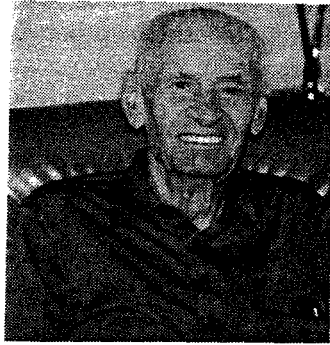


Elmer Odegaard



ELMER ODEGAARD was born Sept. 18, 1902 on a homestead in Towner County, North Dakota. Both of his parents were born in Norway. Elmer was the 4th of 5 children. His dad was a successful farmer and helped build the railroad village of Ulmstead. Elmer graduated from the Consolidated High School at Egeland, N.D. in 1920 and attended St. Olaf's College at Northfield, Minnesota. He taught grade school several years before he could complete his degree in education. On Nov. 27, 1926 he married Eunice Irish, a school teacher from Montana. Elmer completed his bachelor's degree at Maryville State College in North Dakota in 1930. He & Eunice

taught until Elmer bought a store in Westfield, N.D.. In 1938 they moved to Fort Morgan, Colorado, where Elmer was principal in the Denver School System. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a radar technician and was stationed at the shipyards in Oakland, California. After the war he and Eunice bought a market in Oakland. Elmer bought several businesses, developed and resold them, investing the Proceeds in another venture. The Odegards owned motels in Denver, Co., and Salem, Oregon, where they lived for 15 years. They lived in Kalispell, Mt. in the 1950s. In 1965 they moved to Leisure World at Seal Beach, outside of Los Angeles. In the 1970s they moved to Ocean Side, Ca.. Elmer was active in the Masonic Order and Eastern Star for over 50 years. He & Eunice traveled throughout the U.S. and visited Mexico, Canada & Hawaii. They moved to Kalispell in Nov. 1986, to be near their niece, Polly Nikolaisen. Eunice moved to Immanuel in 1987 and Elmer joined her here on Sept. 1, 1988.

Two killed in accident near Plains *23 June 1990*

PLAINS (AP) — Two men died and a woman was hospitalized after their car plunged over a 100-foot embankment near Plains Saturday night, the Sanders County sheriff's office reported.

The car ran off Montana 28 about four miles north of Plains and overturned, throwing all three occupants out, investigators said.

The dead were identified as Anthony Blaine Fisher, 24, and Richard Obennick, 26, both of Hot Springs.

The injured woman, Luana Beavers of Pablo, was taken to a Missoula hospital.

The deaths raised Montana's 1990 traffic toll to 88, compared with 60 at the same time last year.

Poor health prompts Judge Olson to retire

Daily Star Falls Oct 2-1990
BUTTE (AP) — District Judge Arnold Olsen plans to retire effective Oct. 31, ending a 15-year career on the bench that followed a 10-year stint in Congress.

Olsen, 73, has been battling various medical problems since last February.

His daughters advised state officials of their father's plans.

It was disclosed by other sources Monday that Olsen is unconscious and suffering from pneumonia at a nursing home south of Helena. Olsen had been in the Fort Harrison Veterans' Hospital near Helena until last Wednesday, the hospital confirmed.

Two of Olsen's three daughters, Kris Graetz and Karen Billings, both of Helena, told state officials last week that their father was retiring. Olsen's daughters have the authority to make decisions for their father.

Olsen was hospitalized in mid-February at the Helena hospital, suffering from pneumonia and heart complications. He later left

the hospital and returned to the bench in July.

On July 26, while attending a judicial conference in Rapid City, S.D., Olsen became ill again and was hospitalized. Several days later, Olsen was returned to the Fort Harrison hospital where he remained until last Wednesday.

District Judge Mark Sullivan, the other judge in the Second Judicial District, said Olsen got his work done and issued fair rulings.

"He did well. He was on top of his cases."

Before replacing Judge John B. McClernan in 1974, Olsen served as U.S. representative from Montana's Western District. Prior to that, he was Montana's attorney general.

