her sister, Nancy Besco of Dallas. Her treasured friends are too numerous to list, but they all know who they are, and will understand why they cannot be identified individually.

Because her husband served in the United States Air Force, her ashes are interred at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula.

## Anna "Louise" Dibble, 100

Anna "Louise" Dibble, just turned 100 this past Thanksgiving Day, has passed away of natural causes in Bigfork on Jan. 22, 2018, "and is now in the presence of our Lord."

Louise was born Nov. 23, 1917 in Naches, Washington. She grew up on a farm in Naches, along with eight siblings, who all have preceded her "in standing before Jesus."

She was an amazing woman and had the kindest heart. She always laughed and giggled and had a great sense of humor.

Having been divorced and left alone to raise three small children, she worked at a fruit packing company for 25 cents per hour to care for her three children.

In her younger years, she was in Yakima, Washington, to shop and the car radio announced the end of World War II. Her car was immediately covered with confetti thrown from the buildings along the street. Leaving Yakima she had another experience we will likely never see. She had to wait for a horse and buggy to pass. They still had the right of way over cars.



She eventually remarried and had two more children. She taught Sunday

school at Edmonds Baptist Church in Edmonds, Washington. When she was 58 years old, she took a job at Crista Ministries in Seattle and retired at age 84! Her love for the Lord has been an inspiration to all who knew her. She loved to sing, dance, crochet and do lots of different crafts.

Louise leaves behind sons, Larry Gordon of Everett, Washington, and Chuck Gordon of Anacortes, Washington; and her daughter, Donna Mudie, of Bigfork; also 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. She was truly blessed by all her family.

She was preceded by her husband William Joseph Dibble, and her sons Myron Gordon and Fred Dibble.

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

At this time, no services will be held.

## Denise Gochanour Dickinson, 65

A bright shining smile was born on May 28, 1953, in Anaconda. Denise Gochanour Dickinson was the sixth child of Duane and Bernice Gochanour, followed very shortly by her twin brother, Denis.

Denise was raised in Columbia Falls and was class president in 1971. Denise received her AA degree in gerontology and she worked hard for many years with the elderly until MS and macular degeneration made that no longer possible.

In 1974 Denise married her life partner Dwayne Dickinson. They had a little precious boy named Bradley, who brought them so much joy.

She fought a hard,

long battle with cancer. In the end she lost her battle with cancer but won her ever-lasting life with Jesus.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Duane and Bernice Gochanour; and also brothers Don Jr., and Skip. She is survived by her best friend and husband Dwayne; her son, Bradley (Anna) of Spokane, Wash.; her twin brother, Denis (Winnie) of Anaconda; sisters, Cynthia Deist of Kalispell, Alanna (Dean) and Gail (Jeff) of Spokane.

Until we meet again you will be missed more than you know.

A celebration is being held at 3 p.m. April 21 at the Samaritan House in Spokane Valley.

## Ruby E. Donahue, 96

Ruby E. Donahue passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018, at her home in Albany, Oregon, with both her son and her favorite caregiver at her bedside. She was just four months shy of her 97th birthday.

Ruby Willa (after author Willa Cather) Ecklund was born in Kiron, Iowa, the daughter of Russell and Erma Ecklund, and she was raised on her parents' farm near Denison, Iowa, with her brother Bill, her identical twin sister Ruth, and her sisters Norma and Winifred "Winnie." Her father grew corn and raised some dairy cows, and her mother tended the house and cooked wonderful meals for the farm workers. Ruby was valedictorian of Denison High School, and at 17 started attending a business school in Omaha, Nebraska. After graduating she began working for an Omaha insurance company, then at 19 she bravely took the train alone to Washington, D.C., to begin working in the steno pool for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was there that she met a new FBI agent, Norbert Donahue, and the couple married in 1942. From there they were transferred to various cities for short periods of time — Jackson Michigan, Detroit, Los Angeles,



Missoula — and then settled in Kalispell in 1948. They raised their children in Kalispell, and after they were all in school, Ruby began working outside the home as a part time assistant at

the family medical office of Drs. Wildgen & Gould.

Ruby was very active and enjoyed many outdoor activities with Norb and their good friends. She loved playing golf at Buffalo Hill Golf Club, skiing at Big Mountain, playing tennis with her friends, and hiking in Glacier Park and other parts of western Montana. She was an excellent bridge player and was active for many years in the Kalispell Duplicate Bridge Club. Ruby also loved to travel, and she and Ruth took trips to China, Russia, Mexico and throughout Europe. Although hip replacement kept her from the ski slopes in later years, she continued to play golf, tennis and bridge well into her 80s. As part of their 90th birthday celebration, Ruby and Ruth played nine holes of golf in Medford, Oregon!

