

1991 Hazel O'Bleness, 94

Hazel Blanche O'Bleness, 94, died on Sept. 27 at home in Libby.

She was born March 21, 1903, in Plevna, Kan., to John and Lizzy Cochren. She grew up with her brothers and sisters, graduated from high school and attended State Teachers College at Plevna.

Her first teaching assignment was for Fairview School, District 34, Hamilton County in western Kansas. It was while teaching there that she met Ivan S. O'Bleness. They were married April 12, 1925.

After the school year finished she made her home with her husband in Baca County near the town of Two Buttes, Colo., where they farmed. They later moved near Waslenburg, Colo. After the death of her husband's mother, they moved to the family farm with his father and a brother in Edwards County, Kansas.

After approximately two years they moved with their six children to Kootenai County in North Idaho, where the last of their eight children were born. With a large family her training as a teacher proved beneficial.

In 1942, she, along with other members of her family, became dedicated Jehovah's Witnesses. For the last 50 years she has faithfully lived and practiced her religion. She firmly believed God had a name, Jehovah, and it was her obligation as a true follower in the footsteps of Jesus to make this known. She also believed that God's intentions were to establish his Kingdom here on earth under Jesus, a real government that would rid the world of violence, greed, selfishness, and hatred and replace it with a world where everyone would be required to love their fellow man. Since these things were promised for our day it was her strong desire to live to see these things happen. When it became hard for her with advancing age to leave her home to share the Bible with others, she would share that faith with any who came by.

In 1991, she moved with her husband to Libby to be near children who would be able to give them extra care as it became needed. Until two years ago she still did most of her own cooking and housework.

She is survived at the home by Ivan S. O'Bleness, her husband of 72 years; eight children, Gordon and his wife, Lorraine O'Bleness, of Spokane, Lawrence and Virginia O'Bleness of Libby, Eunice and Francis Murphy of Warden, Wash., Dorothy and Jim Carroll of Missoula, Andrew and

Rose O'Bleness of Lewistown, Arthur J. and Violet O'Bleness of Libby, Bruce and Barbara O'Bleness of Coeur d'Alene, Martin L. and Betty of Sequim, Wash., Myrna O'Bleness of Rathdrum, Idaho; 38 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and special friend and caregiver, Judy Boothman of Libby.

She took great pride in her many descendants and the fact that in more than 70 years none had preceded her in death. She noted, "That must be some kind of record." She also leaves many friends in the communities of Osburn, Kellogg, Pinehurst, Kingston, St. Maries, Post Falls, Rathdrum, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, as well as in Libby.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 67 Conifer Road, Libby, MT, under the direction of the West Congregation. Local arrangements are by Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Amos Asa Olmstead, 79

Amos Asa ^{July 1991} Famous Amos" Olmstead, 79, of Helena and Missoula, died unexpectedly at his home in Missoula.

He was born Feb. 18, 1918, in Pondka, Alberta.

He married the former Florence E. Daley on Dec. 22, 1939, in Great Falls, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 2, 1996.

He worked at various logging operations that he owned and operated throughout western Montana and Idaho.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter and two brothers.

Survivors include his children and their spouses, a brother and his wife, sister Nellie Cochran of Kalispell, 17 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday in Helena. Family prefers memorials of donor's choice. Arrangements are by Hagler-Anderson Mortuary in Helena. ^{July 1991} IL

46 April 1991 Bernice M. O'Boyle, 88

Bernice M. O'Boyle, 88, died in Lynnwood, Wash., where she resided the past several years.

She was born on Oct. 18, 1908, and lived in Kalispell for much of her life. She worked at Kalispell General Hospital for many years.

While working at the hospital, she met Henry E. O'Boyle and they were

married Sept. 1, 1931, in Kalispell. He died in Kalispell in 1959.

She is survived by a son, Larry, and numerous other relatives, including several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

Arden Eldon Olsen, 62

Arden Eldon Olsen, 62, passed away Thursday, March 6, 1997, at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born June 9, 1934, in Hinsdale, Mont., to Elmer and Nellie Olsen. He lived on the family homestead north of Hinsdale for his first year and then moved with his family to the Flathead Valley.

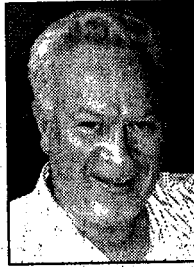
He lived on the family farm in the LaSalle area for the rest of his life.

He graduated from Flathead High School in 1952 and then attended Montana State University in Bozeman. Throughout high school and college he was active in 4-H and FFA and won many awards, including the American Farmer degree in FFA.