With the announcement of Olsen's retirement, the state Judicial Nominating Commission will look for a replacement. Four years remain of Olsen's six-year term.

The commission is composed of a judge, two attorneys and four lay persons.

Leo Ochsner *1990*

Leo Ochsner, 60, former resident of Kalispell, died Oct. 26 of heart failure at Deaconess Hospital in Nashua, MT.

Mr. Ochsner was born in Schickley, Neb., April 17, 1930, to August and Lydia Ochsner. He was reared near Twin Falls. He served in the U.S. Air Force in 1947 and in the National Guard from 1947 to 1961. He worked as a plumber in Great Falls, moving to Kalispell in 1967 and living here until 1972. He owned and managed Leo's Enco gas station here. He then moved to Glasgow where he worked for Dale Plumbing until he retired in 1982. He had lived in Nashua since 1977.

He married Elva Zanto in Fort Benton in 1950. After she died in 1983, he married Pearl Wagner in Glasgow Aug. 2, 1986. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife Pearl; his mother, Lydia Plumlee; three sons, two daughters, four step-sons, a sister, and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted Oct. 30 at Faith Lutheran Church in Nashua with Rev. Phillip Bach officiating. Burial was in Nashua.

Helen Olivotti, 70

L. Helen Olivotti, 70, Columbia Falls, died March 24, *1990*. The body will be sent to Merrill, Wis., for services and burial.

Survivors include a daughter, Diane Woller, Columbia Falls, and a son in Merrill.

Pearl Olson, 80

25 Jan 1990
Pearl Olson, 80, of Eureka, died Thursday at Mountain View Manor.

She moved to Libby in 1928 and worked as a waitress and cook until moving to Kalispell in 1940, when she moved to Spokane with her husband Walter Olson. She moved to Eureka from Spokane in 1988.

Local survivors include a daughter, Geraldine Nelson, of Libby; and a son, Francis Pearson, of Troy.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Greenwood Memorial Terrace Cemetery in Spokane.

Arthur Martin Olson, 87

Arthur Martin Olson, 87, Kalispell, died in Immanuel Lutheran Home on Sunday, Aug. 26.

He was born Feb. 10, 1903, in Webster, S.D., a son of Anto and Anna Olson. He received his education in South Dakota, and in 1929, he moved to the Flathead where he has since resided.

He had been a logger all of his life until his retirement.

He had been a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Elks Lodge of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.



On Oct. 6, 1934, he was married to Doris Smithson in Kalispell, and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by two daughters, Billie Jean Walter and Cheryl Martin, both of Kalispell; a sister, Bertha Lemke of Jamestown, N.D.; six grandchildren, Douglas E. Siderius, Daniel M. Siderius, Leann Murray, Kelly Nigg and Randy Nigg, all of Kalispell, and Laurel L. Quinlan of Hamilton; four great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. C. Fred Crowe officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation today until 8 p.m. The casket will not be opened for the services.

Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Richard 'Rich' Oney, 25

Richard D. "Rich" Oney, 25, Columbia Falls, died Saturday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital as the result of an industrial accident several months ago.

He was born Nov. 25, 1964, in Billings, the son of Harold and Sally Oney. He was raised in Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School in 1983.

Mr. Oney was a carpenter by trade, and had worked for Plum Creek Timber Co. for the past two years. He had also been taking engineering-related courses at Flathead Valley Community College.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especially boating and scuba diving. Mr. Oney also enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing and golf. He recently designed, built and completed a first home for his family,



close to his parents on Middle Road.

His life may have seemed short, but was certainly full. He was a devoted father, husband and son. He had a way of enjoying life to the fullest in everything he did. He will be missed greatly, and leaves behind many friends who will not soon forget him.

On Nov. 10, 1985, he married Carie Wartnow in Columbia Falls, and she survives him at the family home, along with their son Caesy Richard Oney. Also surviving are his parents, Harold and Sally Oney of Columbia Falls; his parents-in-law, Jay and Pat Wartnow of Whitefish; his best friend, Tony Gress of Columbia Falls; and a number of other relatives, mostly in Montana and Texas.

