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SAMUEL CALVIN 'CAL' WYLIE



SPIRIT LAKE, Idaho — Samuel Calvin "Cal" Wylie, 55, went to join the Lord, and his son Eric, on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, while at his home in Spirit Lake

with family by his side after his courageous battle with cancer.

Cal was born Aug. 15, 1955, to Sam and Vera (Heath) Wylie in Fort Eustis, Va. Throughout his lifetime, Cal had many accomplishments, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Air Force Reserves. He attended Carroll College in Helena, majoring in criminal justice, leading to a career in law enforcement. Cal served as a deputy sheriff in Lewis and Clark County and Toole County in Montana; a police officer in Helena and West Richland and Hanford, Wash.; and a Montana Highway Patrol officer. He also served as a victims advocate and probation officer in Sandpoint, Idaho. Cal always lived his life to the fullest, with much adventure and touching many lives along the way with his compassionate, funny, outgoing and loving personality.

In 2000, Cal married his best friend and soul mate Denise (Rohrich) Wylie. They spent much of their time together enjoying outdoor activities, long walks, hiking, crafty projects and home remodeling. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed camping, kayaking, boating and snorkeling at the family lake property on Lake Pend Oreille. Cal was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle and friend of many. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

Cal is survived by his loving wife

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Denise of Spirit Lake; two sons, Jordan and wife Britany Wylie of Post Falls, Idaho, and Calvin Wylie Jr. of Post Falls; a daughter, Jennifer and husband Billy Albin of Granite Falls, Wash.; three stepchildren, Brittany, Brandon and Sean Knopff of Auburn, Wash.; parents, Sam and Vera Wylie of Spirit Lake; sisters, Rhonda and husband Warren Kays of Wardner, Idaho, Janet Woods of Spokane and Sandra Daily of Post Falls; 11 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Cal was preceded in death by his son, Eric Dan Wylie.

A Celebration of Life, followed by a lunch, was held at 11 a.m. Feb. 12, 2011, at the Rose of Sharon Tabernacle Church, 36245 Highway 41, Oldtown, Idaho. Please visit Cal's memorial and sign his online guest book at www.yatesfuneralhomes.com.

FRANK BROWN



DILLON — Frank Morgan Brown died Jan. 2, 2011, in Dillon.

He was born on July 7, 1924, in Great Falls. He attended Great Falls schools and graduated

from Great Falls High School in 1943. Frank enlisted in the Navy in June 1943 and served his country in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans during World War II.

In 1953, Frank joined the Montana Highway Patrol and was stationed in Broadus, Miles City, Forsyth and finally Dillon, retiring in 1988 after 35 years of service. On Jan. 13, 1954, Frank married Mildred Sorensen in Miles City. To this union, three daughters were born.

Frank was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 1554, Dillon Masonic Lodge 16, Southwest Montana Shrine, Scottish Rite and served on the police commission for the City of Dillon.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Gilchrist, and grandsons, Nicholas Kajin and Joshua Jourdonnais.

Frank is survived by his wife, Millie, daughter and son-in-law, Claudia and Al Kajin of Forsyth; daughter, Jennifer Allen of Missoula; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Beth and Scott Jourdonnais of Missoula; grandchildren, Adrienne Allen Kenison (Chris) of Helena, Christopher Kajin of Chicago, Leslie Weiler (Shane) of Forsyth, Jeffrey Allen of Billings, Nathanael, Gabriel and Hannah Jourdonnais of Missoula; one great-grandson, Aiden Allen of Helena; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at Brundage Funeral Home in Dillon. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital, the Montana Hope Project, or other charity of your choice.

A guestbook is available at www.brundagefuneralhome.com or go to www.mtstandard.com/obits.

HERBERT 'HERB' A. BAKER



MISSOULA — Herbert "Herb" A. Baker, 95, of Missoula, passed away of natural causes **T h u r s d a y**, Feb. 3, 2011, at Community Hospital.

Herb was born May 23, 1915 in Weston,

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Ore., to James and Blanche (Yandall) Baker. He was raised in Deer Lodge and attended schools there, graduating from Powell County High School. Herb is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Herb married the true love of his life, Lois Pierce, on Oct. 3, 1937. They had been married for more than 73 years at the time of his death. Herb and Lois were blessed with two children, Dana Rae in 1940 and H. Alan in 1946.

