

Fredrick D. O'Brien, 64

LIBBY — Fredrick D. O'Brien, 64, a former Libby and Rexford resident, died Friday at Olympia, Wash., after an extended illness.

He was born Oct. 3, 1921, in Eureka, to Dow and Blanche O'Brien. He was raised and educated in the Eureka-Rexford area. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Ruie Peterson May 6, 1944, in Kalispell. The couple moved to Seattle, where he worked for Northwestern Glass Co. until retiring in 1978 because of poor

health.

The O'Briens moved to Lacey, Wash., in 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Ruie O'Brien, Lacey, Wash.; a sister, Leona Benefield, Libby; four brothers, Leo O'Brien, Rexford, and Frank, Louie and Richard O'Brien, all of Libby; and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be at 7 tonight at Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Burial will be in Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

J. Obermayer, 39

TROY — Jimmie Obermayer, 39, Troy, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Tuesday morning near Kalispell.

He was born Dec. 30, 1945, in Libby, to Roland and Mollie Obermayer. He grew up and attended school in the Yaak and Troy areas.

On May 15, 1966, he married Nancy Colver in Sandpoint, Idaho.

At the time of his death Mr. Obermayer was employed as a logger by Charlie Decker Logging.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, Troy; two daughters, Monica and Meredith Obermayer, both of Troy; a son, Joe Obermayer, Troy; his mother, Mollie Geiger, Troy; three sisters, Marie Becquart, Moyie Springs, Idaho, Darlene Olson, Troy, and Candy Crull, Libby; and a brother, Bill Obermayer, Troy.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Boyd Cemetery in the Yaak area with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Vial Funeral Home in Libby is in charge of arrangements.

J.P. Obremski, 68

TROY — Joseph P. Obremski, 68, Troy, died July 8 at his home of heart failure.

He was born March 19, 1917, at Trenton, N.J., to Thomas and Helen Obremski. He received his education in Trenton and then worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps before entering the service during World War II. After his discharge, he was employed at the naval air station in Alameda, Calif., until his retirement in 1975.

He married Jane Urquhart Sept. 16, 1942, in Reno, Nev. The couple spent their summers in the Troy area from 1969 until they made Troy their permanent home in 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, Troy; three daughters, Joanne Obremski, Fremont, Calif., Elsie Travato, Santa Cruz, Calif., and Lucille Smith, Ben Lamond, Calif.; two sons, James Obremski, Sacramento, Calif., and John Obremski, Santa Cruz, Calif.; three sisters, Laura Iorio, Mary Gola and Terry Litecky, all in New Jersey; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A son, Joseph Obremski Jr., preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Troy Methodist Church with the Rev. Gene Bushnell officiating. Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army.

^{4 July 1985}
Dorothy O'Brien, 72

Dorothy O'Brien, 72, Bigfork, died Thursday evening at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was organist at several churches around the United States, including St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Bigfork.

She was born Sept. 9, 1912, in Tracy, Minn., to Edward and Josephine Schmid. She grew up in Tracy, graduating from high school there in 1931. She then took pipe organ classes at the McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis, and later played at churches in Minnesota, California and Idaho.

In 1933, she married Arthur W. Eiler in Grand Rapids, Minn. The couple lived for a while in Grand Rapids, then lived in Bremerton, Wash., and communities in California and Idaho before retiring to Bigfork in 1966. Her husband died in 1968.

In 1969 she married Kenneth J. O'Brien of Bigfork. He survives her at the family home. Other survivors include two daughters, Bette Jo Gervais, Spokane, and Eleanore Roedel, Rochester, Wash.; two sons, David Eiler, Beaverton, Ore., and Donn Eiler, Newport, Ore.; a brother, Don Schmid, Sleepy Eye, Minn.; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Johnson Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Catherine's Church with the Rev. William Morley as celebrant. Burial will be in Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork.

