

## Milton Martin Oberg, 74

Milton Martin Oberg, 74, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at his home in Lakeside.

Milton was born Sept. 10, 1929, in Fargo, N.D., the son of



Martin and Alma (Nodsle) Oberg. As he was growing up, he attended a rural school near Georgetown, Minn., and developed a true passion for hunting and fishing. As a young man, Milton farmed, raised turkeys and drove school bus.

In December 1951, Milton was drafted into the United States Marines Corps and served time in the Korean Conflict for two years, and earned the National Defense and Korean Conflict medals.

After coming home from Korea, he met his first wife, Jackie Klokseth, and they married Oct. 17, 1954. They had three children together — Jody, Wade, and Brenda.

On Aug. 17, 1967, Milton married Sylvia (Cole) Freitag who had three children — Scott, Tammy and Steven. Together, Milton and Sylvia had their son, Clifford.

They built, owned and operated Oberg's Meat Processing in rural Georgetown, Minn. In 1976, they moved to Rollins. It was there they created the world-known business of M&S Meats and Sausage, making jerky and smoked meats for 23 years. In 1999, they sold the business and retired.

Milton has always been an activist within the local community. He served as a trustee on the Dayton school board and was a member of the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department. In 1977, Milton helped start the annual pit barbecue, a fund raiser for the fire

department which he was active with through this past year.

Milton's hobbies consisted of cutting wood, hunting, shooting sporting clays and fishing. Milton has been known as the man who has caught all the fish out of Lake Mary Ronan.

Milton was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Alma.

Milton is survived by his wife, Sylvia; three daughters, Jody Evenson, Fargo, N.D., Tammy Finney and her husband, Wayne, Georgetown, Minn., and Brenda Oberg, Kalispell; four sons, Wade, and his wife, Lisa, Polson, Scott, and his wife, Jeannette, of Tayler, Utah, Steven and Clifford, and his wife, Melissa, all of Bellevue, Neb.; two sisters, Fern Morstad, and her husband, Bob, New York Mills, Minn., and Vivian McDougall, and her husband, Ted, of Rollins; a brother, Curtis Oberg, and his wife, Lois, Georgetown, Minn. There are 18 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Milton only lost one argument in his life and that was with liver cancer. "Milton, as a husband, father, brother, grandpa, and a friend, you will always have a place in our hearts and memories."

Memorial services for Milton Oberg will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Lakeside Community Chapel with Pastor John Ulrich officiating.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department, the Lakeside Community Church, and/or Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT, 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Wendell Lester Oder, 89

Wendell Lester Oder, 89, formerly of Kalispell, died July 28, 2003.

He served in World War II with the U.S. Air Force, in the Ferry Command, stationed in England. He retired from Boeing in 1976.

He is survived by his wife

of 61 years, Mildred Oder of Seattle; daughter, Christine Rinner of Rockwall, Texas; and son, Allan Oer of Newcastle, Wash.

There will be no services and he is being cremated.

Direct memorial gifts to the charity of your choice.

## Alice Clair Oehl, 90

Alice Clair Oehl, 90, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born June 15, 1912, in Dixon, Ill., to Alex and Linnie (Cherley) Buchanan.

Alice graduated high school from Dixon High School in Dixon. She married Vincent C. Oehl on Oct. 20, 1935, in Dixon. Alice worked in public school as an aide at the junior high school until she was 84 years old. She loved working with the kids.

Alice was a member of the Women's Garden Club and St. Anne's Catholic Church in Dixon. She moved to Sterling, Ill., in 1990 and attended St. Mary Catholic Church. She moved to Somers in 1996 with her daughter and son-in-law.

Alice was preceded in death by

her parents, her husband and two brothers, William and Raymond Buchanan.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara L. Knox of Somers; brother Jack Buchanan of Rock Falls, Ill.; two granddaughters, Christina Soldan of Mokena, Ill., and Amy Stern of Denver; and three greatgrandsons, Michael, Jonathan, and Matthew Soldan.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at St. Mary Chapel in Sterling, Ill., with Father Thomas Brantman as celebrant. The family suggests memorials be made to the Talking Book Library, P.O. Box 201800, Helena, MT 59620-1800.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory in Kalispell.

