

Mrs. O'Brien

2 Apr 1974
Mass of the Resurrection will be recited at 10:30 a.m. Friday for Mrs. Catherine O'Brien, 89, Bigfork, who died Tuesday.

The Rev. George Ferguson will be celebrant at the Mass in St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Bigfork. Rosary was recited in the Johnson Chapel Thursday. Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. O'Brien was born Dec. 1, 1884, at Prince Edward Island, Canada, later living in Boston. In 1917 she came to Montana and married Ernest J. O'Brien at Great Falls on Oct. 16 of the same year. They moved to Bigfork where they owned and operated the Bigfork Hotel and service station.

Mr. O'Brien died June 11, 1961, and his wife continued to operate the hotel until 1967.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth J. and Edmund C. O'Brien, both of Bigfork, and a sister in Boston.

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Arthur C. Olson

1 Apr 1974
Funeral services for Arthur C. Olson, 78, Kalispell, who died Monday, were held Thursday in the Weatherford Funeral Home.

The Rev. Odin Baugh of the First Presbyterian Church

officiated. Burial was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Olson was born Oct. 31, 1895, in Omaha, Neb., and moved with his mother and family to Belt after his father was killed in the stockyards. His mother homesteaded there.

He and his wife, the former Evelyn M. Johnson, were married June 19, 1934, in Great Falls. They moved to Havre where Mr. Olson was employed by F. A. Buttrey Co., retiring in 1955 as office manager and company treasurer. They moved to Kalispell in 1955.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn.

George O'Brien

Oct 14-1974
George O'Brien, 88, who had made his home at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls, died Monday.

Mr. O'Brien was born at Kenmont, Ontario, Canada Sept. 22, 1886, a son of Michael and Helen O'Brien. As a young man he moved to Montana and made his home in the Chester area, then later entered the U.S. Army during World War I.

Following his discharge from the service, he returned to the Chester area. He later made his

home at Cook City and Neihart before moving to Columbia Falls in 1945, and engaged in ranching. In 1955 he moved into Columbia Falls and made his home until entering the Montana Veterans Home in 1971.

Mr. O'Brien was married to Susie O'Connor at Great Falls Dec. 1943, and is survived by her at the Montana Veterans Home. He is also survived by three stepsons, Frank O'Connor of Whitefish, Robert and Howard O'Connor of Great

Falls and by numerous nephews and nieces.

Rosary for Mr. O'Brien will be recited this evening at 7:30 from the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday morning at 10:30 at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

The family has suggested memorials to the Memorial Foundation Fund for the Montana Veterans Home, Columbia Falls.

Olga Olson

S-7-74

Mrs. Olga Olson, 74, Big Sky Manor, died in Kalispell Monday.

She was born March 11, 1900, in Minneota, Minn., a daughter of Ole and Karen Nelson. She received her education in Minnesota and on Oct. 27, 1926, she was married to Oliver N. Olson at Walnut Grove, Minn. The couple engaged in farming at Walnut Grove, later moving to Willmar, Minn., where they farmed until 1967 when they moved to Washington.

In 1970, they moved to the Lake Blaine area and in 1971 they moved to Kalispell. Mrs. Olson was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver, on July 11, 1972. She is survived by a son, Walter Olson of Bigfork; three grandchildren and three sisters in Minnesota.

Private funeral services will be conducted in the Johnson

Chapel Tuesday. Interment will be in Willmar, Minn., at a later date.

Canada and later moved to Boston for a number of years. In 1917, she came to Montana where on Oct. 16, 1917, she was married to Ernest J. O'Brien at Great Falls. The couple then moved to Bigfork where they owned and operated the Bigfork Hotel and Standard Service Station.

Mr. O'Brien died June 11, 1961, and Mrs. O'Brien continued with the help of her family, to operate the hotel until 1967.

She was a member of the St. Catherine's Catholic Church and the Womens Council of the church.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth J. and Edmund C. O'Brien both of Bigfork and one sister in Boston.

Rosary will be recited in the Johnson Chapel at 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Mass of the resurrection will be recited in St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork at 10:30 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Father George Ferguson as celebrant. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

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Catherine O'Brien

Mrs. Catherine O'Brien, 89, Bigfork, died in Bigfork Tuesday morning. She was born Dec. 1, 1884, at Prince Edward Island, Canada, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Steele.

She received her education in

Geraldine O'Conner

2-23-74

Mrs. Geraldine A. O'Conner, 55, Missoula, died in Missoula Friday afternoon.

