

## Alma Olson Zabel, 92

Alma Olson Zabel, 92, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, died on Wednesday, July 21, 1999, at Brendan House in Kalispell.



She was born Sept. 5, 1906, in Hillhead, S.D., to John and Thora Grimsrud. She was the fifth of 12 children. She received her education in Veblen, S.D., and taught at a rural school before marrying Selmer R. Olson on Aug. 29, 1927. He died in 1957, after an extended illness.

On Aug. 14, 1972, she married Russell L. Zabel and they shared 27 wonderful years together.

She was an active member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the Women's Circle, the Sons of Norway, Pitheon Sisters and the Eagles Lodge.

She was an avid bridge and pinochle player. She enjoyed years of camping and fishing with her family and friends at Swan Lake.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, children, grandchildren and friends. We all have wonderful memories of this loving soul.

She was preceded in death by an

infant son, Gene Keith Olson; her husband, Selmer Olson; one daughter, Bonita Olson Torgrimson; two sisters; and four brothers.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Russ Zabel of Kalispell; one son, Gerald Olson of Albuquerque, N.M.; one daughter, Dianne Olson Hern of Spokane; one stepdaughter, Vicki Zabel of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren, Mark, Glen and Alene Olson, Craig and Cara Torgrimson, Wendy and Tami Tyree, Toby and Heidi Hern, and Irie Zabel Anderson; four sisters, Lillian Quande of Kalispell, Celia Wilson and Gladys Condo of Sacramento, Calif., and Marian Wilson of Roslyn, S.D.; and one brother, Otto Grimsrud of Havana, N.D.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Conrad Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Doug Nemitz of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Leslie W. Zabel, 91

Leslie W. Zabel, 91, formerly of Florence and Columbia Falls, died Friday at the Bitterroot Valley Living Center in Stevensville. *15 Oct 1999*

He was born on July 20, 1908, in Urbaux, Mont., to William and Gertrude Kranick Zabel.

On Dec. 15, 1929, he and Elizabeth Baker were married in Urbaux.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1997; a son, Kenneth Leslie Zabel; and one sister and four brothers.

Survivors include daughters, Connie Anderson of Texas and Joan Frank of Columbia Falls; sons, Allen

of Helena, Gary of Florence, Robert of Kalispell, and John of Snohomish, Wash.; two brothers, Clarence of Amboy, Ill., and Roy of Ripley, Tenn.; 26 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. James Long officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell. The Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville is in charge of arrangements.