

Gilbert O'Hare, 89

Gilbert Marvin O'Hare, 89, of Kalispell, died Wednesday, April 19, 1995, at his home in Kalispell.

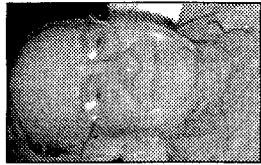
He was born April 12, 1906, to Minnie and Jasper O'Hare in Lyle, Kan. He received his education in Kansas and did some farming in Kansas.

He married Agnes Hunt on Jan. 21, 1935, in Oberlin, Kan.; it was 19 degrees below zero that day. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in January of this year. In December of 1937, he moved with his family to Thompson Falls where he worked as a heater mechanic. He also lived in Charlo and Ronan, working as a mechanic.

In 1941, he moved to Kalispell and began working for the Department of the Interior, Park Service at Hungry Horse Dam. He retired from the park service in 1969. He also served in the Navy during World War II. Following his retirement, he enjoyed gardening and being around his home.

He is preceded in death by his son, Everett O'Hare.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Agnes, at the family home. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law,



JoAnn O'Hare, of Waukesha, Wisc.; a grandson, James O'Hare, of Milwaukee, Wisc.; and numerous cousins, in-laws and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Garry Toavs officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary Chapel from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday for visitation.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch of Billings.

Frank L. O'Brien, 75

Frank L. O'Brien, 75, a lifetime resident of Lincoln County, died Saturday, Sept. 2, 1995, at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. He was born Nov. 17, 1919, at Eureka, the son of Dow and Blanche O'Brien. He was raised and educated in north Lincoln County, attending school at Black Lake. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, serving in the European Theater. He was in several major campaigns, including Normandy. He was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of Master Sergeant.

He returned to Montana, where he worked as a logging truck driver for many years in the Eureka and Libby areas. He later worked in construction, working on various jobs in the Libby area, including the Libby Dam project. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Laborers Union. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Frankalean O'Brien, in 1962; and a brother, Fred O'Brien, in 1985.

Survivors include two daughters, Drilda Brown, Priest Lake, Idaho and Roxanne Dial, Clackamas, Ore.; three sons, Lloyd O'Brien, Priest River, Idaho; Patrick O'Brien, Athol, Idaho; and Perry O'Brien, Missoula; a sister, Leona Benefield, Libby; three brothers, Louie O'Brien and Richard O'Brien, Libby; and Leo O'Brien, Rexford; several grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 2-8p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1995, at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Thursday, Sept. 7, 1995, at 11a.m. at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home chapel in Libby. Burial with military honors will be at 2 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka. *Libby*

Bryan Olcott, 49

29 April 1995
Bryan A. Olcott, 49, of Whitefish, died of heart complications Wednesday at North Valley Hospital.

He worked locally as a painter.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Bohemian Grange Hall south of Whitefish.

Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

Les Olson, 56

17 April 1995
Les Olson, 56, of Libby, died Monday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby of an apparent heart attack.

Survivors are two daughters, including Jacque Faris, of Libby; a brother, Jim Olson, of Libby; five sisters, including Hazel

Kampfe, of Troy; three granddaughters and a grandson.

Visitation will be until 8 p.m. today and until noon Friday at Nelson & Vial Funeral Home. Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Libby Christian Church with the Rev. Cal Noble officiating. Cremation will follow the services.

Anna Opalka, 90

Anna E. Opalka, 90, of Columbia Falls, died Wednesday, July 19, 1995, near Columbia Falls.

She was born Dec. 20, 1904, on the family homestead near Columbia Falls to Lawrence V. and Marie K. Feirstein. She attended school in Columbia Falls, graduating from Columbia Falls High School on May 24, 1924.

She graduated from Columbus Hospital Nursing School in Great Falls in 1927. Her first nursing job was at Fort Benton. From there she went to work at Fort Harrison near Helena. She later went to California with her parents and was employed at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, and later at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles in the maternity ward.

In 1931 she returned to Columbia Falls. She was married to William P. Opalka on June 24, 1931, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish. They lived in Columbia Falls until 1943 and then moved to their homestead near Columbia Falls.

She was a member of St. Richards Catholic Church and the church's Cecelia Society.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and eight sisters.