She was born May 4, 1918, in Lester Prairie, Minn. She attended elementary and high school at Lennox, S.D., and was a graduate of the Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing at Sioux Falls, S.D. She entered the U.S. Navy as a registered nurse until receiving her discharge in 1941.

On Oct. 15, 1941, she was married to John Michael O'Conner at Canton, S.D. The couple moved to Bremerton, Wash., until 1945, when they moved to Columbia Falls.

Mrs. O'Conner was employed at the Flathead County Hospital from 1960 until 1963.

In 1963, the couple moved to Missoula where Mrs. O'Conner was employed as a registered nurse at the Hillside Manor for nine years. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on June 14, 1968, and is survived by one son, Michael, of Lacy, Wash.; one daughter, Sheila Helean, of Missoula; her father, LeRoy Dindot, of Lennox, S.D.; two brothers, Gerald and Joe Rogers, of Lennox, S.D.; one sister, Evelyn Hagens, of Colleen, Tex.; and two grandchildren, Patrick Shawn O'Conner, of Lacy, Wash., and Kiley Helean, of Missoula.

Funeral services will be in the Johnson Chapel at 11 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Richard Jones, pastor of the Missoula Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery at Columbia Falls.

Obituary

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Mathilda Olsen

Mathilda (Monte) Olsen, 71, Columbia Falls, died Thursday in Whitefish. Mrs. Olsen, who was born in Montgomery, Minn., March 14, 1903, was the daughter of John and Mary Palmer.

June 3, 1934, she was married to Martin Olsen in Fairbanks, Alaska. In July of 1948 Mrs. Olsen, with her husband moved to Columbia Falls, where they were in Olsen and Justin well drilling business.

Mrs. Olsen was a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, where she was an active member of the Altar Society and was a past president and also past president of the DCCW of the Diocese of Helena.

Mrs. Olsen is survived by her widower, Martin, Columbia Falls. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

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Philip Olsrud

Wed 18. 1974 in Flathead

Funeral services for Philip C. Olsrud, 74, a former Kalispell resident, were in Minnesota last month.

Burial followed in the Graceville Cemetery.

Mr. Olsrud was born in Grant County, Minnesota, on Aug. 15, 1900, son of Hans and Christina Olsrud. The family moved to a

farm near Kalispell where Mr. Olsrud attended rural school.

He was graduated from Flathead County High School in 1918. After working for a year, he continued his education at St. Olaf College where he received his degree in 1923.

He was married to Mary

(Mae) Smithwick on Dec. 30, 1935.

Mr. Olsrud is survived by his widow, Mae; a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Giroux of Colorado; four sons, Joseph, John, Robert and Francis, all of Minneapolis; a brother, the Rev. Oscar L. Olsrud of North Dakota; a sister, Anna of Washington.

Nov. 1974

Osborne E. Francis, 57, who had resided at 107 W. Evergreen

Drive, passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, Monday. He was born Sept. 11, 1917, at Crumpler, N.C., a son of Eli and Ada Francis. *Oct 1974*

He had spent his early life in North Carolina and on April 5, 1941, he entered the U.S. Army at Fort Meade, Md. He had served as a staff sergeant, Co. D, 115 Infantry until receiving his honorable discharge on Sept. 7, 1945, at Camp Pickett, Va.

On Dec. 16, 1947, he was married to Jenny Simmons at Bend, Ore. The couple had lived at Mitchell and Prineville, Ore., until moving to the Flathead Valley about 19 years ago.

Mr. Francis was a millwright and carpenter, and had been employed at various mills and lumber companies until his retirement due to ill health. He was a life member of the DAV.

He is now survived by his widow, Jenny, at home; three sons, John, James and Robert Francis all of Kalispell; seven daughters, Mrs. Pat (Myrna) Bohannan of Mitchell, Ore., Mrs. Jim (Mavis) Meyer of Swan Lake, Mrs. John (Mary) Houk of LaGrande, Ore., Mrs. Joe (Molly) Clark of Kalispell, Mrs. Allen (Sue) Johnson of Columbia Falls, Mrs. Witzel (Rebecca) Major of Kila and Lori Francis at home; 16 grandchildren and one brother in Australia.

Funeral services for Mr. Francis will be in the Johnson Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. John Lewis, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

23. June 1974

Jess L. Osborn

Jess L. Osborn, 21, Woods Bay, Flathead Lake, died Sunday in a single-car accident west of Bigfork.

