

Leonard N. Oberdorf, 75

Leonard N. Oberdorf, 75, died on Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as an air traffic controller.

He is survived by his children, Heidi Mowery of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Leonard Oberdorf Jr. of Anchorage, Alaska,

Tammy Redmond of Grantville, Pa., Vicki Smith of Greenfield, Ind., and Alan Oberdorf of Fortine.

Services will be held at a later date in Coeur d'Alene, and Danville, Pa.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

Leah Ann Odegard, 51

Leah Ann Odegard, 51, of Port Orchard, Wash., died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, of complications from breast cancer.

Leah Ann was born in Kalispell to Pat and Ken Odegard on Nov. 24, 1953. She graduated from Flathead High School in 1971, and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business from Montana State University in 1976.

In 1977, she was married to David Deems Lewis in her hometown of Kalispell.

Leah Ann worked as an accountant not only for the CPA firm of Knutson, Trolson, and Fargher in Lakewood, Wash., but she was also self-employed as an accountant.

Leah Ann had many extra-curricular activities outside of work. Not only was she a full-time mother of two, but she also volunteered for many different organizations. She was actively involved with the Children's Hospital Guild of Seattle for over 20 years. Leah Ann also volunteered for her daughters' elementary school, Mullenix Ridge Elementary for over six years; she started a morning computer class called the Tech-Team and also taught typing classes throughout the day to many students. She also volunteered in the Strawberry Hill Homeowners Association, where she worked to change the front of the neighborhood; and South Kitsap Citizens for Quality Education, where she worked to better the South Kitsap School district. Leah Ann was also heavily involved in her daughter's dance school, Just for Kicks.

In May of 2001, when Leah Ann



learned that she had breast cancer, she started to volunteer for the Breast Cancer Research Center in Tacoma, Wash.

Everyone that knew Leah Ann thought she was a joy to be around. She was a very strong and devoted individual who was always singing and laughing. Leah Ann was a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend. She would be there for someone, no matter what. She will be greatly missed by everyone that has had the privilege to meet this wonderful lady.

Surviving are her husband, David Deems Lewis; her two daughters, Adrienne Renee Lewis, who is currently a student at Eastern Washington University, and Allison Rachel Lewis, who is currently a student at University of Idaho; two sisters, Carol Jean Waugh of Arapahoe, Colo., and Susan Marie Odegard-Fellows of Las Vegas; two brothers, Kenneth Eugene Odegard of Las Vegas, and Thomas Allan Odegard of Albuquerque, N.M., and her parents, Pat and Ken Odegard, and grandmother, Jewell Bellmore, all of Kalispell.

Memorial services will be held at Bible Baptist Church in Port Orchard, Wash., at 4:30 p.m. Thursday with a reception to follow. An online memorial for Leah Ann can be viewed and signed at www.rill.com.

Memorial donations can be made in Leah Ann's name to the Breast Cancer Resource Center, 3502 South 12th St., Tacoma, WA 98405; or Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, c/o Marlene Barber, 10086 Misery Point Road, Seabeck, WA 98380. (Please make checks out to Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center.)

Richard Darby O'Brien, 82

Richard Darby O'Brien, 82, formerly of Essex, died of heart failure Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls.

A funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 21, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chester with cremation to follow.

Survivors include daughters, Judith Cole of Geneva, Mary Patt Hawthorne of Olympia, Wash., Debora O'Brien of Cut Bank and Nancy O'Brien of Billings; daughter-in-law, Jan O'Brien of Kalispell; brothers, Dennis O'Brien of Seattle, and Marty O'Brien of Ephrata, Wash.; a sister, Mary Vassar of Spokane; and six grandchildren.

Darby was born Aug. 22, 1922, in Grace City, N.D. He grew up in Chester, graduating from Chester High School in 1940.

Darby married Elizabeth Kingston on Sept. 26, 1942, in Seattle. He served in the Navy during World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1945.

Darby became partner of the Liberty County Times in Chester. In 1948 he was elected as Liberty County Clerk of Court, a position he held for 39 years. In 1949, he purchased a State Farm insurance business. He was also a real estate agent and co-owner of the Liberty/Toole County Title Companies.

He retired in 1988 and moved to his cabin at Essex.

He enjoyed politics and was a staunch Democrat. He also enjoyed playing cribbage and attending jazz festivals.

He had recently moved to the Sweetgrass Lodge in Chester.

Memorials are suggested to the Peace Hospice, the Essex Quick Response Unit or the Democratic Party.

