

Pat O'Brien, 66

Pat O'Brien, 66, a lifetime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2005, at home in Libby.

She had worked for a time at Skogmo and Jack's Zip-In, and also as a school bus driver.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, at the family home; and her children, Rick O'Brien and Kim Boharski, both of Libby, Debbie Davenport and Denise Hewitt, both

of Kennewick, Wash., Tina O'Brien of Spokane, and Diane Martin of Seattle.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Bob Havens officiating. Interment services will be afterward at 3 p.m. at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Dorothy Oftedal, 89

Dorothy Oftedal, 89, passed away in her sleep at home on Oct. 27, 2005.

She was born Dorothy Bohland on an orange and olive ranch in Lindsay, Calif., on Nov. 8, 1915.

She was valedictorian of her senior class in high school and went to Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles where she met her future husband, Willard Oftedal. They were married in 1938 and spent six years traveling, fishing and fishing along with Willard's jobs with the Border Patrol and then as a traveling auditor for the IRS before settling down to have a family. They moved to the Seattle area in 1948 and then to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1955.

While Willard worked for the Internal Revenue Service and later at the Small Business Administration, she, in addition to raising her children, worked for the Civil Aeronautics Administration (predecessor to the FAA) and later for the Anchorage school district.

They were in Anchorage during the 1964 earthquake and then left in 1968 when Willard was forced to retire early because of health reasons.

They traveled looking for the perfect spot to retire, came to Polson and decided Flathead Lake



was where they wanted to be. They moved to Dayton, in 1968, and then to Lakeside, in 1971.

She stayed busy with community affairs, bridge, exercise class, hiking with friends and enjoying Montana.

She often credited her good health to the three day a week exercise class led by Jean Barragan at Lakeside Chapel. She liked nothing better than to go on a "trip" looking for animals (especially bear) and just enjoying the mountains and vistas of Montana and beyond.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and her husband.

She is survived by her daughter, Caroline Casteel of Lakeside; her son, Willard Oftedal Jr., and his wife, Patti, of Somers; her grandchildren, Tammie Tomassello of Crestline, Calif., Douglas Brown Jr., of Houston, Texas; three great-grandchildren, Chris Lane Farrow Jr., Lacey Van Zandt and Kacey Van Zandt, also of Crestline; and many wonderful friends of all ages.

Dorothy was an incredible woman and will be missed by her family and many friends.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service and celebration of Dorothy's life will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Lakeside Community Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Lakeside QRU.

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. 29, 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 Faragher 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.

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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-Bellows 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.)

Agnes M. Olson, 90

Agnes M. Olson, 90, passed away Sunday, July 24, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell.

Agnes was born Aug. 11, 1914, in Silva, N.D., to Anton and Julia (Evenson) Lund. Agnes grew up in Silva and graduated high school there.

She then went to Bible college in Minneapolis before continuing her education in Bozeman for two more years.

She married Eugene T. Olson in Bozeman on Jan. 2, 1942. They moved to Kalispell in 1974.

Lovingly referred to as "Aunt Kit," she was a wonderful wife and mother loved by her family.

Agnes was involved in many women's groups in her church, the Christian Center Assembly of God as well as the Gideons.

She loved to cook, study her



Bible, sewing and gardening.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, Julia Evenson Lund and Anton Lund; her brothers, Edwin, Odell and Allen Lund, and her sisters, Stella Salisbury, Eunice Hamilton and Belva Halvorson.

Agnes is survived by her husband of 63 years, Col. Eugene T. Olson; daughter, Ardis "Ardy" Adams; sister, Cora Langseth; brother, Leonard Lund, and another sister, Myrtle Ramstad; grandchildren, Michael and James Adams; great-grandchildren, David, Brett and Andy Adams; and a special friend of the family, Wendy Urbach.

Visitation for Agnes will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday July 29, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with pastors John Weaver and Robert Ross officiating.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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January 11, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

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Farrel G. Olson, 90



Farrel G. Olson, 90, passed away in Henderson, Nev., "begin his new, eternal life in Christ" on Wednesday, July 13, 2005.