She is survived by four children, William B. Opalka of Chula Vista,

Calif., John D. Opalka of Bullhead City, Ariz., Bruce E. Opalka of Columbia Falls, and Diane M. Neuleib of Newark, Calif.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A rosary will be recited tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Mass of the Christian burial will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Rev. Joe Pat Sullivan will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Richards Catholic Cemetery.

The family has suggested memorials to the Epiphany Monastery, Box 121, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Cynthia Opp

Cynthia Ann Opp, 39, of Columbia Falls, died of cancer April 15, *1995*

She was born Nov. 30, 1955, and graduated from high school in 1973. On Jan. 25, 1975, she married Bill Opp in Laguna Hills, Calif. Survivors include her husband, Bill, and six children, Luke, Jessie, Mandy, Bobby, Winnie and Daniel, all of the family home; her parents, Jim and Earlene Gabriel of Grass Valley, Calif.; a sister, Sue Gabriel, of Grass Valley, Calif., and numerous relatives and friends. *HT*

1995 Alan H. Orndorff, 54

Alan H. Orndorff, 54, of Columbia Falls, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 25, at the Grandstand House in Kalispell after a long and gallant battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 31, 1940, in Pishah, Md., to LaMar "Bud" and Cora Orndorff. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1978. He had been a Sgt. First Class in the medical corps. He married the love of his life, Chong Jim, in Seoul, South Korea, on Feb. 7, 1972. They came to Columbia Falls in 1978 and he worked for Plum Creek Timber Co. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends and treasured his successful moose hunt in 1986.

He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul, in 1986.

He is survived by his wife at the family home in Columbia Falls; five children, of whom Alan Jr. and Terri gave much loving support during his battle with cancer; his parents in East Helena; brothers Gary Orndorff, of Missoula, Brian Orndorff, of Echo Lake and Jan Orndorff, of Missoula; sister Vicki Lamoreaux, of Echo Lake and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held Friday, with military honors provided by United Veterans of Flathead Valley. Burial was in Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lake Blaine Bible Camp.

Janet Osler, 54

Janet Arlene Mattausch Osler, 54, of Trego died August 5, 1995.

She was born Nov. 10, 1941, in Spokane to Edwin and Flora Mattausch. She grew up and attended high school in Rosalia, Wash.

She married Charles R. Osler on July 10, 1971, in Spokane. She was a member of the Flathead Quilters Guild and the Spokane Quilters Guild.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edwin Mattausch in 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Osler of Trego; a daughter, Stephanie Dixon of Dickinson, N.D.; her mother, Flora Mattausch of Fairfield, Wash.; two brothers, Randy Mattausch of Rosalia and Allen Mattausch of Fairfield; and two grandchildren, Kyle and Deanna Dixon of Dickinson.

Memorial services will be on Friday at 1 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with Rev. Susan Adams Trembath officiating.

Emma Ost, 93

Emma Ost, 93, departed this world to be in the Lord's loving arms, June 16, 1995, at the extended care in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 13, 1901, in Kasper, N.D., to Gottlieb and Louise Kruchenberg — the first of 16 children.

She married Christian A. Ost on Nov. 21, 1919. They lived on a farm near Beulah, N.D., until 1930. Their first six children were born there.

They moved to Priest River, Idaho, where they lived until 1932. They moved to Columbia Falls, then Flathead Lake where she worked at the Elks camp and the orchards while her husband was in the CCC. They also lived in the Stillwater area where she was a housekeeper at the Persicke farm until 1937. In 1937, they bought a house on what is now Ramsey Road in Whitefish. During those years, they had five more children.

She worked at various resorts in the area and took in washing. She and her husband were a much-sought team for dowsing wells in the Flat-

head and surrounding counties.

She is survived by four sons, Fred of Whitefish, Karl "Butch" of Trout Creek, Leo of Whitefish and Ahron of Salem, Ore; three daughters, Ida Grant of Las Vegas, Nev., Tillie Green of Whitefish, and LaVona Meister of Oregon; a brother, Hil Kruckenber, of Great Falls; three sisters; Kay Packer of Coos Bay, Ore., June Urban of Portland, Ore.; and Amanda of Livingston; 27 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Christ; sons, Gene and Otto; daughters, LaVerne and Loretta; and many brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be Friday at 3 p.m. at Austin Funeral Home with the Rev. David V. Kauffman of Whitefish Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Whitefish Cemetery. The casket will be opened for visitation on Thursday from 1-8 p.m.

May God bless her and give her rest and peace.

