

Charles William 'Chuck' O'Connell, 83

Charles William "Chuck" O'Connell, was born Oct. 22, 1909, at the family homestead in the Lower Valley south of Kalispell. He was one of four children born to Helen Tetrault Waigel and Joseph Waigel. When he was very young, his father died and his mother remarried Louis O'Connell. Louis raised young Charles, his two brothers, Francis and Rod, and his sister, Margaret. They adopted their stepfather's last name.

Chuck attended the Catholic school at St. Ignatius and Hodgson Grade School, graduating from Flathead High School in 1928. After graduation from high school, he worked on the "dry chain" at the Somers Lumber Co. mill in Somers for a period of time before attending the University of Montana in Missoula. While at the university, he was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

He worked for the U.S. Geological Survey, establishing triangulation stations from Libby and into and throughout the present Bob Marshall Wilderness. Later, he worked at the Flathead Mine.

On Dec. 22, 1935, he married Jean Hollensteiner and they made their first home at the mine where Jean taught school. In 1940, Chuck and

Jean moved to the Hog Heaven ranch near Niarada where he helped his stepfather manage one of the largest sheep ranches in the state. They lived on the ranch for seven years and then began farming in the Lower Valley in 1947. Chuck farmed there until his retirement and subsequent move into Kalispell.

Chuck was a 4-H leader, a member of the Hodgson School Board, a member of the Elks Lodge and a member of the Lower Valley Grange.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, and his children, Larry O'Connell, who now lives on the farm in the Lower Valley, and Susan Cummings, who lives in Kalispell. He is also survived by his five grandchildren, William and Brian O'Connell, who live in Spokane, Kathryn O'Connell who is in the Air Force, David Cummings who is currently an AFS exchange student in Latvia and Jay Cummings who is a ninth grader at Kalispell Junior High School.

A memorial service is planned for July with the date to be announced later.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to the Salvation Army.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Frank James O'Connor, 80

Frank James O'Connor, 80, a resident of Whitefish, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 1993, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of cancer.

He was born Nov. 13, 1912, in Belt, to Sidney and Susie O'Connor. He was raised and educated in Neihart working in the mines and timber as a young man.

In 1935, he married Bertyl Baker of Great Falls and they celebrated their 58th anniversary in August.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, serving in the South Pacific. After receiving his discharge in 1945, he returned to Neihart, where he owned and operated Bob's Bar until 1961.

He then moved to Las Vegas, Nev., where he managed a motel for two years. In 1964, he moved to Whitefish and worked as a bartender at the Town Pump bar and Pastime bar, retiring in 1976 due to illness.

Frank was a member of the V.F.W. and Moose Lodge. He enjoyed baseball and hunting and is listed in

Boone and Crockett Big Game Awards Records, having bagged the 15th largest Shiras moose in the Western five state area.

Frank is survived by his wife, Bertyl at their home in Whitefish; one son, Michael O'Connor and daughter-in-law, June, of Eureka; a grandson, Scott O'Connor and wife, Karla, and two great-granddaughters, all of Eureka; one brother, Howard O'Connor of Sidney; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Robert O'Connor.

There will be an evening service at 7:30 Wednesday at Austin Funeral Home of Whitefish. Mass of the Resurrection will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish with the Rev. Charles Roman and the Rev. Michael Chilton as celebrants. Burial will follow in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery of Kalispell.

The casket will not be open for visitation.

Harold Oleander Oftedahl, 86

Harold Oleander Oftedahl, 86, Columbia Falls, died Monday, Aug. 2, 1993, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

Harold was born Feb. 26, 1907, the firstborn child of Lars and Carrie Oftedahl. He was born on the farm south of Bagley, Minn. His father Lars had immigrated from Norway, and his mother's parents were Swedish immigrants. Lars and Carrie were both homesteaders in Clearwater County in Minnesota.

Harold's father was 49 years old when Harold was born, so by the time he was in his teens, he took on most of the responsibilities of the farm. He attended the nearby country school through the eighth grade.

