

**Cecilia Ohs 28 Dec 1991**

WHITEFISH — Cecilia May "Blondie" Ohs, 55, a housewife who formerly lived in Malta, died from cancer Saturday in a Whitefish hospital.

A rosary-prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Mass of the resurrection will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the St. Charles Catholic Church with burial in the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

She was born to Charles and Cleonice Westhoff in Girard, Kan., May 3, 1936.

She moved to Malta in 1954. In 1956, she married Dennis Ohs and they moved to Whitefish that year.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two brother and a sister.

Survivors include her husband in Whitefish; brothers, Ody Westhoff of Lewistown, Ed Westhoff of Larned, Kan., and Bernard and Vess Westhoff, both of Walnut, Kan.; sisters, Barbara Born of Walnut, Louise Kennedy and Theresa Koester, both of Joplin, Mo.; a daughter, Gail Chase; a stepson, Gary Ohs, both of Whitefish; a stepdaughter, Marlene Locur of Bremerton, Wash., and four grandchildren.

Austin Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. *47.*

**Richard Dean Oliver**

WHITEFISH — Richard Dean Oliver, 60, a former Great Falls resident, died of natural causes Saturday at a Whitefish retirement home. *47 May 1991*

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Riverside Alliance Church in Kalispell. Burial will follow at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

He was a graduate of Great Falls High School and the College of Great Falls. He worked for a time for the Great Falls Tribune and owned five taverns in the Great Falls area. He suffered a head injury in an auto accident in 1977.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Whitefish; daughters, Jennifer Ross Gerber of Whitefish, Ardis Annette Battleson of Great Falls, Devany Dean of Alabama, Raelee Lynn Lilly of Bozeman; a stepdaughter, Dona Zoe Lee of Fort Shaw; a stepson, Vince Sandmeyer of Boise; a sister, Clara Skelton of Wilsall; and 15 grandchildren.

Memorials to the Richard Dean Oliver Memorial, 436 West Third St., Whitefish, 59937, are suggested.

Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish is in charge of arrangements. *47.*

## Gordon Henry Ochenrider III, 46

*14 Aug 1991*  
Gordon Henry Ochenrider III, 46, a resident of Whitefish, died Wednesday in Glacier National Park as the result of injuries from a hiking accident.

He was born July 16, 1945, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to Gordon and Elizabeth R. Ochenrider.

He was raised and received his early education in Long Island, N.Y. He was a graduate of the University of Arizona and received a degree in finance. He then joined the Navy and served on active duty from 1968 to 1972 as a naval aviator with more than 2,000 hours logged, with the majority in aircraft fleet landing operations, receiving Meritorious Unit Citation while on active duty.

He has been in the Naval Reserve for 24 years, with the rank of commander, and was selected for the rank of captain.

He was employed with Mountain Bank in Whitefish for 18 years and received a degree in 1978 from the Pacific Coast Banking School through the University of Washington.

In Whitefish, Gordon was very active in community affairs. He attended First Presbyterian Church, was a board member of the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce,



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was a past board member of the United Way of Flathead County, was a past board member and original founding member of Big Brothers and Sisters of Flathead County, was a past board member of Whitefish Jaycees, was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, was a participant in the ATEC Program, was a founder of the Glacier Nordic Cross-Country Program, coached Little Guy Wrestling and Junior Soccer, was a chairman of the National Association of Small Business Administration, and was chairman of the Whitefish school board from 1985 to 1991.

He loved the Flathead Valley and had an avid interest in hiking, hunting, horses, and all outdoor activities, and he considered the people here his friends.

He was married to Paige Pariseau on Sept. 12, 1966, in Las Vegas, Nev., and is now survived by her at their home in Whitefish.

He is also survived by a son, Mark Gordon, at the family home; a daughter, Mrs. Stacey Dearborn Lowrance of Whitefish; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon H. Ochenrider II of Arlington, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Donald (Lauren) Duncan and Lisa Purrington, both of Fairfax, Va.; and other relatives.

Memorial services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Whitefish Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Ken Peterson officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish is in charge of arrangements.

## Eva Odegard, 92

*1 Jan 1991*  
Eva Odegard, 92, formerly of Bigfork, died of natural causes Tuesday at St. Joseph's Convalescent Center in Polson.

She was born May 9, 1898, in Duluth, Minn. She moved to Long Beach, Calif., as a young woman. She began her working career as a bookkeeper for the Bank of America. Later, she became a dispatcher for a trucking company — a position she held until her retirement.

In 1920, she married Art Bracher and he preceded her in death. She married Tom Odegard in 1956.

The Odegards moved to Bigfork in 1964. She lived there until entering St. Joseph's Convalescent Center in July of 1984.