Mary Rita 'Mitzi' Ogle, 79

Mary Rita "Mitzi" Ogle, 79, "passed into her Lord's arms" on Dec. 14, 2004.

She was born March 24, 1925, in Anaconda, to Julius and Catherine LaVallee.



In 1947 she met Herb Ogle; they were married Sept. 17, 1949. Herb and Mitzi later welcomed 10 children into their family. Raising her family was always a privilege and her greatest source of pride. Her children say their mother taught them to be honest, to have a profound sense of caring for others, and she instilled a deep sense of faith in each of them. "We feel so blessed to have had you as our mother."

The Ogles owned and operated Ogle's House of Hobbies on Main Street in downtown Kalispell from 1972 until retiring in 1993. Mitzi loved to camp, cross country ski and spend time with her family, especially her 19 grandchildren. She was a longtime member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Herbert, in 1999; infant daughter, Susan; and her parents.

She is survived by her nine children, Tom Ogle and his wife, Vicki, of Beaverton, Ore., Mary Ogle of Phoenix, Mark Ogle of Kalispell, Sheila Weaver and her husband, Ron, of Beaverton, Mike and his wife, Franci, of Glendale, Ariz., Margaret Crepps and her husband, Bob, of Beaverton, Sandi Doyle and her husband, Pat, Anita Leininger and her husband, Bill, and Jim Ogle and his wife, Karla, all of Kalispell; 19 grandchildren;

five great-grandchildren; and her brother, Bill LaVallee, of Carson City, Nev.

Her memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. There will be a private burial.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Alzheimer's organization or St. Matthew's School.

Christine Marie 'Chris' (Curdy) Ogle, 49

Christine Marie "Chris" (Curdy) Ogle, 49, passed away Sunday, June 20, 2004, from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident outside Kalispell.



Chris was born in Great Falls and lived in the Seattle and Kalispell areas.

Chris was an original, self-taught "computer junkie" at the beginning of the Internet age and was the first to post a Montana artist on the World Wide Web by developing Mark Ogle's Web site. She owned and operated a successful frame shop in Kalispell for many years.

Survivors include her son David Ogle, her daughter Sarah Ogle, and former husband, Mark Ogle, all of Kalispell; father and stepmother, Patrick R. and Eileen M. Curdy of Great Falls; brother,

Ric Curdy and his wife, Teresa, of Portland; and stepsister, Julie Gemar-Stimac and her husband, Oke, of Great Falls.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lorraine Lope.

"Chris lived with great passion and love, undaunted by new adventures. She stood beside others and enhanced their quests. She devoted her time to being a spiritual guide and friend to any who passed her way. Her heart was open, her love genuine. She exuded an innate sense of balance and was an extraordinary crafter of the creative forces in the universe. Her spirit roamed freely and currently soars on the winds of time. God love that woman. She will be missed by many. She will continue to be loved by many. Continue your journey blessed woman. We love ..."

A reception and Celebration of Life will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Drive, Kalispell.

Ed (Thomas Edgar) 'Snooky' O'Haire, 89

Ed (Thomas Edgar) "Snooky" O'Haire, 89, a resident of Happy Valley in Whitefish since the early 60s, "went to join his wife" Lovile on Valentine's Day, Feb.



14, 2004. "Ed left us due to complications of the flu." Ed was formerly of Sunburst, Shelby and Great Falls.

Ed was born Dec. 3, 1914, in Sunburst, to William James and Clara Belle O'Haire.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Alda Maddock; and one brother, Francis "Bill" O'Haire.

Ed met Lovile Stoeber in Sunburst. They were married in Kalispell, on Sept. 28, 1940. Lovile passed away on Dec. 29, 2000.

Ed will be remembered for all the construction work and development he did in and around Shelby, the O'Haire Manor in Shelby and Great Falls, and the development of Happy Valley Homesites between Kalispell and Whitefish.

During World War II, Ed enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and took extensive training to be an airplane flight instructor. After the war, Ed built over 500 dirt-filled reservoirs near Fort Benton. He and Lovile then purchased land in Shelby where he built a home on O'Haire Boulevard, a motel, and many apartment units.

Ed was a very active civic member of Shelby, belonging to the Elks, building homes, businesses and helping develop Shelby. In 1959, Ed started construction of the O'Haire Manor in Great Falls, a 72-unit motel which housed the famous Sip 'n Dip Lounge which was honored in 2003 for being number one of six lounges in the world

with its tiki atmosphere, piano bar and a window in the swimming pool where everyone in the lounge could watch the swimmers.

