

## Beth Lorraine Triplett Oetinger, 54

Beth Lorraine Triplett Oetinger, 54, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, at Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin, Ore., of a heart attack due to complications of diabetes.

She was born Dec. 14, 1947, to Ed and Beverley Triplett in Kalispell. She attended school in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead High School in 1965.

In 1974, she moved to Portland and lived in Oregon most of the rest of her life. She worked as a dental assistant for several dentists in the Kalispell area, as well as in Portland. She formed a band in Portland and was lead singer, booker and manager for several years. She had a kidney transplant in 1992 and, after recuperating, she went back to school and graduated as a legal secretary. She was a talented seamstress and lovingly created handmade dolls that she gave to those who needed them.

Beth lived her life to the fullest, in spite of her many illnesses. She enjoyed her work, friends, children and grandchildren to the utmost. She was a beautiful, coura-

geous person and will be remembered by many with great love and admiration.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; two infant children, Greg and Christine; and her brother, Tom, in April 2002.

She is survived by her husband, Dave Oetinger, of Oregon City, Ore.; daughter, Michelle Harvey, of Anchorage, Alaska; son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Stacey Harvey of Boise, Idaho; son, Joshua Harvey of Oregon City; four grandchildren, Trevor, Ashley, and Jacob Harvey of Boise, and Gavin Harvey of Oregon City; her parents, Ed and Beverley Triplett of Kalispell; brothers, Steven Triplett of Vancouver, Wash., and Bill Triplett of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law, Danielle and Bill Prichard and special niece Kadin Prichard, all of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who loved her dearly.

Funeral services were Sept. 14 in Oregon City.

Her ashes were interred in Willamette Memorial Cemetery.

## Dennis Duane Ohs, 80

Dennis Duane Ohs, 80, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, in Kalispell.

He was born Sept. 2, 1922, in Malta. He was raised on a farm/ranch south-east of Malta.

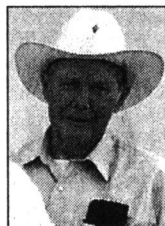
He enlisted into the U.S. Navy in 1942, served on a ship in the South Pacific with the Armed Guard, as a gunner in the Philippines. He was awarded the Silver Star, and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He had worked as a body and fender man for the Ford dealer in Malta and later for the Ford dealer in Whitefish. He opened his own shop, Ohs Body Shop, and ran it until he retired due to health problems.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Post No. 216, Eagles No. 234, and the Moose. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and rodeos.

He married Avis Waller in 1948, which ended in divorce.

He married Ceilia May Westhoff



in 1956. They had a good marriage for 36 years, until her passing in 1991. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Larry; an infant son, Duane; a sister, Elsie Conner; and brothers Wallace, Gust, Carl and Eric.

He is survived by a son, Gary (and Denise) Ohs, and a daughter, Gail Ohs, all of Whitefish; daughter Marlene Kocur of Bremerton, Wash.; sister Eileen (and Arnold) Sandefur of Kalispell; brothers David (and Peggy) Ohs of Kalispell and Martin Ohs of Chico, Calif., and four grandchildren, Jason (and Melissa) Ohs, Tiffany Ohs, Tanner Ohs and Shawn Langton. He is also survived by a dear lady friend of many years, Teddi Kay Kruger of Kalispell.

A funeral service will be held at Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish at 1 p.m. on Thursday, with the Rev. David V. Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell. Military graveside honors will be provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

## Donna Hoerner Oksness, 55

Donna Hoerner Oksness, 55, "reluctantly left us" on April 11, 2002, in her Great Falls home after an admirable battle with cancer.

She kept her sense of humor through it all and her bright smile and sweet giggles, and she will be treasured in the hearts of all who love her. She will be deeply missed.

Donna was born in Whitefish, with a twin sister, Diane, on July 27, 1946, the daughter of Mike and Jenny Hoerner. She was educated in Columbia Falls.

She married Bert Oksness in December 1983 in Great Falls, where they resided until the time of her passing. She was a waitress for many years and was very



appreciated by her customers.

She was preceded in death by her father, Mike Hoerner Jr. and her sister, Darlene Sievers.

She is survived by her husband, Bert; her mother, Jenny Rothe; her twin sister, Diane Konecky; another sister, Lucille Role; a brother, Gerald Hoerner; a daughter, Donna Garwood; three grandchildren, Michael, Jennifer and Crystal Garwood, and one great-grandson, Kevin Allen Garwood.

