

## Marion O'Brien, 81

Marion O'Brien, 81, died Wednesday, March 13, 1996, at Brendan House.

She was born Aug. 30, 1914, in Iowa City, Iowa, to Walter and Myrtle Wood.

She married Sylvester "O'Bee" O'Brien on June 2, 1934, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Iowa City. They moved to California in 1946. Marion lovingly took care of her husband and four children.

When the children were grown, she worked for Thor Power and Tool, and later for St. Francis Hospital.

In 1989, she and O'Bee moved to Montana to live on the Wild "O" Ranch with their son, Ron, and daughter-in-law, Carol.

She enjoyed crocheting, baking,

reading, and, especially, going to breakfast with friends after Mass at St. Anne's Church.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, a daughter, two infant sons and an infant daughter.

She is survived by her husband, O'Bee, of Kalispell; daughter, Teri Ferris, of California; sons Richard O'Brien of Medford, Ore., and Ron O'Brien of Kalispell; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Christian wake services were held Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. A memorial funeral mass will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Somers with the Rev. Richard H. Sodja officiating. Urn burial will be at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork at a later date.

## Walter Alexander O'Boyle, 76

Walter Alexander O'Boyle, 76, died at his residence in Klamath Falls, Ore., on Thursday, April 25, 1996.

He was born Jan. 20, 1920, in Kalispell, to Irish immigrants, James and Mary Ellen Lavelle O'Boyle. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II in the Aleutian Islands and was honorably discharged in 1945 as a staff sergeant.

On April 26, 1947, he married the former Evelyn J. Frost in Kalispell.

He worked for Consolidated Freightways in Kalispell and was elected as Flathead County Treasurer in 1962. In 1967 he and his wife moved to the Klamath Basin. He went to work for Flury Buick and then to Bal-siger Motors, retiring in 1980.

He was an active member of St. Pius the Xth Catholic Church.

He loved his family and enjoyed all sports, especially basketball and baseball. He was always active as a player, coach, referee and umpire, well into middle age.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Evelyn O'Boyle, of Klamath

Falls; sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Sherry O'Boyle of Eugene, Ore., and John and Caroline O'Boyle of Medford, Ore.; daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen O'Boyle of Eugene and Shannon O'Boyle-Dahl and Claude Dahl of Oregon City, Ore.; grandchildren, Sandi, James and Tara O'Boyle of Eugene, Connor and Duncan O'Boyle of Medford, and Skye and Matthew Dahl of Oregon City, Ore. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and sisters, and a daughter, Susan Marie O'Boyle.

A Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at St. Pius the Xth Catholic Church. A Mass of the Resurrection was offered at St. Pius with the Rev. Frank Buckman officiating. Concluding services with bagpipes followed at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Military honors were provided by Klamath Falls V.F.W. Post 1383. Ward's Klamath Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Elizabeth Jean O'Connell, 82

Elizabeth Jean O'Connell, 82, died of heart failure April 12, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born June 14, 1913, in Kalispell, one of three children born to Arthur and Jennie Hollensteiner, early Flathead settlers. She attended Montana State University and obtained her teaching degree from Cheney Normal School.

She began her teaching career in the Niarada area where she was courted by her future husband, Charles O'Connell. They were married in Kalispell on Dec. 22, 1935, and made their first home at the Flathead Mine where she continued teaching.

In 1940, they moved to Hog Heaven Ranch near Niarada where they engaged in ranching operations with his stepfather, Louie. They lived on the ranch for seven years before moving to the Lower Valley south of Kalispell in 1947 where they farmed for 40 years.

She was a member of PEO, Chapter C, a member for many years of the Hodgson Homecraft Home Demon-



stration Club in the Lower Valley, and First Presbyterian Church.

She was a warm and loving person with many relatives and friends. She enjoyed life to its fullest, always had a positive attitude and never met anyone who didn't become her friend.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles O'Connell.

She is survived by her sister, Ruth Harder, of Coeur d'Alene; daughter, Susan Cummings, of Kalispell; son, Larry O'Connell, who lives on the family farm in the Lower Valley; five grandchildren, William O'Connell of Anchorage, Alaska, Brian O'Connell of Spokane, Kathryn Heinz, in the Air Force in Washington, D.C., David Cummings, attending Montana State University in Bozeman and Jay Cummings, returning from a year in Indonesia as an AFS exchange student.

