

Sylvia Jeanette Oberg, 78

Sylvia Jeanette Oberg, 78, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. Sylvia passed away in her home, surrounded by family and under the care of Hospice.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1934, in Lisbon, N.D., to Glenn and Luella Cole. Sylvia sported beautiful red hair and a passion for life from the very start.

Sylvia and her late husband, Milton, were known as the founders of M & S Meats in Rollins. After retiring, there wasn't a day that went by that Sylvia sat idle. Playing cards, traveling and sewing were some of her favorite things to do, in addition to caring for her family and enjoying Montana's beauty.

Sylvia is lovingly survived by her children, Jody Evenson of Fargo, N.D., Scott Oberg of Taylor, Utah, Wade Oberg of Ronan, Tammy Finney of Georgetown, Minn., Steve Oberg of Rollins, and Cliff Oberg of Alamogordo, N.M.; her sisters, Vir-



ginia Camp of Boise, Idaho, and Helen Lebo of Redondo Beach, Calif.; special people, her "guardian angel" Jo Deily of Rollins, and special companion Dwight Clark of Lakeside; and many grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Brenda Oberg of Fargo.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Sylvia's life at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the Lakeside Community Chapel.

Thoughts and prayers can be personally related to Sylvia one hour prior to the service.

Donations would be greatly appreciated to the Lakeside Community Chapel.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Sylvia's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Sylvia's Tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Ronald Walter 'OB' O'Brien, 78

Ronald Walter "OB" O'Brien passed away Saturday, June 1, 2013, due to health complications.

He was born July 1, 1939, in Iowa City, Iowa, to Sylvester and Marion O'Brien. At an early age he moved with his family to California. He was raised and educated in Lynwood, Calif., where he graduated from Lynwood High School.

Ron had a work ethic like no one else. During high school he worked the swing shift at a paper factory, later becoming an iron worker at Rebar Engineering, retiring as a supervisor.

Just as Ron worked hard, he played just as hard if not more so. Ron raced dirt bikes at an early age, boasting about his run at Bonneville Salt Flats in 1960 and winning two new tires for his motorcycle! He raced drag boats, but later found his passion with the K-racing runabouts (power boat circle racing), racing coast to coast. Ron always sought that adrenaline rush "faster is better"; spending a weekend on the lake racing was where he was happiest. Ron also enjoyed old hot rod cars; his pride and joy being his 1949 Chevy truck he completely finished and drove in city parades and entered in car shows, always willing to share his knowledge with all who would listen.

Upon retiring, he and his wife Carol moved to fulfill their dreams, buying a ranch in Bigfork. Here their happiness grew while ranching together with all the livestock at the Wild O Ranch.

Many lasting friendships were formed in Montana. Ron enjoyed many activities with his friends — square dancing, horse riding, hunting,



fishing, snowmobiling and becoming an active member of the Elks Lodge in Kalispell.

He held many different offices in the organization. He loved serving his fellow man and his community.

Ron had a special place in his heart for the veterans, volunteering at the Veterans Hospital weekly while his health permitted.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church. After his wife Carol passed away, he moved to Country Pine Retirement Community in Clinton, Utah, to be closer to his daughter, Roxanne, and his grandchildren. It was there that he met his second "family," actively participating in the many activities with

Ron was preceded in death by parents; one sister, Patricia Putney; and one grandson, Eric Wilson.

He is survived by his sister, Teri Farris, of South Gale, Calif.; a brother, Richard, and Melody O'Brien, of Medford, Ore.; a daughter, Roxanne, and Deris Wilson, of West Haven, Utah; grandchildren, Chris and Ginger Wilson of Fruita, Colo.; Jacob Wilson of West Haven; and Rachel and Colton Russell of Ogden, Utah; and one great-granddaughter, Sofia Wilson.

The family wishes to thank his lifelong friend, Tom, and Deanna of Willis, Calif.; and Dave and Caroline of Kalispell.

Arrangements are entrusted to Lindquist's Roy Mortuary.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lindquistmortuary.com

Timothy James O'Dell, 50

Timothy James O'Dell, 50, passed away Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, in Moscow, Idaho.

Tim was born Dec. 27, 1962, in Butte, to James and Roberta O'Dell, the sixth of seven children. He graduated from Butte Central High School and attended Montana State University. Tim moved from Bozeman to Kalispell in 1991.

