

## Sylvester 'Obie' Paul O'Brien, 90

Sylvester "Obie" Paul O'Brien, 90, died on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell. He was born Oct. 22, 1910, in Oxford, Iowa, to Patrick Henry and Elizabeth (Stockman) O'Brien.

Obie grew up on a farm and received his early education in Iowa, graduating from St. Mary's High School in Iowa City. He met and married Marion Wood, his wife of 62 years, on June 2, 1934, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Iowa City, Iowa. The family moved to California in 1946, where he worked as a welder/ironworker. In 1988, they moved to Montana with his son, Ron. He helped with cattle, worked in his garden and became a true ranch hand as he had been in his youth.

He loved working the daily newspaper crossword puzzles and cultivating his massive vegetable

garden. He also enjoyed visiting with his friends from St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marion, a daughter, two infant sons and an infant daughter.

He is survived by two sons, Ron and his wife, Carol, of Kalispell, and Richard and his wife, Melody, of Medford, Ore.; a daughter, Teri Farris and her husband, Ron, of Southgate, Calif.; a brother, Don O'Brien and his wife, Frances, of Texas; 13 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary with Deacon Fred Topp of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Mass of Christian burial will be held at a later date.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Lovile O'Haire, 85

Lovile O'Haire, 85, died on Dec. 29, 2000, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born on a farm near Drake, N.D., to Herman and Emma Stoeber on June 29, 1915.



Her family moved to Drake, where she attended high school. She graduated from high school in 1933. She continued with her training in Fargo, N.D., at the Chicago Hair Dressing Academy, from which she graduated in 1933.

She was a baptized and confirmed Lutheran church member. She was the mother of two, Jim O'Haire of Whitefish and Judy O'Haire of Kalispell, the grandmother of two, Lanti Carlson of Pennsylvania and Kassie Fincher of Kalispell, and the great-grandmother of two, Skylar and Caitlynn of Kalispell.

She worked as a beautician in Sunburst, Mont., where she met her husband Ed O'Haire. They

were married in Kalispell on Sept. 28, 1940. He survives her at their home in Happy Valley. She lived in Shelby, where she and her husband built and operated the O'Haire Manor motel and numerous apartments. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of Shelby. She and her husband moved to Great Falls in 1960, where they built and operated the O'Haire Manor motel. While there, she continued her membership in the Lutheran Church located in Great Falls. She and her husband moved to Happy Valley south of Whitefish in 1970, where she resided until 1998 when she moved into Heritage Place in Kalispell.

Her sister, Marion Horn of Whitefish, and an uncle, Phillip Braun of Helena, survive her.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. David Kauffman officiating. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Dean 'Deano' Oldfield, 56

Dean "Deano" Oldfield, 56, died Nov. 5, 2000, at Brendan House.

He was the son of Ruth and Calvert Oldfield.

He served two terms with the military and also fought in

Vietnam.

He is survived by two daughters and three grandchildren.

Donations can be made in his name to Home Options, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Darlene Louise Olsen, 58

Darlene Louise Olsen, 58, of Troy, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, in Troy of apparent heart failure.

She was born Jan. 4, 1942, at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, to Roland and Mollie Starr Obermayer of the Yaak River Valley in Montana.

Darlene attended the Sylvanite School in the Yaak and later Troy High School. She married Lloyd (Ole) Anderson in Coeur d'Alene and they made their home on Old U.S. 2 where they raised five children. In 1982 she remarried Jay Olsen, postmaster of Troy, and they made their home at Troy.

Darlene cooked at Jack's Cafe for years and was an exceptional cook as her many friends and family will attest. She also worked at Hemlocks, The Silver Spur and Beck's. She loved flowers, plants, gardening and sewing, and was an accomplished quilter. She enjoyed collecting hummingbirds and was a dedicated homemaker. She was a member of the Church of God in Troy. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother,

Jimmy Obermayer. She will be sorely missed by her many friends and family.