Mr. Odegard passed away on March 8, 1990.

Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews.

Private interment will take place at Kenilworth Community Cemetery, west of Big Sandy. Arrangements are by Weatherford Funeral home & Crematory in Kalispell.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Home's Alzheimer's Project, Buffalo Hill, Kalispell, 59901.

## JOHN O'BOYLE

Both of John O'Boyle's parents were born in Ireland. John was born in Kalispell, June 13, 1903.



He was the third of six children. The family farmed west of Kalispell in the Spring Creek area. John attended the Spring Creek and St. Matthew's schools. As a young man he worked on the local farms and in the logging industry. On June 29, 1935, he married Carol Hetland. John and Carol spent their first year of marriage at "Camp Tuffer" on Lake Mary Ronan. The O'Boyles raised two daughters, Lorraine (Mrs. Tom) Reed of Fairfield, California, and Marilyn (Mrs. Jim) Cavanaugh of Boulder, Colorado. Both girls graduated from Montana State University at Bozeman. John worked for the Glacier Park Company at Somers from 1939 until his retirement in 1968. During the last 15 years he was a heavy equipment operator. After "retirement" John continued to work. He was a "handy-man" and for several years he worked for the Ashley Lake Ditch Company maintaining the ditch during the warm weather months. John has been a member of the Lumber-Sawmill Union since 1939. He is a lifelong member of St. Matthew's Parish, in Kalispell. John and Carol moved to Immanuel on May 29, 1987. With them they brought many happy memories of summers in Michigan, Christmases in San Francisco and a trip to Hawaii in 1972.

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## Edmund C. O'Brien

Mr. Edmund C. O'Brien, 67, of Bigfork died in the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork Sunday, July 7, of heart failure.

He was born July 4, 1924, in Kalispell, a son of Ernest and Catherine O'Brien, owners of the Bigfork Hotel. He was a graduate of the Bigfork High School in the class of 1943, and a graduate in Business Administration from the University of Montana in the class of 1948. He had attended Notre Dame university for one year and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He had been office manager of the Medoland Dairy in Missoula for a year; worked in the Internal Revenue office in Helena a year; office manager of the Hofert Tree Company in Kalispell for three years and was forman clerk in the mines in Butte for a year. He then established in the Bigfork Hotel where he was hotel clerk and operated an Income Tax office for many years until retiring in 1968.

He was a charter member and instrumental in building St. Catherine's Church in Bigfork, which is named after his mother. He was a single man and enjoyed hiking, fishing and the outdoors. He was preceded in death by his parents and is now survived by one brother, Kenneth J. O'Brien of Bigfork and a cousin, Elizabeth Nelligan Gibson of Missoula.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held Wednesday in St. Catherine's Catholic Church with Father Robert Hartman as celebrant. Burial was in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Parking Pavement Fund, St. Catherin's Catholic Church, Bigfork, MT 59911.

## 1901 John Carl Olsen, 90

John Carl Olsen, 90, of Polson, died of natural causes Thursday at his home, after a prolonged illness.

He was born March 9, 1901, the youngest of seven children of John S. and Mary Ann Olsen in Littleton, Colo. He was a grandson of Peter Magnes, an early pioneer of Colorado.

He graduated from Colorado A & M with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1925.

He met and married Veva Shaw in Lewistown while working for the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C. in 1926.

They moved to Manhattan, Kansas, where he taught mechanical design and mathematics at Kansas State University and also completed work for his master's degree in chemical and metallurgical engineering.

Later, he worked for John Deere Co. in Waterloo, Iowa, for Railway Motors in Fairmont, Minn., and for

Food Machinery and Chemical Corp. in San Jose, Calif. He received nine signed patents during his designing engineer career.

In 1951, he and Veva retired to a cherry orchard on the east shore of Flathead Lake. He went back to engineering at Anaconda Aluminum and made the daily commute to Columbia Falls for nine years. The orchard claimed his full attention after a second retirement in 1966. They moved to their present home in Polson in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Veva, of Polson; a daughter, Alice Brown of Everett, Wash.; a son, Carl M. Olsen of Saratoga, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

There will be no services. Cremation will take place by Mosley-Shrider Funeral Home of Polson.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

## 1991 Anthony R. 'Tony' Olson, 60

Former Kalispell resident, Anthony R. "Tony" Olson, 60, of Pablo, died of complications from heart surgery Friday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. *14 June*

He was born Dec. 11, 1930, in Littlefork, Minn., to Anton and Augusta Olson. He was raised and educated in Littlefork and in Kalispell, where he moved with his family at the age of 10.

On July 14, 1951, he married JoAnn Greenland.