Memorial services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Christian Center Assembly of God in Kalispell, with the Rev. Paul Taylor, chaplain at Kalispell Regional Hospital, officiating.

Arrangements and cremation are by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ALERT Foundation, 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell 59901.

Gregory D. Ordway

Gregory D. Ordway died Friday evening at his home in Whitefish, following a lengthy illness *5 Oct 1990*

He was born in 1948, in Old Town, Maine, to Robert and Anne Ordway. He grew up and attended school in South Glasstonbury, Conn.

He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and he also served in the Merchant Marines in Southeast Asia.

He moved to Whitefish in the mid-70s, and had since been employed in the logging industry.

He was a man of many talents. He loved the Montana out-

doors and was an avid fisherman and hunter.

He is survived by his wife Nadine and son Michael, 15, at home in Whitefish; his parents, Bob and Anne Ordway and brother David Ordway of Freeport, Maine; brother Tom Ordway of Brunswick, Maine; sister Jayne DeBettencourt of Martha's Vineyard; grandmother Ruth Whitehurst of Saco, Maine; nine nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and good friends.

There will be a memorial gathering for friends and family Monday at 4 p.m. at Greg's home at 2100 KM Ranch Road.

Greg had a gift for making friends and he will be missed.

Wayne K. Olson, 54

5 July 1990
Wayne K. Olson, 54, Joplin, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital Thursday. The body is being forwarded to Holland & Bonine Funeral Home, Havre, where services and burial are being planned for Monday.

Crystal Ovnicek

Crystal Rae Ovnicek, 20, Columbia Falls, died Nov. 10 at home following a lengthy illness. 1990

She was born Dec. 13, 1970, at Kalispell, daughter of Gene and Jennifer Ovnicek. She had lived in Kalispell until her family moved to Columbia Falls two years ago.

She is survived by her parents at the family home; two brothers, Chad of Phoenix, AZ, and Cody of Columbia Falls; one sister Carri of Columbia Falls; grandparents Roland Oens of Shaniko, OR, Delores Eglund of Kalispell and Cora Ovnicek of Elk, WA, great-grandmother Edith Behmerwold of Spokane and a number of other relatives.

The family will conduct private memorial services later.

Arrangements were by the Weatherford Funeral Home & Crematory in Kalispell.

The family said those wishing to make a contribution in her memory are encouraged to hug a child.

EMIL C. OTT

Emil C. Ott, age 100, passed away the evening of March 17, at Colonial Manor in Whitefish where he has resided since 1982. 1990

He was born December 23, 1889 in Germany to John C. and Amelia Ott. When he was three, the family moved to the United States. When he was twelve, he started working for the railroad, driving spikes. In the 1930's he qualified as a locomotive engineer.

He was married to Elsie Ahlenstorf on July 5, 1912 in Mankato, Minnesota. They lived in Bemidji, Minnesota where he farmed and did carpentry work. In 1947, they moved to Columbia Falls where he worked for Plum Creek Lumber Company until his retirement.

He is survived by three daughters, Delores Toftum and Barbara Reynolds of Columbia Falls, and Judith Campbell of Medford, Oregon; seven sons, Arthur of Columbia Falls, Leroy of Abrams, Wisconsin, George of Denver, Colorado, Floyd of Columbia Falls, Emil, Jr. of Moro Bay, California, Richard of Columbia Falls, and Glenn of Whitefish; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held March 22 at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Rev. Michael Warmbier of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church officiated. Burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Glenn C. Otto, 76

1990
Glenn C. Otto, 76, died Monday evening, Sept. 24, of natural causes at his Swan Lake residence. He was a retired machinist.

He was born July 7, 1914, at Beloit, Wis., the son of Clarence and Elizabeth Otto. At an early age, he moved with his family to Pomona, Calif., where he was raised and graduated from high school.