In 1960, Ed and Lovile purchased 400 acres north of Kalispell and began the development of what is known as Happy Valley Homesites. He developed the acreage into 565 half-acre tracts.

Ed was an avid hunter and fisherman. This love and the love of flying took him to Alaska where he used a crossbow with a mounted camera to bring home a polar bear. He mounted a movie camera on the nose of his airplane and took beautiful movies flying into Alaska. Ed flew many many hours with his family and friends.

Ed is survived by one son, Jim O'Haire, of Happy Valley, Whitefish; one daughter, Judy O'Haire, of Kalispell; one grandson, Lanti Carlson and his wife, Angie, of West Chester, Pa., one granddaughter, Kassie Fincher of Kalispell; one great-grandson, Skylar; and one great-granddaughter, Caitlynn Judy; nieces, nephews, extended family members and many, many friends that will remember Ed as a wonderful, cheerful, very clever and ingenious fellow.

Ed never stopped reaching for a dream. He always had a new idea and wanted to pursue them right to the end.

Cremation will take place. A service conducted by Doc. Kaufman to celebrate Ed's life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, when his ashes will be joined with his beloved wife's. This summer their joined ashes will be buried with Ed's mother, father and brother in Sunburst.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Donald A. O'Keefe

Donald A. O'Keefe was born Aug. 20, 1938, in Deer Lodge, to Remy and Frances (Moran) O'Keefe. He passed away Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, peacefully asleep at his home.



Donald worked as a U.S. postal worker for 20 years until his retirement in March of 1995. He also attended Powell County High School, was president of his school student body and graduated in 1956. He also attended the San Francisco School of Mortuary Science from September of 1961 until August of 1963, when he received an associate of arts degree.

He later joined the U.S. Army and attended Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga., in September of 1964. He was commissioned as second lieutenant in April of 1965. Donald was assigned as platoon leader to the First Air Cavalry Division and deployed to combat duty in Vietnam in August of 1965. He was severely wounded in combat in Bong Song in February of 1966.

Don was known and loved the many places he lived and will be

sorely missed. Don was a passionate aficionado of reading and travel, and enjoyed engaging in deep and exploratory conversations. His passion for life was second only to his love for his family, which he placed unflappably ahead of his own needs to the very end of his life.

Don is survived by his cherished and beloved sons, Remy O'Keefe and his wife, Anne, of Seattle, and Brian O'Keefe and his wife, Chris, of Arlington Heights, Ill.; and his ex-wife, Patricia Choiseur (Foster) of Walla Walla, Wash. He was the doting grandfather of Meghan and Madeline O'Keefe, and brother of Bill, Pat and Dan O'Keefe and Barbara Weiss.

Mr. O'Keefe was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Gloria; and brothers, Emmett and Ed.

A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Deer Lodge. Internment will be at 2 p.m. at the Helmsville Cemetery in Helmsville.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to Arlington Heights Public Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL, 60004.

The Glueckert Funeral Home of Arlington Heights is in charge of arrangements.

Hazel Lonnevik Olson, 88

Hazel Lonnevik Olson, 88, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at Prestige Assisted Living facility in Kalispell.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents; younger sister, Jane Lonnevik Riewer; and her husband, Roy Olson.

She is survived by her brothers, Robert of Conrad, and Edwin of Polson, and nine nieces and nephews and their families who brought her much love, peace, joy, and happiness.

Hazel was born June 5, 1916, in Valier, the oldest child of Sarah Mitchell Lonnevik and Henry O. Lonnevik. Her first home was on a homestead northeast of Valier. She went to the Lone Tree Grade School and graduated from Conrad High School in 1934.

Hazel owned the Little Brick Café in Conrad for three years after which she embarked on a lifelong nursing profession. During World War II she was in the U.S. Cadet Nursing program. Hazel graduated from Columbus School of Nursing in Great Falls and received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the College of Great Falls in 1951. Hazel



assumed the position of head nurse of the nursery at Columbus Hospital in 1946 and later became director of Columbus School of Nursing.

Hazel was on the medical staff at the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle. She also worked at Shadel Hospital in Seattle for three years. She began working for the American Red Cross blood program in 1966 and retired in 1992. Through the years Hazel served on many national, state, and local nursing projects and committees.

Roy and Hazel Olson moved from Great Falls to Finley Pint (near Polson) where they owned a cherry orchard until 1991 when they moved to Jetty Meadows near Polson. Hazel moved to Prestige Assisted Living facility in Kalispell in 2002.