A memorial service will be held Monday at Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Larry Gaylord of First Presbyterian Church officiating. The family suggests that memorials be sent to the Central School Fund, c/o Northwest Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 2293, Kalispell, MT 59903. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

## Lois Mary O'Connell, 90

Lois Mary O'Connell, 90, died at Immanuel Lutheran Home on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1996.

She was born on May 5, 1906, in Minto, N.D., to Anna and Thomas McDevitt. Shortly after her birth, the family left North Dakota and homesteaded in eastern Montana. In 1916, they moved to Somers.

She was a 1924 graduate of Flathead County High School and began teaching school at Big Arm in 1925.

On Feb. 3, 1929, she married Francis J. O'Connell. They moved to Saco, where he worked for the Great Northern Railroad. In 1931, they returned to the Lower Valley and took over operation of the family farm. She remained on the farm until she moved to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

She was a member of the Lower Valley Grange, Lower Valley Home Demonstration Club for 50 years, and Garden Club, a 4-H leader, area chairman for the "Make It Yourself With Wool Contest," 1968 "Lady of

the Valley," and a member of St. Matthew's parish for 70 years.

She is survived by her son, Dennis F. O'Connell, of Kalispell; her daughter, Candy Richter, of Choteau; five grandchildren, Debi Davis of Spokane, Shawn O'Connell of Genesee, Idaho, Randy O'Connell of Kalispell, Laurie Sullivan of Helena, and Leslie Richter of Fort Collins, Colo.; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Christian wake services will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Mass of the Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Carl Deitchman as celebrant. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## 1996 Ione Edith Wilkinson O'Donnell, 93

Ione Edith Wilkinson O'Donnell, 93, passed away Friday, May 3, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born July 4, 1902, in Hutchinson City, Minn., to Fred Sugden and Neve Banister Sugden. During her younger years she lived in St. Louis Park and Litchfield, Minn., and then Homeland, Ga.

In 1917, she moved with her family as pioneers to Wolf Point, where they homesteaded in the Wolf Creek area. She loved life on the ranch and became an avid horsewoman.

On Sept. 30, 1922, she married William Wilkinson in Havre. They moved to Whitefish, where they lived for several years.

They had three children, Billie, who passed away at 18 months, Barbara Hentges, of Frazier, and Joyce Steele, of Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by William Wilkinson.

On April 15, 1959, she married Robert O'Donnell in Columbia Falls. They lived in Deer Lodge and then

Othello, Wash. They spent a lot of their time fishing and camping, two things Ione loved to do. After Robert's death, she moved to Columbia Falls, where she lived next to her family for many years.

She was a member of the V.F.W. and the Latter-day Saints Church.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughters in Columbia Falls and Frazier; brother Will Sugden, of Tecna, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be 6-9 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The funeral will be 2 p.m., Friday, at the Clayton Funeral Home in Wolf Point. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Wolf Point. The family suggests memorials to the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## 13 May 1996 Michael Olinger

James Michael Olinger, 54, of Coram, died Sunday at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish of brain cancer.

He was born July 28, 1941, in Spokane. He was raised in Great Falls and graduated from high school there. He attended the University of the Philippines and the University of Montana where he was a journalism major and began his writing career.

He joined the Navy and was stationed on the aircraft carrier Independence. He was a Vietnam-era veteran.

He lived in Billings where he owned Mediocre Mike's Pizza. He moved to the Flathead Valley where he did research on the life of John Mullan and the building of Mullan Road. He wrote a manuscript based on Mullan's original journals which was being prepared for publication at the time of his death.

He spent a great deal of time in Glacier National Park and was an avid fly fisherman, hiker and wildlife photographer. He was a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune.

He was known as "Trapline Mike," a nickname that came from his founding of the Trapline newspaper in the early 1980s which covered the area from Columbia Falls through West Glacier and East Glacier and onto the Blackfoot Indian reservation. He was a river guide for area rafting companies

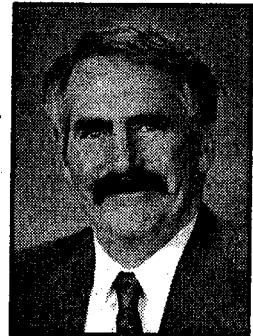
and spent most of his summers working in Glacier Park.

