

## R.D. O'Brien Jr., 37

<sup>22 Mar 1986</sup>  
Richard Darby O'Brien Jr., 37, died at his Kalispell home Saturday after an extended illness.

He was born Sept. 13, 1948, in Conrad. He attended schools in Chester and Great Falls, then graduated from the Assumption Abbey Prep School in Richardton, N.D., in 1966. He graduated from Gonzaga University in Spokane in 1971 with an economics degree.

He served in the Marines from 1971 to 1975, serving a short stint as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He returned to Montana and became the State Farm agent in Chester.

He married Janice E. Dolezal on July 9, 1977, at Finley Point. In 1983, he accepted the State Farm district manager's position. In December 1985, he moved to Kalispell.

Survivors include his wife of Kalispell; a daughter, Erin of Kalispell; his parents, Darby and Lib O'Brien of Chester; four sisters, Judy Cole of Columbia, Md., Patricia Hawthorne of Olympia, Wash., Deborah O'Brien of Chester, and Nancy J. O'Brien of Dayton, Ohio; and paternal grandmother, Lucy O'Brien of Spokane.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Thursday at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

Rockman Chapel in Chester is in charge of arrangements.

## <sup>29 Jan 1986</sup> Margaret Olson, 73

Margaret Geneva Olson, 73, Kalispell, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Wednesday morning.

She was born May 6, 1912, in Reidsville, N.C., one of 10 children of William and Bessy Warf. She received her education in North Carolina and later moved to Missouri.

On June 19, 1946, she married Clifford Olson in Kansas City, Mo. The couple then moved to Kalispell. They operated the Hut Cafe from 1960 until retiring in 1972.

Mrs. Olson attended Evergreen Alliance Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford, on Oct. 2, 1981.

Survivors include three brothers, Albert Warf of Newbern, N.C., Joseph Warf of Anniston, Ala., and Aubrey Warf of Newberg, N.Y.; three sisters, Florence White of Bradenton, Fla., Lucy Mae Cavendish of Albens, Fla., and Eunice Shomo of Longwood, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Bruce of Hungry Horse; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Evergreen Alliance Church with the Rev. Peter Bergen and the Rev. Donn Bergen officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. Friday.

## <sup>9 Feb 1986</sup> Royce Olson, 61

LIBBY — Royce Olson, 61, died Saturday at his home in Libby of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He was born Nov. 21, 1924, in Glendive to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olson. He was raised in Richey and attended school there.

In 1940 he moved to Libby and was employed there for several years as a sawyer. He later worked as a logger and mechanic in Eureka, Calif., for many years before returning to Libby in 1981.

His wife Dorothy preceded him in death in 1980.

Mr. Olson was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include four sons, David Olson, Seattle; John Olson, Spokane; Patrick Olson, Coeur d'Alene; and Eric Olson, San Diego; two sisters, Louise Gidley and Thea Buti, both of Libby; two brothers, Harris Olson, Laurel, and Earl Olson, Kalispell; two stepbrothers, John Thede, Libby, and Paul Thede, Eugene, Ore.; two stepsisters, Ceclia Ouhl, Tacoma, Wash., and Mary Watson, Tombstone, Ariz.; his stepmother, Belle Olson, Libby; and six grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Vial Funeral Home Chapel in Libby with the Rev. Wilford Luce of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

3 June 1982  
**Oscar Olsrud, 96**

The Rev. Oscar L. Olsrud, 96, formerly of Kalispell, died in a Bismarck, N.D., hospital Sunday.

He was born March 17, 1890, in Herman, Minn., a son of Hans and Christine Stenberg Olsrud. In 1901, he moved with his family to a farm north of Kalispell and attended school. He farmed until he was 23 years old.

Following his graduation from Flathead County High School, he attended St. Olaf College of Northfield, Minn. He served in the Army during World War I, serving in France with the 164th Field Hospital Co.

He also taught school for two years prior to enrolling in the Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., where he graduated in 1925. He was ordained in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Kalispell on July 26, 1925, into the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, which changed to the Evangelical Lutheran Church and later merged to the American Lutheran Church.

His first parish was at Hingham from 1925-30, where he served seven congregations at one time. He was instrumental in the organization of churches in Big Sandy and Fairchild, and the reorganization of the church at Rudyard.

On Aug. 11, 1927, he married Marguerite Martinson in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

He then served parishes at Clarkston, Wash., 1930-1938; Savage, 1938-1943; Beach, N.D., 1943-1957; Almont, N.D., 1957-1967. In 1967, he purchased a home in Bismarck, N.D., and worked part time at the Missouri Slope Lutheran Home. In 1969, he retired but continued to do volunteer work at the Missouri Slope Lutheran Home and the St. Vincent Nursing Home.

He had been living at the Missouri Slope Lutheran Home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite, on Feb. 24, 1982, and by a son, David.