Visitation for friends and family will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at Pondera Funeral Home in Conrad. Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at the Pondera Funeral Home with burial to follow in Hillside Cemetery. A reception is to follow.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Home Options of Kalispell, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or NW District of American Red Cross, 17A First Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Ricci Kathryn Olsen

Ricci Kathryn Olsen passed "into the Lord's care," after long and courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis, April 5, 2004, with family and loved ones near.



Ricci was born to Inga and Andy Olsen, on Feb. 16, 1954, in Williston, N.D. She was baptized into the Lutheran faith at the Lutheran Free Church in Alamo, N.D. Ricci attended school in Alamo and moved with her parents to Columbia Falls in 1966.

She was confirmed at our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls and attended schools there, graduating in 1972. After graduation, Ricci enlisted in the Army and on her return to Columbia Falls, she attended Flathead Valley Community College. She worked as a health aide until pulmonary fibrosis forced her to retire.

Ricci was a tremendous photographer, basically self-taught, with Frank Sharr as her mentor. Her works are spread throughout the Northwest. When Ricci could no longer continue to work outside her home, she taught herself to do bead work, and continued to do so until the end. To say that her work is well-known throughout north-west Montana, would be an under-

statement to say the least.

Ricci was a real "people" person, loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Ricci was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents; her parents, Inga and Andy Olsen of Columbia Falls; and her brother-in-law, Jack Dollan.

She is survived by brother, Arne Olsen, and wife, Marilyn, of Williston, N.D.; and sisters, Louise Anne Gulick of Whitefish, and Helen Dollan of Kalispell; and longtime friend and companion, Kari Rollins. Ricci is also survived by seven nieces and nephews, and 12 great-nieces and nephews. She is also survived by very special aunts, Anne, Hazel and Margaret; and uncle, Leonard; as well as many cousins across the U.S. and Norway.

Ricci will be missed by all of us, including her special companions, her dogs, Moobear and Bonnie.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 12, at Buffalo Hill Mortuary with Pastor John Bent officiating.

The family suggests any memorials be made in Ricci's name to: Home Options Hospice, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901; or Wings, Attn: Jennifer Schaffner, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901; or sent to Helen Dollan, 104 Buffalo Stage, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Jerry O'Neal, 61

Jerry O'Neal, 61, of Columbia Falls, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.



He was born Jan. 1, 1943, in Natchez, Miss., to John and Maggie (Clark) O'Neal. Jerry grew up in Gulfport, Miss., and graduated from high school there. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi, and upon graduation, received his master's degree.

Jerry married Sylvia G. Green in Neely, Miss., on May 28, 1971. He was employed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service throughout the United States. The O'Neals moved to the Flathead Valley of Montana in the fall of 2002, when Jerry accepted the position with the National Park Service to be deputy superintendent of Glacier National Park.

Jerry took an affinity to writing when he was a boy, starting with poetry. Over the years, he has been a published writer of historical fiction, with eight books published. He enjoyed outdoor activities, hiking and fly fishing.

He was preceded in death by

his parents; a brother, O.K. O'Neal; and a sister, Gail Hardison.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Sylvia G. O'Neal; their daughter, Halle O'Neal, of Lawrence, Kan.; a brother, Sam O'Neal, of Gulfport, Miss.; and three sisters, Doris Swarnowicz and her husband, John, of Gulfport, Dianne MacIver and her husband, Mike, of Mobile, Ala., and Brenda Loft and her husband, Bruce, of Marietta, Ga. There are many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Jerry O'Neal will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at the University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. Burial will follow in the Neely Cemetery in Neely, Miss. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Hulett-Winsted Funeral Home in Hattiesburg.

The family suggests memorials for Jerry be sent to the George B. Hartzog Jr. Educational Loan Program, in care of Bonnie Stetson, NPS Employee and Alumni Association, 470 Marilyn Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA, 19034. Please include the statement "In memory of Jerry O'Neal."

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hulett-Winsted Funeral Home, 205 Bay St., Hattiesburg, MS, 39401. Phone (601) 582-1571. Local arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary and Crematory.

Jackie M. Orr, 68

Jackie M. Orr, formerly of Bigfork, died on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, in Issaquah, Wash. She was 68 years old.

Jackie was born in Eureka to Charles and Olive Taskey on Dec. 30, 1935.

Survivors include her children, Candice McKnight of Issaquah, Wash., Steve Cuthbert of Snoqualmie, Wash., Michael Orr of Port

Townsend, Wash. and locally, Diana Prouty-Bierbaum of Kalispell.

