

## David W. Dale, 83

David W. Dale, 83, of Polson, died Thursday, July 16, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. There are no services

planned. Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Maurice R. Dale, 74

Maurice R. Dale, 74, died April 18, 2020, at Heritage Place in Kalispell.

A private graveside service will be held at Lonepine Cemetery

in Bigfork, and a Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Michael Floyd Darling, 72

Michael Floyd Darling, 72, died due to complications following surgery on March 9, 2020, in Palm Springs, California.



Mike was the son of Vera and Flip Darling of Columbia Falls. He was born in Kalispell on Aug. 10, 1947. He spent his first nine years in Bigfork residing at the Bigfork Ranger Station. After the third grade, Mike's family moved to Columbia Falls, where he graduated from high school.

Mike attended Rocky Mountain College and Carroll College, and earned his degree in business administration from Montana State University. While attending college, Mike spent his summer breaks working in Glacier National Park. After earning his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree from MSU in 1971, he worked as a department supervisor at First National Bank in Helena. In 1974, Mike moved to Seattle and joined the CPA team of Lockitch, Clements & Rice where he remained until his retirement in 2001.

Mike did a lot of traveling during his tenure with Lockitch, Clements

& Rice. He enjoyed his travels to Europe and Australia, but especially enjoyed his many trips to Alaska. Mike loved living and working in Seattle, which provided him many opportunities to expand his interests both professionally and personally. He developed numerous lifelong friendships there.

After retiring from his professional career, Mike was drawn to sunny Palm Springs where he eventually moved. In retirement, Mike continued to utilize his professional skills by donating both his time and expertise frequently. He was instrumental in the establishment of Desert Oasis Chapel and worked as a coordinator to Evangelicals Concerned.

Mike's interests were varied, but he especially loved music, volunteering, hiking, reading and taking care of his pets. Mike was loved by so many who will forever hold him dearly in their hearts.

## James A. Daley, 102

James A. Daley passed away March 20, 2020, after a brief stay at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



He was born on the family homestead near Simms, Montana, on Feb. 10, 1918, the second son of Carl Alfred Daley and Benora Vigen Daley.

His dad gave up his homestead and moved the family to Whitefish when Jim was in the second grade. He attended various schools in the Flathead Valley, graduating from Flathead High School in 1936.

After graduation he worked in the woods near Half Moon and stayed in the logging camps. During this time he met and married his sweetheart Doris Monk in 1940. Daughter Joanne was born in 1942 and Sandra arrived in 1946.

World War II started and Jim worked on the West Coast building troop ships and a housing project on an Army base. July of 1945, Jim received his draft notice and joined the Navy. He served in the Marshall Islands until May of 1946.

After his return from the Navy, Jim began

building houses. In 1948 he bought a farm near Somers and continued his carpentry work, working on Hungry Horse Dam and the building of the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls, all the while keeping up with his farming and cattle raising. His final building project was a house near Lakeside for his retirement home.

In his later years he and Doris started a scholarship fund for high school seniors in Kalispell. A few years later he was able to gift a \$1 million stock account to Flathead Valley Community College, also to be used for scholarships.

He is survived by his daughters, Joanne Klymyshyn and Sandra (Bob) Colbrunn; grandchildren, Nick Klymyshyn and Katherine Fetters; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Also, his sister Betty Lou Neal survives and his good friend and caregiver Del Phillips.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Doris Monk Daley; grandson Daniel Jay Fredenberg; his parents; four brothers and one sister.

At Jim's request cremation has taken place and a memorial gathering will be held at a later date.

## Armando DaSilva, 80

Armando DaSilva, 80, of Kalispell died Oct. 11, 2020, at his home.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## James W. Daug, 78

James W. Daug, 78, of Kalispell, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020.

He is survived by his children, Amy Hamilton, Debbie Massengill, Andrea Daug and Andy Wigner.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Charlene C. Davis, 36

Charlene C. Davis, 36, died Aug. 28, 2020, at her home in Kalispell.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Earle Lee 'Bud' Davis, 60

Earle Lee "Bud" Davis, 60, of Polson, died on Thursday, July 2, 2020, at his residence.

Memorial services are

pending.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Jack Davis

On Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, Dr. Jack Davis made his exit from this world. It makes sense that he passed on a leap year, as Jack has

always marched to the beat of his own drum. Jack was equal parts rancher and doctor; his love for the great outdoors matched by only his passion for medicine.

Jack grew up in San Antonio, Texas, his childhood filled with Boy Scouts, ranch visits and good friends. After completing his undergraduate at the University of Texas in Austin, he ignited a lifetime love for medicine at UT Galveston, going on to Parkland Hospital/UT Southwestern in Dallas, then to the University of Arkansas Medical Center where he met the love of his life, Marsha, who, in Jack's words, was the "cutest little RN and the spunkiest one, varying little over (their) 54 years together."

When the Vietnam War broke out and duty called, Jack served as a physician in the Air Force at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska, where he met lifelong friends who later



followed him on to "paradise" in Montana.

Jack spent his life fighting to make a difference. From practicing internal medicine and cardiology in Kalispell for more than 35 years, to helping to create the hospital's Advanced Life-Support and Emergency Rescue Team (better known as ALERT—for which he served as medical director for 17 years). Jack was a leader in advanced cardiac life support, gathered the equipment for the Cath Lab, focused on training nurses in ICU and relentlessly developed innovative programs to educate and further the medical community in the Flathead Valley. Jack was a hard guy to keep up with as his hunger for service never ceased. He served on the board of the American College of Cardiology and was the president of the Montana Medical Association and was, understandably, the recipient of their lifetime achievement award.

Jack savored life. He loved a good meal and relished every bite, from the gourmet feasts his wife Marsha prepared, to crispy fried chicken, Texas barbecue, and any Mexican food he could find. He loved to soak up the warmth of the sun on his face, take in the spectacular beauty of the mountains in Glacier

and soulfully sing along to George Strait and Johnny Cash. Jack had an insatiable hunger for learning. For most of his life he awoke at 4:30 a.m. to read journals, articles, business and finance magazines and the newspaper. He studied with an intensity that few could match and saved clippings from his readings for everyone he loved — anointing each one with a personal note. Even after retirement, he kept himself current on the latest medical research and continued to attend association meetings and conferences. He re-ignited his lifelong passion for the Spanish language and guitar, practicing both for hours on end each day. He approached Rotary and his gardening club with serious commitment that few professionals could match. Jack modeled growth and development for everyone around him. His hunger for knowledge was contagious.

Jack cared deeply for people. He knew no titles and valued everyone he met. Having served as the secretary for the Montana Limousine Association (cattle, not cars), Jack would travel the state going to bull sales, chatting it up with the other ranchers, bonded by their love of hard work and wide-open spaces. Jack would have rich conversations with complete

strangers, maintained a lifelong connection to his classmates, and would spend hours on end reaching out to old friends to let them know he was thinking about them.

Jack is reunited with his father, Lavern, who was also his Boy Scout troop leader and who taught him the importance of doing the hard work and not disappointing himself; and his mother, Mabel, who left him her love for dancing.

He is survived by his loving wife Marsha, his son Todd, daughter Kimberly, son-in-law Tim, and he's passing the torch on to his grandson, Jeremy.

Along with a lifetime of remarkable accomplishments and a legacy that helped build the Kalispell medical community, he will be remembered for his smile, twinkling blue eyes, signature whistle that you could hear an acre away, incredible bear hugs, love of life, and his huge heart.

A celebration of Jack's life will take place this summer in Kalispell (details to be published at a later date).