Mr. Olson was a heavy equipment operator for Royal Logging Co., now Plum Creek Timber Co. A hard worker, he like to putter and enjoyed visiting with people in his spare time.

A daughter, Debra Jo, preceded him in death, as did his parents and

a brother.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn, Pablo; two daughters, Linda Shiele of Republic, Wash. and Cheryl Joachim of Ronan; a son, Rick, of Durand, Mich.; two sisters, including Audrey VanDehey of Portland, Ore.; a brother, Donald, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Shrider's Mortuary in Ronan.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Ronan, with the Rev. Steve Nelson officiating. Burial and committal services will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## Clarence Olson, 78

Clarence Olson, 78, of rural Whitefish, died of natural causes Friday at his home. *Mar 1991*

He was born Sept. 27, 1912, on the family homestead near Littlefork, Minn., to Ole and Herborg Olson.

In 1933, he moved to the Flathead Valley and was employed in the logging industry with American Timber Co., John Slack Co. and Canyon Logging. He loved the outdoors.

He was married to Bessie Stoner in November of 1942 in Whitefish and is survived by her at their home. He is also survived by a

daughter, Carolyn Dunn of Littleton, Colo.; three sons, Jerry Olson of Fortine, and Ron and Ed Olson, both of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews; and two sisters, Annie Stuvland and Mabel Bjerke, and a brother, Joe Olson, all of the Littlefork area.

Cremation has taken place. Private family services will be held at the family home.

Arrangements were made through Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Doris Jean Smithson Olson, 74

<sup>1991</sup>  
Doris Jean Smithson Olson, 74, Kalispell, died Aug. 24 in Kalispell Regional Hospital from a stroke.

She was born Dec. 21, 1916, in Canada, a daughter of Robert and Hazel Smithson. She moved with her family to Eureka where she attended school, graduating from Lincoln County High School, Eureka.

On Oct. 6, 1934, she was married to Arthur Martin Olson in Kalispell. She has lived in Kalispell since that time with the exception of a few years when she lived in Darby.

She has worked at Woolworth store and Electric Maid Bakery in Kalispell.

She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America, Kalispell Eagles Auxiliary and the Kalispell



Bowling Leagues.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, on Aug. 26, 1990; three sisters, Helen Kamphe, Florence Stoken and Hazel McMurdo and a brother, Bobby Smithson.

She is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Lee Martin and Billie Jean Walter, both of Kalispell; six grandchildren, Kelly and Randy Nigg, Douglas, LeAnn and Daniel Siderius, all of Kalispell, and Laurie Quinlan of Hamilton; two brothers, Jerome Smithson of Coos Bay, Ore., and William Smithson of Seeley Lake; one sister, Margaret Tichbourne of Eureka and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Larry Gaylord, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

## <sup>1991</sup> Dewey A. Olson, 76

Dewey A. Olson, 76, Columbia Falls, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 24, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Aug. 6, 1915, in Flaxville, to Andrew and Marie Olson.

He worked with his brothers and sisters on the family farm until leaving to serve his country in World War II. While involved in several of the fiercest battles of the war, he earned the Purple Heart. After returning to the United States, he began work in road construction.

On Nov. 27, 1952, Dewey married Inga Bergsagel and they made their home in Columbia Falls. Eventually, he started his own sand and gravel business. The sight of a front-end loader being followed by his faithful German shepherd was something of a fixture in the Columbia Falls area for many years. Dewey loved his work and it was difficult for him to retire because of declining health. In 1986, he moved to the Montana Veterans Home where he had since resided.

Dewey was an honest, hard-working person who served God and his

country as well as a man can.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Leo of Flaxville, and Andy of Spokane.

He is survived by his wife, Inga, at the family home; two sons, Norman of Columbia Falls, and Ronald of Phoenix, Ariz.; two stepdaughters, Eileen Bergland of Burnsville, Minn., and Miriam Erdahl of Gresham, Ore.; a stepson, Irvin Bergsagel of Plymouth, Minn.; two granddaughters, Christa and Jennifer Olson of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Dale Yerg of Seattle, Vi LaBonty of Kalispell, and Pearl Murr of Flaxville; a brother, Sheldon of Billings; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Sept. 27, at 11 a.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Jeff Swanson of Stillwater Free Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with military honors by the United Veterans of the Flathead.

Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Van Leuven Funeral Home.

## Karen Olson, 87

Karen Olson, 87, of Plentywood, a former Kalispell resident, died early Monday morning, April 15, in Sheridan Memorial Hospital of a heart attack. 1991

She was born June 20, 1903, in Osen, Norway, the daughter of Kristoffer and Magna Granning, one of 13 children.

She came to Canada in 1930 and married Adjof Totdahl in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on April 30 of that same year. They immediately moved to Reserve, Mont., where they farmed until 1948, when they retired and moved to Kalispell. Adjof died in October 1955.

She married Ludvig Olson March 5, 1957, in Cooperstown, N.D., where they both worked as tailors. They moved to Plentywood in 1977 and Ludvig died in October 1981. She continued to maintain her home in Plentywood.

She was a member and past matron of the Order of the Eastern

Star.

Survivors include a brother, Ole Granning of Florida, Michigan and Ontario; two stepsons, Lyle Olson of Enumclaw, Wash., and Earl Olson of Fargo, N.D.; five nephews, Harry Munson of Chicago, Ron Granning of Florida, Royal Granning of Redstone, Clyde Granning of Flaxville, and Ray Granning of Portland, Ore.; three nieces, Marilyn Lukas of Lake City, Mich., Hannah Swenson of Saginaw, Minn., and Osa Jacobson of Tromheim, Norway; and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by both husbands and 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Fulker-son Memorial Funeral Chapel in Plentywood. The Rev. Tom Barthelmeh will officiate.

Interment will be at Rock Springs Cemetery, west of Reserve.

## 1991 James W. Olson, 43

James W. Olson, 43, Libby, died Aug. 25 at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby of leukemia.

He is survived by his wife, Terri of Libby; a daughter, Brenda Wilkins, of Libby; three sons; his parents; and a brother.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home from 1-9 p.m. today and until noon Wednesday.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at City of Libby Cemetery. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at 1:45 p.m.

## 1991 Charles Byron O'Neil, 91

Charles Byron O'Neil, 91, Kalispell, died Sept. 12 in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Dec. 11, 1899, in Kalispell, a son of Earnest and Fredin O'Neil.

He graduated from Flathead County High School in the class of 1918, and attended the University of Montana in Missoula. He returned to Kalispell where he worked for his father at O'Neil Printers.

On July 26, 1926, he married Mabel Christine Gilbertson in the Bethlehem Lutheran parsonage.

He later bought O'Neil Printers from his father and continued in the job-printing business until he sold the business in 1953, and retired.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church; past patron of Adah Chapter No.17, Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge AF&AM; and the Shrine Club. He was also a leader in the Boy Scouts in the early 1920's.

Byron was preceded in death by

his father; his mother; a brother, Lewis; a sister, Margaret Norgard, and a sister Ella Gillie.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel, at Buffalo Hill Terrace; a son, Robert O'Neil of Fresno, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Harry (Kathryn) Farrington of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Scott Farrington of Rowlette, Texas, Sue Anderson of Billings, Dwight Farrington of Redmond, Wash., Sean O'Neil of Fresno, Calif., and Anita Kaufman of Stors, Conn.; and two great-grandchildren, Theresa and Anna Farrington of Rowlette, Texas.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Bethlehem Lutheran Church with the Rev. Gary Gilthvedt officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation until 8 tonight.

The family suggests memorials be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or the Montana Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## Joseph Thomas Opalka, 89

*6 Aug 1991*  
Joseph Thomas Opalka, 89, of Columbia Falls, died of natural causes Tuesday evening at North Valley Extended Care Unit in Whitefish.

He was born Feb. 3, 1902, in the Bad Rock Canyon area of Columbia Falls, to Frank and Bertha Opalka. He was raised and educated in the Columbia Falls area and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1920.

Joseph worked for many years as a heavy-equipment operator on several local highway projects, including the building of U.S. 2. He ran a pack string for the U.S. Forest Service and for Glacier Park. He also ran supplies in during the construction of the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

He did a great deal of survey work in and around Columbia Falls. He was the city marshal of Columbia Falls for two years before entering the U.S. Coast Guard, which he served for two years during World War II.

He was the vendor for 14 years at the Montana State Liquor Store, retir-

ing in 1966. And he was a state brand inspector for more than 40 years.

He loved hunting and fishing. He helped organize the Columbia Falls Senior Citizens group and was Senior Citizen of the Year in 1963. He belonged to the Columbia Falls fire department and was a strong supporter of both the Columbia Falls ambulance and the North Valley Search and Rescue organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Martha, at the family home, and by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be today from noon to 5 p.m. at Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Fairview Cemetery near Columbia Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to either the Columbia Falls Ambulance Association or to the Columbia Falls Senior Citizens.

## Sam Overgard, 97

*1 Nov 1991*  
Sam Overgard, 97, died Friday at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. *3 Oct 1996*

He was born July 22, 1894, in South Dakota, and later moved to Canada with his family.

She served in the Army during World War I.

He was a farmer and rancher, and invented farm equipment and wrote poetry.

Survivors include a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews, including Ethel Sampson of Columbia Falls.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at the Roundup Cemetery in Roundup. Local arrangements are by Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls.