



Phyllis Seerley Anderson, 91, passed away Feb. 5, 2010, with family and friends at her side. Phil was born Jan. 21, 1919, in Manhattan to Dr. Clement C. and Ruth Seerley.

Dr. Seerley soon moved his medical practice to Bozeman. The family built a grand home at Cooper Park. Phil was a “Daddy’s Girl” who was very proud of her father, a local physician and surgeon for over 50 years. Phil attended grade school and high school in Bozeman as an athletic, social girl who enjoyed traveling and the outdoors. She loved horses and rode in many rodeo parades. She excelled in the sport of golf and was a competitive tournament player.

Upon her return home from Stephens College in Missouri, she worked for the Montana Power Company. She soon became an aunt, known ever since as “Nana.”

She married David Vaughan Sr. They lived in the Seattle area while Dave was an engineer for Boeing, working on the World War II B-17 Flying Fortress. Returning to Bozeman, they owned SRE Appliances.

Later, Phil married golf professional, Ray Anderson. They lived and golfed in the San Francisco Bay Area. Eventually, they owned their own public golf course in the rolling hills outside of Milpitas (San Jose), Calif. While having no children of their own, they shared a great love of dogs. They rescued and cared for many abandoned dogs throughout the years. Phil and Ray built one of the first homes on the golf course at Big Sky, where they entertained their family and many friends.

Following Ray’s passing, Phil returned to Bozeman to be near her friends and family. She reunited with her first husband, Dave. They shared many good years together again, living on the Gallatin River and traveling. Phil was the consummate hostess and a generous philanthropist. A fun-loving, witty gal with a twinkle in her eye. She loved throwing parties and attending social events. She was a lady.

Phil spent the last few years of retirement at Birchwood at Hillcrest. She enjoyed playing cards, crosswords and attending resident activities, especially bingo. She always kept up on the world of sports and the accomplishments of her nieces and nephews. She generously loved and supported her family, one of her greatest accomplishments. We are forever grateful for the care and compassion she received from her friends, the staff at Birchwood.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Midge Seitz; niece, Janice Seitz; and her two husbands.

“Nana” is survived by her niece, Susan Seitz Olson; grand-nephew, Scott (Marsha) Olson; grand-niece, Leah Olson; five great-grand-nieces and nephews; and several dear friends.

Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of her life at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Birchwood at Hillcrest, 1201 Highland Blvd., Bozeman.

Should friends desire, memorials may be sent to the Gallatin Historical Society, Pioneer Museum, or to Bozeman Deaconess Foundation/Hospice.