Hospice workers have played a very important role in easing Donna's passing. They made it possible for Donna to stay at home with her family and her animals, which were a big part of her life.

Memorial services will be held at St. Richard's Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Saturday. A gathering will follow at St. Richard's Parish House.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice.

## Roger Thomas Morris Oler, 17

Roger Thomas Morris Oler, 17, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Monday, March 4, 2002, at his home.

He was born Dec. 3, 1984, in Blackfoot, Idaho, the son of Roger and Joan (Bithell) Oler.

He moved to Twin Falls at age two where he lived for two years. He later moved to Salt Lake City, where he began playing Little League baseball, and enjoyed having his father as coach. At age 10, he moved to Columbia Falls, where he continued playing Little League ball, predominately as a pitcher and catcher. At the age of 13, he was certified as an umpire in the Cal Ripkin and Babe Ruth divisions and was also a basketball referee for Columbia Falls Parks and Recreation. He played first base on the Montana State Babe Ruth championship team in 1996. He played football as a freshman in Columbia Falls as a fullback and linebacker.

He moved to Twin Falls in October 2001. He was a junior hunter's education instructor from age 13 to 16. He was on the high school honor roll in Columbia Falls. He enjoyed the

outdoors, hunting and fishing, and mud bogging in his truck. He was known as a very personable kid, and was always willing to help. He was a member of the Twin Falls 12th ward LDS church, and was a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

He is survived by his parents Roger and Joan Oler of Twin Falls; sister Kiri Oler of Twin Falls; grandparents Remon and Golda Bithell of Rigby, Idaho, Norman and Lela Mitchell of Stevensville; aunts and uncles. Marlen and Linda Georgia of Ririe, Idaho, Kent and Vicki Frisby of Parker, Idaho, Gloria Spencer and Nancy Manwill of Idaho Falls, Rick and Mary Oler of Boise, Jan and James Bentley of Sandy, Utah, and Paul Oler of Idaho Falls.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Hillcrest Cemetery in Shelley, Idaho. A memorial service will be held Saturday at the Columbia Falls LDS church.

The family suggests memorials to the Roger Thomas Morris Oler Memorial Fund, c/o P.O. Box 1144, Twin Falls, Idaho 83300.

## Gladys Violet Reed Oliver, 101

Gladys Violet Reed Oliver, 101, passed peacefully Jan. 24, 2002, in Washington state, where she had relocated in 1996 to be with family.

She was born in Eastbourne, England, in 1900.

Gladys married Montanan Lou Oliver when she was 18 years old, while he was serving in the military during World War I. As a young bride, she traveled on the first passenger ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean at the war's end to join her husband in Montana. Here they settled and raised two

sons, Bob and Jack.

Gladys spent the majority of her life in Kalispell, surrounded by family and good friends. She was an avid knitter, seamstress, a great cook; and she kept a wonderful garden. Her community involvement included Mountain View Birthday Club.

In honor of her wishes, her ashes will be returned "home" to Kalispell to rest beside her beloved husband, Lou. She will be missed by friends, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Richard Ordean Olsen, 77

Richard Ordean Olsen, 77, passed away Dec. 20, 2002, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Richard was born Feb. 14, 1925, in Fortuna, N.D., to Olle and Alma Olsen.

Richard joined the U.S. Navy and served during World War II.

In 1951, he married Eleanor Eriksmoen in Plentywood.

Richard had several jobs, including, farming, painting, and construction. He loved to share his talent for baking and was known as the "Cookie Man" by his neighbors, friends and family. He enjoyed woodworking, baking and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Oscar, Art, Martin, Edward and Selmer; and sister Edna.

Richard is survived by his wife of 51 years, Eleanor Olsen of Kalispell; daughters, Sue Kelly of

Kalispell, Kathy McKee of Columbia Falls, Barb McCammon of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Fran Busby of Columbia Falls; sisters, Alma Gerard, Helen Hauge, Opal Riveland, Clara Selle and Stella Benson; brother, Odean Olsen; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Jerry Buchanan officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens Cemetery, with military honors provided by the United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## Barbara J. Olson, 43

Barbara J. Olson, 43, of Odessa, Fla., died on Aug. 14, 2002, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

She had been a computer analyst for Cytron. She spent many

summers in the Flathead.

She is survived by her husband of 19 years, Dean Olson, and two young sons, John and David.

Services have been held.