He was born Feb. 11, 1915, in Wildrose, N.D., the son of Norwegian parents, Bennie and Mabel Olson. He was raised on a farm near Wildrose and attended a one-room school, graduating from Wildrose High School in 1934.

He worked on farms and logging camps in Montana and then as a helmsman on a Norwegian freighter, traveling to Japan, Singapore, Borneo and Samatra.

Farrel married his beloved wife, Mary, in 1939 in Conrad. They celebrated almost 60 years of marriage until she passed away in 1998. They operated a service station together in Dutton and then a bowling alley and restaurant in Miles City. During this time, Farrel learned to fly and became a private pilot. From 1940 to 1946, Mary and Farrel lived in Seattle, where he was a civilian air force instructor (electrical) on B-17s and B-29s in the Boeing Flying Fortress School. They returned to Great Falls, where

he lived for the next 46 years. They raised three daughters and later were blessed with six granddaughters.

Farrel worked for the John Deere Company for 25 years, earning several trips for Mary and him to the Bahamas, Bermuda and Europe. He was a loyal supporter of the John Deere Co. throughout his life. After retirement, he was a hail adjuster for the state of Montana.

Mary and Farrel moved to Kalispell in 1992 and then to Henderson in 1996.

Farrel was an active member of the Masonic organization for 55 years, earning his 32nd degree. He was president of the Great Falls Shrine Club in 1983, a member of the Motorsikl Tauf, a life member of the Elks, and he received the honorary red cap

award for the Scottish Rite.

For 15 years, Farrel was active in the Cascade County Sheriff's Posse; and also was past president of the Great Falls Saddle Club. He spent many weekends with his family, helping with 0-Mok-Sees, polo games and parades.

He was a skilled horseman and taught his daughters how to handle, ride, love and appreciate horses.

He also belonged to the Sons of Norway, Good Sams Club, Bethel Lutheran Church in Great Falls, Calvary Lutheran in Kalispell and Christ the Servant Lutheran in Henderson.

His favorite hobby was big-game hunting. He helped guide many pack trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He also loved pheasant and deer hunting, as well as fishing.

Farrel was a true gentleman, honest, caring and sincere. His favorite pastime was visiting with family and friends. He was dearly loved, respected, and enjoyed by all and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Olson; granddaughters, Britt Belschner and Misty Evenson; sister, Alpha Fortier; and his parents.

Farrel is survived by his daughters, Shirley Murray and husband, Scott, of Las Vegas, Cynde Pickett and husband, Dan, of Las Vegas, and Cheryl Beck and husband, Greg, of Columbia Falls; granddaughters, Mandy Stebbins of Bethel, Alaska, Holly Desch of Kalispell, Ellie Bicha of Montrose, Colo., and Katie Stebbins of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives. He also leaves behind his dog, JayDee.

Farrel's deep faith and trust in the Lord comforted him and sustained him throughout his life.

A celebration of Farrel's life was held in Henderson at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church.

Memorials to the Great Falls Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic and/or cards may be sent to Cynde Pickett, 6984 Troubadour Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89119.

Robert Marshall Orser, 82



Robert Marshall Orser "went to be with his Lord" on Aug. 15, 2005. He died peacefully with family members present at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

He was born in Kalispell, to Dr. Clarence M. and Mary Luella (Logan) Orser on Aug. 11, 1923. He met and married Delores Marken, the love of his life, on Sept. 2, 1948. They were married 50 years until her death in 1999.

Dr. Bob, as he was most well known, graduated from Flathead County High School in 1941 and went on to receive his doctorate in dentistry at the University of Michigan. He practiced dentistry in Kalispell for 47 years; the first with his father and the latter in partnership with Dr. Fred Ilen. He served as a dental officer in the Army from 1951 to 1953 in Germany.

He was appointed to the State Board of Dental Examiners from 1965, serving as president in 1975. He became a member of the American Dental Association International in 1954.

Through this organization he served both as president in 1958 and as the scoutmaster for their out troop for many years.

