

Marian J. O'Brien, 86

Marian J. O'Brien, 86, went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 15, 2001.

She was born in New York City in 1915. She grew up in St. Cloud, Minn. She was married to William Corne in Clear Lake, Minn., and they had nine children. The family moved to Poplar in 1948. She was married to Floyd O'Brien in 1961 and they had one child. In 1975, she moved to Whitefish and resided there until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands

William and Floyd.

She is survived by her 10 children, sons Richard Corne, James Corne, Gerald Corne, Warren Corne, Ronald Corne and Michael O'Brien; daughters Pat Halverson, Sharan Baracker, Terry Zimmerman and Janen Morris; 28 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She is now cradled in the arms of Jesus.

A private family service is pending.

Cremation is under the direction of Austin Mortuary.

Sylvester 'Obie' Paul O'Brien, 90

Sylvester "Obie" Paul O'Brien, 90, died on Dec. 28, 2000, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He was born Oct. 22, 1910, in Oxford, Iowa, to Patrick Henry and Elizabeth Stockman O'Brien. Mass of Christian burial will

be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers with the Rev. Richard H. Sodja as celebrant.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Carole E. O'Boyle, 91

Carole E. O'Boyle, 91, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born in Kalispell, on Nov. 30, 1909, to John and Alice Olsen Hetland. She was a life long resident of Kalispell graduating from Flathead County High School in 1927.

She received her teaching certificate from what was then the Normal School in Dillon. She taught for a number of years in area schools and in Cut Bank.

She married John James O'Boyle on June 29, 1935. After marriage, she was a homemaker and baker. For many years her homemade pies were served in local restaurants.

She was preceded in death by her husband John in 1991; her brother, Harry Hetland; and her

grandson, Kevin Reed.

She is survived by two daughters, Lorraine Reed and her husband Thomas H. of Kalispell, and Marilyn L. Cavanaugh and her husband James J. of Boulder, Colo.; and three grandchildren, Scott Reed of Dixon, Calif., Joe Cavanaugh of San Francisco, and Carolyn Cavanaugh of Boulder, Colo.

Graveside services will be held today at 2 p.m. at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Vic Langhans of St. Matthew's Catholic Church officiating. Visitation will be today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnson Mortuary. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Clayton 'Clayt' Ogle, 76

Ranch hand, World War II airman, smoke jumper and conservationist, Clayton "Clayt" Ogle, 76, passed away July 27, 2001, of a heart attack. He was born Nov. 11,



1924, in Butte to Lib Ogle and Jennie Greaves Ogle. In 1933, the family moved to Helena where he completed school, graduating from Helena High School in 1943.

While a student, he worked five summers in the hayfields at the Kitto Ranch near Radersburg. After high school, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He completed 25 combat missions as a B-17 ball turret gunner destroying oil refineries and transportation targets of Nazi Germany. For this service he was decorated with the Purple Heart, three Air Medals and five campaign stars. His 301st Bomb Group was honored with two Presidential Citations.

Honorably discharged in the fall of 1945, he enrolled at the University of Montana School of Forestry. He was among the first smoke jumpers hired by the U.S. Forest Service after World War II. He completed 18 jumps controlling fires in Montana and North Idaho in 1946-47 and gathered a lifetime of memories. He received a bachelor of science degree in forestry from the University of Montana in 1949, later doing graduate work at Montana State University, University of Montana, University of Oklahoma and Utah State University.

Upon graduation, he was employed for 34 years with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. Following technical and administrative assignments at Townsend, Helena, Glasgow and Lewistown, he supervised the plant and biological science programs for the agency statewide from the office in Bozeman. He retired after seven years of service as chief of operations and management for Montana's 60 Soil Conservation Service field offices.

He loved Montana and was privileged to work a lifetime protecting its resources and enjoying its beauty, including fishing its streams and hunting, especially

with his sons and grandsons in the Elkhorn mountains.

He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church serving as steward, trustee and treasurer of several Montana congregations. He was also a member of the Lewistown Chamber of Commerce, Montana Conservation Council, International Society of Range Management, Soil Conservation Society, Bozeman Kiwanis Club, Elks Club, Moose Lodge, 301st Bomb Group Association, Phi Sigma National Biological Honorary, Friends of Montana Historical Museum and the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Foundation.