## Florence Olson, 69

Florence Olson, 69, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

She was born on March 2, 1932, in Columbia Falls, to Fred and Clara (Froeschle) Christman. Florence grew up in Columbia Falls and graduated from high school there.

After graduation, she went to work at the Montana Veterans Home for a time, then worked at the Kalispell Laundry, and later for the Equity Creamery, where she wrapped butter.

On Feb. 21, 1953, she married Arthur Olson at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Once he returned from the service, Florence became a housewife and would help out at Art's jewelry store from time to time. She faithfully brought him lunch every day for 35 years.

Florence was very involved at the election's office in the Flathead Valley where she volunteered every year for over 35 years. She was also very involved for 25 years in the Kalispell Moose Lodge #1922, where she served in all chairs, including senior regent.

She enjoyed camping with her family, flower gardening, crafts, canning, cooking, and was involved



in antique car tours. She and Art were charter members of the local antique car club where she served as editor of the club paper and as club secretary. She was also a member of the Eagles Club

in Kalispell for 32 years.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Arthur Olson of Kalispell; one son, Trent Olson and his wife Becki of Kalispell; three grandchildren, Darin, Jamie, and Kris; and one great-grandchild, Morgan, all of Kalispell; and one sister, Carol Fridly of Las Vegas.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at Johnson Mortuary.

The family suggests that memorials be made in her name to the Moose Lodge #1922, 2158 Hwy 2 E., Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## James L. 'Jim' Olson, 67

James L. "Jim" Olson, 67, of Libby, died July 17, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital, of natural causes.

He is survived by his wife, Glynda, of Libby; children, Jamie Olson and Wade Olson, both of Libby, Mike Hemmy of

Great Falls, and Robert Olson of Troy.

Service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Libby Christian Church.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home in Libby.

## Isabelle O'Myer, 91

Isabelle O'Myer, 91, of Kalispell, died Oct. 6, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 23, 1911, to Norwegian immigrants, John and Inga Erickson, in Winchester, Wis. At age 7, she moved to Trego where her parents homesteaded in the early 1900s. She attended school in Trego and Eureka.

Isabelle married Willard



O'Myer on May 23, 1928. He preceded her in death in 1978. She was also preceded in death by two granddaughters.

She is survived by her seven children, Jane Miller and Willard, Lyle, Lowell and Dale O'Myer, all of Kalispell, Leroy O'Myer of Whitefish, and Ilene Sanders of Post Falls, Idaho; two sisters in Washington; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kingdom Hall, 1414 Woodland Ave., with Tom Currier officiating.

## Lian Sue O'Myer, 33

Lian Sue O'Myer, 33, passed away on Saturday, June 8, 2002, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1968, in Kalispell, to Dale and Meryle (Newman) O'Myer.

Lian was a wonderful mother who lived in Alaska and Montana. She had the most wonderful smile in the world. She loved camping and the outdoors, gardening, nostalgia, and reading. She never had anything bad to say about anyone. She was very trusting and loved



her children very much.

Lian was preceded in death by her mother, and a grandmother, Martha Lavadure.

She is survived by her two sons, Jarid and Nathan; her father, Dale O'Myer; one brother, Wade O'Myer and his wife, Debbie; her first husband, the father of her boys, Greg Bush; and her second husband, Don Kasberg, all of Kalispell; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Graveside services will be held on Friday at 4 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens with Tom Currier officiating.

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

## Douglas L. O'Neal, 80

Douglas L. O'Neal "entered into eternal rest" peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, after a valiant battle with cancer.

"Dad" was born Sept. 2, 1922, in Butte, to Larry and May O'Neal. His childhood was spent at Hauser Dam and in Helena, where he completed his education through high school, graduating in 1941.

He received a scholarship to play football at Montana State University in Bozeman, but the outbreak of World War II interrupted his college career. Although a childhood injury to his elbow prevented him from entering military service, he joined a civilian reclamation crew at the East Base in Great Falls. There he met June Linn and they married on April 9, 1944. After the war, "Dad" went to work for Montana Power and ironically wound up working at Hauser Dam, where he had lived as a young child. In 1956, he was employed by Bonneville Power and they transferred to Spokane. In 1961 they relocated back to Montana at Hot Springs. In 1968, he was promoted to chief of operations at the Conkelly Substation in Columbia Falls. Regretfully, at this time he and Mom divorced. He later married Nora Finn. Dad retired in 1983 and he and Nora traveled in their motor home throughout the Southwest and spent nearly every winter there until her death in 1993.