When Olinger was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme in June 1995 he began a journey of self-education of the condition. He was accepted into a clinical trial at Massachusetts General Hospital in conjunction with Harvard University. He was sustained during his illness by his friends in Alcoholics Anonymous.

He is survived by two sons, Gregory Stephen of Houston, Texas and Glen Andrew of Charleston, S.C.; his mother, Harriet Ray of Laurinburg, N.C.; his father, James of Las Cruces, N.M.; two sisters, his brother, two nieces and his longtime companion, Muriel Eberly of Kalispell; and by many friends.

Memorial services were Wednesday at Columbia Mortuary with the Rev. Tod Fox officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Harvard Cyclotron Laboratory, c/o Dr. Allan Thornton, Cambridge, Mass., or to the Canyon Community Library. *HH*



**Mike Olinger**

## Donald R. Olson, 72

Donald R. Olson, 72, died Sunday morning, July 21, 1996, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Jan. 1, 1924, in International Falls, Minn., to Anton and Augusta Olson. In 1941, the family moved to Kalispell.

He was a World War II Navy veteran, having served from May 1942 until April of 1946.

On Aug. 27, 1945, he married Lois Kair in Kalispell. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer.

In 1956, he moved his family to California, where he worked for 10 years. They returned to Kalispell in



1965, where he owned and operated the carbide saw service. He retired in 1988.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; two daughters, Becky Hampton and Donnell Timm, both of Kalispell; four grandchildren, Dawn Werner, Darcie Hampton, Christine Timm and David Timm, and a great-granddaughter, Jonna Werner, all of the Kalispell area; and a sister Audrey Vandehey of Gresham, Ore.

Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Burial with military honors conducted by the Flathead Veterans will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

## Merl Olson, 88

Merl B. Olson, 88, of Missoula, died on Sunday, Feb. 25, 1996, at Hillside Manor Nursing Home.

He was born May 10, 1907, in Canton, Minn., to Oscar and Clara Olson. He moved at an early age with his family to Chester and then to Kalispell where he was raised and educated.

He married Belva L. Taylor in Kalispell on Jan. 14, 1930. She preceded him in death in 1969.

He moved to Missoula in 1949, and was a carpenter and a projectionist at the Fox Theater from 1953, until retiring in 1976. He also showed the first talking movie in Kalispell in 1927.

He was a member of St. Francis, Xavier Catholic Church, Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Columbus and the 3rd Order of St. Francis. He also was a member of the I.A.T.S.E. Local 339.

He loved to dance and was the fry cook on Fridays at the Senior Citizen's Center.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Richard Cuplin.

He married Mary Torgrimson on Aug. 19, 1971, in Missoula and she survives at the family home. He is also survived by two sons, George and daughter-in-law, Beverly Olson,

of Ogden, Utah, and Marvin and daughter-in-law, Sharon Olson, of Spokane; three daughters, Mary Katherine Maloney and son-in-law, Joe, of Butte, Ethel Cuplin and son-in-law, Alton, of Seattle, and Margaret Rose Rininger of Couer d'Alene; a brother, Raymond, and sister-in-law, Sylvia Olson, of Kalispell; sisters, Stella Adams and Florence Homuth and brother-in-law, Vern, both of Kalispell; five stepchildren, Maryalys and her husband, Charles E. Barrett, of San Jose, Calif., Lee A. Torgrimson of Missoula, Karen and her husband, Alan Wagner, of Missoula, Helen and her husband, Les Treichel, of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Christine Torgrimson of Helena; 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin today at Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory with a rosary recited at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with burial following at the Old St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to Loyola Sacred Heart School, 300 Edith, Missoula, MT 59801, or to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are by Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

1996 **Jewel Olson**

Jewel M. Olson, 71, died Sept. 12 at her home in Columbia Falls.

She was born March 27, 1925, in Danville, Ill., to Harold and Julia Prouty. The family moved to Flathead County in 1926 where she attended school. She graduated from Kalispell High School in 1942 and moved to Great Falls. She returned to Columbia Falls in 1968.