Survivors include her husband, Jay Olsen of Troy; three daughters, Tami Anderson of Kalispell, Keri Anderson of Great Falls and Alona Anderson of Whitefish; two sons, Tony Anderson and his wife Maggie of Troy, and Kevin Anderson and his wife Shelly of Troy; two sisters, Marie Joy Becquart and her husband Tom of Moyie Springs, Idaho, and Candie Foust and her husband John of Libby; one brother, Bill Obermayer and his wife Karen of Kalispell; her stepfather, George Geiger of Troy; a stepdaughter, Dorothy Simmons and her husband Barry of Clinton, Mont.; a step-son, Harold Olsen of California; grandchildren Andy, Brittany, Tony, Alicia and Jayson; five nieces and two nephews.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2000, at the Troy Cemetery. Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Helen Elenore Olson, 84

Helen Elenore Olson, 84, died at The Village Health Care Center in Missoula, Thursday, March 16, 2000, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Jan. 19, 1916, in McGregor, N.D., the daughter of Lewis and Dina Davidson Holte. She attended McGregor school and graduated from high school in Noonan, N.D.

After graduating she was employed in Pasadena, Calif., where she married Melvin Olson on Aug. 17, 1936. They moved to Bigfork in 1958, and then to Stevensville to be near family.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a

member of North Bitterroot Lutheran Church in Stevensville.

She enjoyed music, dancing, her flower gardens, crafts, her family and time spent with friends at Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin in 1997; her parents; sister Gladys; and brother Melvin.

She is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Marlene and Rodney Priebe of McGregor, and Betty and Bob Reed of Stevensville; five grandchildren, Mike Reed, Debbie Thall and Jim Reed, all of Stevensville, Roger Priebe of Austin, Texas, and Karen Gellner of Plymouth, Minn.; six great-grandchildren; two

brothers, Leonard Holte of Larson, N.D., and Rueben Holte of McGregor; sister Doris of Bismarck, N.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral graveside services will be held on Monday, 1 p.m., at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell, with the Rev. Tim Meyer officiating.

Memorials are asked to the Stevensville Senior Citizens Center.

The Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville is in charge of arrangements.

The family wishes to thank Dr. William Nichols and his staff and the nursing staff at Village Health Care Center who cared for her.

## Howard J. Olson, 75

Howard J. Olson, 75, former Kalispell resident, died at his home in Pahrump, Nev., after suffering a lengthy illness.

He was a truck driver for Carl Weissman and Sons out of Great Falls until he retired. He is survived by his wife;

a brother and sister; three children; two step-sons and a step-daughter, Jan McManus of Kalispell; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending. *Sept 16 10 Intalada*

## Sven Pontus Olson, 88

Sven Pontus Olson, 88, of Polson, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000, at Evergreen Health and Rehab Center.

He was born Nov. 20, 1911, in Sweden, the youngest of 10 children. He came to America when he was 17 and lived in the Chicago-Minneapolis area.

He married Rosie E. Erickson, on July 21, 1932, in Minnesota, and moved to Montana. He was a long-time Missoula resident and a master brick mason, retiring in Polson.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Rosie on Aug. 20, 1990.

He is survived by his son Floyd E. Olson and daughter-in-law, Thelma,

of Missoula; daughter Joann Persons and son-in-law, Cliff, of Whitefish; three grandsons, Phillip Olson, Michael Moe and Tommy Moe; two granddaughters, Tera Moe and Lisa Olson Smith and grandson-in-law, Duane Smith; one great-granddaughter, Christine Rose Moe; and three grandsons, Evan Taylor Moe, Hudson Paul Smith and Haden Phillip Smith.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in the Lakeview Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Rowold officiating. Arrangements and cremation under the direction and care of Grogan Funeral Home in Polson.

## Everett "Gene" Orem, 71

Everett "Gene" Orem, 71, beloved husband of Anna Charlene Orem, went to be with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, on June 27, 2000, at his home in Columbia Falls, following a prolonged heart ailment.