All of his life, Dad worshiped the automobile and anything else

that had an engine. He loved every one of the many vehicles he owned. He was a superb mechanic and electrician and there was nothing he couldn't fix or repair. He was fond of dogs, including his current dog Furby and an earlier beloved pet, Pepper Margaret O'Neal.

He was preceded in death by both his wives, his parents, his brother Tip O'Neal, his sisters Betty Grant and Hazel Graham, and a great-grandson Roy Francis.

He is survived by his four children, Penny Takala and her husband Gabe of Missoula; Tom O'Neal of Cascade Locks, Ore., Patti Timlick, of Peoria, Ariz., and Mark O'Neal of Columbia Falls; grandchildren, Jason Francis, Jodie Reynolds, Michelle Timlick and Ryan Timlick; great-grandchildren Dalton Reynolds and Teagan Reynolds, and Marissa Francis. He is also survived by his companion of the last several years, Lois Molter of Liberty Lake, Wash.

"This man can never be replaced in the hearts and minds of those he left behind. We love you, Dad ..."

A celebration of Doug's life will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with the Rev. Chrysta Bourne officiating. The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family

## Mary Jane O'Neal, 89

Mary Jane O'Neal, 89, former Helena resident, now of Spokane, passed away on Sept. 24, 2002.

She was born on July 16, 1913, in Helena, to Susan and Bernie Rosman, and married Howard L. Tip O'Neal on Dec. 10, 1941.

Mary Jane worked a number of years for various Helena and Missoula businesses, retiring from state employment in 1977.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors are her son, Jerry, of Spokane; grandson, Ted O'Neal

and his wife Tracy, of Spokane; granddaughter, Catherine O'Neal-Petterson and husband Mike, of Pasadena, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Zoe and Sean O'Neal-Petterson, of Pasadena; and numerous cousins who were very close to her.

A gathering will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Green Meadow Country Club, 2720 Country Club Ave. in Helena.

Heritage Funeral Home in Spokane is in charge of arrangements.

## Charles H. 'Chuck' O'Neil, 92

Charles H. "Chuck" O'Neil, 92, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, of natural causes.

Chuck was born Aug. 25, 1909, in Kalispell, to Charles I. and Kathryn Findgado O'Neil. His father was a lumberman and his mother a schoolteacher. Chuck was the middle child with two sisters and two brothers. The family moved to Pomona, Calif., when Chuck was 9 years old.

After graduating from high school there, he returned to Montana in 1927 to attend the University of Montana in Missoula. He was a track and swim letterman at the university and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in forest engineering in 1932.

Chuck worked as a smoke chaser for the Forest Service during his college years, in what is now known as the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. He started his own lumber planing business and then went into business at the Forest Products Company with his father and brother, Larry. He remained actively involved in this business and its successor, Montana Forest Products, until the age of 83.

Chuck met Wynona Webster, a Flathead Valley native who had been born and raised in Somers. They were married June 24, 1937, in Kalispell, a marriage that lasted 64 years, until Wynona's death in 2001. They had five children.

His hobbies included traveling the Western states and Europe for sawmill information, raising trout

in his commercial fish pond and traveling to Florida, Hawaii and California, where he and Wynona would spend time with their daughter and her family.

He was a lifelong member of the Society of American Foresters, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and the University of Montana Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Charles Arthur; two brothers, John and Larry; and sister, Sylvia Ziegler.

Chuck is survived by his sister, Isabelle Kroger; three daughters, Lorene Schnackenberg and husband, Doug, and their two children, Kathy Powrie and husband, Jim, and Henry and wife, Val, Nancy Kostman and husband, Dale, and their two children, Kerry and Kris, and Charlene O'Neil and husband, Larry Luce, and his 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. He is also survived by six great-granddaughters, Jenna and Tricia Powrie, Samantha, Ashley and Erin O'Neil and Mabelle Hartman; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery with Pastor John D. Weaver of the Whitefish Assembly of God officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

## Mildred Frances Fisher Orr, 86

Mildred Frances Fisher Orr, 86, passed away on March 16, 2002, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born Aug. 26, 1915, in Fort Randall, S. D., to Ross and Rosetta (Ervey) Ferris.

Mildred received her education in Lakeview, S. D. She married Henry Fisher in 1935 and they farmed in South Dakota until 1967. At that time, they moved to Columbia Falls and continued to farm there until Henry's death in 1972.