## Joyce C. (Greenland) Ogdahl, 61

Joyce C. (Greenland) Ogdahl, 61, of Kalispell, died Aug. 26, 2003, at home of lung cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Stan R. Ogdahl; and children, Jan Robison of Columbia Falls, and Kim Taylor of

Kalispell; and stepdaughter, Serena Lizotte.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

## Edward Luke Olson, 63

Edward Luke Olson, 63, passed away Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. He was born Feb. 29, 1940, in St. Charles, Ill., to Robert and Rose (Latka) Olson.



Ed received his early education in St. Charles, where he graduated high school. He enlisted in the Marine Corps, serving on active duty and inactive ready reserve from 1958 to 1964.

Ed married Sara Sheldon in 1964. The couple later divorced. After the military, Ed worked as a mechanic in Sonora, Calif. He met and married Dale Cummins on July 6, 1974, in Sonora. Ed enjoyed life to the fullest; hunting, fishing, square dancing and playing softball. In 2002 he took a medical retirement and moved to Kalispell.

Ed was preceded in death by his mother, Rose.

He is survived by his wife, Dale of Kalispell, three sons, Edward P. Olson and wife Christina of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Mark Olson and wife Jamie of Kalispell, and Timothy Olson of Sonora; his first wife, Sara Sheldon of Boulder, Colo.; his father, Robert Olson; three sisters, Virginia, Carol, and Patricia; two brothers, Robert and Kenneth; four grandchildren; and life-long friend, Jake.

Memorial services for Ed will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with Deacon Fred Topp officiating. The family suggests memorial gifts be given to HOSPICE: 175 Commons Loop, Suite #100, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the Fisher House: 1055 Clermont St., Denver, CO 80220-3873.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

## Esther Oliva Kennedy Olson, 89

Esther Oliva Kennedy Olson, 89, died on May 10, 2003.

She was born Nov. 16, 1913, in rural Minnewaukan, N.D., to Albert and Lena (Olsen) McCloud, where she attended elementary school.

She married Theodore Geske in 1931. A son, Lando, was born to this marriage. Theodore was killed in an automobile accident in 1933.

In 1934, Esther married Rowan Kennedy and they lived and farmed in the rural Oberon, N.D., area for 30 years. Five children were born of this union.

Following a divorce, Esther moved to Kalispell in the mid-1960s, where she worked at both the old and new hospitals. At her retirement in 1976, she resided in

Big Sky Manor until July 2002, then she moved to Heritage place where she lived until her death.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Theodore; their son, Lando; and her second husband, Rowan.

She is survived by her five children, including four sons, Ray Kennedy of Lindenhurst, Ill., Ken Kennedy of Prescott, Ariz., Norman Kennedy of Northglenn, Colo., and Wayne Kennedy of Harvey, N.D.; one daughter, Mary Ann Kennedy of Nashville, Tenn.; also 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

No services are planned. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Larry Olson, 50

The life of Larry Olson was taken suddenly in a vehicle accident on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at the age of 50.

Not a person who met Larry could describe him without saying the words, "Kind and generous."

He loved his wife, Debbie Olson and son, Sebastin Olson, both of Polson, intensely and without exception. He had a deep, loving respect for his parents, Oscar and Marlys Olson of Kalispell, and cared greatly for his family, Les and Patricia Olson of Elizabeth, Colo., Alan and Miriam Olson of Kalispell, nieces and nephews,



Jeff, Denise, Daniel and Dane Olson of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Kirstin, Doug, Jacob and Allyson Smith of Parker, Colo., Jody and JD Scribner of Cataldo, Idaho. He was surrounded by so many loving family and friends and a special little girl, Abby.

Larry's absence will be greatly missed by all those who loved him. A celebration of Larry's life will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at the New Expo building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. His pilot buddies are planning a flyover in his remembrance at a later date.

The family requests donations to Flight for Cancer/Breezy Bob, 1st Citizens Bank, 213 1st St. West, Polson, MT 59860.

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

## Douglas Lee Oliver, 69

Douglas Lee Oliver, age 69, passed away at his Whitefish home on Thursday, June 5, 2003. Douglas was born May 30, 1934, in Baltimore to Henry and Marie (Valdivia) Oliver.

Doug received his education in Temple City, Calif., graduating from high school there. He went on to join the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1952 to 1955, serving his country in Korea. He met and married Sharron Rickman on March 21, 1959, in Siena Madre, Calif., and to this union two daughters, Lynne and Donna, were born. They later divorced.