On Dec. 23, 1959, he married Lauretta Hutchens in Kalispell and is survived by her at the family farm. He established Arden Olsen Trucking in 1961, which he operated until retiring in 1995. His favorite things in life were his family, especially his grandchildren, flying his own plane, road construction and heckling salesmen.

He served on the Flathead County Planning Board, Evergreen Water and Sewer Board of Directors, Montana Motor Carrier Board of Directors, Flathead Log Truckers Association board of directors, and was a member of the Montana Search Pilots Association.

He was preceded in death by an



infant sister.

Along with his wife, he is survived by four children, Tamera and her husband, Jerry Johnson, of Seattle, Connie Olsen, of Billings, Russell and his wife, Angie Olsen, of

Kalispell and Julie and her husband, Wayne Anderson, of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Lindsay and Jamie Johnson, Candice and Koya Olsen, Arden and Jacob Anderson; brother Francis Olsen; nieces Lorraine Ford and Cindy Goodloe; nephew Wyatt Olsen, all of Kalispell and many friends.

A funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, at Calvary Lutheran Church, in Evergreen, Pastor Bob Nilsen officiating. Burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the Johnson Mortuary for visitation 1-4 p.m., today, and 9 a.m. to noon, Monday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the University of Washington Medical Center, Cancer Research Fund, Medical Oncology, Box 356527, Seattle, WA, 98195. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.

Virginia Zimmerman-Olsen, 85

Virginia Ada Zimmerman-Olsen, 85, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1997, at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Bigfork.

She was born Oct. 13, 1911, in Dayton, Ohio, to Fredrick Julius and Marian Myers Desch.

Her family moved from Dayton, to Sunny Slope Hill, North of Polson.

It was in the Sunny Slope School that she received her eight years of education.

She was married to Lawrence Zimmerman Aug. 19, 1932, in Kalispell, and they had one daughter, Gladyce. Her husband was later killed in a sawmill accident.

She married Leslie Olsen in 1951, in Polson, and they had one daughter, Joyce. The family moved to Kalispell about 1955.

In her later years she lived at Big Sky Manor from 1981, until March of 1997, when her health began failing. She went to live with her daughter, Joyce, and son-in-law, Les, in Bigfork, where she lived until the time of her passing.

She enjoyed gardening and embroidering and worked in restaurants in her younger years.

She also was a care giver, doing child care and housekeeping, helping many people. She enjoyed listening to the Garner Ted Arm-



strong show and watching the Lawrence Welk Show.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Marian Johnson; one brother, Fred Desch; and her two husbands,

Lawrence Zimmerman and Leslie Olsen.

She is survived by two daughters; Gladyce Molzhon and husband, Al, of Kalispell, and Joyce Potts and husband, Les, of Bigfork. She also had one sister, Catherine Skogen, and two brothers, Melvin Desch and Roy Desch, all of Kalispell; also five grandchildren and two great grandchildren along with nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, at 3:30 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Gary Morton of the Swan Valley Chapel officiating.

Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be today until 6 p.m. and Saturday, until time of service.

The family suggests memorials to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by the Johnson Mortuary & Crematory

Aaron Jeremiah Olson, 12

Aaron Jeremiah Olson was called home to be with Jesus at the age of 12 on Aug. 30, 1997, after a diving accident.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1985, in Kalispell, to Alan and Miriam Olson.

The meaning of his name is "Bringer of Light" and that is exactly what he was. He brought joy and light everywhere he went and lived life to its fullest.

His middle name means "Appointed of God." He was given to us by appointment of God to be a bringer of light into our lives. We are so blessed to have had him in our lives for 12 wonderful years. He loved life and everything he did was with gusto and a smile. We'll always remember his smile and the twinkle in his eye.

He is survived by his parents, Alan and Miriam Olson of Kalispell; his sister Jody; grandparents Oscar and

Marlys Olson of Kalispell, Roy and Esther Larson of Pelican Rapids, Minn.; aunts and uncles, Les and Pat Olson of Denver, Colo., Larry and Deb Olson of Kalispell, Philip and Marlene Larson, David and Vicki Larson of Osakis, Minn., Nathan and Ruth Larson of Fergus Falls, Minn., Norman and Gaylene Larson of Phoenix, Ariz., Craig and Kristi Maltby of Kalispell, and Peter and Linda Larson of Perham, Minn.; numerous cousins and all of his little buddies.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell, with the Rev. Steve Snipstead officiating. Cremation will follow the funeral service.