Ruby moved to Albany, Oregon, in 2010 and resided in her home there at the Mennonite Village care community until her passing.

Ruby is survived by her son Mark of Corvallis, Oregon; her son Barry (Michele) of Ellensburg, Washington; her grandsons Kevin Abley (Cristina), Brian Abley (Christina), and Sean Abley (Matt); and three great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband Norb, her son Patrick, her daughter Michele Abley, her sisters Norma Pike and Winnie Beckman, and her brother Bill Ecklund.

Ruby was a beautiful, happy, healthy, active lady who made the world's best huckleberry pie. She was very thankful for the wonderful friendships she had in Kalispell. She will be greatly missed.

Any memorial contribution can be made to any local hospice or to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Albany, Oregon that provided care to Ruby in her last three months.

There will be no service, but family and friends are invited to a gathering to remember Ruby from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Sutherland home at 1142 First Ave. East in Kalispell.

## David Downey, 87

Dr. David Downey, a kind and generous man, adventurer, traveler, and retired, longtime Kalispell dentist, died peacefully at home Friday, July 27, 2018, from anemia. He was 87.

No funeral is planned, but a celebration of his remarkable life will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, in Kalispell's Lawrence Park.

He was a loving husband and father, survived by his wife of 63 years, Janet (Hawkins) Downey; a daughter, Gail Steele, of Kalispell, and her children, David and Beth and her husband, Matt Sedlacek; also, four sons and their families, Drs. Dan Downey and Andrea Simonsen and their daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Evan Helle, all of Dillon; Mark Downey and Carol Roberts of Lolo; Paul Downey and Heather Murray and their children, Lucy and Oscar, of Kalispell; and Dr. Rob Downey and Devry Garity, and their children, Griffin and Iris, all of Homer, Alaska. Survivors also include his brother, Terry, and his wife, Norma, of Yakima, Washington; brother-in-law, Bob Hawkins, and wife Mickey, of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister and her husband, Jean and Eric Anderson, formerly of Spokane.

Many people will remember him as a caring dentist who provided extraordinary care but kept his fees low for those that could ill afford it. He was honored twice by the Montana Dental Association as the state's best clinician. For years he taught dental study clubs for others wanting to learn advanced crown and bridge work. He traveled to developing countries numerous times to provide volunteer dentistry or to teach it. In 1968, he volunteered for



Softs) once lined the basement ceiling of their home on Kalispell's eastside.

He and Janet also were mountain climbing enthusiasts. He was listed in the first edition of "A Climber's Guide to Glacier National Park" as one of two local authorities (along with Hal Kanzler) on routes in the park. They had many friends in the Glacier Park community. He was a patient, careful climbing leader who took many people up their first mountain. He summited the park's most difficult and highest peaks — Mount St. Nicholas and Mount Cleveland, respectively. In addition, he climbed Mount Rainier with Lou Whittaker (co-founder of REI) and attempted British Columbia's iconic Mount Robson with legendary Canadian mountaineer, Hans Gmoser.

Naturally, he was a conservationist, too. He introduced many people to camping in his beloved mountains, particularly in Jewel Basin east of Kalispell in the Swan Mountains. He and Janet had a tent made from an orange and white parachute. They began leading hikes for the Montana Wilderness Association in the 1960s. Most summer Sundays found them in the mountains where he said he felt closest to God. Of course, he shared his passion for the mountains with his family. Family photographs record him carrying his youngest children in the mountains in his well-worn pack. He later proposed and succeeded in preserving a spectacular grove of old growth ponderosa pines in the Swan Valley.

He was a pilot, too, and member of the Montana Civil Air Patrol mountain search and rescue team.

Great Northern Railroad engineer and a nurse. They had a small house in the railroad neighborhood of Hillyard.

His father's family, most of which is Danish Jurgensens, farmed wheat around the small eastern Washington town of Wilbur. He worked summers there in his teens and was known by his lifelong nickname, "Bud." He remained close to his family and friends there all of his life. It was there that he learned to value hard work. It was there, and in the mountains around Spokane, that he learned to love the outdoors. His father took him hunting there for upland game birds, waterfowl and deer.

