

John O'Connell, Former Columbia Falls Mayor, Dies At Sitka, Alaska

John W. O'Connell, former mayor of Columbia Falls died Sunday at Sitka, Alaska. He was 61. Funeral services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Gregory's Catholic Church at Sitka with burial in the Sitka National Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow Claudia at the family home, a daughter Mrs. Donald Peterson, Bellevue, Wash., a son Charles L., Anchorage, seven grandchildren and a sister Miss Kathryn O'Connell, Bigfork.

He was born in Kalspell Nov. 14, 1909, the son of William H. O'Connell, sheriff of Fairhead County from 1908 to 1912. He attended school in Kalspell and received his higher education at

Carroll College, Gonzaga University and Northwest Business College, Spokane.

O'Connell served as mayor of Columbia Falls from 1946 through 1949. He was the mayor of Sitka from 1963 through 1967 and he served in the Alaska Legislature in 1965 and 1967. He was a member of the Sitka Democratic Committee, The Alaska Economic Development Commission, and he was a past president of the Alaska Municipal League. He was also president of the Professional Plumbers of Southeast Alaska and he belonged to the Sitka Elks, Moose Home, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War posts.

Veronika Ognovich Dies At 89, Services Pending

Mrs. Veronika Ognovich, 89, 135 Sixth Ave. W., died in Kalispell Saturday. Mrs. Ognovich was born June 29, 1881 in Czechoslovakia. She had received her education and spent her early life there.

As a young woman she moved to Canada where Nov. 10, 1907, she was married to Sam Ognovich at Natel, B. C. The couple later moved to Great Falls and in 1918 they moved to Kalispell where they have resided since that time.

Mrs. Ognovich was of the Catholic faith. She is survived by her widower, Sam, at the family home; one son, Joe Ognovich, Lompoc, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Harry L. (Josephine) Brown and Mrs. (Dorothy) Maltz, both of

Kalispell; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Ognovich are incomplete and will be announced later by the Johnson Funeral Home.

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K. V. Olberg Dies; Rites Tuesday At 2

Kenneth Vincent Olberg, 58, 40 First Ave. W., died in Fort Harrison Sunday afternoon. Mr. Olberg was born Dec. 6, 1912, at Havre, a son of Engebret and Anna Olberg. He later moved to Kalispell where he graduated from Flathead High School in 1930.

He was a veteran of World War II having enlisted in the U.S. Army at Kalispell Sept. 16, 1940. He had served in the 127th Infantry until being discharged as a First Lieutenant Nov. 17, 1945; at Fort Ord, Calif.

Mr. Olberg had been employed as a roofer for the Kalispell Sheet Metal Co. for a time and had owned and operated the Flathead Motel at Coram for several years. He has been retired the past several years due to ill health.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge; the VFW and the Cooties.

He is survived by two brothers, Stanley Olberg of Coos Bay, Ore., and Otto Olberg of Seattle; two sisters, Mrs. M. W. (Beatrice) Hafferman of Kalispell and Myrtle of Albuquerque, N. M.

Funeral services for Mr. Olberg will be conducted in the Johnson Chapel at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Very Rev. Thomas Best of the Christ Church (Episcopal) officiating. Interment will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the veterans of World War II.

Aanund Olson Dies Wednesday, Rites Saturday

COLUMBIA FALLS — Aanund "Andy" Olson, 67, died at his home at Monte Vista Wednesday. He was born Oct. 15, 1903, in Norway. At age 18 he emigrated to the United States making his first home in New York.

Feb. 13, 1937, he married Inga Solseth. In 1938 they moved to Alamo, N.D., where they ranched and operated a cafe. Five years ago they moved to Columbia Falls. He was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his widow; one son, Arne Olson, Whitefish; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Dolan, Condon; Mrs. Louise Gulick and Ricci Olson, both of Columbia Falls, six grandchildren and six sisters living in Norway.

Funeral services are planned for 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Van Leuven Funeral Home. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

L. R. Olson Dies At Seattle, Rites Saturday

Lloyd Raymond Olson, 67, formerly of Kalispell, died in Seattle, Tuesday. He was born June 19, 1904, at Caledonia, N.D. He had been a resident of the Flathead Valley for 52 years having lived at Whitefish and Kalispell.

He had been employed as a machinist for the Great Northern Railway and later was employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad. He is survived by his widow, Estelle; one son, Sgt. David O. Olson in the U. S. Army in Germany; one daughter, Mrs. Linda M. Malyurek, Seattle; six grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Hetland and Mrs. Minnie Kjemperud, both of Kalispell.

Funeral services for Mr. Olson are planned for 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson Chapel, pending the arrival of the son from Germany. Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Plan Services For Morris Olson

Morris C. Olson, 42, Las Vegas, Nev., died at Las Vegas Saturday. He was born July 2, 1928, at Little Fork, Minn., a son of Anton and Augusta Olson. As a child he moved to the Flathead Valley where he had attended Kalispell schools.

He was a Korean War veteran. For about six years he had been employed as a bookkeeper for the Greenbaum Carpet Co., Las Vegas. He is survived by two brothers, Donald R. Olson, Kalispell, and Anthony Olson, Pablo; two sisters, Helen Blair and Audrey Gadholsen, Portland, Ore. and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Olson are incomplete and will be announced later by the Johnson Funeral Home.