Doug attended Long Beach State University where he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree, and then worked for the Long Beach Fire Department. Doug met Gerlinde Witty in Aspen, Colo., and the couple was married in Austria on May 20, 1978. To this union one daughter, Danielle, was born.

Shortly after their marriage they moved to Whitefish where Doug worked as a ski instructor on Big Mountain and as a fire inspector for Glacier National



Park. He was most recently employed as the safety officer with the Park Service. Doug loved the outdoors; hiking, skiing and mountain climbing, but his greatest love was his family. He was a very devoted and loving husband, father, brother and uncle. His family was literally his life.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents; and is now survived by wife, Gerlinde Oliver of Whitefish; three daughters, Danielle Oliver, Lynne Wallace and husband Jeff, and Donna Rutundo and husband, Mark; also five grandchildren, Heather and Holly Wallace, and Ryan, Andrew, and Allison Rotundo; one sister, Ginger Jasco and husband, Gary; and mother-in-law, Rosemarie Witty.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 9, 2003, at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish with Pastor Robert Ross officiating. Burial followed at the Whitefish City Cemetery. Military honors were by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the "Ray of Hope, 2680 U.S. 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

## Edward Preston 'Ed' Olmstead, 87

Edward Preston "Ed" Olmstead, 87, died Oct. 24, 2003, peacefully at his Kalispell home. He was born in Chicago on May 8, 1916.

Surviving relatives include his nephew, Robert W. Nelson and family.

Ed Olmstead was inducted into the U.S. Army in October 1941 at Missoula and honorably discharged September 1945 at Ft. George at Meade, Md. His World War II military service was in intelligence in Iceland, where he made lifelong friends with whom he corresponded in their language each Christmas.

Ed graduated with honors from Colorado State University at Ft. Collins, Colo., from their School of Veterinary Medicine which he used to serve as Glacier National Park's resident veterinarian. He will be remembered for his long and exceptional career as a ranger in Glacier National Park. His favorite station was Belly River and he rode horses, skied or hiked most every trail in the park.

Ed retired from the Park Service in 1973 but continued veterinary work and enjoyed woodworking, restoring pipe organs and gardening on his small farm near Kalispell.

Cremation has taken place at the Buffalo Hills Funeral Home.

## Lowell Ray O'Myer, 62

Lowell Ray O'Myer, 62, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2003, at his home in Kalispell.

Lowell was born on April 22, 1940, in Eureka to Willard and Isabelle (Erickson) O'Myer.

He worked as a truck driver for many years. Lowell loved camping and getting firewood.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willard; his mother, Isabelle; and infant grandson,



Sheldin.

He is survived by his wife, Leora "Tootsie" O'Myer of Kalispell; children, Bruce and wife, Carrie, of Billings, Brian and wife, Lana, Shane and wife, Marsha, and Sharleen and husband, Ross, all of Kalispell; grandchildren, Christina, Jennifer, Tyler, Justin, Zane, Johanna, Raeana, Joseph and Julia; one great-granddaughter, Echo; brother and sisters, Jane, Willard, Lyle, Slim, Arlene, and Dale; and his very good friend, Bill.

Private family services are being planned. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Robert Charles Ordish, 85

Robert Charles Ordish, 85, passed away at his Kalispell home on Tuesday, May 27, 2003.

Robert was born Oct. 2, 1917, in Kalispell, to Charles E. and Lillian (Flagg) Ordish. Robert graduated from Flathead County High School.

He was a member of the Eagles lodge in Kalispell and loved hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include sons, Robert

and wife, Patricia Ordish, of Las Vegas; Terry and wife, Martha Ordish, of North Carolina; sister, Nita Painter of California; four grandchildren, R.C., Zach, Michelle, and Crista; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Robert Reasner officiating.

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



## Rosalyn 'Rosie' Oreskovich, 54

Former Anaconda resident, Rosalyn "Rosie" Oreskovich, 54, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, in Seattle, where she was head of the state's child welfare system.



Funeral services will first take place in Seattle and are scheduled for noon today at St. Demetrios Church, 2100 Boyer Ave., East, Seattle. Father Ilija Balach of St. Sava's Serbian Orthodox Church in Issaquah, and Father Bratislov Krsic of Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church of Montana will preside.

In Anaconda a funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at KT Riddle Funeral Home, Anaconda Chapel, 520 Oak St., followed by a graveside service at S.H. Sloga Cemetery in Anaconda.