He was the first person in his family to attend college. He got his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Washington in 1955. In 1954, he met the love of his life, Janet Hawkins from Helena. She was a nurse in training at Montana State College. She was an adventurer and skier, too, and the daughter of the prominent physician and

philanthropist, Thomas Hawkins.

Dave and Janet married June 12, 1955. They spent their honeymoon camping on Washington's Olympic Peninsula and in Montana's Mission Mountains. Fifty years later they celebrated their anniversary with a float trip with family and friends down the Grand Canyon. In his later years, he particularly enjoyed the company of his family and many, many friends. He never tired of the view of the mountains from the deck of their home.

He had a good run and few regrets, he said in his last days, and for that he was grateful.

Project Hope, bringing advanced healthcare to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). The next year he accepted an invitation to return for one year to teach dentistry at the University of Peradeniya in Kandy. He and Janet took their five children, the youngest a toddler, through Asia on the way there and Europe on the way home. He wanted others to learn of the larger world, so, after returning to Kalispell, he gave slide shows and talks about Ceylon to children in Kalispell schools.

In addition to his long professional career, he had many interests, most of them outdoors.

He was an avid, lifelong skier, starting at Mount Spokane. He was a member of the Washington State University ski racing team, and later a fixture at Big Mountain above Flathead Valley, particularly when there was fresh powder. He and Janet volunteered to teach for the Kalispell Ski Club. Their family's downhill and cross-country skis (including Head Standards and Miller

He and Janet flew their Cessna 175 to north of the Brooks Mountain Range in Alaska, and south to Mexico's Baja Peninsula.

He cared deeply for people. He was the driving force and organizer in the creation of the City of Kalispell's Lawrence Park. He said he wanted people of all incomes to enjoy that land.

He served on the Kalispell school board. It was his habit to send letters thanking his children's favorite teachers. He believed in the power of education. By example, he and Janet taught their children to love to read.

Many people will remember him for his friendliness. He could — and often did — strike up a conversation with almost anyone. Others may remember him bicycling to and from his office beside Buffalo Hill Golf Course, and home for lunch, not infrequently having invited a patient home to share the meal.

He was born David Wilbur Downey in Spokane on June 16, 1931, the second child of Cliff and Evelyn Downey, a

## Willis 'Bill' Doyle, 91

Last call came for longtime Fargo-Moorhead businessman Willis "Bill" Doyle on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at Pioneer House in Fargo, ND. He was 91 years old.

Willis J. Doyle was born Sept. 15, 1926, in Holstein, Iowa, to Clyde and Edna (Kuchel) Doyle. He was the fifth of seven children. He spent his early years in Iowa until the family moved to Kalispell in 1936. He attended Flathead County High School where he excelled as a basketball and track athlete. In the summers he worked as a caddy, which ultimately led to his lifelong enjoyment of golf. It was during this time he met the love of his life, Doris Erickson. They were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Aug. 21, 1947. Bill and Doris were together for 63 years until her death in 2010.

Bill's early professional life began with him attending Insurance School in San Francisco, California. He later moved back to Montana to work in management for JC Penney Corporation. His career there took him mostly across the western part of the country. He worked as a troubleshooter of sorts. His specialty was to improve upon underperforming stores. He took pride in working the floor and instilling the importance of customer service and personal relationships in business. This was a trait that served him well throughout his life. Turning around stores led to many moves for Bill and Doris over the years; call it a reward for being successful.



work and family life; even working beside them on a daily basis. In retirement he made time to stop in and check "how's business." He was still quick with a joke or a fact right up until the day he passed away.

Bill was a member of the Elks, Lions and Eagles clubs. He and Doris would spend many weekends out dancing. In most of the cities he lived in he was a member of the local country club, with Moorhead Country Club being his last. He was an accomplished golfer, placing near the top in many club tournaments (he won in Chinook). He also enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially trips to Lake Of The Woods. Many times you would find him watching an outdoor or hunting program on television. He was an NDSU Team Maker and like many he loved the Bison. Visiting with the many NDSU students and alumni at Chub's was a common occurrence. His favorite pro football team was the Miami Dolphins and he liked watching sports in general. This included following his kids and grandchildren's many activities over the years. He would still inquire how Mark finished in local golf tournaments and how grandkids concerts went. Bill and Doris loved to travel; going to Florida and Arizona in the winter and Montana and Canada in the summer to see family. Family was first and foremost to Bill.

