

Francis T. "F.T." O'Boyle

Francis T. "F.T." O'Boyle, 77, died at his home in Kalispell on Monday, July 25, after a heart attack. Known throughout the Valley as: "F.T."; "Curly"; "Frank"; and, of course, "Dad". O'Boyle was born Jan. 18, 1917 on a 160-acre homestead northwest of what is now downtown Kalispell. A tireless worker, both at his residence, 665 2nd Ave. E.N., and his lifelong parish home, St. Matthew's. O'Boyle was well known and well-loved not only as a husband and father, but also as a citizen, family man, parishioner and civic leader.

O'Boyle opinions and advice, well after his last term on the Kalispell City Council in 1984, were actively sought, not only by those in current leadership positions, but also by both those who had served and aspired to serve in elected positions. He had made many trips to Helena, serving as an advocate and representing Kalispell's interests. O'Boyle, lauded by former Mayor, Norma Happ, as being a city councilman who always "weighed each problem and did his homework" was a firm believer in participatory democracy and the practice of governmental ethics, with no favoritism shown to special interests.

His colleagues and constituents respected him for being down-to-earth and with open-minded concerns, and he was not afraid to champion activist causes. For example, he spearheaded the effort to save the Old City Hall Building on 3rd St., while the new City Hall was being constructed. His beloved St. Matthew's Church benefited from his many fund-raising activities, including the installation of a concrete handicapped access ramp, playground renovation and stained glass window restoration.

The son of pioneer settlers and Irish immigrants, James and Mary O'Boyle, "F.T." was seven of eight children.

"F.T.", reflecting on his Irish heritage, was quoted in the 1985 St. Patrick's Day issue of the Daily Inter Lake: "We had the old-time party telephone lines, and when we'd hear the neighbors speaking Norwegian, we'd never know if they were talking about us Irish or the crops." O'Boyle, true to his agrarian upbringing, developed a Custom Tree Service and was widely recognized for his artistic pruning and gardening efforts. He was also a school bus contractor, and had served on the Board of Directors for the Montana School Bus Contractor's Association. A WW II veteran as a high-speed radio operator, he served under Gen. George S. Patton and had been awarded five service medals.

"F.T." and Rachel had travelled to Asheville, N.C., Atlanta, Ga., and Midland, Mich., for reunions with his fellow service buddies of the 552 Signal Air Warning Battalion.

He is survived by his brother, Walter Alexander of Klamath Falls, Ore.; his wife, Rachel of Kalispell; four sons, Patrick, Daniel, Terry and Dennis; and nine grandchildren.

Christian Wake Services were held on Wednesday in the St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Mass of the Christian Burial was held Thursday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors conducted by the United Veterans Organization. The family suggest memorials may be made to the Flathead Association of Catholic Education, c/o St. Matthew's Catholic School, P.O. Box 8862, Kalispell.

Ruby Ruth O'Lexey

Ruby Ruth O'Lexey, 81, of Kalispell, died at her home on Thursday, Sept. 8 of natural causes. She was born July 22, 1913 in Edgeley, N.D., a daughter of George and Georgia Hall. She received her education in the Flathead.

On Sept. 3, 1929 she was married to William O'Lexey in Missoula. She had resided in the Flathead since that time.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1967 and one daughter, Vivian Vlasak in 1969.

Survivors include four children, Helen McLouth, and Robert O'Lexey both of Kalispell, Richard O'Lexey of Somers, Wyo.; four sisters, Jean Foriner and Lillian Cook both of Kalispell, Betty Mure of Whitefish and Dorothy Reash of Spokane, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Graveside services and burial of urn were held on Monday in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Ann M. Oberem, 80

Ann M. Oberem, 80, a resident of Libby for the past 43 years, died Tuesday at her home in Libby. *4 June 1994*

She is survived by three nephews, including Ben Coe and Marvin Coe, both of Plains.

Services will be held Monday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home with the Rev. Charlie Couch officiating. Burial will be in City of Libby Cemetery.

Mary T. Olson

Mary T. Olson, 81, of Kalispell, died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 26 1994. She was born April 19, 1912, in Havre, a daughter of Hans and Onnie Hanson. She had received her education in Havre, and on September 7, 1932, she was married to Harry H. Olson there. The couple then moved to Kalispell where Mr. Olson was a heavy equipment operator for Flathead County.