After graduation, he worked at a local grocery store in the produce department.

During World War II, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he was trained as an airplane mechanic. He was stationed in Utah and Wisconsin before being sent to England for 18 months, where he was assigned to the 467th Bomb Group.

Following his honorable discharge, Mr. Otto returned to Pomona. He was

employed as a machinist by Loud's Machine Work, E.H. Hadley Co., and finally Mechanical Services, retiring in 1976.

Mr. Otto had vacationed at Swan Lake for many summers, and moved there permanently upon retirement.

He was a member of the Swan Chapel. He enjoyed woodworking and horses.

He is survived by two sisters, Elnora Phillips and Honerhea Dorsey, both of Tigard, Ore.; his best friend, Lorraine Pagliuso of LaVerne, Calif., and Swan Lake; and a son, Clayton Otto; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, Sept. 28, at 4 p.m. at the Swan Chapel, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Following services, cremation will take place at the Weatherford Crematory in Kalispell.

The Bigfork Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

1990 Janet R. Ott

Janet Rae Ott, 50, Whitefish, died Dec. 27 at the North Valley Hospital following a long illness with cancer.

She was born Sept. 14, 1940, in Wapato, Wash., a daughter of John and Earlene Paul. She was raised and educated in Whitefish, graduating from Whitefish High School in 1958.

On Sept. 18, 1959, she married Glenn Ott in Whitefish and the couple made their home there. They were later divorced.

She worked as a receptionist for the Valley Inn Motel for 4 1/2 years. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her father

and two sisters, Nancy and Karen.

She is survived by two daughters, Roberta Rounds and Tami Ryerson, both of Whitefish; her mother, Earlene Paul; and three sisters, Jolene Brockel, Kay Beller, and Kathy Paul, all of Whitefish, four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were Jan. 2, at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Burial followed at the Whitefish City Cemetery.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Edna J. Oursland, 94

Edna J. Oursland, 94, Somers, died Friday evening, Nov. 2, at home after an extended illness. 1990

She was born Feb. 27, 1896, at Yankton, S.D., the daughter of Albin and Anna Christine Anderson. At about age two, she went with her family to Charter Oak, Iowa. The family later moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where Edna finished elementary school and attended high school.

As a young woman, she worked in the offices of the Milwaukee Railroad at both Sioux Falls and Aberdeen, S.D.

On Dec. 8, 1920, she married Gideon Oursland at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Gideon and Edna moved to the Flathead Valley in January of 1921, where they lived ever since except for spending 1929-33 in southern California.



Edna was involved in numerous community, school, and church activities. She was a charter member of the Lakeside Ladies Club and was part of the founding group of Central Bible Church in Kalispell.

She is survived by three sons, Albert of Fallbrook, Calif., Laurence of Kalispell, and David of Somers; one daughter, Anna Lou Oursland of Somers; one sister, Pearl Wilcox of Bisbee, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and a number of other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, one brother, and her husband Gideon in 1983.

Friends may call at the Weatherford Funeral Home on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m. at the Weatherford Chapel, with the Rev. Ray Pierson, pastor of Central Bible Church, officiating. Burial will take place at Glacier Memorial Gardens, and a reception will follow at Central Bible Church.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E., Kalispell 59901.

Hot Springs woman killed on U.S. 93

By The Associated Press 11 March 1990

Hot Springs woman was killed in a two-vehicle accident during a snow storm on U.S. 93 four miles north of Polson Sunday evening.

The Highway Patrol said Millicent Lyons Oxender, 73, died when the pickup truck she was riding in collided head-on by another pickup driven by Jerry Van Vleet, 36, of Polson.

Van Vleet and four others were injured slightly in the accident, the patrol said.

Also, the patrol released the name of a Hardin man who was killed Saturday night when he was thrown from his vehicle when it rolled east of Crow Agency on U.S. 212.

The patrol said the victim was Randell James Wagener, 34.

The deaths moved Montana's 1990 highway fatality toll to 21, or three fewer than through March 12 last year.