She was born June 22, 1948, to Nora and Joe Oreskovich. Rosie graduated from Anaconda High School in 1966. She then attended the University of Montana, earning degrees in political science, history and sociology and a graduate degree in history. In 1976, she earned a master degree in social work from the University of Washington. She then began her long career as one of Washington's leading advocates for children and a nationally recognized leader in child welfare reform.

Rosie began working at the Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) in 1976, as an "after-hours" social worker. She advanced through the ranks in the department, serving as a supervisor and area manager in Seattle.

Before returning to DSHS in 1994 as the assistant secretary for the Children's Administration, she was coordinator of Children's Mental Health Services in King County and was responsible for implementing mental health reform, including the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) initiative. She also was a leader in the development of a publicly funded mental health system.

In her leadership role, Rosie was credited with making a number of reforms based on what she believed to be in the best interest of children. Through her commitment to Washington state's Kids Come First Action Agenda, Rosie spurred the increase in foster homes, increased the percentage of foster children placed with relatives, made it possible for more children to be safely reunited with their parents and doubled the number of former foster children, ages 18 to 21, who received services that helped them live independently.

Rosie took difficult and heart-wrenching situations in child protective services and turned them into positive outcomes for children, their families and child welfare staff. Her political savvy enabled her to increase the number of staff

ing her administration. Under her leadership, the DSHS Division of Children and Family Services office in Vancouver, Wash., became the first state child welfare agency in the West to achieve accreditation status. Six more offices across the state are in line to be accredited in the near future. To gain accreditation, child welfare offices must meet rigorous and nationally recognized standards of social work. Rosie ensured that a new comprehensive assessment tool designed to identify children's strengths and needs when they are placed in out-of-home care became available statewide.

Rosie traveled extensively throughout the United States as a respected speaker on child welfare issues. She served on the executive committee of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators.

Being very family oriented, Rosie also traveled for fun and relaxation with her family, visiting many places across the country and around the world with them. She also visited her grandparents' birthplace in Yugoslavia — once with her Grandfather "Timer" and her sister, Joanne, and once with her mother and father and her Aunt Helen.

She was avid reader of mystery novels and was always up to date on the latest child welfare research, as well as historical works by key political leaders. Rosie also knew when to hold and when to fold when playing cards and was very fond of beating family members at pinochle. She also had a knack for growing wild blackberry vines at her Seattle home. Rosie also collected pottery throughout the United States.

Rosie was incredibly compassionate and had a keen sense of knowing how to resolve critical life problems. She was a woman of true integrity with an unselfish love and caring for all people.

Her family and many, many friends will sadly miss her.

She is survived by her mother, Nora, and her sisters, Rosemary Oreskovich and Joanne Oreskovich, all of Anaconda; her aunt and uncle, Ramona and Steve Kuburich of Missoula; and numerous cousins and friends.

Her father Joe; her sister, Mary Jo Oreskovich; and her grandparents, Mike and Milka Oreskovich and Ted and Mary Kuburich, preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to a scholarship fund established in honor of her sister who preceded her in death: The Mary Jo Oreskovich Scholarship Fund for Anaconda High School seniors seeking a higher education, c/o D.L.C.F.C.U., 110 Oak St. Anaconda, MT, 59711. They can also be made to the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 2100 Continental Dr., Butte, MT, 59701 or St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, 14916 239th Place SE, Issaquah, WA, 98027.

## Jay Robert Orme, 48

Jay Robert Orme died Tuesday, June 3, 2003, after an unbelievably courageous battle with cancer. He fought so hard to live for his 19-year-old daughter and his wife of 25 years. Jay lived a short 48 years and one week.



Jay was born in May 1955 in San Diego. He met the love of his life, Julie, at the age of 19 and was married a few years later. They moved to Eugene, Ore. Six years later in 1984, they had a beautiful daughter, Jennifer.

After a vacation to Montana, he had many dreams of moving to Kalispell which came true in 1987. He built a home on top of a mountain without water and power. He was quite innovative and could build or fix anything put before him. A question asked from a friend once was, "What happens if you can't fix it?" Jay's reply was, "Never happened. I have to fix it."

Jay later learned to ride horses and helped develop a team penning club. Jay also enjoyed fast cars,

especially Porsches. He was a member of two clubs: one in Montana the other in Washington. Washington's club called him "the crazy guy" from Montana because of his willingness to drive so far. Jay would reply, "The drive is most of the fun, but the people are the greets." His pet peeves were rock chips and not enough vacation time.