He was very involved in the community and served as a member of the school board for nine years.

With family and friends, his interests were music, fly-fishing (a rod ... not a pole!),

fly-tying, golfing, camping, hunting, skiing,

and traveling (as his destination included fly-fishing). His life-long

passion inspired him to be the author of a number of groups

student/faculty quarterly of Montana with

as instructor, the late John Orser, University of Montana

and the Michigan Choral Society.

Union Society, Philharmonic Symphony under Eugene Ormandy, and the First Presbyterian and Northridge Lutheran Choirs. Most recently he sang with both the Glacier Symphony and Chorale and the Montanaires as a charter member.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores Marken Orser; his parents; and his brother, John Logan Orser.

He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Jane Orser Grouse of Kalispell; as well as his children,

Susan Friess and her husband, Robert, of Columbia Falls, their

four children, Logan Friess and his wife, Anna, of Sauk Centre,

Minn., their two children, Nina and Nathaniel Friess; Brian

Friess of Kalispell; Lindsay and Michael Davis of Dickson City,

Pa.; and Daniel Friess of Clarks Summit, Pa.; Scott Orser and his

wife, Amy, of Helena, and their two children, 1st Lt. Marken

Orser and his wife, 1st Lt. Christy Orser, both serving in the Army

in Iraq; Marisa Orser of Bozeman; Malcolm Orser of Atlanta,

Ga.; and Marsha Wilson and her husband, Dan, of Kalispell, and

their son, Blake Wilson; as well as brothers-in-law and numerous

cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at

Northridge Lutheran Church with Pastor Dan Heskett officiating,

with a reception following services. Interment will be held at

C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday after the

luncheon.

The family suggests any memorials to be sent to Northridge

Lutheran General Church Fund, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell,

MT 59901, The Montanaires and or Glacier Symphony and Chorale

at 140 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901 or YWAM (Youth With

A Mission), 501 Blacktail Road, Lakeside, MT 59922.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Robert's family.

Howard Orr, 62

Howard Orr, 62, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at St. Luther Hospital in Libby.

Orr worked previously in the lumber industry and numerous other fields. He is survived by

his wife, Raquel of Libby; his children, Corvina Taylor of

Kalispell, Brent Orr of Libby, and Angela Mikkelsen of Bay

ley, Minn., and his mother, Charlotte Orr of Libby.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church with Pastor Les Nelson

officiating. Interment services will follow at North City of Libby

Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson & Vial Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday.

ROBERT MARSHALL ORSER, 82

August 21, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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He was appointed to the State Board of Dental Examiners from 1961 to 1965, serving as president in 1965. He became a member of Rotary International in 1954. Within this organization he served both as president in 1958 and was the scoutmaster for their Boy Scout troop for many years. He was very involved in the community and served as a member of the school board for nine years.

After family and friends, his first loves were music, fly-fishing (with a rod ... not a pole!), floating, fly-tying, golfing, camping, hiking, hunting, skiing, woodworking and traveling (as long as the destination included golf and/or fishing). His life-long love of music inspired him to be involved with a number of groups including a student/faculty quartet at University of Montana with his voice instructor, the late John Lester, the University of Montana Glee Club, the Michigan Choral Union Society, Philharmonic Symphony under Eugene Ormandy, and the First Presbyterian and Northridge Lutheran Choirs. Most recently he sang with both the Glacier Symphony and Chorale and the Montanaires as a charter member.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores Marken Orser; his parents; and his brother, John Logan Orser.

He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Jane Orser Groose of Kalispell; as well as his children, Susan Friess and her husband, Robert, of Columbia Falls, their four children, Logan Friess and his wife, Anna, of Sauk Centre, Minn., their two children, Nina and Nathaniel Friess; Brian Friess of Kalispell; Lindsay and Michael Davis of Dickson City, Pa.; and Daniel Friess of Clarks Summit, Pa.; Scott Orser and his wife, Amy, of Helena, and their two children, 1st Lt. Marken Orser and his wife, 1st Lt. Christy Orser, both serving in the Army in Iraq; Marisa Orser of Bozeman; Malcolm Orser of Atlanta, Ga.; and Marsha Wilson and her husband, Dan, of Kalispell, and their son, Blake Wilson; as well as brothers-in-law and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at Northridge Lutheran Church with Pastor Dan Heskett officiating, with a reception following services. Interment will be held at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday after the luncheon.