Donations in his memory can be made ALERT, the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation, Flathead Valley Community College, or Kalispell Rotary.

## Jeffrey Craig Davis, 72

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Jeffrey Craig Davis passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020, while holding his son's hand after an extended illness.



Jeffrey was born Dec. 6, 1947, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Aaron and Ruth Davis, the eldest of five children. He graduated from Mansfield Senior High

School in 1965 and attended more universities than present day memory can recall. His life's passion was classical music and playing the piano, which he was lucky enough to make a living from for much of his adult life. He attended Interlochen summer arts camp as a youth, taught hundreds of students piano in Northwest Montana for over 20 years and, towards the end of his life, was for-

tunate enough to make a pilgrimage to Vienna, Austria, to honor his beloved Beethoven.

He was a voracious reader of anything he could get his hands on and collector of classical sheet music.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by his father Aaron.

He is survived by his mother Ruth Davis, his stepmother Sarah Davis, his son Jared Jeffrey Davis (Elisabeth Imhoff), and his

grandson Aaron Benjamin Davies, his ex-wife Deborah Adams Kline, and his four sisters Deborah Davis, Leslie Davis, Laura (Jim) Bagley and Melissa (Kim) Clausen.

A private memorial service will be held in early July in Montana.

In memory of Jeffrey please consider a donation to the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation in support of children's music programs.

## Robert 'Rob' Davis, 55

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Robert "Rob" Davis, 55, passed away on Feb. 24, 2020, from complications of diabetes.



Rob loved riding his motorcycle, hunting, fishing, hanging around his nephews and nieces, and enjoying a beautiful Montana day.

No services are planned at this time.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Rob's family.

## Susan Marie Mackey Davis, 62

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Susan Marie Mackey Davis, 62, died Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Piedmont Columbus Regional Medical Center in Columbus, Georgia. A funeral service was held Friday, July 17, 10 a.m. EST at Fort Mitchell National Cemetery with the Rev. Earnestine Campbell officiating. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Susan was born Sept. 15, 1957, in Whitefish, the first child of Aldus Franklin and Clara Marie Mackey. Her childhood years were spent in Rexford and Kalispell. Upon graduation from Flathead High School in 1975, she attended Great Falls Vocational Technical Center in Great Falls, where she earned her certification as a dental assistant. During that time, Susan made many lifelong friends and met her husband-to-be, Donny Walter Davis, from Phenix City, Alabama, who was serving in the United States Air Force at Malmstrom Air Force Base. Susan and Donny were married at Central Christian Church in Kalispell on May 29, 1976, a marriage that endured for 44 plus-years. Susan was exceptionally pretty on that day, wearing a beautiful dress handmade by her mother. During their Air Force time spanning 12 years, Susan and Donny lived in Great Falls, the northern part of the Providence of Quebec in Canada, in Duluth, Minnesota, and on K.I. Sawyer AFB on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Those were very good years for Susan and Donny with

the highlight being the birth of their first child Amanda "Mandy" in Duluth.



Upon Donny's early retirement from the Air Force in 1986, they moved to Phenix City where Susan lived the rest of her life. Susan and Donny had a second child Robinson "Robbie" and five grandchildren. She worked in various capacities for 25-plus years at Blue Cross Blue Shield in Columbus, Georgia. She also worked for 12 years for Piedmont as a medical-student coordinator. It was an extremely rewarding job as she helped many medical students in their education toward becoming doctors. Susan retired from Piedmont in June of 2019 but remained in a part-time capacity until March of 2020. She was a very active member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Columbus and served her beloved church in many ways.

Susan was taught sewing, knitting and crocheting by her mother, crafts that she enjoyed and excelled at her entire life. She especially enjoyed making clothing, blankets and afghans for her children and grandchildren, and prayer shawls for her church. Her last sewing project before her sickness was making masks for family and friends and she donated many to Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital in Phenix City. She also enjoyed cooking, and was considered by

all of her grandchildren as the "bestest cooker." Susan's daily suppers and Thanksgiving Day meals will be greatly missed by all her family. Other enjoyments included gardening and traveling by car, making many trips from Phenix City to Kalispell. However, her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends.

Susan was beloved by all who knew her. She was greatly respected wherever she worked and was always dedicated to doing the best she could. She was smart, wise, beautiful and a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, and a loving sister. Susan was very proud of her children and the success they have achieved. She was also proud of her Montana heritage.

Susan was preceded in death by her mother Clara Mackey and father Aldus Mackey, and her grandson Logan Kinsman, son of her daughter Amanda.

In addition to her husband Donny of 44 years,

she is survived by her daughter Amanda Marie Davis-Kinsman and her twin daughters Mary Claire and Emily Lauren Kinsman; and her son, Davis Trent Kinsman; her son, Robinson Aldus Davis, his wife Sarah Sue, and their daughter Samantha Joyce, all of Phenix City; her brother, Daniel M. Mackey, and his wife Wendi of Lakeview, Oregon; and many other family and friends.

The family would like to thank all friends, family members and Epworth United Methodist Church for their love, prayers and support during Susan's battle with leukemia and COVID-19. We are also grateful to her health care team at Piedmont, which included many doctors who knew Susan and truly loved her. Despite their best efforts, her precious heart simply gave out. She fell into the arms of her Lord Savior Jesus Christ peacefully and with dignity and grace.

## Dennis E. Day, 77

Dennis E. Day, 77, died April 12, 2020, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Doreen.

No services are being

held at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## George Dean, 77

George Dean, 77, of Columbia Falls, died March 13, 2020.

He will be buried in Fort Rosecrans National

Cemetery in San Diego. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Ellis Deasy, 74

Ellis Deasy, 74, of Eureka, died on Dec. 30, 2020, at North Valley hospital in Whitefish.

No services are planned at this time.

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

## Julie Ann DeBok, 55

Julie Ann DeBok, 55, of Hungry Horse, died Oct. 16, 2020, at her home.

She is survived by her parents Ronald and Loretta DeBok.

Services will be held in Iowa.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

## Irene A. DeBorde, 89

Irene A. DeBorde, 89, of Polson, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at her home.

Arrangements are under the care of The Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

## J. Anthony Dede, M.D., 86

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J. Anthony Dede, M.D., 86, of Whitefish, died May 17, 2020, with his wife Jeanie by his side and Mr. Boodles and Bimmer.

He is survived by four children Kevin, Kisten,

Keith and Kathleen and seven grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

## Michael C. Delaney, 79

Michael C. Delaney, longtime resident of Bigfork, and Jupiter, Florida, passed away on June 16, 2020. He lived a full and complete 79 years.

The beloved husband and father was born in Polson on the shores of Flathead Lake. The son of Thomas Ronald and Julia Delaney, he spent the formative years of his childhood with his five siblings and parents in Tokyo, Japan. His father's position in the U.S. State Department took the family all over the world. He graduated from high school in Washington, D.C., and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Fairfield University in 1963. He was a former general partner at Goldman Sachs where he was partner-in-charge of the Fixed Income Division in Tokyo and co-branch manager of Goldman Sachs (Japan) Corp. (Toyko office). He also served as partner in charge of municipal underwriting, trading and sales for the Municipal Bond Department. He was a member of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking board in



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Washington and a member of the Board of Governors of the Municipal Bond Club of New York. He served as chairman of the

Syndicate and Trading Committee of the Public Securities Association.

Mike spent 39 months in the U.S. Army, which included 10 months service in Vietnam. He was an intelligence specialist with airborne, ranger and special forces training and a graduate of Officers Candidate School. He was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1968 as a first lieutenant. He was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight and the Bronze Star medal for heroism in ground combat. Prior to military service, Mike lived briefly in Afghanistan and lived and worked in West Africa.

