



### Mission Statement:

Providing family-oriented Christian homes, on a working ranch for adults who have developmental disabilities.



### *In Loving Memory of Joy Goehner 1948 – 2025*

On Memorial Day, our founding mother, Joy Goehner, went home to be with Jesus. Residents and staff will always fondly remember Joy's warm heart, quick wit, steadfast dedication and unending care for this ranch.

Joy met Larry Goehner through a church choir, and love blossomed. Soon after they sensed a calling from God to serve developmentally disabled adults, first at Rainbow Acres in Arizona, then at Hope Farms in Washington. Their teamwork started the ministry at Special K Ranch, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year.

Joy worked as our bookkeeper and office administrator for decades, retiring officially at age 62. Oh, the stories that could be told of countless interactions with Dallas, Laurie, Hank, Deb, Brett, Steph—the list of residents goes on and on. What a legacy of ministry "shepherding the hesitant" and for this we are humbly grateful to Larry and Joy!

Larry continues to live in Missoula, Montana near family. A reception was held at the Special K Ranch Memorial Garden, and many heartfelt stories were shared.

Joy Goehner's obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/stillwatercountynews/name/joy-goehner-obituary?id=58617770>

Dr. Jay Forseth  
*Executive Director*



# Honorariums and Memorials

FEBRUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

*The people honored and memorialized on these pages are part of the ongoing ministry of Special K Ranch.*

*A special thank you to those listed for making these gifts.*

## IN HONOR OF:

BONNIE HUCK  
Ed & Linda Oberg

DALLAS EIDE  
Mark Mattheis  
Doug & Kim McRae

JANINE PICKENS  
Scott & Patricia Moore

ROBERT WILLEMS  
Janette Nash

## IN MEMORY OF:

ALEX KLEE  
Richard Klee  
Stillwater Billings Clinic

BENJAMIN DEVANEY  
Erin Mohr

BILL RIVERS  
Ilsa E Dawson

CAROL ERICKSON  
RENSVOLD  
Roger & Connie  
Eissinger

CHARLES GOLDY  
Brenda & David Hatten  
Stan & Judy Eisenman  
Anonymous

CHARLOTTE JOHNSON  
Ruth & Sean Erickson

CINDY WAGNER  
SCHILLING  
Loyann Kimmerly

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Advisors

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David & Betty Neibauer

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Terlene Keller

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Brenda & David Hatten  
Carl & Bonnie Wallila

HOWARD VRLSTED  
Henry & Alicia McFarlin

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Ardel Ronning

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K. & Virginia Huckins

JAMES SOUTHWORTH  
Carol Sands

JIM HORTON  
Carl & Bonnie Wallila

JOANN COBURN  
Gary & Donna Pippin

JOANN HARPER  
Gary & Donna Pippin

JOE MCNURLIN  
Theresa Leone

JOHN F. MOHR  
Erin Mohr

JOY GOEHNER  
Kathryn Laveau  
Judy Cuff  
Sue & Scott McBurney

JOYCE WUERTZ  
Ronald & Maryann Conboy  
Anonymous  
Jim & Marty Campbell

KATHY FINNEY  
Mike & Cheryl Horning

KEN NEIBAUER  
Ella Neibauer  
Greg & Lyndsay Neibauer

LAUREN DAMSCHEN  
Evelyn Damschen

LEONARD ODENBACH  
Donna & Keith Nelson

LEROY WALTER  
Norma Walter

LESLIE ZEIGLER  
Ennis & Susan Geraghty

LYNDON COBURN  
Gary & Donna Pippin  
Roger & Diana Haugrud  
Rick & Brenda Kraft  
Barbara Walter  
Ella Neibauer  
Ed & Linda Popp  
Robert & Kay Kraft  
Brent & Karla Shay  
Lorna & Michael Krueger  
Janice Kramer  
Lance Eisenman  
Kent & Traci Oblender  
Brenda & David Hatten  
Stan & Judy Eisenman  
Kimberely Popp  
Bradley & Lori Kraft

LYNN PARSONS  
Linwood & Elizabeth  
Parsons

MARGE BLAIN  
Jeanne Mohr

MARILYN ERB  
Cindy Meccage

MARLENE SMITH  
Melody Bilden  
Mary Kroll

MARY LANCE  
Dan & Vicki Kenyon

MAYBELLE RITTAL  
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Typanski

PAT RIVERS  
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Mary DeLeon

PATRICIA HORNING  
SNIDER  
Dan & Vicki Kenyon  
Mike & Cheryl  
Horning

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Stan & Judy Eisenman  
Dan & Vicki Kenyon

RAYMOND SCHAAK  
Marilyn Schaak

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ROBERT "BOB" SAXBURY  
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Kathy Gowen  
Brenda & David Hatten  
Judy Franks  
Marvin & Susan Carter  
Stan & Judy Eisenman  
Bruce & Lillian Devries  
Beverly Harper  
Carl & Bonnie Wallila  
Fred & Patricia Besel  
Cindy Sellers  
Jim & Ruth Hatten  
Cenra Weatherford  
Leona Roller  
Frankie Jansma