Jay worked all his life as a commercial refrigeration service contractor. In 1996, he started Jay's Refrigeration Heating and Cooling. He kept the local grocery stores and restaurants repaired at peak performance.

Jay was not shy in saying how proud he was of his wonderful daughter Jennifer. Also, he called his wife Julie "his angel" and loved her more than words could express. Jay is survived by his wife, Julie; and daughter, Jennifer.

Memorial services were held on June 10 in San Diego.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Jennifer Orme College Fund, in care of any Glacier Bank branch; or to the San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Ave., San Diego, CA 92103.

## Lily Jade Osler, infant

Lily Jade Osler, daughter of Levi and Anita Osler, was born May 24, 2003, at 2:08 p.m. and passed away May 24, 2003, at 3:20 p.m.

She is survived by her parents; grandmother Linda Davis-Osler, grandfather Loren Osler and grandmother Fern Osler, grandmother, Irmgard Fearnley; great-grandfathers, Al Davis and Ervin Osler; great-grandmothers, Rosi e Davis, and Norma Osler, and great-great-grandmother Johnson; uncles, Lance Osler, Christian Oberquell; aunts, Diane Fearnley, Patricia Solano, Heather Martinez, Lacy Osler; and numerous great uncles, aunts and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Charles Fearnley, and great-grandmothers, Rose Osler and Roberta Davis.

"Most people only dream of angels, we held ours in our arms," Lily's heart was that of a lion's as she fought for each breath during the time she spent with her parents. With no equipment small enough to support her 1 pound, 4 ounce frame, the struggle was solely on her shoulders. Lily Jade did her parents proud by lasting far more than an hour before relinquishing the fight and joining "the ranks of heaven."

"Lily brought great joy to her family for the short time she was with us." She will be deeply missed.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Fortine Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

## Laurence 'Smitty' Oursland, 78

Laurence Edward "Smitty" Oursland, age 78, died at home on June 10, 2003, following a valiant struggle with cancer.

He was born March 22, 1925, in Kalispell to Gideon and Edna Oursland. When Laurence was 4, his family moved from Somers to Southern California. It was there that he began elementary school.

After they returned to the Flathead in 1933, Laurence attended school in Somers until his junior year in high school. He is a 1943 graduate of Flathead High School.

During World War II, from 1943 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Army Infantry. He was stationed on the islands of Leyte and Cebu in the Philippines where he earned a Bronze Star for rescuing a fellow soldier and a Purple Heart when he was hit with shrapnel from an enemy grenade. He was later stationed in San Antonio where he interviewed and processed the men returning from the Bataan Death March.

In 1950, Laurence earned a B.S. degree at Western Montana College in Dillon. He also earned master's degrees at both Oregon State college in Corvallis and at Western Montana College.

Laurence married Christine Zugel, of Dillon, on August 12, 1950. They spent nearly 48 happy years together until her death in 1998.

His teaching career began in Belt, Mont. After one year, Laurence returned to Kalispell in 1951. He taught in Kalispell for 33 years, first at Central School then at Flathead High School. He retired in 1984.

He has been an active member of Central Bible Church since its

beginning in 1948. He served there as a Council officer and as a Sunday School teacher. He was also a member of The Gideons, Disabled Veterans, Retired Teachers, Military Order of the Purple Heart and a 28-year member of the Kalispell Elks Club.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, an avid hunter and fisherman and took pride in his large organic garden.

Laurence was preceded in death by his wife Christine, his parents, a brother Albert and a grandson T. Sorge.

He is survived by his children: Larry Oursland and wife, Armida of Kalispell, Daniel Oursland of Kalispell, Rose Therrien and husband, Terry of Kalispell, Ann Tucker and husband, Mark of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, James Oursland and wife Susan of Arvada, Colo., and Cheryl Ehnes and husband, Ron of Great Falls; and grandchildren: Daniel, Nicole, and Benjamin Therrien, Amy, Kacey and Melissa Tucker and Nathaniel, Luke and Andrew Oursland. A sister, Anna Lou Oursland of Somers, a brother, David Oursland and wife, Virginia of Somers, a sister-in-law, Lois Oursland of Kalispell and numerous nephews and nieces also survive him.

Military graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, at Glacier Memorial Gardens, followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. at Central Bible Church. The Rev. Ron Youde will officiate. Memorials may be made to Central Bible Church or The Gideons. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Lois L. Oursland, 80

Lois L. Oursland, 80, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Funeral services will be held

in Oceanside, Calif.

