

27 July EVELYN OBER 1987

Evelyn Lucinda Ober, 71, formerly of Bigfork, died at her home in Chinook on July 27.

She was born August 8, 1915 in Conway, Ohio, a daughter of John and Grace Dussault. In 1921 her family moved to Montana and she attended schools in Lavina and Carter. On June 11, 1947 she married Edward James Ober in Billings. The couple owned the Oxford Bar in Havre and moved to Bigfork in 1952. Mrs. Ober was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, on February 26, 1973. She moved to Chinook in 1986. She is survived by a stepson, Edward Ober, Jr. of Havre; three sisters; two step grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 31 in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with burial in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Kenneth Olds, 63

POLSON — Kenneth Olds, 63, Polson, died of heart failure Sunday at Veterans Administration Hospital in Salt Lake City after an extended illness.

He was born June 4, 1924, in Mandan, N.D., to Vivian and Harry Olds. He attended school in North Dakota and Montana.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He and June Kelly were married June 3, 1950, but were later divorced.

He married Gloria Durham in Helena on Nov. 17, 1967, and is now survived by her.

Also surviving are a son, Dennis of Helena; a sister, Evelyn Vinson of Missoula; five grandchildren; a niece and three nephews.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

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Everett O'Hare, 49

WAUKESHA, Wis. — Everett "Ev" O'Hare, 49, former producer at Channels 10/36 and an instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College, died Oct. 13 after a heart attack at his Waukesha home.

He was born in Thompson Falls and graduated from Montana State University at Bozeman. He worked at several television stations before taking a job in Milwaukee as a producer and director with Channels 10/36 in 1966. Among his credits

are the programs "Prime Time for Parents," "Milwaukee Advocates," "Petal Pushers," and "Dig It."

He was an avid outdoorsman.

He was also a professional photographer and had been involved with the Waukesha County 4-H Club during the 1970s.

In addition to his wife, JoAnn, he is survived by a son, James of Waukesha; and his parents, Gilbert and Agnes O'Hare of Kalispell.

Services were Sunday at the First United Methodist Church in Waukesha, Wis. The body was cremated.

7 June 1987 - Interlake Leroy Olive, 85

Leroy V. "Roy" Olive, 85, of Libby, died Monday at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born April 13, 1902, in Harvey, Iowa, the son of Virgil and Mattie Olive. Raised and educated in Iowa and Nebraska, he went out on his own at age 14. Over the years, he worked in mining, logging, construction and farming.

In 1945, he married Louise Martin in Salt Lake City, and they moved to Libby in 1947. She pre-

ceded him in death in 1984.

He had raised cattle on a Libby ranch for the last 20 years.

He is survived by a daughter, Carol Olive of Libby, and a number of distant relatives.

There will be no public memorial services. Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

Lorraine Oliver

^{12 April 1987}
Funeral services for Lorraine "Betty" Oliver, 41, Columbia Falls, are 2 p.m. Thursday at the Van Leuven Funeral Home Chapel. She passed away early Sunday morning at Kallispell Regional Hospital after a long illness.

She was born July 1, 1945 in Cass County, Minn. to James A. and Altha Burnette. She was raised and educated in Cass Lake, Minn., graduating from high school in 1964.

She married Thomas Oliver on April 2, 1965, in St. Paul, Minn., and the couple then moved to New York. In 1970 they moved to Columbia Falls, where she had worked at Plum Creek Timber Co. as an accounts receivable clerk until the time of her death.

She was active in the Alliance Church in Columbia Falls where she played the organ and sang. Preceding her in death were one son, Thomas, in 1972, one daughter, Kimbill, in 1974, her father in 1977 and one nephew.

Surviving are her husband, Tom, at the family home in Columbia Falls; her mother, Altha Burnette, in Cass Lake, Minn.; three brothers, Richard and Phillip, both of Cass Lake, Minn., and James Earl of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister and brother-in-law, Beverly Milt Hensley of Columbia Falls and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Darrell Newby and the Rev. Tim Young, of the Assembly of God Church will officiate. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery. At her request the casket will not be opened.

Martin Olsen

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Martin Heinie Olsen, 79, Columbia Falls, died March 11 at North Valley Hospital. ¹⁹⁸⁷

He was born Nov. 14, 1907, in St. Maries, Idaho, a son of Thomas and Louisa Olsen. As a young child he moved with his family to the Seattle area where he attended school, graduating from Kirkland High School.