JAMES O'DONNELL

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James Daniel O'Donnell, 57, of Kalispell, died in the Flathead County Nursing Home Jan. 12. He was born July 23, 1927, in Anaconda, a son of Daniel and Marguerite O'Donnell. He had received his education in Anaconda, then was in the Merchant Marines. On Aug. 23, 1952, he was married to Beatrice Stamper in Ringling. Mr. O'Donnell worked construction throughout the Northwestern states. In Sept. 1975, he retired from iron work and moved to Kalispell, where he was a maintenance man for the Kalispell Regional Hospital until retiring due to illness in April 1982. He is

now survived by his wife, Beatrice, at home; four sons, Daniel Joseph of Deer Lodge, Terrence Michael, Shawn Patrick and Kerry Andrew O'Donnell all of Kalispell; two daughters, Deborah Marie Lucier of Holyoke, Mass., and Rebecca Jean O'Donnell of Kalispell; a sister, Margaret Beausoliel of Missoula, and three grandchildren. Rosary was Feb. 14 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Feb. 15 in the St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Father John Hunthausen as celebrant. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

^{22 Jan 1985}
Francis O'Connell, 78

Francis Joseph O'Connell, a farmer and businessman who served on the Kalispell School Board for 35 years, died Tuesday morning in Kalispell Regional Hospital. He was 78.

He was born April 22, 1906, on the family farm in the Lower Valley, a son of Louis and Helen O'Connell.

He attended Hodson School, St. Ignatius Mission School and Flathead County High School.

He was a farmer and lived in the valley most of his life, except for a short time at electrical school in Chicago and two years working as a signalman for the Great Northern Railroad at Saco.

From 1950 to 1956 he owned and operated Flathead Implement Co. in Kalispell.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, the Elks Lodge and the Lower Valley Grange. During his early years he played in an orchestra throughout the area.

In addition to the Kalispell School Board, he served on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service board and election boards for many years.

On Feb. 3, 1930, he married Lois McDevitt in Kalispell. She survives him at the family home.

He is also survived by a son, Dennis O'Connell of Kalispell; a daughter, Candy Richter of Choteau; two brothers, Charles O'Connell of Kalispell and Roderick O'Connell of Mesa, Ariz.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret McClench.

Rosary for Mr. O'Connell will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael O'Neill as celebrant. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Owen Olesen, 64

^{6 June 1985}
Owen Wesley Olesen, 64, Lakeside, was found dead at his home Thursday morning.

A Flathead Valley native, he was owner and operator of Ole's Heating and Air Conditioning in Kalispell.

He was born March 16, 1921, in Kalispell to Owen W. and Rose Olesen. He attended Kalispell schools and Flathead County High School, then earned a degree in chemistry from the University of Montana in 1943.

During World War II he served in the Army, then he returned to the Flathead Valley to work on the Hungry Horse Dam construction crew. He later worked for Hundahl and Co. before opening his own business.

He was a member of the Optimists Club.

On June 28, 1951, he married Rosie White in Helena.

Surviving are his wife, Rosie; his mother and stepfather, Rose and Erwin Cutler, Bigfork; and several cousins.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Johnson Mortuary chapel with the Rev. J. Torrance Harvey of the Lakeside Chapel officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Alfred Olsen

Alfred Siguard Olsen died Sunday, Nov. 10, in his Glasgow residence. ¹⁹⁸⁵

He was 75.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 15, in the First Lutheran Church with Pastor Robert Nilsen officiating. Music will be provided by Donna Enebo. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery with Bell Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be John, James, Gerald, Harley and David Olsen and Lloyd Harrison.

He was born April 20, 1910 in Frankfort, Michigan, the son of Andrew and Gunhild Olsen.

He lived in Michigan until he was approximately two years old. He then moved to Birch Hills, Sask.

He married Clara Regina Olsen on November 9, 1934 in Birch Hills.

They moved to Idaho and then to Montana in 1939. In 1942 they came to Valley County. He worked at the Fort Peck Power House for 25 years as a mechanic and foreman for the Corp of Engineers. He then helped

establish the Fort Peck Credit Union plus other Credit Unions along the Hi-line. He was a charter member of the credit union when it was chartered in 1952. In January of 1955 he was appointed to the Credit committee, in January of 1961 he was a membership officer. In February of 1961 he became 2nd Vice-President and in January of 1962 and 1963 he was president. He taught Sunday School at the Fort Peck Lutheran church and helped establish the Lutheran Brotherhood.