He had two brothers, Lars and Albert, and three sisters, Helen, Elsie, and Ruth. Still living in Minnesota, are Albert and his wife Shirley, and Ruth Holman and her husband Walter. His sister Helen Sorenson died in 1960, Lars died in 1989, and Elsie Christianson died in 1990. Harold had numerous nieces and nephews. Through the 1980s Harold would visit his brothers and sisters and their families in Minnesota nearly every summer.

Harold was married to Arna Thoresen on Feb. 2, 1942. They lived and farmed the Oftedahl homestead until their retirement in 1974. At that time they sold the farm and moved to Columbia Falls. Arna had been born in Wolf Point, and had a strong desire to live in Montana again. When she developed cancer, Harold took care of her until she died in 1976.

Harold and Arna raised their two children, Arlan and Patricia, on the farm south of Bagley, Minn.

After graduation from high school the children moved to Minneapolis. Pat worked there for a while before marrying Gene Fairbanks who was in the Air Force. They lived in many places around the country, but finally settled in Rossier City, La., with their five children, all of whom are now grown.

Harold's grandchildren included Jeffery Fairbanks, Pamela Fairbanks, Terri Fairbanks, Brenda Davis and Gary Fairbanks. Harold also had two great-grandchildren, Brenda and Michael Davis' daughter, Erika, and Jeffery and his wife Shannon's son, Cody.

Arlan went to Augsburg College in Minneapolis and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. He is a teacher and lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Harold continued to live in Columbia Falls after his wife Arna's death because he liked the town and the people here. He was a very sociable person and loved to talk to anyone and everyone. He was a good listener and rarely said anything negative. He never argued with anyone, used bad language, or said unkind things about people. Most people who got to know Harold held him in very high regard.

A funeral service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. The Rev. Thomas Gopp of Our Savior's Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

George Oldham, 67

19 June 1993
George Oldham, 67, of Libby, died Saturday at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane of pulmonary failure.

He is survived by his wife, Eva, of Libby; two daughters, including Julie Oldham of Libby;

two sons; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. today at Vial Funeral Home.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Howard Schreiber officiating. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

5 Aug Anna M. Olson, 70 *1993*

Anna M. Olson, 70, a Libby resident, died Thursday at Salt Lake City Hospital of respiratory failure.

She is survived by four sons, David Olson of Seattle; John Olson of Sandy, Utah; Pat Olson

of Libby; and Eric Olson of Kennewick, Wash.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at City of Libby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Vial Funeral Home.

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Vera Olson, 91

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Vera Olson, 91, of Libby, died Thursday at Libby Care Center.

She is survived by seven daughters, including Grace Wuest of Libby, Marilyn Scow and Hazel Kampfe, both of Troy, and Naomi Olson of Hot Springs; two sons, Jim and Les Olson, both of Libby; a sister; 24 grand-

children; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. and until noon Tuesday at Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Libby Christian Church with Rev. Charles Couch officiating. Cremation will follow.

Nora Mae O'Neal, 56

Nora Mae O'Neal, 56, of Columbia Falls, died of complications from cancer March 15, 1993, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Oct. 8, 1936, in Minneapolis, to Marvin and Genevieve Blaine. She has resided in Minneapolis and Seattle.

She spent the last 23 years as a Flathead Valley resident, working in the banking and automobile industry until her retirement.

She married Douglas O'Neal on Nov. 13, 1978, in Libby, and was retired with him for the last several years. They enjoyed summers camping and boating on Flathead Lake and Hungry Horse Reservoir. Their winters were spent in Arizona with friends.

Nora was active for the last two years in the 12-step program, CODA, and helped start the Columbia Falls group. She also enjoyed quilting and crocheting. Her religious affiliation was Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas O'Neal, of Columbia Falls and his four children and their families; her son, Mike Finn, and his wife, Debra, and Nora's two grandchildren, Christopher and Jason Finn, of Columbia Falls; her mother, Genevieve Blaine; two brothers, Gary and Marvin Blaine, and their families; as well as a large extended family who reside in Washington.

Nora wished to express her gratitude to all her family and friends whose care, service, and love made her life meaningful and comfortable in recent weeks.

She requested her body be cremated. A memorial service for friends and family will take place Thursday at 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

An informal gathering of friends and family will follow the memorial service at the home of her son, Mike Finn.