The family request memorials be sent to the Alpha-Omega Youth Group, 98 Northern Lights, Kalispell, MT. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Imogene Olson, 75

Imogene Olson of Eugene, Ore., died March 29, 1997, of lung cancer at the age of 75.

She was born March 31, 1921, in Kalispell to Norman and Coralie Mosby. She attended Hobson High School, the Deaconess School of Nursing in Great Falls and Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

During World War II, she was in the U.S. Army Nurses Corps stationed at Bruns in Santa Fe, N.M., Wales, England, France, Germany, and Bushnell at Brigham City, Utah. At the 279th station hospital in Wales, she nursed the early wounded from the beaches of Normandy after D-Day, June 6, 1944. She was among the very first American women into Berlin.

Her devoted nursing specialty was emergency room, with duty in Anchorage, Tacoma and Redondo Beach, Calif.

She married Murray Olson in Anchorage, Alaska, on Aug. 14, 1947. She lived in Great Falls, Anchorage,

Federal Way, Wash., Torrance, Calif. and Bend, Ore., prior to moving to Eugene in 1992.

Her hobbies included flower gardening, dinosaur digging, and puzzles of many kinds.

She was a longtime member of the American Nurses Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

She was the grand marshal in the Veterans Day Parade in Bend in 1991.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Murray, of Eugene; children, Craig Olson of Olympia, Wash., Jean Vigil of Bellingham, Wash., Janis Olson of Lake Oswego, Ore., and Jody Olson of Atascadero, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m., at First Church of the Nazarene, 8th and Madison, Eugene. Burial will be at Willamette Memorial Military Cemetery in Portland on Monday at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Sacred Heart, 1121 Fairfield, Eugene, OR 97402.

J. Paul Olson; 88

J. Paul Olson, 88, a former resident of Bigfork, died Monday, June 23, 1997, at his home in St. George, Utah.

He and his wife, Merle Olson, lived in Woods Bay and on the east shore of Flathead Lake for over 20 years. They moved to St. George to retire.

He was preceded in death by a brother, a sister, son, daughter, and two grandsons.

Survivors include his wife; sons; daughter, Darlene Morgan, of Bigfork; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Interment will be Friday in Salt Lake City, Utah. Memorial donations may be made to the Todd Morgan Memorial Speech, Drama, Debate Scholarship at Bigfork High School.

Lila Mae Olson, 80

Lila Mae Olson, 80, passed away Sunday, June 22, 1997, at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

She was born Sept. 25, 1916, in Ruso, N.D., to Henry and Mary Boe. She lived her younger years in North Dakota and Minnesota. She also lived in Montana and many, many years in Washington. She had moved back to Montana in May of this year to be near her family living in Kalispell.

She was a avid outdoors person, so much so that she went camping in Glacier National Park on her honeymoon. She loved to camp and fish, and had enjoyed doing both with her late husband, Archie, who passed away in 1987. She was also an avid reader. She would read as a quiet enjoyment and relaxation. She also loved to sew and was very good at crocheting.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Archie; a daughter; two brothers; and a sister.

She is survived by three sons, Donald and his wife, Mary Ann Olson, of Anchorage, Alaska, Gary Olson of Maple Valley, Wash., and John Coe and his wife, Karen, of Kalispell; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Northcutt of Epworth United Methodist Church officiating. Cremation has already taken place. The family request memorials to the American Lung Association.

Melvin Swen Olson, 82

Melvin Swen Olson, 82, of Stevensville, died at Community Medical Center in Missoula on Monday, Dec. 1, 1997.

He was born Dec. 5, 1914, at Chester, and was the son of Peter and Beda Erickson Olson. At an early age he moved with his parents to McGregor, N.D., where he attended the McGregor schools.

He joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Colorado for four years. He enjoyed telling about the search for Amelia Earhart near the Howland Islands, in which his ship took part.

On Aug. 17, 1936, he was united in marriage to Helen Holte in Los Angeles, Calif.

Following his discharge he was employed in Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Park Police and was later retired on disability.

The family moved back to McGregor where he farmed. Later in 1958, they moved to Bigfork and then to

Stevensville to be near family members.

He was a member of the Bethany Lutheran Church at Bigfork; a member of the Association for Retired Policemen; the Sons of Norway Lodge #140 in Kalispell; and Stevensville Senior Citizen Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Thelma Clark.

Survivors include his wife Helen of Stevensville; two daughters and their husbands, Marlene and Rodney Priebe and Betty and Bob Reed; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at the Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Friday, with the Rev. Herb Knutsen officiating. Burial will be held on Monday at Glacier Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell at 1 p.m.

1997 Martha Opalka, 90

Martha F. Opalka, 90, died Sunday evening, Sept. 21, in Columbia Falls.

She was born June 30, 1907, in the Deer Park area south of Columbia Falls to Reuben S. and Floy Ella Johnston. She married Joseph T. Opalka on June 30, 1924, in Whitefish.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and United Methodist Church in Columbia Falls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, on Aug. 6, 1991.

Survivors include her niece, Jennie Ladenburg of Columbia Falls; children and grandchil-

dren; cousins, Calvin Johnston and Peg Tibke of Columbia Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. Ray Davis of the United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in the Deer Park area.

Memorials may be made to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Ambulance Association or to the Columbia Falls Volunteer Fire Department.

Wilbert Orr, 83

Wilbert Orr, 83, of Hamilton, passed away Friday, May 30, 1997, at his home there.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1914, in Orton, Alberta, Canada, to Josiah and Mary Orr. He lived in Orton and Hartleyville, Alberta, during his youth.

On June 24, 1938, he married Edith Ackroyd in the Cardston, Alberta, Temple. In October 1953, they moved to Kalispell. She died in 1993. He moved to Missoula and then Hamilton to be with family afterward.

He loved sports, participating in hockey, badminton, softball, hunting and golf.

He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, holding many offices in his lifetime. Music was an important part of his life, as he was a member of the church choir for more than 30 years. He also played the piano, saxophone, bass viol, trumpet and drums.

He is survived by his daughters

and their husbands: Afton and Gordon Smith of Syracuse, Utah, Joan and Patrick Heimark of Missoula, and Jennine and Don Jones, of Gallup, N.M.; his sons and their wives: Neil and Carol Orr of Whidby Island, Wash., and Allen and Peggy-Orr, of Hamilton.

He is also survived by brothers Ken Orr of Cardston, Edward Orr, of British Columbia and Leon Orr, of Ft. Macloud, Alberta; sister, Della Rodgers, of Bigfork; and 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Eileen Louise Orr, and brothers Wilford, Amos, Bill and Wesley Orr.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Kalispell Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. Visitation will be noon to 2 p.m. at the relief society room at the church. Interment will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements are by Daly-Leach Chapel.

Jean Eliza Osborne, 83

Jean Eliza Osborne, 83, of Whitefish, died Wednesday, June 4, 1997, at her home in Whitefish.

She was born Jan. 1, 1914, in Tugaske, Saskatchewan, Canada, a daughter of Herbert William and Lorena McConnell Quest. She was born in Canada and at an early age, moved to Malta, and later moved to Whitefish where she graduated with the class of 1934.

She married Adam Osborne on March 19, 1938, in Shelby, and he preceded her in death on May 4, 1984.

She loved the outdoors, reading and writing poetry. She also gave much of her time in helping others.

She was a member of the Whitefish Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints and was also the church historian.

She is survived by two sons, Gerald of Kalispell and Darrel of Columbia Falls; a niece she raised as a daughter, Karen Gallis, of Whitefish; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; two half-sisters, Ethel Shanor and Edna Doyle, both of Bozeman; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Visitation will be at Austin Funeral Home today from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Whitefish with the Bishop Scott L. Wendling officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Marion Badgley Osborne, 71

Marion Badgley Osborne, 71, died Tuesday, June 3, 1997, in Kalispell after a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 21, 1925, in Missoula. She attended schools in Missoula and graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in journalism. She married John J. Osborne on Nov. 23, 1947, in Missoula.

She belonged to PEO Chapter M and the First Presbyterian Church, where she participated in choir, prayer groups, and Bible studies. She was a Sunday school teacher and a deacon.

She was a social worker.

She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Alan Berkram.

She is survived by her husband,

John J. Osborne; daughters Sue Osborne of Dillon, Gelene Berkram of Frenchtown and Patty Hagestad of Kalispell; son John Osborne of Kalispell; brothers Kirk Badgley of New Mexico and John Badgley of New York; sister Gladys Roberts of Florence; grandchildren Dan, Paul, Lisa and Jenna Berkram, Katie and Jodi Hagestad, Jonalan and Joshua Osborne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church in Cut Bank with the Rev. Al DeHaven officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Cut Bank.

Burns Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

1997 Ruthie Barrett Osoimalo, 39

Ruthie Barrett Osoimalo, 39, passed away Sept. 16, after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Her courage, positive attitude and smile were an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

She was born in Great Falls on March 17, 1958. In 1963, she moved with her parents, Squirt and Willard Grenier, to Kalispell. She attended schools in Great Falls and Kalispell. In 1976, she moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she met and married Doug Osoimalo in August, 1977. They moved to Alameda, Calif.



She is survived at the family home in Alameda by her husband, Doug; daughters Cameo, Christina and Catrina; son Manu; grandson Salafi.

She is also survived by her parents, Squirt and Willard Grenier, of Kalispell; grandmother Edna Sevcik, of Great Falls; brothers Roger Barrett, of Kalispell and Rick Barrett, of Rome, Ga.; sisters Rita Barrett, of Seattle, Robin Horn, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Roxanne Frank, of Kalispell, Renae Wright, of Lakeside, Ariz., and many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

Darrell Ost, 61

Darrell F. Ost, 61, passed away on Nov. 4, 1997, in Billings.

He was born March 15, 1936, in Glen Ullin, N.D., son of William and Kathryn Bode Ost. He was raised in Glendive and attended Sacred Heart and Dawson County high schools.

He was a member of the Montana National Guard. He worked for the Glendive Ranger, Great Falls Tribune and the Billings Gazette. He began his horse racing career in 1960 with United Tote, and worked various positions within the racing industry in Montana, Washington, Kansas, South Dakota, New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado.

At the time of his illness this summer he was racing secretary for the tracks in Montana. He and Lyla Dwello started TruForm in 1975. He was president of TruForm Inc., based in Billings.

He married LaDonna Zieman and

they had six children, Pam Caputo, Bradley Ost, Jene' Whitworth, Lori Shultz, Jay Ost, Cathy Honas.

He is survived by his children and nine grandchildren, "JB", Brandy, Christopher, Tory, Kenny, Chevy, Andrew, Mathew and Jordan. He is also survived by Lyla Dwello, best friend, companion and partner of 22 years, and her children, Terry Dwello, Midge Hearne, and Candace Dwello, and their children; sisters Darlene Navin, Patricia Doffinger, and Norma Jean Chandler.

He had a brother, Arnold, who preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday in the Michelotti, Sawyer, Nordquist Heights Chapel, 528 Lake Elmo Rd., Billings.

A special horse racing industry memorial service will be held at the Missoula County Fairgrounds on Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.

Susan Van Vliet-Ost, 46

Susan Van Vliet-Ost, 46, of Trout Creek, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997, of a heart attack at her home.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Tracy Anderson and Claude Hill of Thompson Falls; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Angie Jensen of Arlington, Ore.; father Earl Matthews of Portland, Ore.; her mother, Anne Hughes, of Arlington; stepdaughter Brenda Ost of Whitefish; seven grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Karl Ost, on July 16, 1995.

Memorial services will be on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Trout Creek Community Church with the Rev. Daniel Turner officiating. A potluck dinner will follow at the church. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday at Coffelt-Bunch Funeral Chapel in Thompson Falls. Graveside services will be on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

1997 Hettie Alice Overbo, 83

Hettie Alice Overbo, died Dec. 22, at the Brendan House following a battle with cancer.

Her sense of humor and strong feisty spirit will be missed by all.

She was born March 25, 1914, to Eugene and Ruth Anderson, in Oklahoma. Her early years were spent in Oklahoma.

She would often relate how she got her first cotton bag for her 6th birthday. Even though it was 15 feet long she could fill it by herself, while picking cotton with her mother in the fields. She moved to eastern Montana as a young teenager.

She met and married Chris Overbo in Polson. They lived in Whitefish all their married life, where he worked for Great Northern Railroad. There, she developed her tremendous love for flowers, which resulted in fantastic gardens.

Her favorite saying was "It's a great life, if you don't weaken." When Chris suffered a disabling stroke, she didn't weaken but went to work for Campfire Memories.

She often said there's a way

"around, under, over or through a problem." So when Chris died after years of mounting stroke-associated health problems, she went to work for the old Cadillac Hotel in Whitefish. She handled the night desk and was also police dispatcher in Whitefish.

In the early 1970s, she retired to Kalispell, where she took in dogs to "baby sit," as she called it. Her home became "that little red log house with all the flowers." People would often stop by just to look at her yard. She will always be remembered for her sense of humor, strong fighting spirit, her flowers and, of course, her dogs.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Nova Clark, and brother, Harold Anderson.

She is survived by a nephew, James Anderson, of Delta, Colo., and niece Mary Krager, of Kalispell, as well as many other nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be 2 p.m. Monday, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Friends will meet at the cemetery for the service. Arrangements are by Johnson Mortuary.