He was born in Dumas, Texas, on Dec. 20, 1928, to Samuel Arza Orem and Emma Edna Thompson Orem, the youngest of 10 brothers and sisters. His family moved to Roy, N.M., in 1930, when he was two years of age, and raised cattle and horses for the cavalry. His mother died when he was 7 years old, and his father when he was 9 years old.

After becoming an orphan, he lived in Roy with his oldest sister, Reta Orem Wendland. He attended high school in Roy, where he excelled both in academics and athletics. He lettered in basketball, football, and track. He held the New Mexico State High School high jump record until the "Fosberry Flop" was invented. In 1947, he was the high point winner at the state track meet, taking first place in the high jump, second in the 220 yard dash, and third in the 100 yard dash. He also was named to the 1947 North-South All-Star basketball team. He received an appointment to Annapolis Academy, and offers of scholarships to play basketball at the University of Oklahoma, the University of Utah, and New Mexico State.

He married Anna Charlene Abbott on Jan. 26, 1947. She was his soulmate and the love of his life for 53 years.

He began his adult working career at the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, N.M. In 1953, he was transferred to the Nevada Test Range, where he was promoted to the position of general construction superintendent, despite being only 25 years old. He and his crews constructed all of the towers and facilities used in conducting 22 atomic bomb tests at the Nevada Test Range in the early 1950s. He left the test site after receiving a severe overdose of radiation.

Thereafter he worked as a welder, ironworker, and a construction foreman throughout the western United States. Some of his construction projects included working as a foreman for Vinnell Steel erecting a bridge in Portland, constructing underground storage tanks at Hanford, Wash., and constructing the Anaconda Aluminum Plant in Columbia Falls.

In July of 1956, the family moved to Columbia Falls permanently. He purchased a farm on old Hwy. 2 and raised cattle, grain and hay. He also was employed as a construction foreman by the Anaconda Aluminum Company, which later was acquired by Arco.

He loved the farm and enjoyed looking at the waterfall and the wildlife on Columbia Mountain, and fishing in the lakes located on his farm. His family was most

important to him, and he delighted in the successes and accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He was a loving, caring husband, father and grandfather, and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Charlene, at the family home; his three daughters, Kyle Beach of Missoula, Belinda K. Orem and Barbara J. Orem, both of Los Angeles; one son, Dale A. Orem of Columbia Falls; five grandchildren, Sarah Orem, Alyson Orem Dorr, Beau Orem, Shauna Lane, and Scott Beach; his brother, Charles Orem of Star, Idaho; and two sisters, Mildred Synoground of Richland, Wash., and Emma Hillis of Phoenix; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, a great-grandchild, Hannah Lane; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Samuel Arza and Emma Edna Orem; one sister, Reta; five brothers, Joseph, Robert, Samuel, Raymond, and James; and his son-in-law, Richard Beach.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls at 2 p.m. on Saturday, with graveside services to follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be today at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls between 1-8 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be made in his name to the Badrock Volunteer Fire Department, or to the building fund at the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

## Janiece Rae Orr, 55

Janiece Rae Orr, 55, died Oct. 31, 2000, at her home in Troy from cancer.

She was born Feb. 6, 1945, in Libby, to Ray and Ellen Trustee Cole. She married David Orr on March 16, 1978. They owned the King Ranch near Troy.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, David Orr of Troy; son Curtis Oldes and his wife, Gloria, of Troy; two daugh-

ters including Melody Schrader and her husband, Steve, of Kalispell; five sisters including Gloria Patricia Cunnington and her husband, Nile, of Troy; and five grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Troy Christian Fellowship Church in Troy. Burial will be at the Milnor Lake Cemetery in Troy.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Raymond C. Orr, 80

Raymond C. Orr, 80, a longtime resident of the Libby area died Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at the Special Care Facility run by Carol Roberts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, three brothers, and a daughter.

Survivors include a son; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three stepsons includ-

ing John Thrasher of Troy; two brothers, Paul and his wife, Jean, of Kalispell; Marion and his wife, Diane, of Libby; a sister; two sisters-in-law; numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Services were held Saturday. Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Michael Andrew Osborne, 47

Michael Andrew Osborne, 47, died Sept. 11, 2000, at his home in Somers.