Mabel C. O'Neil, 91

Mabel C. O'Neil, 91, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Thursday, April 1, 1993.

She was born Oct. 17, 1901, in Adams, N.D., to Charles and Johanna Gilbertson. Her father was born in Norway and was a lumber company manager. She was the oldest of six children.

When she was 6 years old, they moved to Alberta. Mabel attended business college in Calgary, and later worked as a stenographer. Her family moved to Kalispell and Mabel was employed by Kalispell Mercantile as a secretary for Mr. Keith and Mr. Chester.

On July 26, 1926, she married C. Byron O'Neil in Kalispell. She was

preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 12, 1991; two sisters; and a brother.

She is survived by a son, Robert, and his wife, Karen, of Fresno, Calif.; a daughter, Kathryn Farrington, and her husband, Harry, of Kalispell; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Evelyn Price, of Kalispell; a brother, Harold Gilbertson, of Midwest City, Okla.; and a number of other relatives.

Mrs. O'Neil and her husband owned and operated O'Neil Printers of Kalispell. Mabel was active in the community. She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and served as president of Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women and was a

longtime secretary of the Sunday School; was president of the Kalispell Girl Scouts council; was secretary of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and served on the board of the Community Chest. She was a member of Adah Chapter #17 Order of Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, to the Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1002, Kalispell, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Samuel A. Orem, 75

Samuel A. Orem, 75, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1993, at his home near Columbia Falls. He had been ill from cancer for several months.

He was born May 12, 1918, in Dalhart, Texas, to Samuel A. and Edna E. Orem. The family ranched in the Dumas, Texas, area until moving to Roy, N.M., in 1930. He was 12 at the time and made several trips by horseback driving cattle and horses from Texas to the new ranch in New Mexico.

His parents died when he was a youth and he helped raise his younger sisters and brothers.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on May 16, 1941, in Santa Fe, N.M., and was discharged on Sept. 24, 1945, in El Paso, Texas.

While in the service, he traveled around the world and crossed the equator twice. He shipped out of New York, sailed to England and through the Straits of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean Sea and served in North Africa for some time. He then went to Sicily and other parts of Italy and was again assigned to North Africa. He went by train to the Red Sea as the Suez Canal was blocked with sunken ships. He then went by boat across the Arabian Sea to Bombay, India. He spent 18 months in India before returning home. The trip home was by boat from Calcutta, India, sailing through the Indian Ocean and clear around Australia and across the Pacific Ocean, landing in San Pedro, Calif.

Following his discharge from the Army Air Corps, he returned to Roy,

N.M., where he worked as a cowboy, ranching until he went to work for the National Park Service. He worked in several national parks and national monuments in the southwest.

Sam was married to Dessa B. Hunt on July 10, 1950, in Glendale, Ariz. The family moved to the Bad Rock area near Columbia Falls in 1956. He was employed as an ironworker in construction, including the building of the Anaconda Aluminum plant.

He was a member of the Ironworkers Local since 1953 and remained a member until a stroke disabled him in the fall of 1972. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, of Columbia Falls; a daughter, Loreta Orem of Franconia, N.H.; a son, Arzey Orem at Langley A.F.B. in Hampton, Va.; two grandchildren, Amy and Kenneth Orem; two brothers, Gene Orem of Columbia Falls and Charles Orem of Boise, Idaho; and two sisters, Mildred Synoground of Richland, Wash., and Emma Hillis of Glendale, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

A funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Rev. Jerry Buchanan and Rev. Ralph Werner (retired) of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lake Blaine Baptist Bible Camp.

Waldemar Olson, 86

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Dr. Waldemar Olson, 86, died Monday morning at Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls of an extended illness.

He is preceded in death by his twin brother, George; three other brothers and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Eva LaRue Martin Olson of Columbia Falls; their daughter, Karen Olson of Tacoma, Wash.; a foster son and his family; a grandson and a granddaughter; a sister and her husband; and many other members of an extended family.

Cremation has taken place and the remains will be interred at the Forest Meadows Memorial Park East in Gainesville, Fla. No services are planned at this time.