Much of Tim's life in Kalispell centered around the Lamplighter House. Tim enjoyed ferrying passengers around Kalispell and local surrounds in the Lamplighter van and prided himself as an excellent and cautious driver — as he wanted nothing to do with the police!

Tim loved to fish and could claim the last one he caught was the biggest in his life ... really ... no, seriously. He had recently taken up golf and had planned to take up keeping score eventually. Tim had many a fond memory of his boyhood friends and their Butte adventures. (He recently agreed that no one knows for sure who threw that rock.)

Tim had virtues that few possess. He let you see who he was with no pretenses. Those who knew him found it was indeed a rare occasion to see Tim angry or difficult. His needs were little, and



often his words few.

Tim was quick with a smile and kept a joke handy at all times.

As the family would say, "We hope that God is not a blonde."

He was not one to complain and kept true to this inner strength of character up until his last day.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Roberta "Bobbie" O'Dell; his brother, Mike O'Dell; and his sister, Colleen O'Dell.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Sean and Cindy O'Dell, of Bigfork, and their children, Caitlann and Bram; his brother and sister-in-law, Pat and Michele O'Dell, of Littleton, Colo., and their children, Keira, Bryant and Lari; his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Alan McDonald, of Moscow, Idaho, and their children, Kelli and Nikki; and his sister, Kathleen O'Dell, of Los Angeles.

Memorial services for Tim in Kalispell are pending and will be held at a future date.

Memorials can be made in his honor to Lamplighter House at 410 Windward Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Brittany Joy Tovey-O'Donnell, 22

Brittany Joy Tovey-O'Donnell, 22, of Kalispell, passed away May 7, 2013, in Oxnard, Calif.

Brittany was born on June 27, 1990, in Kalispell to Kimberly Tovey and Daniel O'Donnell.

Brittany loved her family, her friends and Montana; the place she called her home. Brittany enjoyed camping, hunting, rafting and had a love for all animals, especially horses.

Brittany was preceded in death by her grandparents, Eugene Sweeney Sr., Daniel O'Donnell Sr., and Jim Osborn; and uncle, Jim Nelson; aunt, Sheri Cuchine; and cousin, Chris Thompson.

Brittany is survived by her mom, Kim Tovey, of Bigfork; dad, Dan O'Donnell, of Nevada; her beautiful daughter, Serenity Joy; grandparents, Joy Tovey, Charlie Tovey, Cliff and Nancy Nelson and Carol Osborn; her brother, Tyler Collins; sisters, Lindsey, Miranda, Taryn and Maria O'Donnell; aunts and uncles, Chuck and Bridgette Tovey, Misty Tovey, John and Darci Nelson, Jr. Nelson, Jay Nelson, Dannette and Thomas Walters and Geri Rosin; and numerous cousins whom she loved.

Brittany was an amazing mom and was loved by all of her family. She will be greatly missed.

A celebration of Brittany's life will be held at 3:30 p.m. on May 31 at Woodland Park, barbecue-style.

A trust fund has been established for Brittany's daughter, Serenity Joy. The family request that memorials be made to the family, 608 Cynthia Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Patrick 'Pat' Franklin Oliver, 84

Patrick "Pat" Franklin Oliver died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Patrick was born March 17, 1928, to Katie and Ira Oliver in Arkansas where he spent much of his childhood. From a young age his stepfather was C.A. Welch.

During early adulthood, he lived in Illinois and Indiana where his children were born.

He completed college at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., with degrees in biology in 1966.

In Muncie, he met and married Jeanette Clements Oliver, his wife of 48 years. During and after college, he owned and operated a small chain of building materials stores. Following early retirement in 1972, he moved to Montana where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting, Brittany spaniels, classical music and reading.

He, Jeanette and his son Michael built a house high in the mountains near Helmville. Pat, Jeanette and the dogs enjoyed the challenge of living in the remote location there year round for four full years and several summers. Winters were rugged and travel involved a 32-mile round trip by snowmobile just to go to the post office.

Pat spent the winters from 1977 to the spring of 1980 in Farmington, N.M. He moved to Kalispell in the fall of 1980 and had lived there since that time.