Survivors include his wife, Clara, of Glasgow, one son, Allan Dean Olsen of LaCrescenta, Cal., two grandchildren, Dean Alfred Olsen and Jerome Andrew Olsen, one sister, Gesine Stone of Cranbrook, B.C. and two brothers Omond of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and Selmer of Birch Hills, Sask.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1957, his father in 1954, a brother in 1984 and a sister in infancy.

Ione Olmstead, 65

^{17 Jan 1985}
Ione E. Olmstead, 65, Somers, died Thursday evening at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Feb. 12, 1919, in Detroit Lakes, Minn., the daughter of Winfield and Clara Murray and graduated from high school there.

On Nov. 11, 1939, she married Eugene T. Olmstead in Forest City, Iowa. They made their home in Minneapolis, and in 1953 moved to Harlem, Mont. They lived in Havre from 1954 until 1965, when they came to the Flathead.

Surviving is her husband at the family home in Somers; three sons, Ron Olmstead of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Tom and Dan Olmstead of Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Jim (Judy) Brose of Spokane, and Mrs. Terry (Kathy) Ohnoutka of Bayview, Idaho; five sisters, Anabelle Froyland of Wilmington, Del., and Alice Gremminger, Betty McDonald, Virginia Wold and Donna Johnson, all of Detroit Lakes; two brothers, Wallace Murray of Detroit Lakes and Kenny Murray of Moorhead, Minn.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Wayne Pris, pastor of Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers officiating. Burial will follow at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, MT 59901.

31 May 1985
Harry Olson, 42, Great Falls, died Saturday from a heart attack after he collapsed on a paving job near Conrad.

Olson was born July 25, 1942 in Washington, D.C., and in 1946 moved with his family to Martin City, where his parents ran the Knotty Pine Cafe.

After attending school in the Canyon and Columbia Falls, he moved to Great Falls in 1968 and worked for Zook Brothers Construction Co., first as a laborer and later as paving operator.

He was a member of the Operating

Engineers Local in Great Falls and was working for Baltrusch Construction at the time of his death. Olson was single.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bernard Olson, in 1969.

Survivors include his mother, Doris Olson, a brother, Bernard "Benny," three nephews and a niece, all of Missoula.

Funeral services were June 4 at Great Falls, with burial June 5 at Glacier Memorial Gardens, Kalispell.

17 Jan 1985
Ole Olson, 67

Ole P. Olson, 67, Kalispell, died Thursday evening in the Columbus Hospital in Great Falls. He had been on kidney dialysis for some time.

Mr. Olson established a jewelry shop at Lake Blaine in 1948, and in 1952 moved the store to Evergreen. He was a master watchmaker and a precision machinist, and had also established a machine shop in 1964, which he operated until retiring due to ill health.



He was born Aug. 16, 1917, in Wolf Point, the son of Pete and Ingeborg Olson. He was educated in Wolf Point, and came to the Flathead in 1937.

He married Alice Krieg in Kalispell on April 6, 1952. He attended the Trinity Lutheran Church of Kalispell, and was a member of the American Watchmakers Institute and National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors Inc.

He was preceded in death in 1941 by a brother, Arnold; his mother in 1972 and his father in 1978. Surviving him is his wife at the family home; a brother, Art Olson, Evergreen; one nephew; and several other relatives in Norway.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Darold Reiner, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Trinity Lutheran Church or the Kidney Foundation.



7 June 1985
DeWitt O'Neil, 76

DeWitt Clinton O'Neil, 76, lifetime resident of Kalispell and co-owner of the O'Neil Lumber Company, died Friday afternoon in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

O'Neil was also on the board of directors of the Salvation Army; past exalted ruler of the Kalispell Elks Lodge No. 725; and past president of the Montana Elks Association.

He was born Dec. 23, 1908, in Kalispell, son of Clinton DeWitt and Emma A. O'Neil. He attended Kalispell schools and on May 28, 1937, he was married to Mildred A. Dorsey.