Edith Ackroyd Orr, 76

Edith Ackroyd Orr, 76, of Kalispell, died at Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, June 3, 1993.

She was born Nov. 28, 1916, in Ovid, Idaho, to Sina Christina Olsen and James Walter Ackroyd. Her family moved to Magrath, Alberta, Canada, in 1920. Several years later, the family moved to a farm in Hartley, Canada.



On June 24, 1938, she married Wilbert Orr. The marriage was solemnized in the Cardston Alberta Temple. They lived in several locations in Alberta and were in Edmonton for 11 years.

On Oct. 6, 1953, they moved to Kalispell.

She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was faithful to the many church positions she held, including nursery leader, Sunday School teacher, work leader, visiting teacher, and president of the relief society. She loved to quilt for her children, grandchildren, and friends. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and wonderful friend.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Smith, and a daughter,

Eileen.

She is survived by her husband, Bert, at home in Kalispell; five children, Afton Smith of Salt Lake City, Utah, Joan Heimark of Missoula, Neil Orr of Whidbey Island, Wash., Allen Orr of Bothell, Wash., and Jennine Jones of Gallup, N.M.; four brothers, Walter Ackroyd of Provo, Utah, Max and Grant Ackroyd of Cardston, and Ammon Ackroyd of Edmonton; two sisters, Clara Matkin of Cardston and Marge Gilson of Salt Lake City; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Buffalo Hill with Bishop Don Overly officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary from 1-4 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday for visitation and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Leo Orsborn, 85

Leo Orsborn, 85, of Libby, died Friday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby. *26 7 26 1993*

He is survived by two sons, Carl Orsborn and Ray Orsborn, both of Libby; a daughter; 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. today at Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Vial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

Phil Osler, 78

Phil Osler, 78, a long-time resident of north Lincoln County, died March 26, 1993, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was born Aug. 25, 1914, at Denton, to Earl and Laura Osler. He was raised and educated in Denton, and moved to the Fortine area with the rest of his family in 1938.

He, along with his brothers, owned and operated Osler Brothers Sawmill for many years at Fortine until selling the mill and retiring in 1968. He also served in the United States Army during World War II.

He married Melva Dickinson on Feb. 15, 1946, in Kalispell. She preceded him in death in 1989. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and also served as past commander of the American Legion.

He is survived by daughters Ellen Biggar, of Eureka, and Debbie Waisanen, of Eagle River, Alaska; sons Greg and Bob Osler, both of Whitefish; brothers Dale, Wylie and Gerald Osler, all of Trego and Ervin and John Osler, both of Eureka; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Vial Funeral Home in Eureka 1-9 p.m. Sunday and until noon Monday. A service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Monday at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka with Rev. David Hopper officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Everyone is asked to meet at the cemetery at 1:45 p.m. for the service. Memorials may be made to the Eureka Volunteer Ambulance, Box 736, Eureka, MT, 59917.

Erik Jon Osburnsen, 28

Erik Jon Osburnsen, 28, Kalispell, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1993, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Superior.

He was born Aug. 19, 1964, in Chandler, Ariz., to Jerry and Kay Osburnsen. Erik graduated from W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax, Va., in 1983.

Erik moved to Missoula in the fall of 1984 to attend the University of Montana. He completed his college years at Missoula, graduating in May 1989 with a bachelor of science degree in business and a major in psychology.

During his senior year at the university, Erik was active as a college agent for Northwestern Mutual Life. He continued with NML as a professional agent, moving from Missoula to Kalispell in January 1992.

During his time in Missoula, Erik earned the NML Rookie of the Year Award for the state of Montana. He and his fiancée, Melora, moved to Kalispell so that Erik could continue his professional development with NML. Additionally, Erik transferred so that he could provide a service that was not readily available in the Flathead Valley.

His faith in God figured more prominently in his life as he became



an active member of the First Presbyterian Church

Erik was very active and involved in all that he did. He enjoyed outdoor activities and spent much of his free time with friends and family exploring the mountains of western Montana. Erik enjoyed a very active social life, and on any given weekend he and any number of his many friends would load up the jeep and head off in search of adventure.