Ramstad and Erin (Matt) Welle; great-grandchildren, Avery and Kellan Ramstad, and Declan, Camden and Kye Welle; siblings, Don Doyle and Joe Kucera; special friend, Jeannette Evensen and many more nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Edna Doyle; wife, Doris Doyle; siblings, Phyllis Hartsoch, Roger Doyle, Maxine Pickerel, and Marlene Carr; son-in-law, Duane Ramstad; and daughter-in-law, Kathryn Doyle.

Visitation will be Monday, July 9, from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service to follow at Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, 215 Seventh St. S., Fargo.

The funeral will be Tuesday, July 10, at 11 a.m. (visitation at 10 a.m.) at First Lutheran Church, 619 N. Broadway, Fargo. (Please use east door).

Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, 2102 Fifth St. S., Fargo. Pastor Laurie Neill will officiate.

The family would like

to extend a special thank you to the staff of Pioneer House in Fargo and Dr. Darin Lang of Sanford Health.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a memorial consideration in Bill's name to the Pioneer House of Fargo or Roger Maris Pediatric Cancer Center.

Memories and condolences may be shared by visiting [www.hanson-runsvold.com](http://www.hanson-runsvold.com).

Arrangements are by Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home in Fargo.



Their daughter Janet was born in Kalispell, and son Mark was born in Moses Lake, Washington. The family also lived in Deer Lodge and Chinook, Nampa, Idaho, and Minot, North Dakota.

In 1969, now working for the Gambles Corp., Bill moved the family to Moorhead, Minnesota. He ran the Tempo store for many years in the former Holiday Mall. After a short time in Menomonie, Wisconsin, they moved back to the F-M area.

In 1980, deciding they wanted to work for themselves, Bill and Doris bought Chub's Pub in Fargo. He enjoyed going to work every day and interacting with customers, staff and vendors.

Bill worked well into his late 70s, never losing his acumen or sense of humor. An early riser, it was not unusual to see his car in the parking lot at 6 a.m. He often worked the bartending shift from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. He would run his hand across the bar each day making sure it was spotless before the locks turned open. If it wasn't, he would jokingly ask the closing bartender if "we ran out of towels last night." Even with a wink and a smile you knew he was serious. He took pride in what he did and was able to balance

Holidays and Sunday dinners were always days he looked forward to, not only because he was pretty good in the kitchen, but he loved the activity and spending time around loved ones.

His smile was infectious. His generosity, wit and laugh could fill a stadium. He made being friendly, intelligent and respected look so effortless. Qualities that are easy to say about a man, but Bill truly lived and personified them. For that he will be missed by many.

Bill is survived by his children, Janet Ramstad and Mark Doyle; grandchildren, Jason Ramstad, Brett (Ronda)

## Steven Drent, 63

Steven Drent, 63, of Kalispell, passed away of complications during a surgery Wednesday, Dec. 19 in Kalispell.

He was born to Pieter and Therese Drent in Whitefish on June 27, 1955. Steve grew up the only boy with his four sisters Jane, Wilma, Marilyn and Renee.

Many men seek to be good fishermen. Few succeed as Steve Drent did. He not only caught fish but many great friendships as he explored the Flathead Valley he called home. He bonded with many over a shared love of fishing and hunting. He anchored with Kathy Lengstorf for a while and hauled in two children, Bryce (Tina) Provo and Benjamin (Hailey) Drent. He developed deep love and patience for his children and grandchildren. The minnows that jumped into his boat later were John, Jack, Charles,



Elizabeth, and Benjamin from Bryce Provo, and Caleb and Cooper from Ben Drent. Near

the end of his voyage, he landed great love in the relationship he found with Kari Mackin. She brought him joy and as they sailed into the sunset together the wind died too soon.

The memorial for Steve will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 at Herron Park.

We will carry his memory in our hearts and are comforted to know that he is with Someone who loves fishermen very much.

"Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'" (John 21:10)

We can't wait to go fishing with you again Steve.

## Joan Audrey Duncanson, 82

Joan Audrey Duncanson, 82, of Whitefish, passed away on May 27, 2018 in Fontana, California.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on June 10 at Fontana Mortuary located at 8030 Mango Ave., Fontana, CA 92336.

Joan was born in Lewistown, Montana, to Glenn and Thelma Kelsey on May 5, 1936.