He married Dorothy Rose at Tracy, Minn., in 1947. They had many good years raising three sons and a daughter, but later divorced.

In 1995, he married Jane Redeau in Clancy. They enjoyed the arts and traveled extensively. He took great pride in his wife and each member of his family.

He was dearly loved and admired by his family who mutually enjoyed many wonderful experiences together. In recent years he gathered family history to inform those who were yet to come.

He is survived by his wife Jane of the family home in Helena; daughter Cheri and husband Ralph Arthur of Riverside, Calif.; sons Dan Ogle of Meridian, Idaho, Bob and wife Sandra Ogle of Austin, Texas, Randy and wife Gini Ogle of Kalispell; five grandchildren, Joshua, Caleb, Andrea Thomson of Riverside, and Lindsay Ogle of Kalispell, Dawn and husband Bill Eberhardt; and two great-grandchildren Megan and Nicholas Eberhardt of Gig Harbor, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Herb and grandson, Nicholas Ogle.

Services will be held today at 3 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church in Helena.

The family suggests memorials to Covenant United Methodist Church, 2330 Broadway St., Helena, MT 59601; the Smokejumpers Welfare Fund, 6765 W. Broadway St., Missoula, MT 59808; or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hagler/Anderson Funeral Home.

Donald F. 'Don' Olson, 84

Donald F. "Don" Olson, 84, formerly of Libby, died Dec. 19, 2001, at his home in Kalispell.

He was born in Libby, on Aug. 18, 1917, to L.J. Olson and Gertrude Flint Olson; he was raised and educated in Libby, graduating from Libby High School in 1935. He attended Northwestern University, Eastern Washington University at Cheney and Kinman Business School in Spokane and later served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Joyce Daggett March 24, 1944.

He resided in Libby for many years where he was employed in the offices of the J. Neils Lumber Company and later the St. Regis Paper Company as an accountant and credit manager; he was later transferred by the company to its Tacoma, Wash., operations in 1968, where he remained until his retirement in 1976.

Following retirement, he and his wife resided at Indio, Calif., and also at their summer home on Crystal Lake near Libby. They

came to Kalispell, in 1996, where they had since resided.

He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Libby; he was also a longtime member and assistant chief of the J. Neils and St. Regis Fire Brigade in Libby. He was a musician most of his life, playing the sax and had continued to actively enjoy his music following his retirement.

Survivors include his wife Joyce of Kalispell; sons, David Olson of Oxnard, Calif., and Russell Olson of San Diego; a daughter, Juli Chasteen of Gooding, Idaho; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at their home in Kalispell at 112C Glenwood Dr., from 4-6 p.m. Sunday. Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Libby with the Rev. Wallace Smith officiating. Private interment will be in the City of Libby Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice.

Arrangements are by Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Jacob Olson, 9 days

Jacob Olson, 9 days, passed away June 27, 2001, at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. He was born June 19, 2001, in Missoula to Marty Olson and Traci Jordan.

He is survived by his parents; sister Kayla Jordan; two brothers, Cody Warnock and Ryan Olson; grandparents Rod and Rachael

Olson of Kalispell; grandmother Marlene Hedges of Bigfork; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Private family burial will be held at Lonepine Cemetery in Bigfork.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bigfork Funeral Home.

Mabel C. Olson, 92

Mabel C. Olson, 92, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and formerly of Hudson, died on Feb. 18, 2001, at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Dec. 7, 1908, in Oklahoma, Miss., the daughter of Spotswood Young and Fannie Lou White Bacon. She attended school in Mississippi.

She was first united in marriage to Frank Brock in Alabama which later ended in divorce. They had one son, Charles Brock.

On Nov. 3, 1936, she was united in marriage to Jay Peter Olson in Forrest City, Ark. This union was blessed with two children, Jay Paul and Diane.

The couple were living in Idaho Falls but lived many years in Hudson, Glasgow, Bigfork, Cannon Falls, Minn., Hastings, Minn., and Anoka, Minn.