He was born June 13, 1953, in Burley, Idaho, to William and

Colleen Boley Osborne.

Services are pending at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Irene Nancy Ostheller, 77

Irene Nancy Ostheller, 77, devoted wife of Ralph W. Ostheller and his best friend, died on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2000, at the United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley, Wash., after an extensive courageous battle with cancer. She is now resting peacefully.

She was born May 10, 1922, in Kalispell, the daughter of Russell and Nancy Arnold Smith. She was raised in the Ashley Lake area of Montana.

She moved to Washington in 1954, to the Kirkland area, where she met her husband, Ralph, in the early 1970s. They were married in Mt. Vernon, Wash., on March 23, 1976. They moved to the Skagit Valley in 1978.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Nancy Smith.

She will leave a large hole in a lot of

lives and she was loved very much.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph W. Ostheller of Sedro-Woolley; seven children, Edith Gilstrap, Rick Perry and his wife Carol, David Perry and his wife Christine, Lisa McGuire, and Joe McGuire, all of Sedro-Woolley, Jamey Suderman and her husband Lowell of Lebanon, Ore., and Tamara Scott and her husband Jay of Tacoma, Wash.; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brother, Ray Smith of Citrus Heights, Calif.; and aunt, Emily Isch of Chehalis, Wash.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Lemley Chapel in Sedro-Woolley.

Memorials are suggested in Irene's memory to North Puget Oncology, 1971 Hwy. 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284.

## Velma Noel Ost, 78

Velma Noel Ost, 78, passed away to be with our Lord after a lingering illness on Nov. 26, 2000, in Kalispell. She was born Aug. 17, 1922, in Bellevue, Idaho, to John C. and Anna McAtee Noel.

She was raised and educated in Hailey, Idaho. She married Raymond H. Ost of Stanley, Idaho, in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Sept. 14, 1936.

She made her first home in Stanley, where they had a summer resort. In 1945, they moved to Swan Lake where they built and operated Rays Cabins. Poor health forced them to sell in 1958. They moved to Great Falls where she was in the first licensed practical

nurse training class. After graduation, she worked for the county and did private nursing duty. They later moved to Creston in 1971 and into Kalispell in 1984.

She had a deep love and faith for the Lord. She was a generous loving and caring lady always willing and ready to lend a helping hand.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray in 1985, and her identical twin sister, Ava Shepherd Siderius, on Dec. 8, 1997.

She is survived by nieces Mary Anna Zauner, Dixie Tye and Cheryl King; and a foster son, Jerry Anders. She had many friends who will miss her greatly.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Jim Huff of Bible Presbyterian Church and Bob Nolin of Billings officiating. Burial will follow at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. The family suggests memorials be made to the Bible Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue West and Fourth Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 or Home Option Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Elnora Kathleen Owen, 79

Elnora Kathleen Owen, 79, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000, at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Nov. 23, 1920, in Garden City, Kan., to John and Rosa Kaeberle Katzdorn.

She married Bernard Roger Owen. She enjoyed her family, grandchildren, sons and daughters, and liked to travel with her husband Bernard.

She was very active in her church, and a lifelong member.

She was a very generous person; very good-hearted.

In the last few years, she enjoyed embroidery and playing cards.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one son, Charles R. Owen.

Survivors include children, Bob Owen and his wife Gina, Kathleen Owen, Patsy Treat and her husband Wayne, Edward Owen and his wife Terri, Jeanine Danielson and her husband Sonny, all of Kalispell; Bernadette Daigel and her husband Timothy of Inverness, Fla.; one daughter-in-law, Kathy Owen Stevens of Kalispell; grandchildren Bob Owen Jr., Roger Owen, Brad



Owen in 1942

Treat, Robin Treat, Pamela Cotton, Travis Owen, Sam Owen, Chad Danielson, Kristy Wray, Justin Danielson, Jessica Owen, Sophia Owen, Patrick Daigel, Renee Daigel, Rebecca Daigel, and Preston Daigel; great-grandchildren, Nicole Owen, Bailey Owen, Micheal Cotton, Britney Cotton, and Siri Danielson; brothers and sisters, Richard Katzdorn of Plumber, Idaho, Maryann Plant of Blackfoot, Idaho, Marie Shirley, Kansas City, Mo., Virginia Zimmerman of Edmunds, Wash., James Katzdorn of Sandy, Utah, John Katzdorn, Olympia, Wash., Katheryn Reynolds of Kansas City, Mo.