Mary enjoyed crocheting, gardening, lefse making and reading. She especially enjoyed books by Pearl S. Buck and other books on China. She was a member of the Northridge Lutheran Church; the Scandinavian Fraternity of America and the Kalispell Eagles Auxiliary. She had been a resident of the Immanuel Lutheran Home since Sept. 1993. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, on Oct. 4, 1992; a brother, Walter Hanson; a sister, Georgia Johnson; daughter, Lillian Rauthe and grandson, Bruce Rauthe. She is now survived by four children, Norman Olson of Spokane, Wash. Hank Olson of North Waterford, Maine and Sherry Mahugh of Kalispell; a sister, Janet Sietsinger of Chandler, Okla.; a brother, Henry Hanson of Anacortes, Wash.; thirteen grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the Northridge Lutheran Church with Rev. Dan Heskett officiating. Urn burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery. The family suggest memorials be made to the Northridge Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Naomi Olson, 57

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Naomi Olson, 57, of Hot Springs, died Saturday at a Missoula hospital following an extended illness.

She is survived by six sisters, including Grace Wuest of Libby and Marilyn Scow and Hazel Kampfe, both of Troy; two brothers, Jim and Les Olson both of Libby; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hot Springs Lutheran Church.

Orval "Butch" Oliver

Orval O. "Butch" Oliver, age 71, formerly of Saco, died Wed., July 13, 1994, in a farm accident east of Lewistown. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m., Sat., July 16, at the Saco United Methodist Church with Reverend Kent Gordon officiating. Burial was at the Grandview Cemetery in Saco with military honors conducted by the American Legion of Hinsdale. Adams Funeral Home of Malta was in charge of arrangements.

He was born March 25, 1923, near Lake City, Wabasha County, Minnesota, to James and Ethel (Finley) Oliver and was raised and educated in southern Minnesota. Butch received the Purple Heart while serving in the US Army during WWII. Married Ethel Cook in Williston, ND and they lived in Hinsdale in the late 1940's. He worked as a butcher in Hinsdale and Saco for several years. Married Adeline Koechel July 21, 1952. He also worked for the Donoho Supply at Saco then for the State of Montana Highway Maintenance Dept. from 1954 to 1976 and then retired. He moved to Lewistown in 1988 and worked for a time with the Bass Auction Co.

For over 25 years, he raced horses throughout the country, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and raising farm animals. He was a member of the Glasgow Elks Lodge #1922, American Legion Post 45 of Hinsdale, Veteran of Foreign Wars #4067 of Malta, and the Disabled American Veterans Association.

He is survived by his wife, Adeline Oliver of Saco; two sons, Orval "Butch" Oliver of Denver, Colorado and Douglas E. Oliver of Kalispell; companion, Debbie Baker of Lewistown; sisters and brothers, Grace, Joy, Yvonne, and Meril all of Minnesota, and James of California; eight grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. *Malta*

Roy James Olson, 77

Roy James Olson, 77, of Whitefish, died Tuesday, April 5, 1994, at his home after a prolonged illness.

Roy was born June 12, 1916 in Balsam Lake, Wis., where he also received his education and graduated from high school. On April 8, 1935, he married Effie M. Campbell of Centuria, Wis.

Roy worked for the county highway department in Wisconsin until he moved to Whitefish in 1948. He had been a volunteer fireman in Wisconsin for 10 years.

In 1953, Roy and his family designed and built their present home of 41 years. He worked for the city of Whitefish for 23 years. Roy was serving as street superintendent upon his retirement in 1972. After retiring from the city, Roy worked for the Montana Department of Revenue for seven years. He had been a volunteer ambulance driver and served as a volunteer fireman for the city of Whitefish for 20 years.



He retired at age 62 and enjoyed his retirement years at home — camping, fishing, and spending time with his family. Roy was an avid fan of the Whitefish Bulldogs and Glacier Twins. He will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Roy is survived by his wife Effie; four daughters and son-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest (Jane) Friske of Columbia Falls, Mr. and Mrs. James (Joan) Woods of Kalispell, Mr. and Mrs. James (June) Kuchenski of Eureka, Mr. and Mrs. John (Jean) Petersen of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

Visitation has been planned for Friday from 1-8 p.m. The casket will not be opened at the funeral services.

The family requests memorials be sent to the Whitefish Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance Fund or a charity of donor's choice.

Karin O'Neil, 57

Karin O'Neil, 57, of Fresno, Calif., died Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1994, in Fresno.