In 1998 Mike joined the board of the Maureen

and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a nonprofit that promotes understanding and cooperation among nations and peoples of Asia and the United States. In 2001 he was named president of the Foundation. In addition to the Mansfield Foundation he engaged in a variety of other philanthropic activities.

He enjoyed playing golf, watching sports, reading and spending time with his family and friends. He had many friendships and close relationships across the world, from Montana to New York to Tokyo. He will be remembered for his generosity, kindness and for always being willing to help others. For all his achievements and success, he saw his greatest accomplishments as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Charlotte G. Delaney; and their daughter, Tara Gilbride, her husband Jason, and their son Michael and daughter Logan; his sister, Susan Cline; brother, Jerry Delaney; and several beloved nieces and

nephews.

He was predeceased by his sisters Sheila, Sharon and Marianne.

A public memorial is not scheduled at this time. Please feel free to share thoughts and memories with family and friends via [leopgallaghergreenwich.com](http://leopgallaghergreenwich.com). And in lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to Save the Children, Julia Coye Delaney Endowment.

## Austin Lamar DeMars, 20

Austin Lamar DeMars, 20, passed away unexpectedly June 6, 2020.



Austin's life was full of love, friendship, ambition and a he was a constant joy to his family. He was beloved by many people and will be deeply missed. His joy in life was visible by his great smile and quickness to laugh.

Austin was born in Kalispell on Feb. 3, 2000, to Carroll DeMars and Kara Chapman. As soon as he could walk he wanted a ball in his hand and always loved sports. He played basketball, baseball and football, but his love was football. In 2018, he graduated from Flathead High School. He continued his education at Flathead Valley Community College, and was planning to travel to California in the fall to continue school and play football.

Austin loved his friends, family, teammates and community and will always be

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remembered as caring and committed. He served the community working in programs reading to children and encouraging children to be active and engaged in sports. He held a high standard for himself as an athlete and a solid citizen. To his family he was a light and a shining example of joy.

He is survived by his father and stepmother Carroll and Nikki DeMars, and his mother and stepfather Brock and Kara Chapman, his brothers Chauncey, Jackson and Ashton, and sister Rebekah, stepbrother Caiyou, and stepsister Jada. Austin's family is too large to mention here; many cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and his great-grandpa Carroll LaVanway.

The family is planning a celebration of life Saturday, June 20, at 2 p.m., at 735 Griz Lane in Marion.

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.

## Claudia Caroline Dennison, 78

Claudia Caroline Dennison, 78, of Marion, died at The HealthCenter at Kalispell Regional Medical Center due to complications of heart surgery on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020.

A celebration of life will be held at a date to be determined.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

## Betty Cooke (Fox) Denham, 78

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Betty Cooke (Fox) Denham, 78, of Columbus, North Dakota, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, at Trinity Hospital in Minot, North Dakota, with her daughter at her side.

Betty was born Aug. 12, 1942, in Dallas to William Arthur Cooke and Marjorie Lanes Schmidt Cooke. Betty's father was a career oil man with Mobil Oil and moved the family to Billings when Betty was a young child. She graduated from Billings Senior High in 1960 and attended the University of Wyoming where she studied accounting and pledged Pi Phi sorority.

After college, she returned to Billings to marry Melvin Fox. Together they managed the Fox family ranch at Two Dot, Montana, and had two daughters, Melissa, born in 1966, and Christine, born in 1969. Betty and Melvin divorced in 1975 but remained close friends and co-parented their girls until Melvin's death in 1984.

Betty married Thomas Denham in 1976. Together they started a pension administration business in Denver that they later sold to their partner. At the time of Melvin's death, he and Betty were joint owners in the Fox family cattle ranch at



Two Dot and she took over full-time management. After the ranch was sold in 1987,

Tom and Betty moved to Bigfork and then to Kalispell in 1999. They remained in the Flathead Valley until 2016.

Betty's first concern was always her family and her daughters, but she also had a successful career as an accountant and a certified pension administrator. After moving to Kalispell, she worked with her daughter Christine and became an essential part of her accounting practice.

Before Betty was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, she loved to do crafting, sewing, bowling, golfing, camping, fishing, and hosting parties at her home. After beating cancer, she preferred to be more of a home body and enjoyed reading, watching old Westerns, playing

cards with friends, and was an avid genealogist. She was extremely proud to be a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, for which membership eligibility requires proof of lineal descent from a patriot ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. Betty's heart was always in Montana, but she willingly moved to North Dakota in 2016 to be close to her daughter Christine and her family in Columbus. Though she often missed her friends in Montana, she had more friends in North Dakota than she ever realized. She left an impression on everyone she met with her sweet smile, wonderful sense of humor, and friendly personality.

There was so much more to this beautiful lady than can be summarized in a few paragraphs. She lived an extraordinary life and was loved beyond measure.

Betty was preceded in

death by her parents, her brother William Michael Cooke, and her former spouse Melvin.

She leaves behind her husband, Thomas Denham, of Columbus, North Dakota; daughters, Melissa (Tim) Hann of Parker, Colorado, and Christine (Chad) Aasheim of Columbus; stepsons, Steven (Penny) Denham of Aurora, Colorado, and Christopher (Pam) Denham of Greeley, Colorado; and her "adopted" daughter, Joy (Jay) Blankenship, of Columbus. She also leaves behind her precious grandchildren, Mollie Aasheim who will care for Betty's beloved dog Daisy, Rebecca Hann and son Chase Murphy, Alyson Hann and daughter Kaya Espinoza, and Cooper Hann.

A memorial service will be held in Columbus at a date to be determined.

Memories and condolences can be shared at [www.thomasfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomasfamilyfuneralhome.com)

## Thomas Meno Denham, 87

Thomas Meno Denham, 87, of Columbus, North Dakota, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, at his daughter's home near Columbus, North Dakota.

Thomas was born Feb. 2, 1933, in Battle Creek, Michigan, the son of Thomas Yutzy and Esther Maulbetsch. He was raised in Milan, Michigan, by his mother and adoptive father, Harry Welton Denham. He graduated from Milan High School in 1950 and Miami of Ohio University in 1954, where he studied business and pledged Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

While in college, Thomas married Marilyn Grisso; together they had three children, Steven, born in 1954, Christopher, born in 1958, and Catherine, born in 1965. Thomas and Marilyn divorced in 1976.

After college, Thomas was commissioned as second lieutenant into the Air Force. He was assigned to Lincoln Air Force Base Strategic Air Command, piloting the B-47 strategic nuclear bomber with the mission of guarding our country against possible Cold War aggression; a one-way mission if called to action. He served his country for four years and was



Wisconsin, and served in the Wisconsin Civil Air Patrol.

In July 1976, Thomas married Betty Cooke Fox, the love of his life, and became a second dad to her two daughters.

Together, Thomas and Betty started a successful pension administration business in Denver that they later sold. In 1987, Thomas and Betty moved to Bigfork, and in 1999 to Kalispell. They remained in the Flathead Valley until 2016 when they moved to North Dakota to be close to their daughter Christine and her family in Columbus.

Thomas had a successful career as a life and health insurance agent, a pension and annuity salesman, and a flight instructor. After moving to Kalispell, he started Wilderness Treasures, a company that designed

and marketed rustic household items and figurines. Thomas loved adventure; backpacking, camping, fishing, hunting, and for many years he lived for his annual trips to the Bahamas to scuba-dive and soak up the sun.

Thomas was hopelessly devoted to his "Princess" Betty and he could not find the strength to go on without her after she died Aug. 19, 2020, from COVID-19 complications.

Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, his parents, and his sister Janet Yutzy Swanson.

He leaves behind two sons, Steven (Penny) Denham of Aurora, Colorado, and Christopher (Pam) Denham of Greeley, Colorado; and two stepdaughters: Melissa (Tim) Hann of Parker, Colorado, and Christine (Chad) Aasheim of Columbus, North Dakota. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life for Thomas and Betty will be held in Columbus in the spring or summer of 2021.

Memories and condolences can be shared at [www.thomasfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomasfamilyfuneralhome.com).



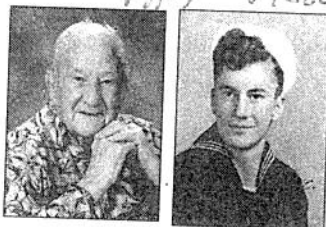
## Edward Peter DeReu, 97

Ed died peacefully in his sleep Nov. 4, 2020, while at the Montana Veterans Home, which he enjoyed.

Ed was born on July 29, 1923 in Pipestone, Minnesota, to William DeReu and Gertrude Roelandt. They were both born in Illinois. Both are deceased.

Ed's siblings are sisters Marilyn (Powell) and Janice (Sehr) of Minnesota, and brother John DeReu (Joy Wilson) of Kalispell, all living. They all grew up on a grain farm in Jasper, Minnesota. Eighth grade was the last full year of schooling for Ed. This was a common amount of schooling for farmers in those days. Then it was time to do farm work. Ed joined the Navy and fully remembers the foreign ports and cities he was able to see. It was quite a change from the farm in Minnesota. This was during the time of the World War II. He was honorably discharged from the Navy on Oct. 13, 1945 — a service of three years, three months, five days.

He married a fine lady named Darlene Bergin. They moved to Coram, Montana, in 1952. He worked on the Hungry Horse Dam Project. He



also worked in Idaho on the Priest River Dam. When he returned to

Coram, he hauled logs. Then he worked at the Anaconda Aluminum Company while it was being built. When the plant was built, he worked in the office handling the general ledger. Throughout all of this they had seven children. They moved from Coram to Columbia Falls in 1963 to alleviate the many trips for school activities. Their move was into an older house on 10 acres south of Columbia Falls. The deal included a few existing milk cows and some various other farm animals. As sideline jobs, (he always had multiple) and for extra money, he bartended in almost every bar, including the Blue Moon and up to the Dew Drop Inn.

In 1966 Ed left the aluminum plant to try a new adventure. He bought Rex's Bar and Motel in

the Columbia Heights area. Both Ed and Darlene operated this for three years. Upon selling and leaving Rex's Night Club, he worked at Plum Creek as a millwright until he retired in 1983.

He began golfing sometime during all this and, after retiring, made it a mainstay for his daytimes. He also began playing pinochle at the Senior Citizens Center. You probably remember his name being posted (rubber stamped) quite readily in the paper. If his name did not show up in the paper, he must have taken the night off or someone else got really lucky. He also enjoyed bowling, and later attended the "Old Timers League," he called it.

Ed was a hard worker. He took all that he did with the necessary passion to be good at it. In his younger years he was competitive, which made him good at baseball and whatever sport he was playing. He was an avid bowler also. He once bowled against a famous bowler named Johnny Guenther. The match was at the Glacier Lanes. Ed was chosen because he had the high average for the league at that time. Yes, Ed lost that one. At the end of the game, Ed

threw a ball that did not get the necessary pins to keep going. Mr. Guenther walked up and said, "I won." After rethinking that, it seems Mr. Guenther may have been relieved!

Ed was preceded in death by his oldest son, Wayne (Sally), and daughter Becki (Rebecca) Miller.

Ed is survived by his ex-wife, Darlene (Beehive, 92 years old); sons, Timothy (Dorothy), Tom (Mary) and Chris (Bettie Lou); and daughters, Beth Hagen (Mark) and Mary DeReu.

Ed will be greatly missed. His humor and the bringing out of the "Olden Days" quips out again will be missed. An occasional take on an "ancient" song, ("If you knew Suzy") or a quick yodel would bring back memories.

A viewing for Ed will take place on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary. Mass of Christian Burial is Friday Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church, with interment at St. Richard Catholic Cemetery.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Ed's family.

## Dennis Desjarlais, 58

Dennis Desjarlais, 58, of Kalispell, died April 25, 2020, at his home.

No services are being planned.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Bonita D. Deskins, 81

Bonita D. Deskins, 81, of Hungry Horse died on Dec. 16, 2020, at her home.

Services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Alison E. DeSmyter, 41

Alison E. DeSmyter, 41, of Whitefish, died at Kalispell Regional Medical Center on Sept. 8, 2020.

She is survived by her mother Kimberly Box.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

## Jesseka Marie Dickey, 30

Jesseka Marie Dickey, 30, died Oct. 17, 2020, at her home in Libby.

A celebration of life will be held Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Irene Ann (Hartmann) Corrigeux DeWit, 99

Irene Ann Corrigeux DeWit passed away peacefully to the loving arms of her Lord at the home of her daughter in Dixon, California, early Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28, 2019, just three weeks short of her 100th birthday.

Born Dec. 18, 1919, to homesteader parents, Albert G. Hartmann (1883-1959) and Margaret E. (Bauer) Hartmann (1889-1991), in Ethridge, Montana, Irene spent her early life on the prairie. She witnessed electricity and the telephone brought to rural Montana, rode a horse to school most days, and participated in the hard work of maintaining the family ranch east of Cut Bank.

On June 11, 1939, Irene married Archie C. Corrigeux (1907-1976), and honeymooned in



Glacier Park. The couple farmed near Cut Bank for 10 years, and started their fam-

ily, having two of their three daughters (Rose Marie and Ellen) while living on the ranch. In 1949 the family moved over the mountains to the Flathead Valley, settling in Columbia Falls. Archie worked in the carpenter trade and Irene raised her growing family, having had her final daughter, Mary. Irene loved flowers and had a large plot growing a wide variety. She also maintained an extensive garden, and is especially remembered for her red potatoes, carrots and peas. By necessity, as many wives

of the time, Irene baked her own bread several times a week and treats like cookies, cakes and pies loved by her family — especially her three grandchildren.

A woman of deep faith, Irene was actively involved with Our Savior's Lutheran Church for over 40 years, serving on the church's original building committee in 1951, Sunday School superintendent and past president of the Ladies Aid, and other roles. Irene was active in many community service organizations while she lived in Columbia Falls, and would serve as a Columbia Falls librarian for over 20 years.

In 1981 Irene would be blessed to find love again and marry Klaas DeWit (1909-1994). Klaas and Irene spent many years enjoying their retire-

ment, golfing, staying at Klaas' small farm in Ferndale, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

In her declining years, Irene was lovingly carried for by her three daughters, eventually moving to Dixon, California, in 2014. She was preceded in death by her brothers Albert and Raymond "Stub," her sister Marjorie Hartmann, husbands Archie Corrigeux and Klaas DeWit, and daughter Rose Marie Hughes (Duke Hughes).

She is survived by her sister Mrs. Betty Reed (Tom Reed), her daughters Ellen Hartmann (Tim Hartmann) and Mary Andrew (Dennis Andrew), her three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

## Arnold James Diede, 87

Arnold James Diede, 87, died Feb. 2, 2020, at his home in Bigfork.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Dorne Marie (Zauft) Diesen, 53

*PAG 28 June 2020*  
Dorne Marie (Zauft) Diesen passed on June 6, 2020.