Survivors include five children, Harold Olsrud of Fridley, Minn., John D. Olsrud of Bismarck, N.D., Lois Olsrud of Tucson, Ariz., Mrs. Curtis (Marilyn) Bah of Farmington, Minn., and Mrs. James (Rhoda) MacKenzie of Bethesda, Md.; 12 grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Friday in Glacier Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Howard Mars of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

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**Walter Olson, 82**

Walter Clarence Olson, 82, Boise, Idaho, founder of Valley Motor Supply Co., died Jan. 8 in a Boise nursing home of natural causes.

He was born Aug. 26, 1903, at Amery, Wis., a son of Flora and Charles Olson. He moved to Montana with his family in 1910, where he received his education.

He married Mildred Knutson in 1926, and was engaged in an automobile dealership in Harlem. In 1928, he moved to Havre, and was active in a car dealership. In 1932, he left the dealership and opened Valley Motor Supply Co. The automotive wholesale business grew to 19 outlets in Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota.

He served on a number of national boards in connection with his business. He organized and served as president of the Montana Automotive Wholesalers Association and later promoted the formation of the Idaho Automotive Wholesalers Association.

He was an original stockholder and director of the Citizens Bank of Montana, and a stockholder in the Bank of Montana systems.

He was past president of the Havre Kiwanis Club, Havre Chamber of Commerce, and Havre school trustees.

He was a member of Havre Lodge 55, AF&AM; Scottish Rite Bodies of Great Falls; Order of Eastern Star Chapter 30 of Havre; First Lutheran Church in Havre; and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boise.

He sold all interests in Montana and moved to Boise in 1960, where his sons and other Montana residents purchased Nordling Parts Co.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred of Boise; two sons, Charles of Boise, and Eugene of St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers, Harris and Lester, both of Great Falls; two sisters, Ardys Ewald of Rudyard, and Helen Myhre of Kalispell; and five grandchildren. Three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were in Boise with burial in Cloverdale Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 707 W. Fort St., Boise, Idaho 83702, or to a favorite charity.

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Memorial services for Paul G. Orndorff, 32, Kalispell, were held Saturday at Fellowship Alliance Church in Columbia Falls.

Mr. Orndorff died Aug. 27 at his home in Kalispell. He was born July 13, 1954 in Whitefish, son of LaMar and Cora Orndorff of Columbia Falls.

He was raised and educated in Columbia Falls and served with the U.S. Army from 1973 to 1975. After his discharge, he worked at local sawmills and attended Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell. He earned his fixed-wing pilots license and in 1985 his realtors license. He was a real es-

tate salesman until he and his wife bought a Kalispell jewelry business. They recently opened a second business along with other family members.

On March 25, 1985 he and Fay Uhrhammer were married in Kalispell. She now survives him at their home in Kalispell. He is also survived by two children, Angela and Jerry, Las Vegas, Nev.; his parents, LaMar and Cora Orndorff, Columbia Falls; four brothers, Alan, Columbia Falls, Gary, Missoula, Brian, Echo Lake, and Jan, Missoula; one sister, Vicki Lamoreaux, Bozeman, and several nieces and nephews.

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### Russell Olson, 75

POLSON — Russell LeRoy Olson, 75, Polson, died Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital.

After growing up in Lake County, he had been away for nearly 50 years before he decided to retire in his boyhood hometown in 1976.

He was born March 26, 1911, in Porter, Minn., to Ole and Emma Gunderson Olson. The family moved to Pablo, where his father operated a bank and later served as a deputy sheriff, when he was 3 years old. He went to high school in Polson for two years, then the family moved to Oregon in 1927.

He picked hops in Oregon, then moved back to Minnesota for a time.

On Jan. 14, 1939, he married Kathlyn Hanson at Clear Lake, S.D.

In 1941, he attended a Remington-Rand training school in New York during the infancy of computers, and was transferred by the firm to California in 1943. He stayed there for more than 30 years.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters. Survivors include his wife, Kathlyn, Polson; a son, Jon, in Oregon; three daughters, Geraldine Blair in Oregon, Patricia Phillips and Linda Olson, both in California; two sisters, Norma Erickson in Minnesota and Effie Reynolds in California; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending, and will be announced by the Mosley Funeral Home in Polson.

### M. Osborne, 88

2 Apr. 1986  
Margaret E. Osborne, 88, Whitefish, died Wednesday afternoon at North Valley Hospital Extended Care.

She was the daughter of Winchester, Idaho, pioneers John Joseph and Ella Mae O'Shaughnessy. She was born in Seneca, Wis., on Oct. 25, 1897, and moved with her family to Winchester, Idaho, where she attended school, graduating in 1917. She then earned a teaching certificate at Lewiston, Idaho, Normal School.

She taught at several north Idaho schools before settling in Winchester where she taught until her retirement in 1958. After retiring, she moved to Lewiston with her husband, and since 1979 she had lived in Whitefish with her daughter Pat Caferro.

She married Grey Osborne at Grangeville, Idaho, in 1923.

She was active in the Catholic Daughters and Altar Society of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Lewiston, and the Retired Teachers Association of Idaho.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Patricia Caferro of Whitefish and Virginia Mae Lambert of LaCrosse, Wash.; two sisters, Thelma Morris of Portland, Ore., and Louis Copeland Walker of Seattle, Wash.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited Friday at the Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston with Mass of the Resurrection at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Normal Hill Cemetery in Lewiston.

Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish is in charge of local arrangements.

26 July 1986

### Gregg Osborne, 37

Gregg Alan Osborne, 37, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ward of Kalispell, died unexpectedly in Seattle June 26.

Osborne, a native of the Centralia-Chehalis area in Washington, was a loan officer for a mortgage company. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two daughters, Laura and Amy; his parents, a brother and a grandfather.

A memorial service was held Tuesday.

## N.T. Ostroot, 73

<sup>25 Mar 1986</sup>  
Norval Theodore Ostroot, 73, died Tuesday morning at his home in Bigfork.

He was born June 19, 1912, in Moscow, Idaho, the youngest son of Eneval and Pauline Ostroot, both of whom were born in Norway.

He attended Moscow schools and graduated from the University of Idaho in Moscow, where he was a charter member of the Vandaleer chorus. Fifty years later in 1984 he was honored during the University of Idaho homecoming game and given the Alumni Service Award for writing an Idaho fight song during his student days. "Fight on Idaho" is still being used by the University of Idaho marching band at football and basketball games.

In 1937, he married Ruth Farley and the couple lived in Eagle, Idaho, for 37 years. He operated a grocery store in Eagle for 13 years. He then became a rural mail carrier until retiring in 1973.

He was very active in the community and served on the library board, the sewer board, and as treasurer of the Eagle Volunteer Fire Department for more than 25 years.

He was active in the National Rural Letter Carriers Association at the state and national levels. He served as president of the Idaho state association for two years, and one year as president of the 10-state Western States Conference of the NRLCA.

His interest in singing continued after college, and for 21 years he was a member of the Boise Elks Gleemen which sang all over the

country.

After moving to Montana in 1974, he belonged to and served as president of Chapter 646 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees in Kalispell. For three years he was secretary of the Bethany Lutheran Church council in Bigfork. He worked with the Bigfork area senior citizens in planning and remodeling the present building, and was nominated for Flathead County Senior Citizen of the Year in 1983.

Among his many hobbies he developed a unique etched-glass night light, which he made until ill health limited his ability. The lights are in nearly every state in the union.

He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork, and of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, at the family home in Bigfork; a son, Dennis Ostroot, Ferndale; two daughters, Mrs. Tom (Corinne) McKean, Moscow, Idaho, and Mrs. Gary (Nancy) Moss, St. Maries, Idaho; a sister, Ellen Gudmunson, Tacoma, Wash.; two grandsons and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Viewing will be until 5 p.m. today at Bigfork Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Bethany Lutheran Church in Bigfork with the Rev. Herb Knutsen officiating. Burial will be at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Bigfork. Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to Flathead Hospice, the American Cancer Society, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Nora Owens, 73

<sup>11 Oct 1986</sup>  
Nora Owens, 73, a Whitefish school teacher for many years, died of cancer Oct. 11 in St. Croix Falls, Wis.

She was born June 27, 1913, in Cumberland, Wis., to Orson and Ella Owens.

After completing her formal education in Cumberland, she attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls.

She taught several years in Wisconsin before coming to Whitefish in 1944. She taught 34 years in the Whitefish schools, retiring in 1978

after 41 years of teaching.

Miss Owens belonged to the national, state and local teachers' organizations, Delta Kappa Kappa teachers' sorority, PEO, and was an active member in the United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Blanche Hunter, and two brothers, George of Kalispell and Oscar in Wisconsin.

Survivors include two sisters, Grace Carlson and Ruth Nicholson, and a brother, Lloyd, all in Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Catone-Skinner Funeral Home in St. Croix Falls, Wis. Memorial services will be held in Whitefish at a later date.

The family suggests memorials to Whitefish United Methodist Church, building fund.

## Victor Owens, 58

<sup>25 July 1987</sup>  
Victor J. Owens, 58, Bigfork, a homebuilder and 11-year resident of the Flathead Valley, died Friday at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born Aug. 7, 1927, in Portland, Ore., to Victor C. and Lucille Owens. He grew up in the Portland area.



After graduating from high school in 1944, he joined the U.S. Merchant Marines, serving four years. He worked in the Portland area for a few years, then in 1951 was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in Germany and was honorably discharged in 1953.

On June 22, 1963, he married Marie Luce in Carson City, Nevada.

After leaving the Army he began contracting work in the San Francisco Bay area, staying there until moving to Bigfork and establishing Vic Owens Builders in 1975.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Montana Home Builders Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors.

Surviving are his wife, Marie, at home; two sons, Tom, San Jose, Calif., and Bob, San Francisco; a daughter, Marlene Owens, San Jose; and three brothers, Donald in Phoenix, Ariz., Richard in North Platte, Neb., and John in Victoria, B.C.

Memorial services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary chapel with Pastor Verlyn Retzer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Pastor Charles Allaway officiating. Arrangements and cremation are by the Johnson Mortuary.