Jackie is also survived by a sister, Eleanor McLaughlin, of St. Maries, Idaho; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial was held on Aug. 12 in North Bend, Wash.

Friends are invited to share memories, view, or sign the online guest book at www.Flintofts.com

Delia 'Dell' Osborne, 78

Delia "Dell" Osborne, 78, peacefully joined the Lord our God, her parents, sister, brother, sister-in-law and son on Nov. 26, 2004.



She was born Delia Mary Bourassa on Jan. 24, 1926, in Flaxville. After graduation from high school, Delia moved to Great Falls, taught school for a year, then went to San Francisco via Seattle, where she worked for the Internal Revenue Service.

Delia met David L. Osborne of Princeton, W. Va., on New Year's Day 1946 on the Oakland Bay Bridge where the bus they were riding broke down. David, who was stationed with the Navy on Treasure Island, and Delia were married two months later on March 20, 1946.

This loving union of 58 years brought six children: Jody (Richard) Fee of Charlotte, N.C., Diana (Duane) Johnson of Whitefish, Gloria Osborne (Mike McPherson) of Brookings, Ore., Carolyn Drouin (John Layne) of Whitefish, David Osborne (Nancy Olson) of Brookings, Ore., and Danny Osborne, who is deceased.

Dell was loved by her grandchildren: Michelle (Jim) Dyon, Darrell (Nicole) Johnson, Tim (Brandy) Sammon and Louella (Daryl) Sletten, all of Whitefish; Melissa, Jennifer and Samantha Osborne of Winston, Ore.; Anthony Osborne of Brookings, Ore.; Rebecca (Todd) Fitkin of Eugene, Ore.; Samantha Cornett of Portland, Ore.; Brian (Erica) Fee of Chicago; and Peter Fee of Madison, Wis.

Surviving brothers and sisters include Omer (Carol) Bourassa, Jean (Delores) Bourassa and Annette (Mick) Mitchke, all of

Pinetop, Ariz.; and Eileen (Alvin) Schugun of Scobey.

Extended family include Stephanie Nowack of Tempe, Ariz.; Ralph and Aleida Salort, Ralph (Elizabeth) Salort, Vivian (David) Salort-McCombie, all of Miami, Fla.; Robert (Marti) Sammon of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Kristy Fenrich of Brookings, Ore.

Great Gramma and Aunt Dell will be missed by numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.B. and Aurora Bourassa; a sister, Luella Bourassa; a brother, Lyle, and a sister-in-law, Opal Bourassa; and her loving son Danny.

Besides spending time with her family, fishing, camping, hunting and traveling, she found time to dedicate years with the Catholic Daughters of America as past regent and California state representative. She was past president and longtime member of the Catholic Altar Society in Brookings, Ore. Dell was a member of the Lewis and Clark Search and Rescue out of Helena for many years.

Dell will always be known for the fact that she never turned away when she found someone in need. Her heart was open to all and she will be missed by her family and friends.

Visitation will be 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at St. Charles Barromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the St. Charles Memorial Fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Louis R. Osterberg, 58

Louis R. Osterberg, 58, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at his home on Bull Lake near Troy.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl, of Troy; and daughters, Lisa Gravelle Sorenson, and Elois Skinner, both of

Elko, Nev.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Aug. 21, at 14462 Bull Lake Road, Troy.

Nelson & Vial Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cora Orndorff, 89

Cora Orndorff, 89, "went to be with Jesus" on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell from congestive heart failure.



Cora was born Dec. 23, 1914, in Pisgah, Md., to Harry and Mary Rees. She was one of eight children.

She met Bud Orndorff at a Methodist Church Halloween party in October 1937 and they were married Oct. 1, 1938, in Pisgah, Md. They moved between Maryland and Montana three times before settling down in Columbia Falls.

She will be remembered as a great cook, serving Bud's home-grown vegetables and wild meat from his hunting trips that fed a

large household.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, two brothers, and two sons, Alan and Paul.

She is survived by her husband, Bud — they had just celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary; two brothers, David and Harry; three sons and their wives, Gary and Carole Orndorff of Missoula, Brian and Darlene Orndorff of Kalispell, and Jan and Janet Orndorff of Florence; and one daughter and husband, Vicki and Ron Lamoreaux of Echo Lake.

She had many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

LaMar 'Bud' Orndorff, 87

LaMar "Bud" Orndorff, 87, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Bud was born on May 1, 1917, in Warren. He was the oldest of seven children. At 16 he won first place in a statewide physical fitness competition, and at 19 he won Heavyweight Golden Gloves for the state of Montana.