He graduated from the University of Washington and moved to Alaska, where he met and married Matilda Palmer. He lived in Alaska for 10 years before moving back to Seattle and then to Columbia Falls in 1948 where he established Olsen and Justin Well Drilling. He owned and operated the business until retiring in 1973.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Matilda Olsen, and then married Oline Oland on Oct. 2, 1974, in Helena, and she survives him at the family home in Columbia Falls.

Mr. Olsen was an avid sports fan and fisherman.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a stepson, Gordon Oland of Knoxville, Tenn.; two step grandchildren; a sister, Mabel Anderson of Liliwaup, Wash.; a nephew; two nieces; several grandnieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Oscar Olsen.

Mass of the Resurrection was Saturday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan as celebrant. Burial followed at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

Alfons O. Olson, 71

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Alfons O. Olson, 71, died May 18 at his home in San Rafael, Calif., after a long illness.

He was born Aug. 11, 1915, in Minneapolis, Minn. He attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from Augsburg College with a degree in English.

He served in the Army from 1940 to 1945. In 1946, he moved to Bainville, where he taught school. The following year he moved to Whitefish where he taught English, speech, drama and journalism. In 1953, he became choral director and continued in that position until his retirement in 1976.

He married Martha Hutchinson in 1953. She preceded him in death in 1979.

In 1980, he moved to San Rafael and married Elizabeth Novak.

He was active in several civic opera groups in the Bay Area appearing in "Most Happy Fella."

"Hansel and Gretel," "Song of Norway" and "Cosi Fan Tutti."

He was past master of Whitefish Lodge No. 64, AF&AM.

As an avid trout fisherman, he returned to Montana many times to share his love of Montana and the outdoors with his longtime friends.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, in San Rafael; his sister, Sally Wagner of Midwest City, Okla.; a daughter, Eileen McElhatton of Bozeman; a son, David Wallin of Bozeman; four stepchildren, Ann Shattuck of Missoula, Mantz Hutchinson of Kalispell, Pat Curtis of Milwaukee, Wis., and Kay McCoy of Navato, Calif.

Memorials may be made to Flathead Hospice or Flathead Valley Chorus.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Austin Funeral Home with Winston W. Wetzel of Bigfork as speaker.

Belle H. Olson, 87

^{20 April 1987}
LIBBY — Belle H. Olson, 87, Libby, died Monday at St. John's Lutheran Hospital.

She was born Sept. 10, 1899, in Sioux City, S.D., to George and Virginia Libby. Her family homesteaded in eastern Montana between Richey and Glendive.

She married Charles Olson April 8, 1940, in Richey. They moved to Libby in 1941. She worked as a cook at various places around Libby and Kalispell.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1978.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Watson of Tombstone, Ariz., and Celia Ouhl of Tacoma, Wash.; three sons, John Thede of Libby, Paul Thede of Eugene, Ore., and Earl Olson of Bigfork; two stepdaughters, Louise Gidley and Thea Buti, both of Libby; a stepson, Harris Olson of Laurel; a sister, Shirley Jones of Sidney; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tip Harwood officiating.

Interment will be at the City of

Charles Olson

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Word has been received of the death of Charles S. Olson, of cancer March 1 in LaMirada, Calif. after a year's illness. He was a former resident of Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 1, 1930, to Carl and Ellen Shaffer Olson. He was raised in Missoula and moved with his family to Kalispell in 1945.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in 1945. While attending the University of Montana, he worked summers in the construction of Hungry Horse Dam and at the old Kalispell lumber mill.

After serving four years in the Air Force, including two years in Newfoundland, he completed his bachelor of arts degree from UM. In 1977, he received his master's degree in accounting from the University of Southern California.

He was an avid gardener, golfer and enjoyed fishing in the Flathead area during his vacation visits.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl, and mother, Ellen Paola. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, at the family home in LaMirada; one son, Carl, and grandson, Shannon, both of Whittier, Calif.; one daughter, Cynthia Butler of Centerville, Wash.; his sister, JoAnne of Galen/Deer Lodge; his stepfather, Ted Paola of Kalispell; his aunt, Ruth Shaffer of Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

After cremation, memorial services were held March 8 at Brea, Calif.