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Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Robert's family.

Faye Sloan Osburnsen, 83

Faye Sloan Osburnsen, 83, passed peacefully away on March 23, 2005, at her winter home in Sun Village in Surprise, Ariz.

She was born Sept. 7, 1921, in Center, Neb., one of five children of Maude and Vilander Rathburn. Faye's childhood was spent on the family homestead in Nebraska. During the Depression and sandstorms of the 1930s, the farm was lost and the family moved to Salem, Ore., where Faye graduated from high school and worked as a maid and berry picker.

She then moved to Alaska and married Kermit Sloan and was employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration as a code and radio operator at a remote weather and control station on Sheep Mountain. FAA employment took them next to Superior, Butte, and Farmington, N.M., where she worked for Southern Union Gas for 10 years.

Faye enjoyed all forms of art and was an avid painter. Her favorite subjects were the local flowers, terrain and people. She and her friend, Ada, started a gift and art gallery, The Shop Unique, in Farmington.

In June 1980, Faye married Larry Osburnsen and they lived in Alaska and the Philippines where

he was employed in land development. They traveled extensively during these years and then settled in Montana on Flathead Lake in the summer and Arizona in the winter.

Faye loved her year-around gardens and hosting family and friends in her home.

A celebration of her life was held on March 23, at the Zuni Clubhouse in Sun Village and another is planned for July in Big Arm.

A memorial has been set up in her name to assist Native American children to pursue their love of art.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Osburnsen; sons, Ted and Elana Sloan and Todd Sloan; granddaughter, Stephany Conway and great-grandchildren, Kayla and Jaylen; his daughters, Diane Osburnsen and Linda and Mike Gwiazdon and grandson, Shane and Tina Reese and great-grandchildren, Heather, Adeline and Max and grandsons, Scott and Treva Reese, Koan Mercer and Matt Gwiazdon.

She will be remembered for her warm smile, gracious and caring manner and love of life. Her family extends a big thank you to all for your love and support in their sorrow.

Ruth Zella Ost, 73



Ruth Zella Ost passed away peacefully Oct. 27, 2005, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. She had spent the past several months bravely fighting lung cancer.

Ruth was born in Oklahoma on July 19, 1932, to Jessie and Bertha Livingston. She was one of eight children.

In January of 1949, she married Eugene Jacob Ost in Oregon. They moved to Whitefish in 1950, and began raising their family. They had six children, losing one infant daughter immediately after delivery.

Ruth spent her life as a homemaker. "She was the most selfless woman we've ever known." She was always concerned about everyone else, never herself. She was the best mom, "Gramma" and "Great-Gramma" to her family. She really loved unconditionally.

Ruth lived a very simple life, and was not too interested in material things. She enjoyed playing Yahtzee and poker to pass time. She also enjoyed yard-

saling, wind chimes and hummingbirds. She loved to grow her own tomatoes and she loved to eat them and share them. Most of all, she loved to spend time with her family.

Her husband, Eugene Jacob Ost; infant daughter, Paula Jean Ost; daughter, Debra Ann Ost; and grandson, Christopher Mangahan, preceded Ruth in death.

She is survived by daughter, Carolyn Wehr; sons, Bob, John and Mike Ost and wife, Kelly; grandchildren, Teri Hill and husband, Gene, Kim Role and husband, Mark, Dustyne Salminen and husband, Shane, Amber Ost, Torey, Devyn, Christina and brand-new grandson, Jacob Ost. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Rusty, Jesse and Cody Hill, Kortney, Garrett and James Role, Tanner and Colter Salminen; and many more extended family members.

