



"Live life to the fullest no matter what cards are dealt to you."

**K**ay Conzelman, 93, lived by these words until her death on December 15, 2010, due to complications of degenerative heart disease.

Kay was born on March 16, 1917, in Wauseon, Ohio. At the age of 2 weeks, Kay and her mother, Mary joined her father, Emmett Douglass in the Big Hole Basin outside of Dillon, Montana. She remained there until she was 5 years old when her parents moved to a ranch near White Hall, Montana. She graduated from White Hall High School in 1935 and attended Montana State College until 1937 where she was an active member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Later she attended secretarial school in Great Falls and became a legal secretary to George Hard, a criminal attorney. In January of 1941 she married Ray Williams, an advertising executive for Grizzly Gas Refinery. They resided in Spokane, Washington, Kalispell and Cutbank. While in Cutbank she was introduced to water skiing and became the first woman to ski entirely around Flathead Lake. In 1949, upon the death of her husband, Kay moved to Hungry Horse, Montana, where she was manager of the mobile home court and the water utility company.

In 1952 she moved to Butte and was the night auditor and the desk clerk for the Finland Hotel. She married Ken Conzelman, an auctioneer of Black Angus cattle in 1956. They resided in Bozeman where she became active in the Montana Angus Association and served as Secretary.

Well known for her athletic prowess, Kay became Bozeman's City Bowling Champion in 1959. She loved golf and prided herself with 3 Holes in One at Bozeman's golf courses. Upon her retirement from the Montana Welfare office as an Eligibility Technician in 1979 she became an active volunteer at the Museum of the Rockies, and Deaconess Hospital.

In 1999 Kay moved to Hillcrest where she enjoyed many years of senior living with friends. She was elected to serve two terms on the Resident's Advisory Board. She was an active bridge player with many of the residents, a bingo enthusiast winning countless blackouts and a competitive billiard pool player.

She was preceded in death by husbands Ray Williams and Ken Conzelman and her son, Doug Williams. She is survived by her son, Jim Conzelman, who resides in Washington, D.C.; a brother, Emmett Douglass of Spokane, Washington; her longtime friends Lee Baker and Irene Dale; and many other companions at Aspen Point.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.