She was born on March 20, 1967, in Fort Frances, Ontario, to Richard Dwight and Mary Logene Zauft. Summers spent at the family's wilderness camp in Canada were some of her favorite times and stories to share. In 1978 her family relocated to Kalispell where she made several lifelong friends. After graduating from Flathead High School in 1985, she discovered her partner in crime and fellow adventurer, Jeff Diesen, in September 1986 (his best birthday present ever!). The couple married on Oct. 9, 1991 and were devoted to each other for 34 years.

Dorne loved late night games with friends and cool cars. She enjoyed a good joke and warm summer nights. She was always up for an adventure, especially with the



many furabies she loved over the years. Many children loved her as "Aunt" Dorne

and she cherished each one. Her friends were embraced as family and she was quick to help others.

Dorne was preceded in death by her parents, Richard Dwight Zauft and Mary Logene Zauft, and her brothers Michael Zauft and Gary Zauft.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff Diesen; several nieces and nephews; the second light of her life, her goddaughter, Grace; and numerous treasured friends.

Dorne loved all holidays, but her favorite was July Fourth. As such, a celebration of her life will be held on July 4 at the home she built with her life partner.

## Timothy F. Dilworth, 60

Timothy F. Dilworth, 60, of Kalispell, died Dec. 20, 2020, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife Doni, and daughter Sierra.

Services will be held at a later date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Leona Danette 'Dani' Dobyns, 90

*PAG 28 June 2020*  
Leona Danette "Dani" Dobyns passed away peacefully at home in Kalispell on April 11, 2020.

Dani was born to Daniel Roy and Leona Grace Fenn Dobyns on Jan. 28, 1930, in Shelby. She was the oldest of seven children.

Dani started school in Shelby and then attended school in Dunkirk, Montana, after her parents bought land along the Marias River. Danette finished high school in Great Falls, at St. Thomas, where she graduated in 1947 before going on to college in Great Falls. Beginning in 1960, Dani attended Notre Dame University and earned her Doctorate in Chemistry degree.

Following her studies, Dani went on to share her love for science and education, as a distinguished professor at the California State University at Dominguez Hills. She was selected as a member of the American Chemical Society and earned full membership in the Society of the Sigma Xi in 1965. Dani was loved by her students and delighted in making basic chemistry concepts understandable and approachable.

After more than 30 years at the university, Dani retired and moved to Kalispell in 1996. Back in Montana, Dani rekindled a passion for photography that kept her inspired throughout the rest of her life. She was



an active member in all of the local camera clubs and was a generous patron of

the local art community.

With her camera in hand, Dani traveled all over this beautiful state and around the world. She particularly loved flying up to Nome, Alaska, to be a part of the Iditarod sled dog race finale. Dani attended photography workshops all over the country and delighted in learning new skills with her camera well into her late 80s.

Dani is survived by two of her sisters, Juanita of Carnation, Washington, and Jesse of Lincoln, Montana, and by her brother William in Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her siblings Peggy, Pat and Dan, as well as by her father and mother.

A celebration of life is planned for her from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, July 31, at the Lawrence Park Pavilion in Kalispell and a private ash scattering will be held later in the summer.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that those who wish to please send donations to the North West Montana Veterans Stand Down and Food Pantry.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for Dani's family.

### Donald William Doan, 80

Donald William Doan, 80, passed away Feb. 23, 2020, in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Donald was born May 17, 1939, in Detroit to William and Guinevere (Peggy) Doan.

Just out of high school, Don joined the Michigan National Guard. Don is a graduate of General Motors Institute with a degree in electrical engineering. Don worked for several corporations as an electrical engineer, including Collins Radio in Dallas. Don also earned a Master of Business degree from the University of Michigan. In 1996, the family moved to Texas.

Don continued to work as an electrical engineer. In 1989, Don and his wife Ann decided to move to Saint Clare Shores in Michigan and develop their own business. After much consideration, they decided to purchase a United Rental Franchise. Don was a very honest and successful businessman and in a short time purchased two more United Rental Franchises. After approximately 15 years in the rental business, Ann and Don decided to sell the business and retire in South Dade County, Florida.

In 1978, Don bought his first computer and started doing his own programming. Everyone who knows Don understands he is a computer wizard.



While in South Florida, Don was an avid fisherman. Don was a founding member of the Florida Conservation

Association and past president. Don was a life member of the Coastal Conservation Association, Dade County. Don was a past president of South Dade Anglers. The above three organizations worked hard to protect the fisheries and develop artificial habitats for fish.

After Don's wife, Ann, passed, he took a trip to Kalispell to visit his sister-in-law, Mollie McDaniel Glensending. Don and Penny remained together until he transitioned and passed early the morning of Feb. 23, 2020.

While in Kalispell, Penny and Don did some traveling. They also belonged to the Faithful Fiddlers and for eight years, Don was an active member and enjoyed kayaking and kayak camping.

Don became a very active and enthusiastic duplicate bridge player, resulting in achieving status as a Ruby Life Master. Don was a club manager for the Flathead Valley Bridge Center for

18 years. His talents and technology brought the club into the 21st century. He took the club from a shuffle and deal system with everything completed on paper to computerized hands with hand records. He set up a website with information for the club members and a Yahoo group where club members could email to find a partner for the game. Under his leadership the club membership tripled in size. He was also an exceptional bridge player and was always kind to his partner at the table, which is very difficult with the intense competition involved in duplicate bridge.

In 2009, Don and Penny started coming to Arizona as snowbirds. They spent the first four seasons in Golden Shores. Then they purchased a home in Lake Havasu City and spent seven winter seasons in Havasu. While in Havasu, Don enjoyed being a member of the Havasu 4 Wheelers and the Havasu Duplicate Bridge Club. Don was always a fun bridge player and a gentleman to his opponents. He loved the game of bridge and he will be missed by all. Don was a financial educator through his website: [www.pennu-monline.com](http://www.pennu-monline.com).

Don was predeceased in death by his wife, Ann McDaniel Doan; parents, William and Guinevere (Peggy) Doan; daughter, Hazel Khoury; granddaughter, Kristen Ashley

Doan; and brother, Ray Doan.

Don is survived by his life partner of 27 years, Penny Leistikow, sons, Paul and Mark Doan; granddaughter, Amanda Khoury; grandson, Mark Ryan Doan; niece, Julie Mae Longford; nephews, Steve Doan and Jeff Parnell; and sister-in-law, Mollie McDaniel Glensending.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Don's name to Hospice of Havassa or to The Nature Conservancy.

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

Services were entrusted to the care of Lietz-Fruze Funeral Home. Thoughts and condolences can be sent to the family at [www.lietz-fruze.com](http://www.lietz-fruze.com). To send a free card go to [www.sendacard.com/lietzfruze](http://www.sendacard.com/lietzfruze).

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## Elaine Ruth (Sinclair) Dochtermann, 57

PAG 22 May 2020

Elaine Ruth (Sinclair) Dochtermann, 57, passed away April 24, 2020 at home in Kalispell from esophageal cancer.

She was born on June 21, 1962 in Tucson, Arizona and raised in Kalispell.

She married W. Bruce Dochtermann in 1988 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They were married for 23 years.

She worked as a bartender and a server at Diamond Lil's and The Corner Pocket. She was an avid reader who enjoyed summers at the Jersey Shore.

She is survived by her mother, Louceal Sinclair; son Ashton



Drew Dochtermann; sister Wanda (Vic) Stevens and family; sister Carol

(George Jr.) Miletich and family; and many other members of her large family.

She was preceded in death by her sister Arlene Sinclair and husband Bruce Dochtermann.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Services are currently pending.