Karl 'Butch' Ost, 56

Karl "Butch" C. Ost, 56, of Trout Creek, died of natural causes July 16, 1995, in Trout Creek.

He was born May 11, 1939, to Christian and Emma Ost at their home in Whitefish. He was the eighth of 11 children.

He was engaged to be married to Sue Van Vliet of Trout Creek next week. He also had two previous marriages resulting in three daughters.

He was a former member of the Whitefish National Guard. He worked for logging and construction companies such as Jack Long of Missoula in the Missoula/Swan area, for John Collins clearing the reservoir for Libby Dam, for Canyon Eureko and for his brother, Fred Ost of Lemon Logging. He was employed by Sorlie Excavating in Trout Creek at the time of his death.

He is survived by his three daughters who will greatly miss him, Brenda Turner, Ida and Christina Ost, and two grandchildren, Jeremy and Jennifer Turner, all of Columbia Falls; three sisters, Ida Grant of Las Vegas, Nev., Tillie Green of Whitefish and LaVona Meister of Oregon; three brothers, Fred and Leo, both of Whitefish, and Ahron of Salem, Ore.; and numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Gene and Otto, and sisters LaVerne and Loretta.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls with Rev. Daniel J. Turner of Trout Creek Community Church officiating.

May God bless our dad and may he rest in peace through eternity.

Arrangements are by Austin Funeral Home.

Bernard Owen, 83

Bernard Roger Owen, 83, of Kalispell, died Tuesday, March 21, 1995, at his home in Kalispell.

He was a very loving and good husband, a very special dad and grandfather. He loved family get-togethers and loved to have a good laugh with the family gathered around. He liked to go camping and enjoyed woodworking. He raised seven children whom he was very proud of. His family always came first.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in Africa, France and Belgium from June 24, 1942 to November 30, 1945.

He married Elnora Katzdorn on Dec. 15, 1945, in Blackfoot, Idaho. They made their first home in Missoula and then moved to Kalispell in 1948. He farmed, carpentered, and worked at General Mills and at Kalispell Feed and Grain until his retirement in 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Elnora, at home.

He was preceded in death by a son, Charlie Owen.



He is also survived by six children and their spouses, Bob Owen and his wife, Gina, of Kalispell, Kathleen Owen of Kalispell, Patsy Treat and her husband, Wayne, of Kalispell, Edward Owen and his wife, Terri, of Kalispell, Jeanine Danielson and her husband, Sonny, of Kalispell, and Bernadette Daigle and her husband, Tim, of Inverness, Fla. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, Bobby Owen, Roger Owen, Pam Cotton, Travis Owen, Sam Owen, Kristy Danielson, Chad Danielson, Justin Danielson, Brad Treat, Robin Treat, Jessica Stevens, Sophia Stevens, Patrick Daigle, Rene'e Daigle, Rebecca Daigle, and Preston Daigle; and two great-grandchildren, Michael Cotton and Nicole Owen.

Christian wake services will be Friday at 7 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Father Charles W. Strom officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military honors conducted by the United Veterans of Flathead County.

Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday for visitation.

Harvey Raymond Otten

Harvey Raymond Otten, age 52, passed away October 9, 1995, at Kalispell Regional Hospital. Harvey was born May 18, 1943 in Plentywood, Mont., to Ray and Elizabeth Otten. Harvey moved with his family to the Flathead Valley in 1948, where he has resided every since.

He attended schools in the Kalispell area, graduating from Flathead High School. After graduation he enlisted in the Army Reserve.

Harvey, his father, and brothers owned Otten Stud Mill for years, after selling it, Harvey became an independent logger. He has been a self employed logger for many years.

Harvey married Cheryl Brist, they lived and raised two sons in Kalispell.

Harvey loved the outdoors, he was an avid hunter, loved fishing and could be found watching auto racing in his spare time. Harvey also loved to weld, and do mechanical work, so it was not uncommon to find him working in his shop. He was a member of the Montana Loggers Association.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and is survived by his wife, Cheryl of Kalispell, two sons, Tom Otten of Kalispell, Rodger and his wife, Marcy of Missoula; two granddaughters, Amanda and Allison Otten of Missoula; his parents Ray and Elizabeth Otten of Kalispell; three brothers, Donald, Robert and Art all of Kalispell; two sisters, Rachael Johnson of Billings, Mont., and Rita Otten of Kalispell.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, October 12, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home, with the Rev. Terry Harper of Northridge Heights Church of God officiating. Burial followed at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.