She was past president of the Columbia Falls Library Association in Columbia Falls and belonged to the Doll Club. She was featured in the *Hungry Horse News* in December 1995 for her vast doll collection. She was once recognized as a top Avon representative in the state of Montana.



**Jewel Olson**

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, a brother and a grandchild.

Jewel is survived by her husband of 36 years, William Olson; her children, Robert Anderson of Ridgecrest, Calif.; Judy Barnes of Tampa, Fla.; David Anderson of El Cajon, Calif.; Karen Gross of Seattle, Wash.; Gail Leppert of Oldsmar, Fla.; Barbara McCandless of Pocatello, Idaho; Darlene Adams of Custer, S.D.; Brian Anderson of Fallon, Nevada and Daniel Olson of Seattle, Wash.; 21 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; an uncle, Peter Mack of Wallace, Idaho; several cousins in Flathead County; a nephew in Seattle, Wash. and a nephew in Sandpoint, Idaho.

A memorial service was held Monday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Terry Forke officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Columbia Falls Library Association, P.O. Box 1119, Columbia Falls, Montana 59912. *HH*

## Emmett Patrick O'Neill, 81

Father Emmett Patrick O'Neill, 81, died at Brendan House in Kalispell on Friday, July 26, 1996.

He was born March 13, 1915, in Butte, to Michael and Catherine O'Neill. He was a graduate of Carroll College in Helena in 1938. He attended North American College in Rome for two years and Theological College at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., for two years.

He became an ordained priest for the Diocese of Helena on May 30, 1942.

On July 31, 1942, he became assistant pastor of St. Peter's parish in Anaconda until October 1950, when he served at St. Mary's in Butte. From the summer of 1950 until June 1951, he was acting pastor of Our Lady of Pines in West Yellowstone. He then served as a U.S. Army chaplain in Korea.

In September 1954, he was pastor of Holy Cross Church of Townsend until January 1955, when he served as pastor of Holy Rosary Church of Bozeman. In 1956, he did graduate study at Notre Dame.

In 1959, he became the first clergyman admitted to the Montana Bar Association after graduating from the University of Montana Law School in that year. He then became a member of the Carroll College faculty serving as head of the political sciences department.

He then served as administrator of Holy Cross in Townsend and in 1971 became co-pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Dillon until taking sabbatical in 1975.

On July 1, 1976, he became chaplain at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, where he served until July 1980, when he served as associate



pastor of St. Matthew's parish in Kalispell until July 1984.

He then did pastoral ministry in Texas and in 1985 earned senior status in the diocese. In 1985-86 he worked with the Maryknoll Associate Program in Hawaii and in 1986-90, served at St. Richard's Catholic Church of Columbia Falls. From 1990-94, he again served at St. Matthew's parish in Kalispell.

He loved the adventurous life: golfing, skiing, hang gliding, parachute jumping, water skiing, etc. He was an accomplished writer, taking head-on some of the more controversial issues of our times, speaking out against some of the social injustices of our day. He had served as chaplain of the Montana Legislature.

Father Emmett loved parish ministry. He loved to entertain people with fun stories, dancing, jokes, riddles and limericks.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, John, Bernard, and Raymond; a sister, Nora; and many cousins.

He is survived by his nieces and nephews, Father Michael O'Neill, Mary Kay Konola and Peggy Petrino, all of Kalispell, Gerry O'Neill of Carson City, Nev., Ed Kelly of Helena, Chris O'Neill, Bernie O'Neill, Ed O'Neill, Peggy Dennehy and Kathleen Duffey, all of Butte; and a sister-in-law, Bridget O'Neill, of Butte.

Christian wake services will be held 7:30 p.m. today at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Mass of the Christian burial will be held at noon on Tuesday at St. Matthew's Church with Bishop Alexander J. Brunett as celebrant. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Butte at noon on Wednesday. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the services.

Friends may call at Johnson Mortuary for visitation from 3-6 p.m. today. The family suggests memorials be made to St. Matthew's School, 602 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

## 1994 William F. Osborne, 68

William F. Osborne, 68, died Friday, June 28, at his daughter's home in Kalispell, following a long battle with heart disease.

