William S. Macfadden, Jr.

William S. Macfadden, Jr., who fell in love with Montana during a summer job at a logging camp and later returned to spend 60 years there, died in Billings on October 20, 2017 after a long illness.

Bill came to Dartmouth from Minneapolis. He lettered in hockey and was a member of Sphinx senior society and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. After graduation he served in Korea as a U.S. Marine Corps officer. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and extraordinary accomplishments, having flown 125 missions as a spotter.

He moved to Montana as an investment banker with Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood. He soon joined D. A. Davidson and Co. where he became the Executive Vice President. He was the first Montanan on the Chicago Board Options Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

Bill loved his new home town of Great Falls where he chaired the school board, the Montana Deaconess Medical Center Board, and the Trigg C. M. Russell Foundation. He played hockey for 3 years with the Great Falls Americans. Among his greatest joys was helping to develop and serving as president of the Eagle Mount Program, a non-profit organization which provides therapeutic and recreational activities for individuals with physical and developmental challenges.

Bill, his wife Joan-Nell, and their three daughters delighted in the outdoors, skiing, fishing, rafting and wind-surfing. Their float trips on the Smith River near their family cabin were annual highlights.