Mildred married Albert Orr in Kalispell in 1985. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Mildred's hobbies and interests included flower gardening, vegetable gardening, quilting, embroidering, wood crafting and volunteering for R.S.V.P. Mildred was a manager at the Council On Aging nutrition site for many years, for whom she also worked as a homemaker. Mildred was also a member of the South Kalispell Fire Department Auxiliary and the Immanuel Lutheran Home ladies craft group.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husbands.

She is survived by her three sons, Clyde and wife Jackie of Columbia Falls, Robbie and wife Evelyn of Salem, Ore., and Fonda

and wife Karen of Columbia Falls; 10 grandchildren, Steven Fisher, Tim Fisher, Bryan Fisher, Rosemary Fisher, Deanna Bretch, Dale Fisher, Patty Jones, Kelly Fisher, Dan Fisher and Jennifer Flint; 13 great-grandchildren, Janelle Erickson, Andrew Erickson, Rebecca Bretch, Amanda Fisher, Kelly Fisher, Vileka Fisher, Benjamin Fisher, Anecia Jones, Lawrence Jones, Julian Jones, Anthony Jones, Tiona Fisher and James Runkle; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be today at Johnson Mortuary from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Mortuary with the Rev. Larry Stappler of Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens. Following the interment there will be a reception at the Fonda Fisher home at 1225 Mooring Road, Columbia Falls.

The family suggests memorial gifts be given to the South Kalispell Fire Department: 1255 Willow Glen Road, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary, and Crematory.

## Robert Ortega, 63

Robert Ortega, 63, of Marion, died Jan. 3, 2002, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

He was born Nov. 10, 1938, in Jerome, Ariz.

There will be a celebration of life Monday at the North Valley Eagles in Columbia Falls at 3 p.m. A full obituary will follow.

## Lou E. Ost, 80

Lou E. Ost, 80, a Whitefish resident, passed away Sunday, Feb. 10, 2002, at North Valley Extended Care in Whitefish.

She was born Dec. 29, 1921, in Minot, N.D. She graduated from high school there and later completed a year of business school.

She married Roy Beckdahl in 1945; he passed away in 1976. She then married Leo Ost in 1978, and he survives her at the family home in Whitefish.

During World War II, she worked in the shipyards. She was then a housewife and then went to work for the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls as a telephone oper-

ator for a short time, then as a data processor until her retirement.

She belonged to the golf club in Whitefish and enjoyed playing the piano.

She is survived by her husband, Leo; sons, Dave Beckdahl in Hungry Horse, and Dean Beckdahl in Livermore, Calif.; stepdaughters, Carol Ost in Whitefish and Sharron Ost in Davenport, Wash three grandchildren, Andrea, Royce and Angela; a sister, Geraldine Moritz in Minot.

No services are planned and cremation is under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

## Jens P. Oswald, 80

Jens P. Oswald, 80, formerly of Kooskia, Idaho, died of cancer Sunday, Jan. 6, 2002, at his daughter's home in Bigfork.

He was born June 11, 1921, in Kooskia, to Jens and Karen Oswald, who emigrated from Norway. He was raised in Kooskia.

He served in the Navy during World War II and married Zilpha Jensen on Nov. 6, 1946, in Spokane. His family lived in Wallace, Idaho, until moving to California in the early 1950s. They moved first to Gustine, Calif., in 1956, and in 1982, after retiring, moved back to Kooskia.

He worked during his lifetime in many different fields, such as an electrician, building houses, plumbing, as an appliance repairman, insurance agent and also in the mines and as a creamery maintenance worker. His favorite pastime was woodworking, which he spent endless hours doing.

Jens was a member of the Gideons, very active with the ministry of his church and was always ready and willing to help others.

He started the drug coalition in Kooskia and was active with the Civil Air Patrol.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jens and Karen Oswald; two brothers, Penrod and Ralph; son Burton Oswald and his wife, Cindy; and two grandsons, Brandon and Grant.

He is survived by his wife, Zilpha Oswald; daughter Nancy Miller and husband Ken and son, Mason Oswald, all of Bigfork; a brother Arnolt Oswald of Kamiah, Idaho; two sisters, Christine Oswald of Sebring, Fla., and Hazel Dennis of Portland; grandsons, Dwight Miller of Parker, Colo., and Scott Miller of Kalispell; great-grandson Blake Miller of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11 at the Clearwater Assembly of God Church in Kamiah, Idaho, and he was laid to rest at the Kamiah cemetery with full military honors.