## MEMORIALS

### Michael W. Dofelmire

PAG 14 June 2020

A graveside memorial service for Michael W. Dofelmire, 70, who died Dec. 18, 2019, will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 19,

at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A reception will follow at Colby's house, 89 Tronstad Drive, Kalispell.

## Donald 'Dewey' Dolezal, 97

PAG 8 Apr 2020

Donald "Dewey" Dolezal decided to leave this earthly place on March 25, 2020, and join his beloved wife of 73 years, Virginia, to work their fields together in a better place.

Dewey was born to Joseph Dolezal and Francis O'Keefe in Billings on Sept. 26, 1922. He had three younger brothers, Kenneth, Eugene and Pat.

After marrying Virginia Patterson on her birthday, Feb. 15, 1946, they moved to Hingham, Montana, to work for the Rodney and Hilda Spicher family. In time, Dewey and Virginia acquired their own farm land. Nobody worked harder than Dewey. Whether planting the spring seed or harvesting at the end of the



summer, Dewey could always be found on his tractor or combine, watching

the weather or feeding his kids salted nut rolls.

After working their farm for 40 years, Dewey and Virginia retired and traveled the world — Russia, Europe, Australia, Mexico, Belize, Alaska and even went on a cruise to the Bahamas. While on their cruise, Dewey was brave enough to sport a Speedo and let his friends take a photo. Dewey had a huge heart — biggest ever on the planet. While in Belize and Mexico, kids would gather around the table and watch

Dewey and Virginia eat. Dewey always ordered three meals — one for Virginia, one for himself and one for the kids.

In their waning years Dewey and Virginia settled into their beautiful property on Flathead Lake. That's where they really went to work — dropping trees, bucking logs and keeping the forest healthy. He was a true steward of the planet. The couple then discovered Tuscany, a retirement community in Yuma, Arizona, where Dewey earned the title as mayor. Since his hobby was work, he helped maintain the community pool, planted flowers and fixed anything that needed to be fixed for anyone. According to Dewey, that's what retired farm-

ers do. He spent the last year of his life residing at Emerald Springs, an assisted living facility in Yuma, Arizona.

Dewey is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; his parents, Joe and Francis; and his three brothers. He is survived by his daughter Janice O'Brien, Kalispell; son Jim (Sue), Florence; daughter Joan (Pat), Polson; and grandchildren Nicholas, Missoula; Marya (Dale), Florence; and Erin, Missoula. Donations can be sent to your favorite charity.

A celebration of life will be held at Dewey and Virginia's property on Flathead Lake at a date to be announced later.

## Robert 'Bob' Dowd Doolittle, 72

*126 8 Nov 2020*  
Robert "Bob" Dowd Doolittle, 72, passed away at his home in Whitefish on Oct. 31, 2020.



and both of his parents.

He is survived by

Bob was born on June 23, 1948, to Clifford and Ruth Doolittle.

"Cowboy Bob" would greet you with his piercing blue eyes and his friendly smile! To his workmates he was known as "Backhoe Bob," a skilled heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed the outdoors very much. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved horses and camping.

He was preceded in death by his son, Bobby,

his brother James, his daughter Shari Smith, his daughter Amity Zander, and his four grandchildren; Sydnie, Canaan, Nicholas, and Kyrie.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in the future at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Austin Funeral and Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for Bob's family.

## Richard 'Dick' Donahugh, 88

Richard "Dick" Donahugh, 88, of Bigfork, died Dec. 9, 2020, in Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, and his children Chris Donahugh, Jimmy Donahugh, Beth Lane and Clancy Lackey.

Services will be held at a later Date.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Corky McKinley Donnelly Jr., 52

*PAG 29 Jan 2020*  
Corky McKinley Donnelly Jr., 52, passed away on Jan. 23, 2020, at his home in Kalispell.

Corky was born on June 10, 1967, in Citrus Heights, California, to Corky McKinley Donnelly Sr. and Linda



Marjorie (McEachern) Donnelly. Corky was raised and graduated in California.

Corky was a hard-working man and was part of the Sheet Metal Union for many years until he moved into doing construction. Corky loved anything to do with the outdoors, camping, fishing and passing this passion onto his grandchildren.

Corky was preceded in death by his wife

Robbie James of 29 years, and sister Dawna Donnelly.

He is survived by his parents, Corky Donnelly Sr. and Linda McEachern; children, Christina Stewart, Tabbatha Burgess, Erika James and Corky Donnelly III; and grandchildren, Anthony Hyland, Lavell Hyland, Christopher Stewart Jr., David Burgess Jr., Aaliyah Stewart, Shaylee James, Sarah Baumbach, Desiree Burgess, McKinley Donnelly and Carter Donnelly.

Services will be announced at a later date.

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.

## Monty Vernon Dorr, 68

Monty Vernon Dorr, 68, died June 13, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Ruby Mae Dorsey, 91

PA # 21 Oct 2020

Ruby M Dorsey, 91, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on Oct. 9, 2020, having waited for her daughter Jane from Spokane to be able to come over and be with her.

Ruby was born March 31, 1929, to Morgan W. Galloupe in Lewistown. She was the eldest of four children. She was raised in Lewistown with the help of her grandmother, Berniece E. Dorsey.

Ruby spent most of her working years as a secretary, at Civil Defense in Walla Walla, Washington, United Paint, and DSHS (Department of Social and Health Services) in Spokane. Later she became a caregiver for Home Options in Kalispell, and worked helping others well into her 80s. She was such a blessing to many here in the Flathead Valley, helping them through the later stages of their lives.

She raised three children in the mid-'60s through the '70s as a single parent, making sure they never went without anything they needed.

Ruby loved her many cats she had over the years, and often said you were never fully dressed without some cat hairs on your clothes. She loved gardening, and raised anything she could get her hands on — flow-



ers, vegetables and trees. In the '60s and '70s, her gardens were more than a hobby,

as she raised vegetables and canned them for the family.

She enjoyed her grandchildren and often wished she could see more of them. Burt was the only grandchild here in Kalispell, and she spent as much time with him as she could. In the late '90s she moved from town out to live on the farm with her daughter Sarah, husband Jerry and grandson Burt west of town, build-

ing a cute mother-in-law house designed by Sarah and built by close friend Bill.

Ruby is survived by her children, David A. Scott and wife Theresa in Spokane, Jane E. Potter and husband Terry Hetrick in Spokane, and Sarah B. Nelson and husband Jerry in Kalispell; grandchildren, Alicia Potter, Burt Ross Fair-Nelson, Sue Harman, and Aaron Lee; great-grandchildren, Justine Potter, Jachai Reeves, William Potter IV, Savannah Potter, Danieal Parks, Brandon Harmon, Spencer Lee and Catlin Lee; great-great-grandchildren, Kyra Green and Addidan Parks; her sister, Elsa

B. Saffel; nephew James Alexander and wife Robin; and many dear friends she made along her journey.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, Morgan and Alice Galloupe; grandmother, Berniece Dorsey; her sister, Marian Galloupe; and twin brother, Marvin Galloupe; her son-in-law, William "Tim" Frank Potter II; and her grandson, William "Will" Frank Potter III.

There will be a celebration of life on her favorite summer activity, the annual Fourth of July potluck and barbecue at her daughter's home in Kalispell. A dear friend of the family's, Bill Burback, will speak.