He met Cora Agnes Rees at a church Halloween party in Washington, D.C. They were married in Pisgah, Md., at Cora's parent's home on Oct. 1, 1938. He served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Bud took his six kids hiking and fishing in the mountains. He and the boys also enjoyed hunting. Bud worked many jobs, including ranch foreman, commercial fisherman, lumber-grader, Flathead



Tunnel foreman, sawmill foreman and A.A.C. millwright.

He also served two terms as the mayor of Columbia Falls.

He always had a huge vegetable garden and built four houses in the area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, two sisters, his wife of 66 years, Cora, and two sons, Alan and Paul.

He is survived by one brother, John, and two sisters, Anita and Donna; three sons and their wives, Gary and Carole Orndorff of Missoula, Brian and Darlene Orndorff of Kalispell, and Jan and Janet Orndorff of Florence; and one daughter and husband, Vicki and Ron Lamoreaux of Echo Lake. He had 12 grandchildren and over 24 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

Raymond 'Ray' Otten, 85

Raymond "Ray" Otten, 85, passed away Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004, at Healthcare Northwest in Kalispell. Ray was born Dec. 28, 1918, in Riceton, Saskatchewan, to Otto and Minnie (Bohlken) Otten. The family moved to Outlook, Mont., in 1926.



Ray joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 for four years.

He married Elizabeth Nelson on Nov. 2, 1940, in Glasgow. After they married, they lived in Plentywood and then moved to Kalispell in 1948. Ray was involved in farming and Otten Logging and Sawmill with his sons.

Ray was on dialysis for 14 years and was recognized as the longest patient on dialysis at Glacier Regional.

"Beloved husband, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, we love you. Your kindness and memories will be with us forever."

Ray had a zest for life and lived life to its fullest. He believed you were only as good as your word and he was. He was honest, hard-working and had a great sense of humor. He made a huge difference in the lives he touched. He was someone you could look up to — the salt of the earth. Ray was a good neighbor, willing to help anyone out that he could. He loved his woodworking and sharing his

beautiful pieces with family and friends. Ray loved his wife of 64 years very much and had enough time and love to share with all his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was like a dad to several and was called "Papa" by the grandchildren.

Ray will be missed very much by his friends. He appreciated the rides to and from dialysis.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; brothers; and a son, Harvey, in 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of Kalispell; children, Rachel Johnson, and husband Harry of Billings; daughter-in-law, Cheryl, of Missoula; Donald and special friend Rhonda, Rita, Robert and wife Cindy, and son Art, all of Kalispell; siblings, Lena Weimer of Kalispell, Laura and husband Cole Wyatt of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Millie LeMay of Glasgow, Helen Konshur of Bigfork, Clarence and wife Margaret of Thompson Falls, and Clifford of Harlowtown; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

As Ray requested, there will be no funeral services. Urn burial will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Delbert 'Dub' Harry Owens, 78

Delbert Harry "Dub" Owens, 78, died in his sleep on Dec. 29, 2004, at his home in Columbia Falls.

He was born Sept. 6, 1926, in Kalispell, to Alice and Harry



Owens. He graduated from high school in Eureka. He served in the Air Force in 1945 as an airplane and engine mechanic in the Philippines. He attended college in Missoula, worked at his dad's creamery in Eureka, delivered butter in Plains, and worked building the highway between Eureka and Canada. He worked building the bridge across the Kootenai River, worked at the Kennedy and Stevens Sawmill. He was a Fuller Brush salesman and worked at the aluminum plant.

Delbert was a good, honest, hard-working man, a great father and a wonderful husband. In the last few weeks before lung cancer took him, he was lovingly and gen-

tly cared for by his children, his granddaughter and Hospice. His family members ask that all donations please be sent to Hospice as it is a wonderful program.

Delbert was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Betty June Owens; his father, Harry Morgan Owens; and his mother, Alice Marie Douglas Owens.

He is survived by his two daughters, Sue Norman and husband, Tom, of Lewistown, and Debra Owens of Kalispell; two sons, David Owens and Robert Owens and wife, Cynthia, all of Columbia Falls; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; his two brothers, Keith and Jack Owens; and two sisters, Ginger Owens and Mary Alice Rein.

Cremation was at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. There will be a informal potluck memorial luncheon for family and friends at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, in the basement of the Eagles Club across from Mike's Conoco on U.S. 2 in Columbia Falls