Mrs. O'Neil was born in Frankfurt-Oder, Germany, on October 22, 1937. She enjoyed many summers at the O'Neil cabin on Flathead Lake.

She is survived by her husband, Robert O'Neil in Fresno; her daughter and son-in-law, Anita and John Kaufman in Eugene, Ore.; a son, Sean, in Fresno; and her parents in Germany.

Memorials may be sent to the Nature Conservancy.

Viola B. O'Shea

LAUREL — Viola B. O'Shea, 79, of Laurel, passed away Saturday, Sept. 18, 1993, at the Laurel Care Center.

She was born Oct. 3, 1913, at Fort Benton, a daughter of Alex and Lida Wood Britt. She was married to John O'Shea on Sept. 15, 1934, at Fort Benton. They had lived in Missoula, Lewistown and Miles City before moving to Laurel in 1969.

Viola enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, knitting, crocheting and her flowers, especially roses. She was a member of Laurel United Methodist Church and Hannah Circle. She had helped serve meals to the Laurel Rotary Club. She was also a member of Laurel Woman's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and her son, Terry.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Keith Neumiller of Laurel; a son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Patricia O'Shea of Laurel; a daughter-in-law, Connie O'Shea of Casper, Wyo.; two brothers, Alex Britt of North Powder, Ore., and Tom Britt of Missoula; a sister, Nancy Holland of Spokane, Wash.; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1993, at Laurel United Methodist Church with interment in the Laurel Cemetery. Smith-Cashmore Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Shodair Children's Hospital or charity of one's choice.

Billing Daywater

Elizabeth Anne Osborn, 37

Elizabeth Anne Osborn, 37, of Woods Bay, died in Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 29, 1994, of complications with diabetes.

She was born July 21, 1957, at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif., to Robena and Bill B. Osborn. She completed her schooling in Denver, Colo. She had diabetes since she was a teen-ager. She enjoyed training horses and the outdoors until she went blind because of her diabetes and kidney failure. She was a great inspiration to others with her determination and will since her handicap.

Survivors include her mother,

Robena Emmons, of Kalispell; her father, Bill B. Osborn, of Sacramento, Calif.; one brother, Gordon Osborn, of Kalispell; three sisters, Glenda Wigley and Cindy Osborn, both of Kalispell, and Arlene Beavers, of Lansing, Mich.; three stepsisters, Lori Emmons, of Denver, Colo., Rita Bader, of Wheatridge, Colo., and Lynda Purdy, of Kalispell; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary.

Elizabeth Anne Osborn

Elizabeth Anne Osborn, 37, of Woods Bay died in the Kalispell Regional Hospital on Thursday, December 29, of complications with diabetes. She was born July 21, 1957, at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif., to Robena and Bill B. Osborn. She completed her schooling in Denver, Colo.

She had diabetes since she was a teenager. She enjoyed training horses and the outdoors until she went blind because of her diabetes and kidney failure. She was a great inspiration to others with her determination and will since her handicap.

Survivors include her mother, Robena Emmons of Kalispell; her father, Bill B. Osborn of Sacramento, Calif.; one brother, Gordon Osborn of Kalispell; three sisters, Glenda Wigley and Cindy Osborn both of Kalispell and Arlene Beavers of Lansing, Mich.; three stepsisters, Lori Emmons of Denver, Colo., Rita Bader of Wheatridge, Colo. and Lynda Purdy of Kalispell; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of the Johnson Mortuary.

Irene C. Ottwell, 75

Irene Cundiff Ottwell, 75, died Thursday, May 5, at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

She was born Sept. 1, 1918, in Sidney, to Jon and Pearl Cundiff. She married Byron "Curley" Ottwell no Sept. 7, 1940.

They moved to Columbus in 1953. In 1956, they took their six children and moved to Kalispell. In 1966, they moved to Olney.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Grant, and two grandchildren, Benny Ottwell and Brian Naylor.

She is survived by daughters Jane Ottwell Norvell, of Chehalis, Wash., and Cheryl Ottwell Jackson, of Kalispell; sons Bud Ottwell, of Columbia Falls, Richard Ottwell, of Olney, Tim Ottwell, of Tucson, Ariz.; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Because she was short in stature, she never became a logger, like she wanted. She did become matriarch of a wonderful, robust tribe of Outlaws. Private family viewing was held Friday. Arrangements and cremation are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.