Erik was a compassionate and caring person. He cared deeply about his relationships with his family, his fiancée and friends. He will be missed by all those who were blessed to have shared in his life. For the passion with which he lived his life, Erik will always be remembered.

Survivors include his parents; his stepmother, Arlene Osburnsen; his fiancée, Melora Stubblefield; a brother, Kevin and his wife, Laura of Jacksonville, Fla.; his grandparents, Art and Lucille Osburnsen of Lewistown and George and Jean Snooks of Denton; and great-grandmothers, Carrie Taylor of Lewistown and Pearl Mossey of Whitefish.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the Erik Jon Osburnsen Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o The University of Montana Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula 59807.

Garden City Funeral Home in Missoula is in charge of arrangements.

2/17 March Blanche M. Yeager Ott, 77 1993

Blanche M. Yeager Ott, 77, of Chambersburg, Pa., died Sunday at Chambersburg Hospital.

She was a seamstress and a clerk in Pennsylvania.

She is survived by her son, James W. Ott of Kalispell; two sisters; a daughter-in-law; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, George Ott; a son, Glenn Ott; and four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Falling Spring Old German Baptist Church in Chambersburg with burial at Gipe's Grove Cemetery.

Viewing will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Park Geisel Funeral Home.

1993 **Shirley Mae Ottenstror, 75 1993**

Shirley Mae Ottenstror, 75, of Anaconda, died Sunday at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She and her husband owned and operated City Transfer & Taxi, and Shirley's Market. She was later a ceramics instructor and owned Shirley's Ceramics.

She was on the board of deacons for First Presbyterian Church, a past president of the Business and Professional Club, a past president of the Anaconda Community Hospital Auxiliary, past president of the Anaconda Women's Bowling Association and a board member of the

Women's State Bowling Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, in 1969.

She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Leslie and Joan Slyter of Kalispell; two sisters, including Frances Roe of Kalispell; two sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Longfellows Finnegan Funeral Home in Anaconda is in charge of arrangements.

1993 **Casey Lyn Otto, 19**

Casey Lyn Otto, 19, of Kalispell, died on Thursday, June 3, as a result of injuries sustained in an vehicle accident.

He was born Sept. 1, 1973, in Sidney, to Leslie and Laura Otto. He attended school in Sidney and later, in Kalispell.

Casey recently returned from living in Winnemucca, Nev. He enjoyed camping, skiing, and motorcycle riding.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leslie, in 1989.

He is survived by his mother, Lau-

ra, of the family home in Kalispell; two sisters, L. Babette Otto of Kalispell and Taunya Macik and her husband, Steve, of Winnemucca; two brothers, Corey, his twin, of Kalispell and Leslie of Winnemucca.

Memorial services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with Jim Lawrence of the Woodland Park congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Private burial services will follow the services. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

27 May **Russell Over, 69 1993**

Russell Dixon Over, 69, died at his home in Marion Thursday.

He is survived by a brother and two nephews.

Cremation has taken place. No

public services are planned locally. Burial of urn will be in Forsyth Cemetery in Forsyth later. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Loretta Clarice Overby, 82

Loretta Clarice Overby, 82, of Kalispell, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, May 25, 1993.

She was born July 14, 1910, in Kalispell, to Frank and Vernie Dore. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1929. She then attended Valley City State Teacher's College in North Dakota, graduating in 1931.

She was a life-long resident of Kalispell. She taught school for two years at Swan River School and then, in 1954, owned and operated Bea's Boys Shop in Kalispell for 10 years.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she was active for many years in the choir, the Kalispell Music Club and served several terms as treasurer of the Montana Federation of Music Clubs, and was a member of Eastern Star.

She married Arthur Overby and he died in 1983.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald C. Overby and his wife, Mary Ann, of Omaha, Neb., and Jack D. Overby of Plainview, Tex.; two grandsons, Michael C. Overby of Grayslake, Ill. and Brian J. Overby of Lake Mary, Fla.; two great-grandsons, Patrick K. Overby and Nicholas R. Overby; a sister, Ruth I. Falkner, of Issaquah, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Peter Ramseth of Immanuel Lutheran Home officiating. Friends will meet at the cemetery for services.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 1-4 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday.