

OBITUARIES

Died 2 Dec 1988

Melvin L. Oehrtman, 71

Rev. Melvin Lewis Oehrtman, 71, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital Friday evening.

He was born Jan. 18, 1917, in Darke County, Greenville, Ohio, son of Albert and Sophia Oehrtman. He was a graduate of the Greenville High School; the Capital University of Columbus, Ohio, and the Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Columbus, Ohio. He had served pastorates in the Ohio District from 1945 until 1983, when he moved to Kalispell, and has served at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen since then.

Rev. Oehrtman's mother died in Greenville, Ohio, four hours after his own death.

On June 3, 1944, he was married to Margaret "Peggy" Nelson at the Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and is now survived by her at the family home in Kalispell.

He is also survived by two sons, Paul E. Oehrtman of Napoleon, Ohio, and Dr. Karl Oehrtman of Kalispell; two brothers, Gerald of Greenville, Ohio, and William Oehrtman of Orlando, Fla.; three sisters, Eileen Shoemaker of Bradford, Ohio, Lois Weaver of Troy, Ohio, and Marlene Freund of Van Wert, Ohio; eight grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Rev. Oehrtman will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in Calvary Lutheran Church with Rev. Thomas Walker officiating. The body will then be forwarded to Greenville, Ohio, where services are planned for Thursday, with burial to be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery there. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 6-8 p.m. today. The family suggests memorials be made to Calvary Lutheran Church or to the Heart Fund.

Leona 'O'Nie' O'Dea, 69

Died 24 June 1988

Leona "O'Nie" Alice O'Dea, age 69, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Friday morning.

She was born May 10, 1919, in Ballantine, Mont., a daughter of Kelso and Nora Bostik Fuller. She had received her education there, and was married to Herbert C. Friede, who preceded her in death. She was later married to Tom O'Dea, who also preceded her in death.

About 1950, she moved to Kalispell and had resided here since that time.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Eagles Auxiliary No. 234, Montana State Fiddlers Or-

ganization, and the Scandinavian Fraternity of America.

She is now survived by her son, John H. Friede, and grandson, Travis C. Friede, both of Whitefish, and two sisters, Beulah Jacques and Ruby O'Neil, both of Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services for Mrs. O'Dea will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1 to 5 p.m. today.

15 April 1988 Jennie M. Ogle, 91

Jennie M. Ogle, 91, of Helena, died at a Helena rest home early Wednesday morning following an extended illness.

She was born June 12, 1896, in Hassel, to Joseph and Elvira Greaves. She lived there and attended schools in Radersberg.

In 1919, she married Lilburn C. Ogle in Lewistown.

In 1933 they came to Helena where she was employed in various stores. She also later worked for the Helena

telephone company.

She enjoyed the outdoors and working in her flower garden.

Mr. Ogle died in June 1945.

She is survived by three sons, Clayton E. of Bozeman, Herbert H. of Kalispell, and Glenn L. Ogle of Helena; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Chapel services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hagler-Anderson Chapel in Helena. Interment services will be in Forestvale Cemetery, Helena.

Deaths

Johnny L. Oates, 54

Johnny L. Oates, 54, Nacogdoches, Texas, died Sept. 8 at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital of heart disease.

He lived in Kalispell in the 1970s and worked for Happ Realty.

Survivors include his wife, Joana; two sons and two daughters.

Services were Sept. 10 at Nacogdoches.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 435 Second St. E. *12 Sept. 1988*

Deaths

Joe Ognovic, 68

Died 8 Dec 1988
Joe S. Ognovic, 68, of Kalispell, died in the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls Thursday.

He had been a telegrapher for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Survivors include his wife Doris; a son, Sam Ognovic; and a sister, Mrs. Josephine Brown — all of Kalispell.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday in Conrad Memorial Cemetery, where friends may meet for services. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-5 p.m. today for visitation. *11 Dec 1988*

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Harold Older, 74

19 Jan. 88
MISSOULA — Harold K. Older, 74, of East Missoula, died Friday at Community Medical Center.

He was a deputy sheriff at Condon for nine years after retiring from military service.

He served in the U.S. Army for three years before enlisting in the Air Force before World War II. After the war, he served with the Strategic Air Command at Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington.

Following his retirement in 1957, he moved to the Swan Valley. He

received several commendations from the community and recently was honorary grand marshal for the Swan Valley Fourth of July parade.

He was born Dec. 27, 1913, in Roundup to Mr. and Mrs. Bert V. Older.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie; two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a sister, Beryl Ridenour of Marshalltown, Iowa; and 11 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center. Burial will follow at Missoula Cemetery under the direction of Squire Simmons & Carr Funeral Home.

Katherine O'Lexey, 50

Died Dec 30, 1988
Katherine "Corky" O'Lexey, 50, of Kalispell died Friday at Kalispell Regional Hospital of a stroke.

She was born Jan. 2, 1938 in Wallace, Idaho, the daughter of Russell and Katherine "Katie" Kramer.

She graduated from Flathead High School in 1956 and then attended a beauty school in Seattle.

On Feb. 19, 1975, she married Robert O'Lexey and the couple made their home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her husband Bob at the family home; three sons, Mark Hardesty and Travis O'Lexey of Kalispell, and Scott Hardesty of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters, Cheryl

Stiffler and Katherine Tustin, both of Kalispell; her mother, Katie Garey in Bullhead City, Ariz.; her stepfather, Lowell Betcher in Las Vegas; three sisters, Janet Krueger of Spanaway, Wash.; Arlene "Lee" Llarinas of Las Vegas, and Margaret "Maggie" Williams of Bullhead City, Ariz.; and numerous other relatives.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at Weatherford Funeral Home. A gathering for family and friends will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the banquet area in the Kalispell Bar.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to "Corky Fund" at Norwest Bank in Kalispell.

WILLIAM E. [BILL] O'LEARY 1988

William E. (Bill) O'Leary, retired mechanical supervisor for the Daily Inter Lake, passed away December 1st at his home in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. He was born June 11, 1902, in Toronto, Canada, and came to the Flathead when he was a small boy. He started his Inter Lake career delivering papers when he was 13 years old. Bill went from paper boy to production boss over the next 59 years, the longest full-time, uninterrupted newspaper career in Montana, if not the northwestern United States. He worked up from paper boy to odd-job man, from apprentice to journeyman printer, and finally to mechanical superintendent. He was co-owner in the Inter Lake Publishing Company for 27 years, from 1922 until 1949, and was the composing room foreman from 1922 until his retirement in

February, 1974. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Kalispell #42 AF&AM. He received his Entered Apprentice degree, his Fellow-Craft degree, and his Master Mason degree in 1933. He was also a member of the Missoula Scottish Rite Bodies. He was a 56-year member of the Kalispell Elks 275, and received a life membership February 26, 1973. He was a life-long member of Local 723, International Typographical Union. He is survived by his wife Kay, at home; one sister, Florence Cole, Escondido, CA; a niece, Dorothy Ann Leonard; and two grand-nephews. Episcopal funeral services and burial was December 5th in Lake Havasu City, under the direction of the Lietz Funeral Home. The O'Leary's address is 131 Aspen Drive, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, 86403.

Byron Olson, 84

Byron Leslie Olson, 84, Kalispell, died Monday evening in Brendan House.

He had been in the dry clearing business most of his life. He owned his own business in Roseburg, Ore., from 1954 until his retirement in 1971. He continued to live there until last year when he moved to Kalispell.

He was born July 21, 1903, in Eau Claire, Wis., one of 10 children of Olaf and Emma Olson. He received his education and spent his early life in Eau Claire.

In 1942, he entered the U.S. Navy and served in Guam where he was wounded. He received his honorable discharge as a ~~disabled~~ veteran in 1945.

Survivors include a son, Keith L. Olson of Kalispell; a sister, Gwen Hirleman of Burbank, Calif.; and three granddaughters.

Family graveside services were conducted this morning in Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Howard Mars of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

George B. Olsen, 93

Graveside services for George B. Olsen will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at Lonepine Cemetery, Little Brown Church, Bigfork. The Rev. Ron Pierce will officiate.

Mr. Olsen, 93, a former Bigfork resident, died Dec. 8 in Puyallup, Wash. Cremation has taken place.

He was a carpenter and farmer in the Bigfork area until moving to Washington in 1940.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, a son and two grandchildren.

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Ruth Elfreda Olson, 88

29 May
1988

Mrs. Ruth Elfreda Olson, age 88, formerly of Lakeside, died in the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Wednesday evening.