Patrick was active in shooting sports and founded a target shooting organization for young people. Further, he was active in the local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla for several years. In the Auxiliary, he served as division staff officer for career counseling. He enjoyed the Auxiliary extremely, but felt it necessary to quit as hearing



and health started to fail. Over the years, he occasionally filled in teaching biology

at Flathead Valley Community College when Jeanette was away for scientific meetings or extended field trips.

Patrick was preceded in death by a son, Michael J. Oliver, and a half brother, Morgan Welch.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; a daughter from an earlier marriage, Deborah Oliver, of Indianapolis, and her adult children, Robert and Suzanne Kloepper of Milwaukee, Wis. He is further survived by grandchildren, Patrick M. Oliver of Cheney, Wash., and Amanda Oliver Hargis of DuQuoin, Ill.; his three great-grandchildren are Kaitlynn Oliver, Jared Oliver and Olivia Hargis. He is survived by half sister Ruth Welch Finley of Lonoke, Ark., and half brother, James Welch of Texas, and their families.

We wish to thank the nice nurses at Kalispell Regional Medical Center who were with us at the end. Thanks to the several doctors who have provided recent care.

Memorials may be made to Flathead Valley Community College Biology Department in lieu of flowers.

Visitation will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 1, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Grave-side services and burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Patrick's family. You are invited to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Patrick's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Lyle Eugene Olson, 69

Lyle Eugene Olson, 69, of Albany, Ore., and formerly of Kalispell, died May 27, 2013, at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany.

He was born July 15, 1943, in Rochester, Ind., to Clarence C. and Edith J. (Fetrow) Olson. He went to school in Kalispell, and was a member of the Montana National Guard.

He married Nita Hill on Dec. 4, 1989, in Albany.

Lyle enjoyed baseball and getting together for family outings.

He is survived by his wife, Nita; sons, Robert,



Steven and Ronnie Olson; brother, Norman Olson, of

Port Angeles, Wash.; and sister, Norma Olson, of Lacey, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services were held at Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens Chapel with burial at Hill Family Cemetery in Albany.

Twin Oaks Funeral Home in Albany handled arrangements.

Carle Francis O'Neil, 92

Carle Francis O'Neil was born to Clinton Dewitt (C. D.) and Emma Engeman O'Neil in Kalispell on June 17, 1920. He died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013.

Carle grew up the youngest of four surviving children in the fine bungalow-style home on the corner of Fifth Street and First Avenue West. He attended the West Side School and at Flathead High School was the editor of the distinctive 1939 yearbook. He went to Carleton College and graduated with distinction in 1943. For many years he was the editor of the Class of '43 newsletter.

During World War II he enlisted in the Navy and served in Hawaii and as a Lt. J.G. ship's officer in the South Pacific.

After the war he earned a masters degree in history at the University of Montana. He returned to Kalispell as the juvenile probation officer and served his state as a representative of Flathead County in the Legislature. He went to the University of California and obtained a Master of Social Work degree with a criminology emphasis.

He worked as a parole officer in Oakland, then as a counselor at San Quentin prison and then moved to the California Women's Prison in Corona. From there he was hired to direct the Eldora State Training School for Boys in Iowa where he spent the remainder of his career in corrections. He wrote of his cor-



rectional experiences in "An Uncommon Task & Other Stories" (St. Mary's Press,

1989).

It was in 1962 while he was in Eldora that he married Apgar native Joyce Greenwalt Rowland and adopted her two children, Anne and Bobby.

Upon retirement in 1973 he returned to the Flathead Valley and became a partner in Western Building Center, after taking over and developing the Columbia Falls store. He and Joyce built their dream house on the slope of the range east of the valley. He was a member of the Montana Board of Public Welfare and served seven years as chairman of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council of the State Crime Commission.

He and Joyce moved to Washington, D.C., for several years for Carle to direct a project of the National Organization for Social Responsibility for paroling prisoners to do community service.

When they again returned to the Flathead, his interest in history turned him to the history of the Flathead Valley. In 1990 he published "Two Men of Demersville," a history of that substantial but short-lived town on the head of navigation on the Flathead River. In 1996 came "Muscle, Grit & Big Dreams," a history of the earliest towns in

the valley, 1872-1891. In 1998 came "The Mystery of Marias Pass," the story of the discovery of the lowest pass in the Northern Rockies and the building of Great Northern Railroad through the pass.