She was a homemaker and raised their children. She was blessed with a beautiful soprano voice which she freely shared as a soloist. She also enjoyed cooking

and loved children.

She was a past member of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile.

She is survived by her husband Jay Peter Olson; daughter Diane and husband, Gary Mondell, of Idaho Falls; son Jay Paul Olson and wife Colleen of Shakopee, Minn.; sister-in-law Jeanne Bailey of Hudson and Bernice Olson of St. Paul; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Brock in 1996, sisters, Kitty Clyde Bacon and Mae DeVault.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23 in Hudson. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery in Rush River Township of Baldwin, Wis.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Lutheran Church in Hudson or Peace Lutheran Church in Baldwin.

Arrangements were under the direction of the O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Hudson, Wis.

Velma Ann Sager Olson, 91

Velma Ann Sager Olson, 91, passed away at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell on June 25, 2001. She was born on Jan. 2, 1910, in a little sod homesteader's house near Gordon, Neb., to Millard and Ruth Leona Barnes Sager.



The family moved to a homestead near Rollins on Flathead Lake when she was 5 years old. When it came time to attend school the family moved into Kalispell and farmed where Super 1 Foods now sits. She attended Evergreen School and graduated from Flathead High School in 1928. Graduation was held at the Liberty Theater. In 1929, she married Ralph H. Olson, the love of her life. They had one child, Colleen Ruth. She worked for many years at Anderson Style Shop. She loved to play cards and go bowling, and spent many happy times at Ashley Lake. Her claim to fame was when a movie was made called "Seven

Alone," telling the story of the Sager family's trek to Oregon over the Oregon Trail.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph, and one brother, Edwin M. Sager.

She is survived by her daughter, Colleen Pepe and husband Tony of Kalispell, and her sister, Ila Gibney of Kalispell; her three special grandchildren, Valli Ostrem and her husband Richard of Galata, Melanie Parkhurst and her husband Alex of Columbia Falls, and Ralph Pepe and wife Holly of Boise, Idaho.

She loved being surrounded by her family and great grandchildren, Megan Pepe, Melissa Evanoff, Christian Ostrem, Harrison Ostrem and Lindsay Baird. She was also very proud of her great-great-grandsons Ward and Walker Evanoff, and several nieces and nephews.

At her request, cremation will take place. A private memorial service for family and close friends will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Norma Jean O'Neal, 65

Norma Jean O'Neal, 65, died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, in Phoenix, from breast cancer.



She was born April 8, 1936, in New Plymouth, Idaho, daughter of

Matthew E. and Frieda L. Schritter. She attended high school in Challis, Idaho. She also attended Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, and Phoenix College in Phoenix as an adult.

She wed Boise O'Neal in August 1953 and they relocated to the Flathead Valley in Montana. They owned and operated O'Neal's Sporting Goods and Barber Shop for a number of years. She worked for Whitefish School District, Columbia Falls Police Department, and Kalispell Police Department during her years in Montana.

In 1977 she relocated to the Phoenix area where she worked for Mountain Bell; she was also a home health care assistant, and spent 10 years with Maricopa County in various animal control divisions.

She enjoyed traveling, fishing, gold panning, stamp collecting, and was an avid reader. She was a past worthy matron in the Estella Pomeroy Eastern Star. She attended the Church of Spirit Awareness and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Surviving family members include her mother, Frieda Schritter; her daughters, Rita M. Blades of Kalispell, Becky S. Molina of Coram, and Terri D. Boyd of Phoenix; her four grandchildren are Heidi A. Young and Boise A. Gabert, both of Kalispell, Ramon P. and Keiven E. Molina of Coram.

She was the proud owner of Fritz and Foxy, her four-legged furry friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and all siblings. At her request, no funeral services will be held.

The family has requested that donations be sent to A Glimmer of Hope, 7500 Brooktree Drive, Brooktree Center, Suite 100, Wexford, PA 15090 - a breast cancer research foundation, or The Arizona Humane Society, Spay and Neutering Department, P.O. Box 47270, Phoenix, AZ 85068-7270.