ROBERT 'BOB' KAPPEL  
Donald Groscop

ROBERT T. MENZIES  
Donna Menzies



ROCK CHARLTON  
Larry & Marilyn O'dell

SHARON FLEMING  
Barbara Wennemar

SHEILA CURRIE  
Dan & Vicki Kenyon  
Mike & Cheryl Horning

SOLVEIG HESS  
Rod & Marta Asche

TED ZINDA  
Terry & Elaine Hall

TERRY FOX  
Norma Kappel

TERRY KOBER  
Dan & Vicki Kenyon

TERRY LENHARDT  
Cathie Kautz

THEODORE HENRY  
Donald Bernhardt  
Cindy Sellers  
Gladys Bernhardt

Dave & Kerron Route  
Cathie Kautz  
Michael & Lorrie Bernhardt

TOM DEJAEGER  
John & Kathleen Chaffee

VICKI BANGART  
Fred & Mary Lee Steinmetz  
Dan & Vicki Kenyon

VIOLET EKLE  
Sandra Peck

ZANE JOHNSON  
Kim & Mike Johnson

DOROTHY HENRY &  
THEODORE HENRY  
Jerry Vanderloos

GERALD KIRCH &  
OLEAFA KIRCH  
Bob & Kathy Kirch

JOHN ANDERSON &  
MARLENE ANDERSON  
Sandra Anderson

PHYLLIS WILLEMS &  
ROBERT WILLEMS  
Kevin & Susan Knudson  
Mitchell & Valerie Martin  
Tom & Mary Capser

SAMUEL DAVID PIPER &  
SHIRLEY PIPER  
Jerry Vanderloos

STEVEN BAKKER,  
WILLIAM BAKKER  
Helen Bakker

KATHLEEN MOHR  
William & Linda Strauch

WANDA EASTLICK  
William & Linda Strauch

DOROTHY & JOHN  
STRAUCH  
William & Linda Strauch

BETTY & GLENN  
EASTLICK  
William & Linda Strauch

## Leaving Your Legacy A Way to Help Others

A will is the simplest form of a planned gift and it affords everyone the opportunity to help others and have a living legacy. Consider naming Special K Ranch in your will for a percentage, a specific amount, or as the sole benefactor. The blessings you have received will continue to bless and help others. When updating your will, check with your attorney for the proper legal forms and wording.

**If you have made a tribute gift and have not been listed, please contact us.**

## RANCHERS OF THE MONTH

These ranchers displayed exceptional behaviors and work ethics recognized by peers and staff and deserve special recognition.

**Success is Yours!**

**February**

**Mike**



**Magnificent Job!**

**May**

**Paul**



**Job Well Done!**

**March**

**Rachael**



**You Always Strive  
to Be the Best!**

**July**

**Ben J.**



**You're Doing Great!**

**April**

**Ariel**



**Congratulations!  
We're Proud of You!**

**June**

**Ben L.**





# *The Heat is On*

Friday, August 22, 2025

## 2025 FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Evening starts at 5pm

with hors d'oeuvres & a Silent Auction

Dinner at 6pm | Followed by a Live Auction

Billings Hotel & Convention Center  
1223 Mullaney Lane • Billings, MT 59101

RSVP by August 15 at  
[specialkranch.org](https://specialkranch.org)



# *Scott you are totally AWESOME!*



is  
**Scott Sloan**

*YOUR ENERGY AND COMPASSION  
ARE WHY YOU ARE SO LOVED.*

## Ways to Support Our Mission

### Montana Endowment Tax Credit

Important Update! The Montana Legislature has increased the maximum credit to \$15,000 (\$30,000 for couples filing jointly) for Montana taxpayers. Planned gifts, such as charitable gift annuities, qualify for this credit, which is worth 40% of the charitable gift amount. For businesses making an outright gift to a qualifying endowment, the maximum credit has increased to \$15,000. This popular and tax-wise way to give to the SKR Foundation Endowment supports our residents permanently.

### Have an IRA?

Individuals who are 70½ or older can transfer up to \$108,000 from an IRA, directly to a qualifying charity, without recognizing the assets transferred as income. This tax-wise way of giving counts toward meeting the required minimum distribution (RMD) from IRAs. Distributions must be made from the IRA custodian directly to the ranch.

### SKR Foundation Endowment

The endowment is the best long-term way to support our residents. This pool of invested funds distributes five percent of its fair market value, annually, to the ranch for general operating and other expenses.

### Appreciated Stock

Giving appreciated securities yields powerful tax benefits. Generally, the full fair market value can be deducted, and capital gains taxes can be avoided.

### Bequest

Including the ranch in your will is a great way to help our residents and leave a legacy. Consider naming Special K Ranch for a percentage, a specific amount, or as the sole benefactor of your estate. Bequests can vastly improve estate tax situations.

### How will my gift be used?

Gifts can be designated for the Operating Fund, SKR Foundation Endowment, or special projects. If you have questions or would like to support a specific project, please contact Development Director Steven Aadland at (406) 550-2224 or [steve@specialkranch.org](mailto:steve@specialkranch.org).