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



## Gunborg Linnea Ovik, 79

Gunborg Linnea Ovik, 79, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by three sons, Gregory Ovik of Minneapolis, and Michael and David Ovik, both of Kalispell;

and three daughters, Phyllis Weiss of Elk River, Minn., Carol Gill of St. Louis and Colleen Ruther of Perham, Minn.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, in Henning, Minn.

Max M. Ott, 94, died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake, Wash., due to a short illness.

Max had just traveled to Lakeside to visit his daughter, Jeanine Ashcraft, and attend a joint birthday party given by friends and neighbors to celebrate his 94th and her 64th birthdays on Sept. 12.

Max was born in Antelope, N.D., to Mike and Jenny Ott, the youngest of four children. At an early age, his family moved to Roundup where he graduated from Roundup High School. During his last two years of school, Max worked for the Roundup newspaper and learned to set type.

After graduation, he moved to Butte and worked for the Anaconda Company. He studied mining, geology and engineering at the Montana School of Mines and also at the public library.

In 1932, Max moved to Wenatchee, Wash., and worked at the Wenatchee Daily World as a newspaper compositor. He was also learning aviation with Wenatchee Air Service and Wenatchee Junior College at the same time.

During World War II, Max served as a flight instructor with the Army Air Corps at Washington State College at the Pullman/Moscow airport until 1944 after which, he returned to his family in Wenatchee. Max was sent to Moses Lake by Wenatchee Air Service to do a crop dusting job and met a

number of the farmers in that area. Moses Lake had a population of about 300 at the time.

From 1945 to 1946, Max and a group of farmers, including Percy Driggs and Karl Goodrich, formed an air club and bought some land north of town from the railroad under an agreement that said, once the land was paid off, they would turn it over to the City of Moses Lake for a municipal airport.

Max then started Moses Lake Air Service, an aviation company engaged in agricultural spraying and dusting, student training and charter flights. In 1965, he sold the company and retired from active flying, after discovering that he was the oldest living crop duster in the Northwest.

After retiring, Max attended the British Columbia University in Canada to study mining, geology, mineralogy and mining engineering. He then went on many trips into the Cascade Mountains locating mineral deposits.

During the early years in Moses Lake, Max also worked at Columbia Basin Herald and drove a school bus in the winter. He also bought homes near his and converted them to apartments and had operated with his son, Michael, an apartment rental business in the Guffin-Eccles area of Moses Lake.

Max will be long remembered by his many friends in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Lakeside, where Jeanine lives, as well as those in Moses Lake.

Daughter, Jeannine Ashcraft, and son, Mike Ott, survive him.

No services will be held, as he requested.

## John Frank Otten, 85

John Frank Otten, 85, died April 11, 2003, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.

John was born Oct. 4, 1917, in Riceton, Saskatchewan, to

Otto B. and Minnie S. (Bohlken) Otten. He grew up in Outlook, where he graduated from Outlook High School in 1936.

He married Georgia R. Tuss in 1941, in Lewistown. They were married for 61 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was discharged in 1946.

John worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1936 to 1941; Montana Power., 1946 to 1950; and Pacific Power and Light, 1951 to retirement in 1980.

He held a third and fourth degree with the Knights of Columbus. John also was an avid hunter, fisherman, bowler and gardener.

He was preceded in death by



his parents; a daughter, Gina Eskew; a grandson, Jeffrey Otten; and four brothers.

John is survived by his wife, Georgia Otten; sons P.J. and Sherrie Otten, Jim and Jill Otten, and Mike and Kelly Otten; daughter, Rebecca and Philip Wiebe; brothers, Ray Otten and Liz of Kalispell, Cliff Otten of Harlowton, and Clarence Otten and Margaret of Thompson Falls; sisters, Lena Weimer of Kalispell, Millie Lemay of Glasgow, Laura Wyatt of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Helen Konshur of Bigfork; two grandsons, seven granddaughters; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with interment following at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A reception will be held at the church after interment.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Math F. Ottenbreit, 85

Math F. Ottenbreit, 85, of Dagmar, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003, of congestive heart failure at Colonial Manor in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife,

Mabel Ottenbreit of Whitefish, and son, Steven Ottenbreit of Marysville, Wash.

At his request there will be no services. Burial of ashes will be at a later date in Dagmar.