Dr. C. M. Orser Dies At 82, Funeral Tuesday

Dr. Clarence M. Orser, 82, died at his home, 703 First Ave. W., Saturday. He was born Aug. 19, 1889, at Kalkaska, Mich., a son of Dr. Marshall C. and Jan Elizabeth Orser. He had attended Alma College in Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1913.

He started his practice in Kalispell that same year where he continued until his retirement in 1967. In 1947 his son, Robert, joined him in practice. Dr. Orser was a Life Member of the American Dental Assn. and the Montana Dental Assn. He was appointed by Gov. Erickson to serve on the State Board of Dental Examiners.

He also owned and operated a cherry orchard on the East Shore of Flathead Lake for 38 years. He had served as a trustee and elder of the First Presbyterian Church and for many years sang in the choir. He was a member of the Kalispell Rotary Club; a 50-year member of the Kalispell Masonic Lodge 42 AF&AM; the Adah Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Elks Lodge 725 of which he served as exalted ruler from 1924-1925.

June 25, 1919, he married Mary Luella Logan of Kalispell and is now survived by her at the family home. He is also



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survived by three children, Dr. Robert Orser and Mrs. William (Dorothy) Groose, both of Kalispell, and John L. Orser, Wellesley, Mass.; 11 grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Dr. Orser will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Odin A. Baugh officiating. Interment will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials to the First Presbyterian Church or the Heart Fund.

E. J. Ost Dies; Rites Pending

WHITEFISH — Eugene Jacob Ost, 45, Whitefish, died early this morning while working with the Burlington Northern train crew in Columbia Falls.

Mr. Ost was born Aug. 2, 1925, at Beulah, N.D., a son of Chris and Emma Ost. In 1930, he moved with his parents to Priest River, Idaho and in 1932 moved to Columbia Falls. In 1937 they moved to Whitefish where Mr. Ost completed his education. He had served in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II. In 1949, he returned to Whitefish and was employed by the Great Northern Railway as a carman in the car department.

He was a member of the Montana National Guard Unit of Kalispell, the Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen and was of the Presbyterian faith.

In 1950, he was married at Coos Bay, Ore., and is now survived by his widow, Ruth. He is also survived by three sons, John, Bob and Michael Ost, all at home; two daughters, Mrs. Caroline Wehr of Kalispell and Debbie Ost at home; two grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ost of Whitefish; five brothers, Leo and Fred of Whitefish, Otto of Butte, Ahron of Salem, Ore. and Carl Ost of Kalispell; and four sisters, Mrs. Fritz (Ida) Grant of Las Vegas, Nev., Mrs. Art (Tilda) Green and Mrs. Richard (LaVonne) Gage, both of Whitefish, and Mrs. Richard (LaVerne) Mongelluzo of Seattle.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Ost are incomplete and will be announced later by the Austin Funeral Home.

Plan Rites For Four Crossing Crash Victims

CORAM—Mrs. Cella Laura Ove, 57, and three grandchildren, Sally Jane Packwood, 9; Beverly Lynn Gary, 8, and Barbara Lee Gary, 7, were killed in an accident near Coram Monday.

Mrs. Ove was born at Orofino, Idaho, May 5, 1914. She grew up in the Orofino area and March 16, 1934, married Richard Ove at Orofino. She

moved to Coram in 1965 where she had since made her home.

Mrs. Ove is survived by her widower, two sons, Leif Ove, Coram, and Ralph Ove, of Washington; four daughters, Mrs. Lorretta Gary, Calgary, Alta., Mrs. Sharon Packwood, Coram, Mrs. Thora Buck, Columbia Falls, and Mrs. Laurel Tallman, Kalispell; five sisters, one brother, one half brother, and four grandchildren.

Sally Jane Packwood was born at Orofino, Idaho, May 28, 1962; the daughter of Robert and Sharon Packwood. Two years ago they moved to Coram where she had completed the second grade. She is survived by her parents, one brother, Lewis Allen Packwood, Coram, and her grandfather, Richard Ove, also of Coram.

Beverly Lynn Gary was born at Tacoma Park, Md., June 9, 1963, the daughter of Aubry and Lorretta Gary. In 1965 she moved to Coram with her mother and had recently moved to Calgary.

Barbara Lee Gary was born at Louisa, Va., June 6, 1964, the daughter of Aubry and Lorretta Gary. In 1965 she moved to Coram and had recently moved to Calgary with her mother. Both are survived by their father living in Richmond, Va., and mother in Calgary.

Funeral services will be announced by the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Edith Owens Rites Wednesday

POLSON—Mrs. Edith Owens, 84, died at her Polson home Saturday. She was born in 1887 in Missouri and homesteaded north of Harlem in 1913. She married Clarence Owens in 1914.

She is now survived by him; two brothers, George Van Vost, Geraldine, and Milo Van Vost, Helena; one sister, Mrs. Lee Staples, Havre and eight nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Owens will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Mosley Chapel in Polson with the Rev. Walter Scherbaum officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.