Memorial donations may be directed to Risen Christ Catholic Parish in Evergreen, in memory of Elnora Rose Owen.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Risen Christ Catholic Church in Evergreen. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Betty June Owens, 66

Betty June Owens, 66, died in her sleep on Oct. 22, 2000, at her sister's home in Puyallup, Wash.

She was born on June 15, 1934, in Gateway, to Elizabeth and Everett Humphrey. She attended elementary school in Eureka. Her grandfather taught her her first song on the piano at age nine. She got rheumatic fever when she was 12 which lead to all of her later heart problems. When she was 14 she began playing piano for dances and her father played guitar and sang.

She met her husband while playing for a dance in Rexford. Her most important event was marrying Delbert. She devoted her life to her husband and family. She was a sweet, quiet, good, kind, patient and down-to-earth person



who always had time for loved ones and made them feel special.

She was preceded in death by her father Everette, and her sister, Cora Ann.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Delbert Owens of Columbia Falls; two daughters, Sue Norman and husband, Tom, of Lewistown, and Debra Owens of Columbia Falls; two sons, David Owens and Robert Owens and wife, Brenda, all of Columbia Falls; 13 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; her two brothers, Dick Humphrey and Rob Humphrey; one sister, Vera Mae Riipinen; and her mother, Elizabeth Stone.

Cremation was at Oak Hills Funeral Home in Washington. There will be a non-formal potluck memorial luncheon at the North Valley Hospital Community Center on Nucleus Avenue in Columbia Falls on Sunday at noon for family and friends.

## Jean Yvonne Owens, 60

Jean Yvonne Owens, 60, died March 28, 2000, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born Dec. 18, 1939, the daughter of Wernell E. and Elda Elshaug Moen in Edmore, N.D. She attended schools in Edmore, N.D., graduating from Edmore High School in 1957. She was married to Gaylon Owens.

She enjoyed playing cards, bowling, cooking and spending times with friends and family. She was employed as a teller at Conrad Bank in Kalispell (now First Interstate Bank). She was also the bookkeeper for the family business, Owens Enterprises, a logging company, and a homemaker.

She was a wonderful, caring person. She maintained her relationships with friends from her young adulthood which she prized.

Faith was very important to



her; she kept it all through her life and illness. She is a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her three sons, Mark and wife, Lorrie, of Libby; Byron and wife, Kathy; and Larry and wife, Yvonne, all of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; brothers, Don Moen and wife, Ginny, and Dale Moen and wife, Renee, all of Libby; a sister, Noreen Syth of Fortine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 Highway 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901 or the Arthritis Foundation - Rocky Mountain Chapter, 2280 S. Albion Street, Denver, CO 80222.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church with the Rev. Bob Nilsen officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Beryl Handford Overton, 69

Beryl Handford Overton, 69, died at her home in Portland, on July 11, 2000, after a long battle with cancer.

A memorial service was held at Fremont United Methodist Church in Portland, on July 17, 2000.

She was born on March 30, 1931, in St. Ignatius, to Henry G. and Ruth Cary Handford. She moved with her family to Kalispell in

1941. She received most of her education in Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead County High School in 1949.

She attended the University of Montana, earning a degree in education in 1953. She taught for one year in the Helena school district.

In 1954, she married Vearl H. Overton and has resided in Portland since 1960. She was a homemaker; an active member of her

church; a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband; her three sons, Dr. Mark Overton, the Rev. Timothy Overton, and Scott H. Overton; her sister, Ruth Scruggs of Arkansas; her brother, Jim Handford of Kalispell; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, and her brother, Ralph Handford.