At Ruth's request, a private urn burial took place Nov. 1. She now rests peacefully beside her husband in Whitefish Cemetery.

"We will miss her beautiful, deep, brown eyes and her very special way of loving each one of us."

Elmer Adolph Olson, 94

Elmer Adolph Olson, 94, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Olson, of Kalispell; a son, Gerald M. Olson, of Clarkston, Wash.; and daughters, Carol M. O'Donnell of Baker, and Virginia Perzinski of Kalispell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 2, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Tom Glatts of the Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Freda I. Ostby, 89

Freda I. Ostby, 89, born Feb. 29, 1916, in Alida, Minn., "slipped into the presence of her Savior," on Monday, May 2, 2005, surrounded by her loved ones and in her own cozy home in Martin City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mabel Thayer, her husband, Bob Ostby, her sister, Vida Stone, and her son, Bruce Ostby.

She became a teacher at a young age in Minnesota, then married and began raising her family. They discovered Montana, fell in love with the mountains, and moved here in 1944. She began working for the West Glacier Merc., managing the bar, which became known unofficially as Freda's, and still is to this day.

She made many friends there. How she loved all her "boys" who made up the trail crews.

At the age of 50, she went back to college and got her Bachelor of Arts in elementary education, due to the efforts of our special

family friend, Karen Feather. She then went back to teaching, in a one room school, all eight grades in Essex where she did the janitor work in exchange for living at the teacherage.

Freda was a member of the Canyon Community Church in Coram, the Martin City Fireman's Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, served on the board of directors for the Martin City Volunteer Fire Department, and served for many years in the Columbia Falls Christian Women's Club. She was also a whiz at cards and beat us all regularly!

She is survived by three daughters, Karen Lietz and her husband Don, Bobbie K. Beach, and Judy Johnson and her husband, Jack; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted by Rev. Tod Fox at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Canyon Elementary School in Hungry Horse, followed by a potluck supper.

John Lewis Otis, 78

John Lewis Otis, 79, a former resident of Kalispell and a Korean War veteran, passed away July 28, 2005, at his home in Eureka.

John was born near Billings, to Leamon E. and wife, Nora (Hall) Otis, on Oct. 8, 1925.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Fay Fine; brothers, Leamon Jr., Earl, and an infant

brother, Patty.

He is survived by a son, John M., daughter-in-law, Nancy, and three grandsons, all of Blaine, Wash.; four sisters, Lucille Biegler of Eureka, Ruth Adams of Kalispell, Jessie Lauman of Windlock, Wash., and Tiny Levitt of Columbia Falls.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

ELMER ADOLPH OLSON SR., 94

May 01, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Elmer Adolph Olson Sr., 94, passed away on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at his residence in Kalispell.

He was born June 21, 1910, in Ray, N.D., the fifth of 10 children to Alfred and Emma M. (Johnson) Olson. He attended schools in Ray and graduated from Ray High School in 1929. He attended Minot Teachers College, majoring in history with a minor in English. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1931. He received his masters degree from Western Montana College in Dillon. He later attended the University working on his doctorate. He received his doctorate from the University of Illinois.

On June 21, 1932, on his 22nd birthday, he was united in marriage to Irene A. Hartsoch in Williston, N.D. He farmed and taught school in North Dakota until 1954, when the family moved to Montana. He was principal and superintendent in various locations in Montana, including Baker, Glasgow, Frazer, Stevensville, St. Ignatius, where he and Irene had purchased a small ranch where they lived while he taught in St. Ignatius and following his retirement. They moved to Kalispell, in 1976.

He was an avid reader, he loved to read and study - a trait that he passed on to his children. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and also a member of the Montana Education Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Elmer A. Olson, Jr.; three brothers; and five sisters.

He survived by his wife, Irene Olson of Kalispell; a son, Gerald M. Olson of Clarkston, Wash.; and daughters, Carole M. O'Donnell of Baker, and Virginia Perzinski of Kalispell; a daughter-in-law, Muriel Olson of Spokane; a sister, Ruth Whitesell of Grangeville, Idaho; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Monday, May 2, at Johnson Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Tom Glatts of the Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. Burial will follow at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808 or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Rocky Mountain Chapter, 600 N. Curtis Road, Suite 245, Boise, ID 83706.

