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Wes Dunham passed away Nov. 9, 2006. He was born Jan. 23, 1919, to Zelpha and Benjamin Dunham in Elgin, Ore. He was raised in Kansas and Eastern Colorado. He graduated from McClave High School and in 1941 graduated from Lamar Junior College. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII with an honorable discharge in 1946.

After his discharge, Wes began his 30+ year career with Gamble Skogmo (a hardware store) as a salesman and worked his way up to management. He managed many stores for Gambles, in 1953 he was transferred to Bozeman. Wes and his wife Lois were both active in the Bozeman community for over 50 years. Wes was a member of many of Bozeman's service organizations and headed most of them at one time or another. He served on the Board of Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Elks Club, Masons, The Shrine, and United Methodist Church and also was a proud member of the Octogenarians when he became 80 - a Bozeman businessman's coffee group.

Wes met his best "girlfriend" Lois in high school and they were married July 16, 1939. They enjoyed celebrating their love for each other, making that day special every year.

Wes was respected in the Bozeman community. He was never selfish with his talents or time. All who were associated or knew him felt his genuine commitment and warmth. He was a friend, advisor and supporter not only to his family but to all who met him. He made people feel at home and welcome. His grandchildren felt his unconditional love, support and pride. They also knew a firm word when needed followed by a big hug or a lap to sit on in times of need.

Wes was an avid woodworker. He loved spending time making treasures in his shop. He also enjoyed spending time at his cabin in the Gallatin Canyon. The cabin was a wonderful gathering place for family and friends.

Wes was preceded in death by his wife Lois in May 2006; his parents; his sister Thelma, his brother, Alfred; and an infant son, Norman Dale.

His son, Larry Dunham and wife Merrily of Washington; his favorite daughter, Mari Lynn Rossetto and husband Thomas of Billings; five grandchildren, Kirsia Bayer, Maibritt Adkins, Scott Rossetto, Angela Rossetto and Lisa Howell, survive him. Wes is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren.

Dad, you will be missed by all your family and friends. We are happy that your suffering is ended and you are once again with your favorite "girlfriend" Lois, dancing to Bing Crosby and will forever continue to watch over each of us.


A memorial service celebrating Wes' amazing life will be held at 1 p.m. on Nov. 15, at the United Methodist Church, 121 South Willson Ave. in Bozeman. Memorials may be made to Eagle Cliff Manor, 1415 Yellowstone River Road, Billings, MT 59105, where Wes resided and was cared for and loved for the past two years; or a charity of your choice. Smith Downtown Chapel has charge of arrangements.

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