## Helen Raybuck Dostal, 103

Helen Dostal passed away on June 29, 2020 in Kalispell.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1916 on a small farm outside of Anita, Pennsylvania to Homer and Bertha (Marshall) Sadler, joining her older brother and sister. Helen graduated in 1933 and married Paul Raybuck the next year. She worked right alongside Dad out in the fields. There are many pictures of her up on the horse-drawn hay wagon with a pitchfork in her hands. And there was the occasional scream for Dad out in the field when a big black snake would be crawling up the outside of the screen door. She cooked for the thrashers, sewed all our outfits during grade school years (remember those tent dresses) and made our baby doll and Barbie clothes. She taught me the art of canning everything that wasn't nailed down, how to use that scary pressure cooker and also how to make really good piecrust. She



and Dad farmed the property out in Grange where they raised us four kids until they

sold the farm in 1968 and we moved up on the hill into our new house that she drew the blueprints for.

Mom worked as the cafeteria manager at Mapleview School for several years until she dropped that frozen 25-pound turkey on her big toe. She enjoyed working with those girls there and they became good friends. She also worked at the Punxsutawney Post Office for years as the first female letter carrier and was nicknamed "Mrs. Zip."

Dad was killed in the coal mines in 1970 and Mom stayed on at the house until 1985 when she moved to Treasure Lake and met and then married Vlada "Dusty" Dostal, who died in 2009 from colon cancer. They had a lot of good years between the Lake and over in Emporium, and they made many friends.

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Helen enjoyed baking and everybody especially loved her pies, from key lime to raisin and everything in between. She had always enjoyed bowling and shooting pool in both the leagues. She was a member of St. John's Reformed Church, St. John's Ladies Aid, Treasure Lake Church, Ladies of the Lake, the Punxsutawney Loyal Order of the Moose, BPOE, and had held all the Offices in the local AARP (several times). Mom enjoyed being around people--her smile was the tell-tale sign. And she NEVER went to town without her earrings and lipstick on.

After Dusty passed, Helen moved to DuBois Village Assisted Living for nine years and then we made the decision to make the big move to Montana to be nearer to Gloria. After a few months of living on the ranch, the Alzheimer's was progressing so she needed to be admitted to a Memory Care facility for her safety. Renaissance Senior Care took wonderful care of her until she passed. She always called herself "a

tough old bird" and she was...right to the end.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands: Paul (1970) and Dusty (2009); both sons: Richard (2007) and Raymond (2014); her brother (Ralph); sister-in-law (Alta); her sister (Edna, also 103); brother-in-law (Ernie Little); her cousins, aunts and uncles, and a great-granddaughter.

She is survived by her daughters: Gloria (Jerry) Graves, Kalispell; and Gail (Rick) Homer of DuBois, Pennsylvania; her daughters-in-law: Shirley of Mayport, Pennsylvania and Deb of Orlando, Florida; her niece Cheryl Sadler of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family. A Memorial Service will be held at St. John's at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. John's Reformed Church, 2765 St. John Road, Punxsutawney, PA 15767.



# Isabelle Marie Hawes Amundson Dougherty, 100

Isabelle went to be with her Savior on Oct. 16, 2020.

She was born to George and Arhebelle (Bartlett) Hawes on April 3, 1920, in Van Hook, North Dakota.

During her teen years she worked as a housemaid and waitress. In 1937 she accepted a proposal of marriage from Arnold Amundson and they were wed July 3, 1937, in Cashmere, Washington. They resided there and in Trinidad until 1939 when they returned to North Dakota and rented a farm near Van Hook. That was the beginning of their family.

A daughter, Sharon, was born in 1941, followed by a son, Donald, in 1945 and a son, Arlyn, in 1947. In 1947 the family packed up and moved to Somers, where Dad got a job on the Great Northern Railroad at the tie mill. Due to an accident, the family packed up and moved to Whitefish in 1949, where they purchased a small farm west of town and Dad got on with Western Fruit.

Mother was a housewife, sold milk and eggs, and began childcare for some working families. In 1957 she was approached and asked to waitress for Sally's Cafe that had just opened in Whitefish. She accepted and worked there until it closed in the mid-60s. She then went to work for Nelson's Hardware. She was employed there until they sold the farm and moved to Polson, where they purchased a small cherry orchard on MT 35. Mom took care of the orchard and worked as a sales lady at McAlear's Furniture. In 1973 the orchard was sold and a house on Hillcrest Drive was purchased. She continued at the furniture store under owner Jerry Fisher and also took instruction for hospice care. In 1975 she began



doing hospice care, including caring for her uncle Charley McCarthy until his passing

in 1976. During this period they had purchased an RV trailer and took many trips to the Glacier National Park and vacations with their grandson, Brett. This continued until the death of Arnold on July 3, 1981.

After Dad's passing, Mom found she needed to work, so she got a sales job at what is now Ace Hardware in Polson. In 1983 she sold the Hillcrest home and purchased a double-wide in a court next to Richwine's. She lived there until she met Leonard Johnson in 1984 and they moved it to Forest Hill Village south of Kalispell. Mom owned the trailer and Leonard owned the lot. At this time they began snow-birding, settling in Country Roads Village in Yuma, Arizona. This back-and-forth continued until 1988 when they split the sheets. In winter of 1988, Mother once again took to hospice care for the wife of James Dougherty. After his wife's death he began seeing Mother, and after a short courtship they were married on Feb. 24, 1989. During Mom's time at Country Roads, she organized a pinochle club and by the time she left had a group of over 125 members. She also enjoyed an occasional outing at various casinos. Her favorite game by far was Deuces Wild, always hoping to deal five deuces. This marriage continued until James' death in 2006. Mother sold the Yuma digs and continued to live at Forest Hill Village until failing health forced her into assisted living at Prestige Assisted Living.

Due to a fall on March

7, 2020, she was taken to the emergency room and then to Brendan House for rehabilitation, where she remained until her passing on Oct. 16, 2020. The family would like to thank Brendan House nurses, aides and support staff for their life-saving care that allowed our mother to reach her 100th birthday. Thank you also for letting us see her on April 3 even with the COVID raging.

Isabelle was preceded in death by husbands Arnold Amundson and James Dougherty; son Dewayne Arnold (died 1938); parents George and Arhebelle Hawes; siblings: Virginia, Gordon, Vernon, Laraine, Irene, Kenny, Margret, Vivian, Dean and George Jr. (Punky); daughter-in-law Pepper Balog Amundson; son-in-law E.J. Curly Weidner; great-granddaughter Taylor Davis; and step grandsons Allen and Brian Cislo.

She is survived by daughter Sharon Weidner of Kalispell; son Donald Amundson of Kalispell; son Arlyn (Karen) of Polson; grandchildren: Dea (Ric) Block of Johnstown, Ohio; Brett Cislo of Kalispell; Denise Amundson of Denver; Danyel (Randy) McCrea of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Darci Amundson of Denver. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Bryane, Shayla, Shawn, Khris, Jenna, Josh, Marris and Colton; five step-great-grandchildren; fourteen great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to Mom's wishes there will be no services. In lieu of this we will try to set up a celebration of life in the summer of 2021. For those wishing to give a memorial please send them to Frontier Hospice or a charity of your choice. Mom, you will be missed.

## Lorie Ann Dougherty, 67

PA 5 23 Feb 2020  
Lorie Ann Dougherty, 67, passed away on Feb. 11, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Lorie was born on July 30, 1952, in Staten Island, New York, to Thomas and Alice (Bloom) Dougherty. Lorie was the fourth child born to Thomas and Alice Dougherty. She was raised in Montauk. She resided by herself in Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Alice Dougherty; her brother, Richard Dougherty; her sister, Sharon Dougherty; and her son, Andrew Kravitz-Hear.

She is survived by her brother Jeremiah Dougherty of Whitefish, and her brother Thomas Dougherty of Moriches, Long Island.