Mildred Dorsey O'Neil, 90

Mildred Dorsey O'Neil, 90, passed away on Feb. 14, 2001 at her home in Kalispell.

She was born Oct. 15, 1910, in Orange, Calif., to parents Arthur and Rosetta Nay Dorsey. She moved to Bigfork with her family in September 1929.

She attended the University of Montana, graduated in 1933, and became a physical education and biology teacher at Flathead County High School, teaching basketball and other activities to girls and boys in the days when it was unheard of for women to compete in sports.

She was courted for five years by DeWitt O'Neil who ran the family-owned O'Neil Lumber Company on Main Street. They married in 1937 and had four sons. She and the boys spent summers at the family cabin on Ashley Lake.

She enjoyed traveling, with trips to Cuba and the Philippines, gardening, reading, making needlework Christmas ornaments, doing crossword puzzles, betting with her sons on the World Series baseball games and bowling with the same team for years. She

baked a mean apple pie and started a holiday tradition of homemade cardamom "braided" bread.

A stroke in 1989 slowed her down, and her eyesight was failing, but she found ways to continue many of her activities—using a magnifying glass to put together puzzles and do her craft work, and listening to books on tape.

She was preceded in death by her husband, DeWitt Clinton O'Neil, in 1985, and her sister, Rosetta Ness, of Hillsborough, Calif., in 1983.

She is survived by her sons, Chip and wife, Jean, of Milwaukie, Ore., Tom and wife, Jackie, RV wanderers, Jerry and wife, Jeanne, and Mike and wife, Linda, of Kalispell; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, she asked that memorial contributions be made to the Elks National Foundation.

A celebration of her life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

Wynona M. O'Neil, 82

Wynona M. O'Neil, 82, passed away of natural causes at the Immanuel Lutheran Home on Dec. 19, 2001.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1919, in Somers, to Eliza Kirk Webster and Arthur F. Webster.

Wynona spent her entire life in the Flathead Valley. She met her husband to be, Charles O'Neil, at a grange dance and they were married in June 1937, a marriage that lasted for 64 years. She was a loving wife, mother, and friend.

Wynona was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Charles Arthur; four brothers, Franklin, Irving, George, and Art Webster; and a sister Betty Guinn.

She is survived by her husband Charles H. O'Neil; three daughters, Lorene Schnackenberg and

husband Doug and their two children, Kathy Powrie and husband Jim, Henry Schnackenberg and wife Val, Nancy Kostman and husband Dale and their two children, Kerry and Kris, and Charlene O'Neil and husband Larry Luce and their two children, Lee Hunter and wife Janie and Alex; one son, John O'Neil and wife Carol and their three children, Logan and wife Tiffany, Sarah Jayne Hartman and husband Garren and Jordan; five great-granddaughters, Jenna and Trisha Powrie and Samantha, Ashley, and Erin O'Neil; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Private family graveside services were held on Dec. 21, 2001.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Debra Ann Ost, 45

Debra Ann Ost, 45, passed away peacefully in her own home after two courageous battles with cancer on Oct. 21, 2001.

She was born May 7, 1956, to Eugene and Ruth Ost, and was a lifetime resident of Whitefish. She graduated from Whitefish High in 1974.

She was blessed with a son, Christopher Managhan, on Aug. 24, 1976. Her son was known to most of Whitefish as "Manny." He preceded her in death in 1995, and is still missed by friends and relatives.

She and Chris enjoyed many years of Glacier Twins activities, and as avid outdoorsmen, enjoyed camping, kayaking, and other various outdoor activities with special friend, Andy Brown.

Most recently, through the enthusiasm from the love of Gary Peters, she expanded to achieve greater levels of fishing, motorhome camping, and "just



being" with her love, Gary. She has always been a person who lived life to its fullest.

With Gary at her side to the end, she enjoyed every second!

She was preceded in death by her son Chris; father Gene; sister Paula; grandparents Christ and Emma Ost.

She is survived by Gary Peters; her mother Ruth Ost, sister Carolyn Wehr, brothers, John, Bob and Mike Ost; nieces Teri Hill and husband Gene, Kim Wehr and husband Mark, Dustyne Salminen and husband Shane, Amber Ost, Devyn, Torey and Christina Ost; many great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins; and many, many special lifetime friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church on Baker Street in Whitefish with the Rev. John Weaver officiating. A celebration of life luncheon will follow at the church, all are welcome.