She was born Nov. 25, 1899, in Belgrade, Minn., a daughter of Ole J. and Julia G. Swenson. She was one of 11 children in a farming family. She attended high school in Belgrade and then worked for a mortician before her marriage to Chester Olson on March 14, 1925.

The couple farmed near Belgrade until 1936, when they moved to the oilfields, settling in Ferdig, Mont. Mrs. Olson was a full-time homemaker and a member of the Sunburst Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choir for 20 years. In 1964, they moved to Great Falls, where Mr. Olson worked for General Mills. In 1974 they moved to Lakeside.

Mrs. Olson was preceded in death

by her husband, Chester, on Nov. 28, 1978, and she then moved to Kalispell. She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Rimrock V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8952. Her interests included music, cards, handiwork, flower gardening and cooking.

She is now survived by two sons, Donald Olson of New Braunfels, Texas, and Dennis Olson of Las Cruces, N.M.; a sister, Charlotte Wiberg of Minneapolis; an brother, Vernon E. Swenson of Kalispell; nine grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Olson will be held in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. on Tuesday with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from 7-9 p.m. on Monday for visitation.

Eva V. Olson, 68

24 July 1988
Eva V. Olson, 68, Kalispell, died in a Twin Falls, Idaho, hospital Wednesday.

She was born Jan. 22, 1920, in Lankin, N.D., to Ralph and Regna Christianson. She received her education in Lawton, N.D., and graduated from high school there.

On July 2, 1938, she married Edward M. Olson in Lawton. The couple lived at Grafton, N.D., until 1951, when they moved to the Flathead Valley.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Sons of Norway.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, on Aug. 12, 1982; and by a daughter, Edna Brunette.

Survivors include two daughters, Ragna Marie House and Neva Smith, both of Kalispell; two brothers, Vernon Christianson of Seattle, Wash., and Albert Johnson of St. Paul, Minn.; two sisters, Ruth Julius of Nebraska City, Neb., and Margaret Owm of Devils Lake, N.D.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Mars officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday for visitation.

Deaths

Anna R. Orndorff, 92

Anna Roman Orndorff, 92, a former resident of Laurel, died June 10 at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Whitefish.

She had resided in Whitefish since 1982.

She is survived by two sons, including Bud Orndorff of Columbia Falls; and three daughters.

Cremation has taken place. Private graveside services will be Thursday at Laurel Cemetery, Laurel.

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Died 24 Sep 1988

Ethel Opsand, 81

28 Sept. 1988

Ethel Opsand, 81, Kalispell, died Saturday of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born July 17, 1907, at Edinburg, Scotland, and spent most of her early life near Conrad.

On April 28, 1928, she married John S. Opsand at Dutton and they made their home in Brady until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1939. They farmed in the Stillwater community for 10 years, then lived in Iowa until retiring to the Flathead Valley in 1953.

Mrs. Opsand was a homemaker and a member of Northridge Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, William Wood; a daughter, Helen Allison; and her husband, John, on Jan. 30, 1987.

She is survived by a son, Raymond Opsand, and his wife, Sylvia, of Missoula; a daughter, Esther McChesney

of Fort Collins, Colo.; a son-in-law, Jack Allison of Whitefish; four sisters, Jean Wood of Seattle, Wash., Evelyn Wood of Conrad, Elsie McLean of Spokane, Wash., and Mable Feig of Boscobel, Wis.; two brothers, Norman Wood of Great Falls, and John Wood of Corvallis; seven grandchildren, Rick, Don, Steve and Candy Allison, and Tom, Deb and Jeff McChesney; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at the Weatherford Funeral Home on Thursday from noon to 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Randall M. Nicolai officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), P.O. Box 602, Livingston, 59047.

Madeline Opelt, 76

30 Aug 1988

Madeline Opelt, 76, a long-time resident of Trego, died Saturday, Aug. 27, at the North Valley Hospital of natural causes.

She was born April 19, 1912, in Avon, S.D., a daughter of Henry and Anna Lozing.

She moved to Montana with her parents as an infant, where she received her education.

On June 10, 1942, she was married to William H. Opelt in Shelby, and in 1944 they moved to Trego and had resided there since.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, on March 16, 1977. She was also preceded in death by

three sisters, Ida, Pauline and Louisa.

She is now survived by one son, William H. Opelt Jr. of Trego; one brother, Gilbert Lozing of Cut Bank; three sisters, twin Hannah Suta of Sunburst, Ella Newmiller of Conrad, and Hulda Francis of Whitefish; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Gary Watterud, branch president of the Whitefish Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, officiating.