Local arrangements by Bigfork Funeral Home.

## Pauline 'Polly' Ottenbacher, 87

Pauline "Polly" Ottenbacher, 87, of Billings passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2002, at Parkview Care Center.



Polly was born on June 16, 1914, to John Adam and Katherina (Heiser) Kuebler on the family farm near Burnstad, N.D.

She married Arthur Ottenbacher on Nov. 5, 1939, and moved to his family farm near Herreid, S.D. The family moved to Kalispell in 1947, where she lived until 1971, when she moved to Billings. Her husband passed away on May 17, 1956.

Polly was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and nine brothers and sisters.

She is survived by two children, Janet and husband, Delton Ludwig, of Billings, and Stan and wife, Merrilee Ottenbacher, of

Phoenix; and her granddaughter, Megan and husband, Rob Webb, and great-grandson, Clayton, of Anchorage, Alaska. She is also survived by Merrilee's daughters, Joelle and husband, Brent McCasland, Jani and husband, Mike Pankoff, and their daughters, Kensington and Mia, all of Phoenix. She is also survived by three sisters, Billie Miller and Esther and her husband, Vernon Eiger, of Bismarck N.D., and Bertha and husband, Ted Schock, of Wishek, N.D.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral services will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with interment at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran School, c/o Trinity Lutheran Church, 537 Grand Ave., Billings MT 59101.

Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



## Albin J. Overby, 81

Albin J. Overby, 81, died July 16, 2002, at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Overby; three sons, Darrell Overby, Darwin Overby, and Bernt Overby; and two daughters, Cheryl Overby and

Julie Drake.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the City of Libby Cemetery with the Rev. Les Nelson officiating.

## Patrick J. Owens, 72

Patrick J. Owens, 72, died Feb. 22, 2002, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center after a long battle with complications caused by a stroke.

Patrick was born Aug. 5, 1929, in Libby, to James and Rachel (Williams) Owens.

He married Ruth Marvin in 1957, and they had one son, James Patrick, in 1959.

Patrick learned of a love for writing early, first working on the school newspaper at Flathead County High School, and then for the Daily Inter Lake and Missoulian before graduation in 1947. He served with the U.S. Army from 1948-51 as the editor of the Caribbean Army News and a public relations man.

Patrick's journalism career started out in smalltown Montana but soon brought him into the center of some of the hottest issues in the nation. In 1959, he moved to Little Rock, Ark., to work for the Arkansas Gazette and covered the desegregation in Little Rock schools and the national civil rights movement.

He then went on to Pine Bluff, Ark., to work for the Pine Bluff Commercial as a reporter and editorial writer covering desegregation in this Arkansas Black Belt community. Through his editorials, Patrick set out to change the town's point of view about desegregation.

His work in Arkansas brought him into the national spotlight and in 1965, Patrick moved on to Detroit and the Detroit Free Press, where he covered labor relations and such things as Jimmy Hoffa's leadership of the Teamsters.

In 1969, he joined the staff of Newsday in Long Island, N.Y., where he was part of their editorial staff, covering issues like the Nixon impeachment hearings and the Vietnam War. He spent time in Washington as a White House correspondent and in Europe report-

ing on the Warsaw Block and communist government.

In 1986, Patrick suffered a debilitating stroke, which ended his career early. He returned to Kalispell to be near his family.

Through Patrick's journalism, he championed the causes of real people who were struggling. He was strong willed and never afraid to state his opinions and stand up for what he felt was right. He wrote what he believed and not what he thought was popular. For this he was often unpopular with his editors.

He was awarded some of journalism's highest awards, including two Sidney Hillman awards and a Distinguished Reporting Citation.

While pursuing his career in journalism, Patrick was a Neiman Fellow at Harvard University. In 1978, he received his master's degree of social work from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Patrick will not only be remembered for his talent as a writer and reporter but also for his brilliant mind and eccentric taste.

He was preceded in death by his father James Owens; mother, Rachel (Williams) Owens; stepfather, Orville Hoover; and sister, Linda Marie Hoover.

He is survived by his son, James, daughter-in-law Mary Ann, and granddaughters, Hope and Kaitlin of Park City, Utah; his sisters, Dorothy Pennoyer and Shirley Druesdow of Kalispell; brothers, Denny Owens of Marion, Gaylon Owens of Kalispell, and Mike Hoover of Rexford.

The family is grateful to all who helped care for Patrick during the years after his stroke. At his request, a cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in the spring.

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