Herb was a Montana Highway Patrol trooper from 1942 until 1975. He retired as a sergeant of the Missoula detachment. He played an integral part in providing historical information for the recent article commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Montana Highway Patrol.

Herb was a kind, generous and loving man. He had a wonderful sense of humor. Herb was a devoted husband, father and papa to all of his grandchildren. He and Lois enjoyed traveling across North America. Herb was well liked and had numerous friends with whom he enjoyed spending time.

He was involved with numerous community groups throughout the years including the Masonic Lodge, the Midget Patrol, the Baghdad Shrine, Jester, the Scottish rite and the retired MHP Trooper Association.

Herb is survived by his wife, Lois, of Missoula; sister Rosemary McAuliffe of Portland, Ore.; grandchildren Mike (Debbie) Bailey of Superior, Gary (Gail) Bailey of Superior, Debbie (Rick) Woodard of Gillette, Wyo., Guy (Kara) Baker of Missoula, as well as 11 great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Neil Baker; sister Betty Fast; daughter Dana Bailey; son Alan Baker and son-in-law Mick Bailey.

A memorial service for Herb was held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Garden City Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Martin officiating. Inurnment took place at a later date.

Memorials in Herb's name may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 911 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane, WA 99204.

CLARENCE RAY HOUGHTON



Clarence Ray Houghton, 82, passed away Thursday, May 26, 2011, after succumbing to cancer. He was surrounded by the love of his family, God and his many friends. Ray was born July 8, 1928, in Three Sands, Okla., to Clifford and Connie McGee Houghton. As the second child of five, he lived in the oil fields of Oklahoma and then in California.

Ray joined the U.S. Marine Corps Aug. 5, 1946. After boot camp at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, he attended sea school. He was stationed on the Antietam and was one of the first units deployed to Japan, then Korea. He landed in Wonsan Korea and after several stops along the way, he fought at the Chosin Reservoir. He served in World War II and the Korean War with the 1st Marine Division and was honorably discharged in 1954.

Ray married "the prettiest little thing he'd ever seen, with her black hair and green eyes," Betty Salois on Nov. 25, 1947. They raised three children, Don, Robyn and Candi. Ray and Betty made their home in Montana living in Conrad, Great Falls, and Glasgow, finally making Bozeman their permanent home for the past 47 years.

Ray was a man of many talents, and worked in many different fields from welding to long-haul truck driving. He became a member of the Montana Highway Patrol in 1960 and was stationed in Great Falls, Glasgow, and finally Bozeman in 1964. He taught self-defense to the new recruits at Fort Harrison in Helena. He served our state for 20 years until his retirement, and then he worked another 11 years for Driver Services in Bozeman. After retirement, Ray con-

tinued to work driving bus for Karst Stage. He particularly loved taking the sports teams to their games and transporting the Marine Corps Band and Silent Drill Team when they performed at Montana State University and even brought them home for dinner. He was a skilled carpenter and created many beautiful pieces that will be treasured by those honored enough to have one.

Ray was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 18 in Bozeman and Bagdad Shrine Center, plus many other Masonic bodies. As a Shriner, he worked with the Shriner's Hospitals for Children to bring medical care to those in need.

Ray is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty; sister, Myrna Barker, of Idaho, and brother, Joe (Jettie) Houghton, of California. Also, his children Don (Donna), of Belgrade, Robyn Ross (John), of Billings, Candi McClue (Dick), of Phoenix; grandchildren, Michael Houghton (Wendy), of Manhattan, Kevin McClue, of Phoenix, Jennifer Johnson (Neil), of Billings, Lynsey Lund (Chris), of Billings, Donnie King, of Belgrade, Loretta Dunning (Bruce), of Belgrade, Ed King (Nancee), of Great Falls, Darcy Gee (Butch), of Manhattan, Jeanne Zindler, of Bozeman, Donna McClue of, Phoenix, James McClue, of Albuquerque, and Kelly Hart (Jim), of Helena; also the loves of his life - his 18 great-grandchildren, including Mason, Jonas, Calvin, Julia, Aria, Jacob, and Angel; along with numerous extended family members and friends.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Pat Houghton; sister, Myra Lander, and granddaughter, Janice King Gustafson.