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FAYE SLOAN OSBURNSEN, 83

April 03, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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In June 1980, Faye married Larry Osburnsen and they lived in Africa and the Philippines where he was employed in land development. They traveled extensively during these years and then settled in Montana on Flathead Lake in the summer and Arizona in the winter.

Faye loved her year-around gardens and hosting family and friends in her home.

A celebration of her life was held on March 29, at the Zuni Clubhouse in Sun Village and another is planned for July in Big Arm.

A memorial has been set up in her name to assist Native American children to pursue their love of art.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Osburnsen; sons, Ted and Elana Sloan and Todd Sloan; granddaughter, Stephany Conway and great-grandchildren, Kayla and Jaylen; his daughters, Diane Osburnsen and Linda and Mike Gwiazdon and grandson, Shane and Tina Reese and great-grandchildren, Heather, Adeline and Max and grandsons, Scott and Tricia Reese, Koan Mercer and Matt Gwiazdon.

She will be remembered for her warm smile, gracious and caring manner and love of life. Her family extends a big thank you to all for your love and support in their sorrow.

FARREL G. OLSON, 90

July 27, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Farrel G. Olson, 90, passed away in Henderson, Nev., "and began his new, eternal life in Christ" on Wednesday, July 13, 2005.

He was born Feb. 11, 1915, in Wildrose, N.D., the son of Norwegian parents, Bennie and Mabel Olson. He was raised on a farm near Wildrose and attended a one-room school, graduating from Wildrose High School in 1934.

He worked on farms and logging camps in Montana and then as a helmsman on a Norwegian freighter, traveling to Japan, Singapore, Borneo and Samatra.

Farrel married his beloved wife, Mary, in 1939 in Conrad. They celebrated almost 60 years of marriage until she passed away in 1998. They operated a service station together in Dutton and then a bowling alley and restaurant in Miles City. During this time, Farrel learned to fly and became a private pilot. From 1940 to 1946, Mary and Farrel lived in Seattle, where he was a civilian air force instructor (electrical) on B-17s and B-29s in the Boeing Flying Fortress School. They returned to Great Falls, where they lived for the next 46 years.

They raised three daughters and later were blessed with six granddaughters.

Farrel worked for the John Deere Company for 25 years, earning several trips for Mary and him to the Bahamas, Bermuda and Europe. He was a loyal supporter of the John Deere Co. throughout his life. After retirement, he was a hail adjuster for the state of Montana.

Mary and Farrel moved to Kalispell in 1992 and then to Henderson in 1996.

Farrel was an active member of the Masonic organization for 55 years, earning his 32nd degree. He was president of the Great Falls Shrine Club in 1983, a member of the Motorsikl Tauf, a life member of the Elks, and he received the honorary red cap award for the Scottish Rite.

For 15 years, Farrel was active in the Cascade County Sheriff's Posse; and also was past president of the Great Falls Saddle Club. He spent many weekends with his family, helping with O-Mok-Sees, polo games and parades.

He was a skilled horseman and taught his daughters how to handle, ride, love and appreciate horses.

He also belonged to the Sons of Norway, Good Sams Club, Bethel Lutheran Church in Great Falls, Calvary Lutheran in Kalispell and Christ the Servant Lutheran in Henderson.

His favorite hobby was big-game hunting. He helped guide many pack trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He also loved pheasant and deer hunting, as well as fishing.

Farrel was a true gentleman, honest, caring and sincere. His favorite pastime was visiting with family and friends. He was dearly loved, respected, and enjoyed by all and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Olson; granddaughters, Britt Belschner and Misty Evenson; sister, Alpha Fortier; and his parents.