The "Debbie Ost Memorial Fund" has been established at Glacier Bank of Whitefish.

Ethel V. Ostheller, 91

Ethel V. Ostheller, 91, a lifelong Libby resident, died June 25, 2001, at the Libby Care Center from natural causes.

She was born May 31, 1910, in Libby to Claus and Mable Barr Detjens. She married Edward Ostheller on July 26, 1930, at the Detjens ranch south of Libby.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ed in 1989 and son Harry in 1983.

Survivors include a son, Wes Ostheller, and his wife Nancy of Libby; four granddaughters and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home Chapel; interment services follow at the city of Libby Cemetery. Visitation is from 1-8 p.m. on Friday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

Helen Mae Johnson Owens, 70

Helen Mae Johnson Owens, 70, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on July 13, 2001. She was at home, surrounded by her family, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.



She was born Sept. 8, 1930, in Forsyth to Hugo and Mabel E. Hanson Johnson.

She met Robert J. Owens in Miles City, and on June 6, 1954, they were married in Forsyth. On their honeymoon they came to the Flathead Valley and knew this was where they wanted to live. They moved to Kalispell where she worked for Hummer Boutique for Ladies until the arrival of their first child.

She was an active member of Bethel Baptist Church. She was involved with Sunday school, VBS, Ladies Missionary, and the choir. She also taught Joy Club, a children's Bible club, in her home for many years.

She was part of the pilot pro-

gram for Bible Study Fellowship and was a discussion leader and children's supervisor. The center of her life was her love for the Lord, her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Robert of Kalispell; three daughters, Catherine Sanford and husband Carl and their children: Helen of Laramie, Wyo., Carl Jr., and Becky of Newcastle, Wyo., Karen Middleton and husband Jeff and their children, Stefanie and Bryce of Kalispell; Elizabeth Parks and husband Eric and their children, Trenton and Austin of Rocklin, Calif.; sister June Anderson of Tucson, Ariz.; and brothers Bud and Harvey Johnson of Lewistown, as well as many other loved ones and dear friends.

There will be a viewing Monday from 7-9 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. The service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 936 4th Ave. W. in Kalispell.

Burial will be at the Conrad Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Shepherd's Home or Bethel Baptist Church.

Richard Owings, 60

Richard Owings, 60, of Kalispell, died of CNS lymphoma on May 12, 2001.

He was born on June 26, 1940, in Butte to Joseph Ervin Owings and

Elsie Jenkins Owings. He married Marie Fredricksen on Dec. 23, 1961, in Anaconda.

He received his bachelor of science degree and teaching certification from Western Montana College in Dillon. He taught high school history for four years in Valier before moving in 1966 to Kalispell, where he taught history at Linderman, Kalispell Junior High School and Flathead High School until his retirement in 1991. During his teaching career, he coached football, wrestling and basketball, and also coached Little League baseball and softball for a number of years. He was assistant coach for the Flathead Bravettes from 1972 through 1982.

He was a lifetime member of the National Education Association, the Montana Education Association, the Elks and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He was a loving father, dedicated husband, genuine friend, pas-



sionate teacher and avid outdoorsman. He will be missed by all whose life he touched.

His favorite hobbies and interests included golf, fishing, hunting, reading, movies and dancing. He also was an avid fan of local sports teams.

His mother and father preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; three daughters, Julie Esquibel and husband Michael of Cheney, Wash., Lisa Owings of Kalispell, and Jennifer Vickhammer and husband Brad of Twin Falls, Idaho; a son, Michael Owings of Spokane; two grandchildren, Brendon Esquibel and Jonathan Owings; an uncle, David Hughes of San Antonio, Texas; brother- and sister-in-law Wayne and Elena Fredricksen and nephew Alan Fredricksen, all of Simi Valley, Calif.; and a niece, Nicole Fredricksen, of Madison, Wis.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Following services, there will be a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hospice or a charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Mortuary and Crematory.