Grace O'Neil, 77

3 Sept 1987
Grace A. O'Neill, 77, formerly of Kalispell and Libby, died Wednesday of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital. She had been a resident of Colonial Manor in Whitefish for the past 10 years.

She was born Jan. 1, 1910, in Webber, Kan., the daughter of Isaac and Emma Allum. Raised and educated in the Choteau area, she graduated from Teton County High School.

On Sept. 5, 1931, she married John Richard O'Neil in Helena, and they lived in Choteau until coming to Kalispell in 1946. Following her husband's death in 1960, she moved to the Libby area in 1962. She lived at the Big Sky Manor in Kalispell for a year in the mid-1970s, and had been at the Colonial Manor ever since.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, H.J. O'Neil. Among the survivors are a son, Thomas O'Neil of Troy; a brother, Elmer Allum of Spokane; nine grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held in Sedro Wooley, Wash. Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home and Crematory in Kalispell.

The family has requested neither flowers nor memorial contributions.

Travis Owens, 16

5 Oct 1987
EUREKA — Travis J. Owens, 16, Eureka, died of muscular dystrophy Monday at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Nov. 16, 1970, in Whitefish, to Raymond and Sharon Owens. He lived in Kalispell and attended school here until June 1987 when his family moved to Eureka. He was a freshman at Lincoln County High School at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Body of Christ Chapel in Whitefish.

Survivors include his parents, Ray and Sharon Owens in Eureka; four sisters, Debbie Owens of Las Vegas, Nev.; Teresa Disney and Brenda Owens, both of Kalispell; and Shannon Street of Eureka; four brothers, Wes, Russell and Robert Owens, all of Kalispell; and Tim Owens of Eureka; his grandparents, Herman and Dorothy Owens, and William and Martha Mason, all of Eureka; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Full Gospel Church in Eureka with the Rev. John Gildersleeve officiating. Burial will follow at Tobacco Valley Cemetery under the direction of Vial Funeral Home of Eureka. *7 Oct 1987*

John Opsand, 90

25 Jan 1987
John S. Opsand, 90, Kalispell, died Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born Dec. 2, 1896, in Nesodden, Norway, the son of Gustav and Mathea Opsand. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. He immigrated to the United States in 1914. After five years in Iowa, he moved to Brady.

On April 28, 1928, he married Ethel Wood of Conrad in Dutton. The couple made their home in Brady until moving to the Flathead Valley in 1939. They farmed in the Stillwater community for 10 years, then lived in Iowa until returning to Kalispell in 1953. In Kalispell, Mr. Opsand worked as a carpenter until retirement. Besides farming, he also worked as a mechanic and dairyman. In his retirement years, he enjoyed woodworking, gardening and fishing.

Mr. Opsand was a member of the Sons of Norway and the Carpenters Union.

He had been a resident at Immanuel Lutheran Home for the past two years.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel of Kalispell; a son, Raymond Opsand and his wife, Sylvia, of Missoula; a daughter, Esther McChesney of Fort Collins, Colo.; a son-in-law, Jack Allison of Whitefish; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, three brothers, and a daughter, Helen Allison.

Visitation will be until 8 tonight at Weatherford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Marshall Moen officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Otto Olt, 72

24 April 1987
EUREKA — Otto Olt, 72, a longtime Eureka businessman, died Friday at North Valley Hospital.

He was born Nov. 17, 1914, in Eureka, to Frank and Emma Olt. He was raised and educated in Eureka and graduated from Lincoln County High School in 1933.

He was employed at the Majestic Theater in Eureka prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II with the 826th Engineering Aviation Battalion in the European, African and Middle East theaters. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he returned to Eureka.

In June 1947, he purchased Eureka Hardware which he operated for 28 years until retiring in September 1975.

He married Irene Pluid on July 12, 1948, in Libby.

The couple continued to make their home in Eureka following their retirement.

He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, of Eureka; a daughter, Betty Jo Wheeler of Fayetteville, N.C.; a sister, Mary Schuck of Eureka; and a grandson.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka

with the Rev. Jim Rogers officiating. Military honors will be provided by the VFW. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Vial Funeral Home, Eureka.