His service in World War II and his friendship with high school classmates who served in the National Guard 163rd Infantry Regiment made him sensitive to the scanty record of the role these young men played in the war in the South Pacific. He carefully interviewed the survivors and put their stories together in "Men Do Your Duty, Memories of Flathead National Guardsmen from their Pacific Campaigns of World War II," published in 2001.

When navigating winters on the mountain became a little too much, he and Joyce moved to a home looking up at Columbia Mountain and overlooking the Flathead River. They became fixtures in Columbia Falls. Carle enjoyed many hours volunteering at the Montana Veterans Home. After Joyce's death in May of 2012, the big house on Crescent Drive became too much, and Carle moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace.

Carle charmed everyone who met him, and he never met a man or woman he wasn't interested in talking to. His many interests meant that his friendships were with a great variety of people.

If he gave you three puns in a fairly short

conversation, you knew that you had been taken into the special circle of his friends. His personality was a magnet that drew visiting friends from many parts of the U.S. and Canada to his and Joyce's home. He revisited the South Pacific islands he had known in World War II, and he greatly enjoyed regular trips into southern British Columbia to "soak my bones" at the hot springs resorts.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; his sisters, infant Floy Luvilla, and Vera Ann and Wilda May; his brother, DeWitt; his son, Bobby; grandson, Cale Brown; and son-in-law, Tom Brown.

He is survived by his daughter, Anne Brown; nieces, Willa Johns, of Spokane, and Bobbie Truckner (Bob O'Neil), of Kalispell; nephews, Chip (Jean), of Portland, Tom (Jackie), of Florida, Jerry (Jeanne), of Columbia Falls, Mike (Linda), of Kalispell; and members of Joyce's family and numerous other cousins, nieces and nephews.

Carle was loved dearly by all members of his extensive family who fondly referred to him as "The Patriarch." He will be sadly missed and most fondly remembered.

A celebration of Carle's life will take place in the Buffalo Room of the Buffalo Hill Terrace on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow.

John Eugene Owens, 79

John Eugene Owens, 79, died at Heritage Place in Kalispell on Monday Nov. 25, 2013. He had been a logger and builder.

He is survived by his children, Christine

Hostetler, Cynthia Owens and John Owens Jr.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Michael 'Big O' Owens, 41

Michael "Big O" Owens, 41, passed away after a two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer on July 10, 2013, in Kalispell at the home of his brother Abram. He wasn't alone; a family member was holding his hand. He wasn't afraid as his faith was solid and unwavering. His last day was filled with listening to all the beautiful messages left for him by those whose lives he touched and those who supported him during these last two years.

Mike was born on May 29, 1972, and lived nearly all of his life in Kalispell. He was a longtime member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and found great comfort in its community and teachings.

He was an avid participant in local sports from a young age, playing all levels of youth baseball and football. Mike graduated from Flathead High School in 1990, playing football as a Flathead Brave and baseball as a Kalispell Laker. For nearly the last 20 years, Mike was intensely involved in adult softball. He played, organized teams and tournaments, and generally made his presence felt on the fields here and throughout the state.

Until his illness, Mike worked as a driver for UPS for over a decade, always brightening customers' days with his jokes, smiles and silly songs. Of all the things in Mike's life, he was most proud of his children. The birth of his daughter



gave him a strength and calmness that forever changed him, a change that was deep-

ened by the birth of his son. A dedicated father, he made every attempt to spend time with them and attend their every event. He loved taking his children fishing and going with them to Griz football games.

He is survived by his children, Hayden and Michael; their mother, Aimee Neff; his parents, Veldon "Mike" and Debbie Owens, and Denise Owens; his siblings and their families, Jane Owens and her son Owen; Steven and Heather Owens, and their sons Isiah and Elijah; Laura and Jake Sullenger, and their son Jacob; Suzanne Owens and her son Daniel; Michael and Laura Roy, and their children Parker and Phoebe; Abram Owens; and James Owens; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and countless friends and supporters.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, with a potluck luncheon to follow in the Expo Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds.

In lieu of flowers, please bring a potluck dish to share, contribute to the Mike Owens Benefit established at Mountain West Bank, or make a donation to the charity of your choice.

Betty Osorio, 88

Betty Osorio, 88, of Missoula, a longtime resident of Kalispell, passed away at her home in Missoula on Sunday, March 17, 2013, in true Irish spirit, on St. Patrick's Day.