The family would like to extend many thanks to Keven Comer, FNP, who was incredibly understanding, patient and caring; Hospice of Southwest Montana for all their support; and especially the caring staff at Spring Creek Inn who treated Dad with dignity, humor and love. At his request cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Bozeman United Methodist Church on the corner of Willson Avenue and Olive Street. A reception followed at the Masonic Lodge. In lieu of flowers,



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please make a memorial donation to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children or the charity of your choice. Your presence in our lives as a husband, father, grandfather and friend leaves a deep hole in our hearts. We love you and will be together again. Dad always said there is no such thing as a former Marine -- Once a Marine, Always a Marine. Oohrah, Dad, and Semper Fi!!

Arrangements were in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com.

ORDEAN 'O.D.' SCHEER



LIBBY - Funeral services for Ordean "O.D." Scheer, 62, were held on Friday, May 27, at 1 p.m., in the Libby Christian Church, Libby. Officiating were Pastors Phil

Aspaw and Bob Thornton.

O.D. died peacefully at home on May 19, 2011, in Libby, of an apparent heart attack.

Ordean Francis Scheer, 62, was born on April 24, 1949, in Glendive, the son of Vernon and Cloey Scheer. He grew up and attended school in Circle, graduating from high school in 1968. During his summer vacations, he enjoyed working on area farms. In 1970, he graduated from Dawson Community College with an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement.

His education was interrupted when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served as a Specialist with the First Cavalry Division, Third Brigade, in Vietnam.

When he was honorably discharged in 1972, he had been awarded the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Upon his return to civilian life, he attended the Montana Law Enforcement Academy in Bozeman, qualifying

him as an officer of the Montana Highway Patrol.

His first assignment was as a driver examiner in Butte, followed by patrolman duties - first in East Glacier, then in Shelby for 11 years, and finally to Libby in 1990.

O.D. was known as an excellent marksman and dependable officer in any situation. At his retirement in 2004, he was recognized for his 30-year career in the Montana Highway Patrol.

On May 11, 1985, O.D. married Kim Mitchell in Shelby. Their family included four sons, Samuel, Steven, Mitchell and Derek, and one daughter, Marcie. He was a loving and humorous father and, along with Kim, taught their children well.

They have become reflections of the ideals they were taught. He took pride in all their accomplishments they achieved through the years.

O.D. enjoyed spending time on his boat and hunting with his family.

As a skilled woodworker, he was adept at using his lathe to create many beautiful cups and small vases, as well as building shelves and flower containers. Other interests of his were leather tooling, gun-smithing, fishing, camping, and league bowling.

A generous man, O.D. was always willing to lend a helping hand where needed. Particularly, he loved spending time with his family and friends. Anyone who knew O.D. soon became acquainted with his sense of humor, how he loved a good laugh and a practical joke.

O.D. was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Harper Erdman VFW Hall Post 1548), past Commander of Harper Erdman VFW Hall Post 1548, as well as past District 1 VFW Commander. He was also involved in the Montana Hope Project.

O.D. is survived by Samuel and Steven Scheer of Hood River, Ore., Marcie (Matt) Hornsby of Johnstown, Pa., Mitchell Scheer with the U.S. Navy in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Derek Scheer of Libby; three brothers, DeWayne (June) Scheer of Burnsville, Minn., Alan Scheer (Nancy), Wolf Point, and Daryl (Nora), Circle; a sister, Leanne (Art)

McCurdy of Salem, Ore.; and his mother, Cloey Scheer of Circle; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Kim Scheer, on March 6, 2011, and his father, Vernon D. Scheer, on Jan. 16, 2003.

Visitations were from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home and 8:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 27, at the Libby Christian Church. After the funeral service, a reception was held at the VFW Hall.

Cards may be addressed to O.D.'s family at:

The O.D. Scheer Family
123 Highwood Road
Libby, MT 59923

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