Lorie's wishes were to be cremated and taken back to Long Island to be buried with her parents

and her son.  
Lorie will be missed by many, including Leeann and Nancy, her care givers that have taken care of her for many years and loved her dearly, as well as her immediate family and friends.

Our Father, which art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen — Matthew 6:9-13.

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.

## Theresa Downing, 54

Theresa Downing, 54, died at her home in Columbia Falls Jan. 27, 2020.

She is survived by her husband Patrick Downing and her two children.

An inurnment will be

held at at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery, followed by a potluck celebration of life at 2 p.m. at the Eagles in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

## Maxine M. Drew, 92

Maxine M. Drew, 92, of Kalispell died May 15, 2020.

She is survived by her daughter Cheryl Lee.

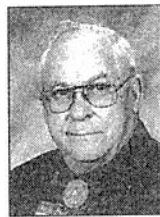
Services are pending. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Donald Arthur Doyle, 88

Donald Arthur Doyle passed away Jan. 15, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was 88 years old.

Don was born on July 5, 1931, in Holstein, Iowa, to Clyde and Edna (Kuchel) Doyle. In 1937, the Doyle family moved to Kalispell, where Don attended school and graduated from Flathead High School in 1950.

He excelled in many activities while in high school, but football was his calling, where he played halfback, linebacker and kicker. Don made the Huskies team for the University of Washington, but he returned to Montana to play for the MSU Bobcats before leaving school to care for his mother. Shortly after her



death, and one day after enlisting in the Air Force, he received an invitation to try out for the Green Bay Packers. He considered it an honor and duty

to fight for his country during the Korean War, and he was a proud patriot his whole life.

Returning from overseas, he married Mary Valeda Enerson on Jan. 10, 1954, in Whitefish, where they made their home. The union brought a son, Brian, in 1955, and a daughter, Katie, in 1966.

In 1955, Don started work at the new Anaconda Aluminum Company as a timekeeper, and he retired there in 1985 as Safety Supervisor for Arco Aluminum. Don spent countless hours coaching Brian and other boys in peewee and Babe Ruth baseball. He served his community well as a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church, as a Whitefish City Councilman, and as a Mason and Shriner.

After retirement, Don and Valeda moved to Meadow Lake Golf Course in Columbia Falls to relax and play golf. After the death of his beloved Valeda, Don built a home on Village Greens Golf Course, where he lived and golfed the last 27

years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, wife, three sisters, and two brothers. He is survived by his son Brian (Connie); daughter Katie (Bob); grandchildren Emily, Taylor, and Zachary Bolam; sister Karen Cottet; and brother Joe Kucera. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Tentatively, the service will be held at Darlington Funeral Home on May 16, 2020, at 1 p.m. However, due to COVID-19, this may be simplified to a family graveside service at Woodland Cemetery at 1 p.m. on what would have been Don's 89th birthday, July 5, 2020.

## Robert Earl Dudding, 65

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Robert Earl Dudding, 65, passed away on Jan. 19, 2020 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Robert was born on Sept. 4, 1954 in Astoria, Oregon to Robert O. and Marjorie (Barrett) Dudding. Robert was raised in Oregon and Montana. He worked as a school bus driver, raft bus driver and maintenance manager at Big Mountain. He loved hunting, fishing, camping, skiing and spending time with family and friends. Robert was preceded in death by his father Robert. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Gayle (Lawrence) Dudding, mother Marge



Dudding, children: Rob Dudding, Terry Davis, Ed Hynes and Erin Hynes, and siblings Rebecca Powell and Barbara Cartwright. A Celebration of Life will be held 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2020 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

## Bradley Thomas Dunkin, 36

*PA 5 30 Dec 2020*  
Bradley Thomas Dunkin, age 36, passed away in Kalispell on Dec. 25, 2020.

Brad was born Oct. 30, 1984, in Kalispell to Dwaine and Laurie (Baker) Dunkin.

Brad graduated from The Bridge Academy in 2002. He started working with the Tire Rama Company when he was 16 years old. He started with his dad. Brad was very committed to his work and customers.

Brad married Lynsey on April 14, 2013, in Kalispell. They later divorced after five years but remained friends.

Hunting and fishing were Brad's life. He loved to share this with

his boys; hanging out with his kids brought him the most joy. Brad is preceded in death by his mother Laurie Baker.

He is survived by his children Maddie, Dawson and Carter; ex-wife and friend Lynsey Dunkin; parents Dwaine and Royce Ann Dunkin; brother Mike and (Christa) Ryan; and grandmother Nada Dunkin.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 31, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Because of COVID-19, restrictions will apply.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

## Lawrence 'Larry' Lee Duncan, 75

Lawrence "Larry" Lee Duncan, 75, of Custer, South Dakota, died Jan. 12, 2020, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital in Rapid City, South Dakota.

He is survived by his wife, Sharlot Duncan of Custer; mother, Clara Duncan of Custer; children, Renee Sherwood of Libby, Ruby Love of Helena, Jess Duncan and

Shane Duncan, both of Custer; Traci Smith of Port Arthur, Texas, and Deborah Ramirez of San Antonio, Texas.

Celebration of life services will be held 2:30 p.m., Saturday Feb. 15, at the Custer VFW.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home in Custer.

## Stan Dupree, 88

Stan Dupree, 88, of Kalispell, died in Kalispell Oct. 3, 2020.

He is survived by his son, Paul Dupree.

No services are being

held at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Denise Ann Dye, 57

Denise Ann Dye, 57, of Kalispell died at her home on June 25, 2020 with family by her side. Denise was born Sept. 1, 1962 in Eureka.

No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Douglass E. Dye

Douglass E. Dye, of Kalispell, passed away at home on Sunday, May 31, 2020, after a courageous battle with cancer.



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his photography achievements.

Doug lived life to its fullest, enjoying skiing, hiking and boating, and was an Ambassador tour guide for Whitefish Mountain Resort.

Doug was born on the windy slopes of Shelby, Montana, to Henry and Joyce (Larsen) Dye on May 2, 1951.

He graduated from Shelby High School and Montana State University with a master's degree in secondary education. He taught earth science and chemistry at Columbia Falls High School for 27 years and retired in 2002.

Doug was a self-taught craftsman and maintained and managed his rental properties in Kalispell. He was a freelance photographer, well-known for his nature and scenic photography in Montana. He had a love for both taking photos and teaching and mentoring other photographers, while being involved in local camera clubs. He published several photos, including ones of Glacier National Park, and won awards for

Doug is survived by his wife, Delores "Dee" Davis; his mother Joyce Dye; sister Lorraine (Kim) Fields of Richland, Washington; brother Byron Dye (Virginia Halderith) of Graham, Washington; sister Brenda (Bob) Froelich; nephews Phillip Froelich, Nicholas Froelich of Federal Way, Washington; niece Sara (Rob) Rosler of Lynwood, Washington; aunt Luanne Miles of Galata, Montana; as well as extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his father Henry Dye and brother John Dye.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch or Glacier National Park Conservancy.

Private gravesite services will be held Friday, June 19, followed with a celebration of life at 2:00 p.m. at Ponderosa Estates Park.

## Joan Nordtome Dykstra, 79

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Joan Nordtome Dykstra, 79, passed away on Jan. 14, 2020, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a brief battle with kidney failure and surrounded by her family.



She is survived by her husband Ted Dykstra, three children, seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one brother and many relatives.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents Kenneth and Zella Nordtome and one

granddaughter.

Her funeral service under the direction of Darlington

Mortuary will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan 18, at the Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo building. This is the building located closest to Albertsons. A potluck will follow the service. All are welcome.