Interment will be made in the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Daniel Ray Osborne, 20

Daniel Ray Osborne, 20, died Aug. 6 in West Glacier of injuries he received in a car accident.

He graduated from Brookings-Harbor High School, Brookings, Ore. He attended Southwestern Community College where he was a student body councilman and treasurer.

He is survived by his parents; four sisters, including Diana Johnson, Whitefish; a brother; a foster sister and a foster brother.

Funeral Mass is today at the Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Brookings, Ore. Rosary was said Wednesday at Brookings.

Howard L. Ostrem, 59

Howard L. Ostrem, 59, Shelby, died March 16 in Great Falls from complications of diabetes.

Services were March 19 in Shelby.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter; four stepsons; his mother; and a brother, Norm Ostrem of Libby.

Memorials to the Diabetes Association or the Heart Fund are suggested.

Died 4 Jan 1988
Alberta Orphan, 73

Alberta Elizabeth Orphan, 73, Polson, died in St. Joseph Hospital in Polson Monday evening.

She had been a bail bondswoman in Polson.

She was born Oct. 22, 1914, in Sweetgrass, to Owen and Phoebe Rumley. She was a graduate of Plains High School and Western Montana College of Dillon. While in Dillon she met and married Emil Peel.

She later married George Orphan.

She was preceded in death by both Mr. Peel and Mr. Orphan.

Survivors include a son, Michael Peel, of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; a sister, Alma Graves, and a brother, Owen Rumley, both of Somers; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 4 p.m. Friday in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Polson with the Rev. William Putnam officiating. A second memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Putnam officiating. Burial of the urn will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Dorothy M. Overdahl, 70

POLSON — Dorothy M. Overdahl, 70, Polson, died March 23 at her home. *1988*

She was a teacher in the Browning area for 30 years and moved to Polson in 1985.

Survivors include two daughters and a brother.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be Tuesday at Crown Hill Cemetery at Cut Bank. Memorials to Shodair Children's Hospital, Helena, are suggested.

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Elsie Ott

Died 10 Oct
Elsie Ott, 93, of Columbia Falls, died Monday morning at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

She was born Feb. 10, 1895, in Mankato, Minn. to Henry and Pauline Ahlenstorf. She was raised and educated in Mankato.

She married Emil Ott on July 5, 1912, in Mankato. They lived in South Milwaukee, Wis., and then Bemidji, Minn. They moved in 1947 to Columbia Falls where Emil worked at Plum Creek Lumber Co. They moved to Colonial Manor in 1982 in Whitefish.

She was active in the Lutheran Church for many years.

Preceding her in death were four brothers and one sister.

Surviving are her husband of 76 years, Emil, at the Colonial Manor, Whitefish; seven sons, Arthur of Columbia Falls, Leroy of Abrams, Wis., George of Denver, Colo., Floyd of Columbia Falls, Emil Jr. of Moro Bay, Calif., Richard of Columbia Falls, and Glenn of Whitefish; three daughters, Delores Toftum and Barbara Reynolds, both of Columbia Falls, and Judith Stone of Medford, Ore.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Ott raised one granddaughter, Cathy LaChappelle, of Kalispell, from the age of 3.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Friday at Van Leuven Funeral Home, Columbia Falls, and burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Columbia Falls.

Visitation is 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Van Leuven Funeral Home.

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Died 5 Nov Dorothy N. Owens, 69 7 Nov 1988

EUREKA — Dorothy N. Owens, 69, of Eureka, died of heart failure Saturday at the North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

She was born Nov. 3, 1919, in Eureka to Amos and Ora Kinney and raised and educated in the Pinkham Creek area. She married Herman Owens on April 20, 1935, in Kalispell. They moved to Eureka in 1937.

She enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Eureka; four sons, Raymond and Jerry, both of Kalispell, Clyde of Vancouver, Wash., and Herb of Kila; two brothers, Ervin and Albert Kinney, both of Eureka; 19 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Full Gospel Church with Brad Brittsan officiating. Burial will follow at Eureka Cemetery under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home.

Charles Oxley

Word has been received of the death of Charles M. Oxley, 47, of Red Lodge.

He died Sept. 1 in Red Lodge of complications following surgery for cancer. Survivors include two sons, Charles and Thomas Oxley, both formerly of Columbia Falls, now living in California.