Born in Kalispell Oct. 9, 1952, Mr. Osborn attended Trinity Lutheran School here through the eighth grade and junior high school in Spokane. He was graduated from Shadle Park High School in Spokane in 1970. He studied radio and broadcasting for a year and was graduated from the Elkins Radio and Broadcasting School in Chicago in 1971. He went to work for KCFW-TV in Kalispell Sept. 1972, as a transmitter technician on the Blacktail Mountain transmitter site. He was never married.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs.

Roberta Arnold, East Lake Shore Road, Bigfork; his father, Richard E. Osborn, Seattle; sisters Darcy and Tres Osborn, Bigfork; three half-sisters, Walli K., Mary and Catherine Osborn, all of Seattle; two half-brothers, Todd Osborn, Seattle, and Dan Arnold, Bigfork; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barr, Kalispell, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Ward, Walla Walla, Wash.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Weatherford Funeral Home with Brother Donald Arnoux of Jehovah's Witness, Bigfork, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

13 April 1974

Funeral services for Anne C. Benton (Ostrem) former Whitefish resident were conducted in March in Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Benton passed away March 11 at her home in Spokane.

Born Anna C. Rost on February 21, 1895 in Kalispell, her parents were Conrad and Alice Rost.

She is survived by daughters Mrs. Don (June) De-Roshia, Spokane, Mrs. Irving (Dorothy) McKeen, Whitefish and Mrs. Elanor Riehl of Spokane.

She was preceded in death by two sons Everett and Kenneth Ostrem.

She was the sister of Mrs. Walter (June) Bill, Helena, Mrs. Elanor Conine, Oakland, California and Mrs. Irene Price, Seattle.

She was a member of Spokane Aerie No. 2 F.O.E. Auxiliary and had lived in Spokane for 31 years.

Interment was in Fairmount Memorial Park in Spokane.

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Loy Overton

Loy Overton, 84, who had resided at 302-3rd Ave. W., died in Kalispell Sunday. He was born Oct. 10, 1890, near Earlham, Iowa, a son of Frank and Sarah Overton.

Hy had received his education in Iowa and on May 25, 1913, he was married to Esther Piercy at Earlham. In 1921, the couple moved to New England, N.D. and later moved to Broadus.

In 1932, they moved to Kalispell where they had since resided. Mr. Overton was a carpenter having been employed independently as well as having worked for various firms throughout the area. He had worked on the construction of the Hungry Horse Dam and the Bruckhauser swimming pool prior to his retirement.

He was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Carpenters Union Local 911 for over 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther, on Aug. 25, 1974; one son, Clifford and one daughter, Dorothy Rein.

He is now survived by four sons, Albert of Pasco, Wash., Lee of Eagle River, Alaska, Vearl of Portland and Allen Overton of Lompoc, Calif.; five daughters, Ione Curtis of Hood River, Ore., Ollie Stender of Eugene, Ore., Evelyn Buckallew of Portland, Carrol Pope at the family home in Kalispell and Darlene Grey in Idaho; 26 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one sister, Goldie Van Cleave of Adel, Iowa and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services for Mr. Overton will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday with Craig Dahl of the Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Interment will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Area Deaths

28 Mar. 1974

Harry M. Owens

Funeral services for Harry M. Owens, 74, were conducted Monday in the Montana Veterans' Home Chapel with the Rev. Ray Davis, pastor of United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Montana Veterans' Home Cemetery. Military graveside rites were by Columbia Falls VFW Post 5650, assisted by local veterans' organizations. Funeral arrangements were

by the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

Mr. Owens, who resided at the Montana Veterans' Home, died March 28 at Fort Harrison. He was born Jan. 18, 1900, at Florence, Minn. As a child, he moved with his parents to Kalispell where he received his education and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during World War I.

Following his honorable discharge, Mr. Owens returned to Kalispell and was employed for a short time by the Glacier Dairy. He then

moved to Eureka where he owned and operated the Tobacco Valley Creamery.

In 1959, he first entered the veterans' home and continued to make his home in the Columbia Falls area.

Mr. Owens was married in 1924 to Alice Douglas at Kalispell. She preceded him in death in 1946.

Survivors are three sons, Delbert Owens, Columbia Falls, Keith Owens, in Florida, and Robert (Jack) Owens, Anaconda; two daughters, Mrs. Glenn (Virginia) Inisland, Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Mary Alice Rien, Kent, Wash.; 19 grandchildren; two brothers and a sister.