She married Richard "Dick" Painter on July 3, 1952, in Whitefish. They had four children together (Candis, Ricky, Richard and Tami) all born in Whitefish. She moved from Whitefish to San Bernardino, California, in 1965 as she put it "to get out of the cold."

Joan was preceded in death by Russell and Gerald "Jerry" Kelsey (brothers), Glenda Williams (sister), Ricky and Richard Painter (sons), and Tami Painter (daughter).

Joan is survived by Howard Duncanson (spouse), Candis L. Culp-Painter (daughter) and



Wes Culp, James T. Allen II (son) and Gina Allen, Judith Holeton (sister),

Patty Ross (sister), Jeannette Kruger (sister), and Dixie Vergusion (sister); grandchildren, Tara and Josh Marks, Cody Kelsoe, Ricky Painter, Mariam Howard-Redondo, Jennifer Cairy, Randy Painter, Lisa Cloyd, Britney Kline, Nicole Painter, James "Tre" Allen, III, and Hailey Allen; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family of Joan extends our sincere thanks to all the men and women at Kaiser Permanente hospital in Fontana, to all of Joan's friends that supported her throughout her years, and to all of her friends and family in Montana. May her legacy of friendship, love and compassion live in us all!

## Raymond 'Ray' Duffy, 92

Ray Duffy passed away peacefully on June 20, 2018.

Ray spent his formative years in Rhode Island. With World War II in progress, he enlisted in the Navy at age 17 with plans to spend his life as a career military professional. He served in the signal corps and was on the bridge of the USS Arkansas on D-Day at Normandy. He later joined the Army and was posted in Japan until the Korean War. Just 24 years old, Ray took a bullet in each leg during a firefight. His right leg was amputated above the knee as a life-saving measure.

Not letting the disability change his life, Ray went to college, married and started a family. Ray was so proud of his four daughters and one son, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



dren. He owned and operated a successful

contracting business in Florida until his retirement. Ray lived in Lakeside and Bigfork for many years.

Ray was a genuine people person, had a sharp wit and enjoyed conversation and social settings. He enjoyed most the "night on the town" with dancing and dining and a little wine. He was well read and remembered everything.

Ray was a member of the "Greatest Generation" who paid his own way and lived life on his own terms. He was a patriot, hero, good father and friend who could ask for more.

At Ray's request, no services are planned.

## Loren Russell Dupuis, 78

Loren Russell Dupuis "passed on to the spirit world" on July 5, 2018.

"Russ," as many people knew him, was the fifth son born to Floyd and Ruth Dupuis on Dec. 28, 1939, in St. Ignatius. After he graduated from Polson High School in 1958, he and a few of his buddies decided to join the military only to be denied his opportunity for a free education and adventure once he got to Butte. Russ then decided to join the Bureau of Indian Affairs Relocation Program and moved to Salt Lake City for training in electronics. His next stop was the Los Angeles area where he was employed in the electronics industry. After the death of his mother in 1968, Russ decided it was time to move back home



and be a companion to his father so they could attend sporting events at various locations as well as assist his father in many ways. He was employed with the Tribe's

Clean Air Monitoring Program and also worked in the Tribal Education Department in Dixon for several years before moving on to the Kicking Horse Skill Center assisting the students in various basic skill improvement classes.

Russell was an easygoing, generous person who

always had a smile and a good story to tell anybody who might listen. An example of his caring soul is when he loaned one of his cars to one of his younger brothers who had obtained employment in the Washington, D.C., area and needed transportation for that employment. During his later years, despite his failing health, Russ was still able to discuss events that occurred during his lifetime accurately and name all the people involved.

Russ is survived by his siblings, Darryl, Dorene, Forest "Buzz," Dennis Michael, Gregory and Peggy Vanness, as well as his many nieces and nephews, too numerous to mention.

A vigil will start at

7 p.m. on Monday, July 9, at the Lake Funeral Home, 101 Sixth Ave. E., Polson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, at the Lake Funeral Home, with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Polson.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at [www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomeandcremation.com). The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory, Polson, is assisting the Dupuis family with arrangements.

## Anna Lee (Golterman) Dwyer, 90

Well known Western artist Anna Lee (Golterman) Dwyer passed away Thursday evening, Feb. 1, 2018, at her home on Swan Lake.

Anna was born in Plentywood on Dec. 29, 1927, to Joseph and Mary Golterman and raised on the family farm. Her lifelong love of art began as a young child.