He was born Jan. 8, 1928, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Dr. Homer A. and Florence Osborne. He was raised in the Pittsburgh area and graduated from Hampton High School. After graduating, he served two years in the U.S. Army in Korea, then studied geology at the University of Pittsburgh.

On Sept. 2, 1952, he married Colleen Boley in Twin Falls, Idaho. They lived in Burley, Idaho, until 1956 and then moved to Lolo and Missoula. They moved to Somers in 1970. Together they raised five children.

In 1959, he purchased Liberty Drilling and Pump Co. and was sole owner until his retirement in 1993. He drilled more than 3,000 water wells in his career and was well known for his drilling expertise. He was past president of the Montana Water Well Drillers Association. He was the second industry member to be appointed to the Board of Water Well Contractors. He was past president of the National Water Well Association and the International Ground Water Institute. He served one term on the Governor's Ground Water Advisory Council and two terms on the Board of Water Well Contractors.

He was instrumental in the passage of the Safe Drinking Water Act, signed by President Ford in 1974. He co-authored manual of water well standards for preparation of water well construction and the EPA manual of water well construction prac-

tices. He traveled to South Africa twice as a special consultant for a rural water and sanitation project.

In 1994 he was honored by the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology and Montana Tech by being awarded the Uuno M. Sahinen Silver Medallion Award for his contributions to the understanding and development of groundwater resources. He served on the Natural Resource Committee for the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, the Welding Advisory Committee for FVCC and was an active member and past president of the Kalispell Rotary Club.

He and his wife traveled extensively, including trips to Europe, South Africa, the Middle East and Peru, as well as throughout the United States.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, William "Billy" Toney and by his wife, Colleen.

He is survived by a son, Michael, of Polson; daughters Kate Osborne, of Challis, Idaho, Marjorie Gardner, of Kalispell, Gina Sorenson, of Helena and Elizabeth Marvin of Hermiston, Ore.; sister Marilyn Thomas, of Pittsburgh; granddaughters Jessica, Haily, Ivy, Emily and Shyla; grandsons Saje, Thayer and Samuel; as well as many relatives in Pennsylvania.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation is 1-4 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, at Johnson Mortuary. The family suggests memorials be made to ALERT Foundation, 310 Sunnyside Lane, Kalispell, or to Flathead Valley Community College, P.O. Box 1174, Kalispell.

## Howard Louis Osterman, 72

Howard Louis Osterman, 72, died at his home in Kalispell on Saturday, July 13, 1996.

He was born Dec. 15, 1923, in Great Falls to George and Mary Osterman. He was a graduate of Great Falls High, class of 1941. He was employed at Anaconda Copper Co. in Great Falls until 1943, when he entered the U.S. Army.

He served in the European Theater in France. He was a medical technician in the 235th General Hospital.

After his honorable discharge, he married Dorothy E. Odegard in Great Falls, on May 13, 1946. He was then employed with the Great Falls Fire Department, until becoming disabled in 1956, while in the line of duty.

He moved to Kalispell in 1958 and worked as a carpenter for the U.S.



Forest Service, Hungry Horse District. He retired in 1972, due to ill health.

He was a member of Risen Christ Parish, Montana Retired Fire Fighter's Organization and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a devoted father and an avid fisherman and hunter.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Osterman, of Portland, Ore. and Donald Osterman, of Great Falls, as well as a sister, Lav-erne Gratz, of Black Eagle.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, at the family home in Kalispell; sons Dale, of Boise, Idaho,

Michael, of Seattle, Wash., and Allen Osterman of Maple Valley, Wash.; daughter Karen Osterman, of Spokane; brothers Richard Osterman, of Red Lodge and Ronald Osterman, of Phoenix, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Vigil service will be 7:30 p.m. Monday, at Risen Christ Parish. Memorial Mass will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, in the Risen Christ Parish, with the Rev. Jim Conner, the Rev. Richard Osterman, the Rev. Gary Reller and the Rev. Tom O'Donnell officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to Risen Christ Parish, 65 W. Evergreen Drive, Kalispell or the Flathead Hospice, 1280 Burns Way, Kalispell. Cremation and arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary. Interment will be at Conrad Cemetery.

15 July **Bruce Ostby** 1996

Graveside services and burial for former Coram resident Bruce Ostby, 58, will be conducted Friday at Sam Houston Military Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

He died Monday in San Antonio after a short bout with cancer.

He was born May 30, 1938, in Bagley, Minn., son of Robert and Freda Ostby. He moved to the Flathead Valley with his family in 1944.

He was a 1956 graduate of Columbia Falls High School and in January had begun helping with the planning of a 40-year reunion for the class.

He attended the University of Montana at Missoula for two years and then served with the U.S. Air Force until his retirement. He had been employed as a civilian at the Audie Murphy Memorial Hospital in San Antonio.

He is survived by his mother, Freda Ostby, three sisters, Karen Lietz, Bobby Kay Beach and Judy Johnson, all of Martin City; two sons and their wives, Kevin and Kyong Hui of San Antonio and Kris and Lisa in South Carolina; two grandsons, Gideon in South Carolina and Tyler of San Antonio; and by many friends. HH

12 April **Hazel L. Ostrom, 86** 1996

Hazel L. Ostrom, former Flathead County treasurer, died Friday afternoon at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born in Missoula on Aug. 28, 1909, to Fred and Dora McAdam and raised on a homestead ranch at Camas Prairie in Sanders County. She married Logan E. Ostrom in 1927 and moved to Butte where he worked in the mines. In 1929 her husband was hired as a contract miner to open up the Flathead Mine southeast of Kila. That is where they raised their family of three boys and a girl.

The family moved to Kalispell in 1945, where she became active in school affairs, church, the Democratic Party and played piano in her own dance band for many years. In later years, when arthritis made piano playing difficult, she learned the electronic keyboard for her own and other's pleasure. She was well-known for her art work, participating in shows and selling paintings in all media. She painted up until a few months before her death.

After her youngest son, Alva, was killed in action during the Korean War, she was active in the Veterans and Gold Star Mothers. She has also been a chorus director, Sunday school teacher and organist for her church.

After retiring in the 1960s, she was



able to travel over much of the United States with her husband and visited England and France with family in 1981. In 1994 she was chosen as Montana's most "Outstanding Nursing Home Resident" and was flown to Helena to receive her award from the governor.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Alva and Ritchey; her husband, Logan; brothers Fred and Hugh and a sister, Maxine.

She is survived by her daughter Dora Lee Wolf, of Whitefish; son George Ostrom and his wife, Iris, of Kalispell; sister Florence "Billie" Braaten, of Kalispell, and brother Stanley Harris, of Ronan. She leaves 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, most of whom live in the Flathead Valley.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Latter Day Saints Church on Buffalo Hill, with interment to follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Her family wishes to thank all the thoughtful friends, and especially the wonderful people at Immanuel Lutheran Home, for their help and comfort through both the good as well as the tough times just past.



## 1996 Donald George Overose, 77

Donald George Overose, 77, of Columbia Falls, formerly of Great Falls, made his last flight Monday, Dec. 23, from North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish to be with the Great Architect of the Universe.

He was born Aug. 30, 1919, at St. Peter's Mission to George T. and Flossie E. Overose. He attended schools in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High in 1938.

In 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He became a member of the Jolly Rogers and flew 49 missions. On his return to the United States, he flew Air Force officials all over the world. He retired as a major after 20 1/2 years of service.

He moved to Columbia Falls in 1963. He worked for several years for Parsons Construction as a safety engineer in Aruba, S.A.

He was an avid gun collector and

enjoyed hunting and fishing. He spent many long days exploring Forest Service roads and trails.

He was a member of Columbia Falls Masonic Lodge #89, AF&AM; Scottish Rite in Missoula and was a Shriner.

He is survived by two brothers, S. Ted Overose and his wife, Willo, of Sacramento, Calif., and Robert I. Overose and his wife, Evelyn, of Cameron Park, Calif.; two sisters, Ruth Kiser and M. Marjorie MacDonald, both of Columbia Falls; a son, Keith Overose, of Broken Arrow, Okla.; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery with arrangements by Columbia Mortuary of Columbia Falls. A memorial service will be held this summer.