She was born on July 27, 1924, in Crosby, N.D., a daughter of Bernard and Pearl Feeney. Betty helped to raise her five brothers and sisters during the Great Depression, and graduated from Crosby High School in 1944. She went on to nursing school and received a nursing degree from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Minot, N.D., in 1947.

Betty enlisted as a cadet in the Army Nursing Corps, serving as a captain, but the war ended before she could serve. She met Herbert Osorio at a Christmas Party in Anchorage, Alaska, and the couple married June 15, 1948.

She was proud of her nursing career and her position as supervisor and head nurse of the obstetrics department at Kalispell General Hospital in Kalispell for 10 years. She delivered many babies and signed many birth certificates while working at the hospital.

Betty was a great storyteller and, as are all so gifted, she really and truly believed there were wandering ghosts and fairies dancing in the glens. No matter your mood or even your desire, Betty would draw you in to tell your own stories too and would share her joy of family with everyone. Betty spent her life taking care of and serving others.

She and her husband traveled extensively and toured all 50 states during her lifetime. Family was everything to Betty, who



enjoyed cooking, canning and having her summers filled with company at their home in Kalispell. She was generous and loving.

Betty is survived by her husband, Herbert Osorio, retired command sergeant major of Missoula; four children, Linda and Don St. Peter of Missoula, John and Angel Osorio of Cherry Hill, N.J., Debra and Jim Thorson of Bakersfield, Calif., and Karlene and Francis Kohr of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, Jonathan, Joseph, Jacqueline, Melissa, Megan, Matthew, Julie, Kristina, Andrea and Laura; six great-grandchildren; sister, Jane Lunas, of Lake Park, Calif.; and brothers, Bill and Frank Feeney.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Morlys Purdy and Margaret Feeney; brothers, Bernard, Tom and Jimmy Feeney; and grandson, Jimmy Thorson.

Rosary vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today, March 20, at Garden City Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, at St. Anthony Catholic Church with the Revs. Gary Reller and George Dumais as celebrants. A reception will follow in the Church Social Hall. Burial will take place at the Western Montana Veterans Cemetery in Missoula.

Arrangements are under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

Elizabeth H. Otten, 90

Elizabeth H. Otten, 90, passed away Sept. 26, 2013, at her Kalispell residence.

Elizabeth was born Oct. 19, 1922, at the family farm southeast of Dooley, Mont. Her parents were David and Martha (Lindvall) Nelson. She attended the country school at Rocky Springs and attended high school in Dooley and Plentywood. She was baptized and confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church.

She married Raymond Otten on Nov. 2. They lived near Plentywood until 1948, when they moved to Kalispell. Three children, Rachel, Harvey and Donald, were born in Plentywood. Three more children, Rita, Robert and Arthur, were born in Kalispell.

Elizabeth was preceded

in death by her parents; husband, Ray, in 2004; a son, Harvey, in 1995; her sister, Lucille Goetzinger; and a brother, Charles Nelson.

She is survived by her children, Rachel and Harry Johnson of Billings, Cheryl Otten of Missoula, and Donald, Rita, Robert and Arthur, of Kalispell; 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to post notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

LeeAnn Naomi Ott, 62

LeeAnn Naomi Ott, 62, of Kalispell, passed away peacefully on Aug. 19, 2013, at home, surrounded by family.

LeeAnn was born Feb. 7, 1951, in Mora, Minn., to Arnold and Irene Henjum.

LeeAnn is survived by her three sons, Mark and Tammy Ellis, Ross Ellis, and John Ellis and Melissa Graymer; grandchildren, Madisyn Ellis, Ethan Ellis and Elizabeth Ellis; stepgrandchildren, Lily and Adam Ludke; her mother, Irene Henjum; brother, Brian Henjum; and sister, Barbara Henjum. She also leaves behind her much loved

dogs, Max and Molly.

LeeAnn was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Ott; and her dad, Arnold Henjum.

The funeral service for LeeAnn will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 Highway 2 East, Kalispell. LeeAnn will be laid to rest next to her husband at the Montana Veterans Home Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for LeeAnn's family. You are invited to go to www.austinhf.com to view LeeAnn's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories.

Erich Otzinger, 53

Erich Otzinger, 53, died Jan. 26, 2013, in Kalispell. He had been a dental technician.

He is survived by his parents, Burton and Bar-

bara Otzinger, of Glendora, Calif. No services are planned at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.