In June of 1949, Anna married Donald William "Bill" Dwyer. They shared 45 years together, before Bill passed away in 1994. They were active community and parish members in Great Falls where they raised their four children. In 1979, a job transfer took them to Connecticut, where they resided until 1991, before retiring to the waterfront Montana home they had built on Swan Lake.

Anna and Bill loved to be involved in their church and community. Anna particularly enjoyed spending time with couples in the 18-30 Club, many of whom became lifelong friends.

Throughout her life, Anna was an avid artist and renowned for her Western art. She worked with everything from watercolor to bronze and was particularly talented with painting and sculpture. She attended, and exhibited at, many art shows, including the C.M. Russell Auction where she frequently participated in the quick-draw show and auction. She often exercised her design skills and artistic talent by creating play sets for the Bigfork Community Players.

Anna believed strongly in the importance of community involvement. Anna exemplified this belief, through her many



roles in the community. An active member of the Swan Lake

Chamber and Community Club, from which she received the Outstanding Citizen Award, Anna was always involved in the annual Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival. She was also highly active elsewhere in the community, hosting art classes and participating in numerous community events.

Anna is survived by her four children, Tim (Dottie) Dwyer, Dave Dwyer, Dan (Cathy) Dwyer, and Julie (Lew) Ross; sister, Marietta (Bob) Riese; sister-in-law, Barbara Golterman; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Mary Golterman, and siblings Ada Nash and Paul Golterman.

Memorials received will be sent to the Bigfork Community Players or Ferndale QRU (Quick Response Unit).

A viewing will be held at 6:30 p.m., and a rosary at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 9, at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, with a luncheon afterwards. Anna will be buried in the Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please visit [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) Arrangements are entrusted to Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

## Elnora Dye, 93

Elnora Dye, 93, passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Elnora was born in Geraldine, Montana, to Harvey and Dorothy (Heck) Bell. She was raised in Geraldine and Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School.

In 1945 she married James W. Dye in Denver after his discharge from the Army Air Corps after World War II. They were married for 40 years.

Elnora was a stay-at-home mom. From 1949 to 1954 the family lived around Fairbanks, Alaska, and then helped homestead at Tok Junction, Alaska, until they moved back to Montana and lived on Birch Grove Road.

Elnora went to work at the Flathead County Courthouse at the Election Department in the 1960s where she worked herself up to the head of the Election Department, until she had to retire in 1979 after an accident where she was severely burned due to a faulty gas pump at a gas station. After she recuperated, she traveled the Western states with her

sister and brother-in-law and eventually bought a second home in Yuma, Arizona, where she spent her winter months. Summers were spent at her cabin at Ashley Lake where friends and family would gather every weekend for fishing and great food. Elnora loved fishing, reading walking and hunting; her biggest trophy was a mountain goat in 1977.

Elnora was the last remaining sibling of nine children.

Elnora was preceded in death by her parents, and ex-husband James W. Dye.

She is survived by her children, Carl J. Dye, Helen R. Jackson and William R. Dye, all of Kalispell; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be scheduled in the spring.

The family requests memorials be made to Frontier Hospice, 42 Bruyer Way Kalispell, MT 59901.

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

## William C. Dye, 77

William "Bill" Dye passed away Jan. 7, 2018, at North Valley Hospital. He was 77.

Bill was born July 20, 1940, to Lena and Clayton Dye. He had four siblings, who preceded him in death, LaVerne Dye, David Dye, Beverly Drollinger and Denny Dye.

Bill is survived by his wife of 56 years, Barbara Dye; his son, Erik Dye, and wife Joyce; and daughters, Kelly Lambertus and Tiffanie Dye. He had two



grand-children, Autumn Van Orden, and Tyler Selke; four great-grand-children and many nieces and nephews.

Bill passionately loved his Lord and Savior! He never hesitated to share his faith.

Bill was always positive and happy-go-lucky. He had a gift of uplifting anyone

around him. Being a life-long resident of Kalispell, Bill was the go-to historian in the family.

He was a hairstylist for 56 years and was currently working at Adelphe's Salon.

To say Bill was loved and will be missed dearly is an understatement. He left a beautiful family with many wonderful memories to cherish that will put a smile in their days.

"We love you, Dad! Rest peacefully."

"I'll miss you, my darling husband. Thanks for always wanting to dance with me in the kitchen every Sunday. You were one in a million! I love you, Bill. Rest now, honey."

There will be visitation for Bill from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Epworth United Methodist Church, across the street from the Hockaday Museum.