He operated O'Neil Lumber for much of his life. The business was started by his father and uncle and has been operated by family members ever since.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, at the family home; four sons, Clinton D. (Chip) O'Neil of Milwaukie, Ore., and Tom R. O'Neil, Jerry B. O'Neil and Michael A. O'Neil, all of Kalispell; a brother, Carle F. O'Neil of Alexan-

2 Aug 1985
Didrick "Dick" Opland

Didrick "Dick" Opland, 91, died Friday, Aug. 2 at the Deaconess Hospital in Glasgow.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. in the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Pastor Margo Fohs officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Named as pallbearers were Sandy Pray, O. K. Forest, Daniel DeWitt, Johnny Ramsbacher, Larry Bergstrom, and Donald Nybakken.

He was born Aug. 5, 1893 to Ellenand Ole Opland at Trondheim, Norway. He came to Sauris, N.D., in 1912 and in 1914 he homesteaded in the Grain Community north of Nashua. He married Bentine Anderson June 24, 1915 at Halstead, Minn., and they lived on the homestead and farmed in the surrounding communities until they moved to Nashua in 1945. He was employed by the Great Northern Railroad until his retirement in 1959.

He was a member of the Nashua Lutheran Church and Senior Citizens. He had been a resident of the Valley View Rest Home in Glasgow, due to ill health since



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1978. His wife Bentine preceded him in death in 1981.

Survivors include sons: Bennie of Elma, Wash., and Clarence of Redmond, Wash.; daughters Esther Kraus of Kalispell, Gladys Nybakken of Nashua and Ruth Truax of Malta; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

20 July 1985
Raymond Ost, 88

Raymond H. Ost, 88, Kalispell, died Saturday evening in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Harrison.

He was born Dec. 2, 1896, in Burlington, Iowa, a son of Jacob and Ida Ost. He attended Catholic Schools and at age 14, entered Catholic Boys College at Quincy, Ill.

On May 4, 1917, he entered the U.S. Navy at Omaha, Neb. He served 2½ years on U.S.S. New York Flagship, serving with the British Navy under Admiral Beady. He then served 2½ years with the Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Merchant Marines. He returned to Idaho where he was employed with the Forest Service.

On Sept. 14, 1936, he married Velma Noel in Twin Falls, Idaho. In 1945, they moved to Montana where they built and operated Ray's Cabins on Swan Lake. In 1958, Mr. Ost sold the business due to ill health. They lived in Great Falls for 10 years before moving to Creston where they lived until moving to Kalispell.

He had been a member of the Disabled American Veterans since 1933.

Survivors include his wife, Velma, at home; a sister, Marie Prewett, of Peoria, Ill.; and two sisters-in-law, Vesta Thompson of Creston and Ava Shepherd of Kalispell.

Military graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in Lonepine Cemetery near Bigfork. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials to the Disabled American Veterans, c/o Jim Rehbein, 212 Somerset Drive, Kalispell, have been suggested by the family.

Ritchey Ostrom, 54

^{19 Mar. 1985}
Logan Ritchey Ostrom, 54, Kalispell, died Tuesday in Kalispell.

He was born April 27, 1930, in Missoula, a son of Logan E. and Hazel Ostrom. He attended Flathead Mine Elementary School and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1948.

He served as an aircraft mechanic in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1952.

In 1952, he married Norma Bell in Benton Harbor, Mich.

He graduated from the University of Montana in 1956 with a degree in business administration. He owned and operated the Bell Manufacturing Co. in Kalispell from 1964 to 1972.

He was preceded in death by his father, Logan Ostrom.

Survivors include his wife, Norma, Kalispell; his children, Cory Bitney, Lori Judge, Logan Ostrom and Lisa Ostrom, all of Kalispell; six grandchildren; his mother, Hazel Ostrom, Kalispell; a brother, George Ostrom, Kalispell; and a sister, Dora Lee Wolf, Whitefish.

Cremation has taken place. Private memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the ~~Salvation Army~~ or to the charity of donor's choice.



Grace Owens, 55

^{6 Feb. 1985}
Grace Thomas Owens, 55, a native of Kalispell, died Feb. 6 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was born May 4, 1929; in Kalispell to Rhoda (Gardner) and Harry Thomas. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1947. After studying aeronautical engineering in Denver, she spent several years in the Women's Army Air Force, enlisting from Kalispell.

She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by a daughter, Shellie, in San Jose, Calif.; a son, Steven, in Colorado Springs; her mother, Rhoda Cook of Hot Springs; and several aunts, including Edith Anderson of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be in Colorado Springs.