Farrel is survived by his daughters, Shirley Murray and husband, Scott, of Las Vegas, Cynde Pickett and husband, Dan, of Las Vegas, and Cheryl Beck and husband, Greg, of Columbia Falls; granddaughters, Mandy Stebbins of Bethel, Alaska, Holly Desch of Kalispell, Ellie Bicha of Montrose, Colo., and Katie Stebbins of Kalispell; and numerous other relatives. He also leaves behind his dog, JayDee.

Farrel's deep faith and trust in the Lord comforted him and sustained him throughout his life.

A celebration of Farrel's life was held in Henderson at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church.

Memorials to the Great Falls Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic and/or cards may be sent to Cynde Pickett, 6984 Troubadour Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89119.

SAVANNAH OLSON-HOLLIS

July 11, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Savannah passed away at her home, Thursday, July 7, 2005, from a tragic accident.

She was born April 25, 1987, in San Diego.

Savannah had just graduated from Columbia Falls High School. She was a determined student and a fiery addition to the lives of her classmates and friends, having been voted Most Unique Senior last September.

Savannah will be remembered by most people for her constant proclamation of her hotness ("Hotter than the Sun"), her pride in her heritage ("Viva Mexico!"), and her undying love for good music, food and good people.

She will be greatly missed by the local concert-goers, as she was known for her explosive entrances and divine sense of style. She was also the ultimate "Flip Junkie" and was an enthusiastic spark to the Flip Wilson shows.

Savannah, (aka "The Glitter Twinkie") was a goddess to those who were lucky enough to know her. Her other aliases included Penelope Jonez, Fuzzy Duck, Muffin, and The Mocha-Latte Honey.

Though she has breathed her last breath here on Earth, her outrageous energy and passion for life will live on in the hearts of those fortunate few whom she often "kidnapped" to embark upon long and extravagant adventures.

We love you, Vanna! And you've taken our hearts with you.

Savannah is survived by her mother, Helene "Amanda" Hollis; her 10-year-old brother, Christopher Donofiro; her 9-year-old sister, Nicole Donofiro; her grandpa Larry Hollis of Las Vegas, grandma Bernice Hollis; uncles Troy, Travis, and Curtis; great-grandparents, Mel and Lee Culver; cousins Cassandra, Tyler, and the newest baby boy, all from San Diego, as well as her extended Donofiro family, grandpa Chris, grandma Denise, uncle Danny, aunt Jennifer and their children.

She is preceded in death by her aunt, Laurel Lee and her grandparents, Bob and Peggy Niederhauser.

Viewing will Tuesday, July 12, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at 3 p.m. at the Columbia Mortuary. A wake will be held at her home in Hungry Horse after the services. All are welcome.

Rather than flowers, the family would greatly appreciate any help for funeral expenses be sent to H. Hollis, P.O. Box 190733, Hungry Horse, MT 59919.

Michele Lynn 'Shelly' Ostrom, 37

Michele Lynn "Shelly" Ostrom, 37, passed away Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at Brendan F... after a valiant struggle against a brain tumor.



"Our littlest angel" was born Nov. 3, 1968, in Kalispell, the daughter of Grant and Rose (Clark) Nielsen. She was the youngest of seven children. Shelly attended West Valley School, graduated from Flathead High in 1986 and attended University of Montana for one year.

She married the love of her life and best friend, Clark Ostrom, on June 27, 1987, and shortly thereafter they moved to Seattle. Shelly was employed by Lamonts until her illness prevented her from continuing to work. They returned to Kalispell in November 2003.

She was active in 4-H, enjoyed playing the piano, cross-stitch, getting together with her friends, and was a very determined card and game enthusiast. She and Clark always made time to watch the Seattle Seahawks and Mariners together. Shelly loved her pets, all babies, and was the best

little sister ever.

Her father, Grant Nielsen, and grandparents preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Clark Ostrom, of Kalispell; her mother, Rose Nielsen, of Kalispell; sisters, Marty Brewer and husband, Roger, of Kalispell, Kathy Nielsen of Brockton, and Rosalie Seaman and husband, Paul, of Covington, Wash.; brothers, Ron Nielsen and wife, Pam, of Dillon, Gerry Nielsen and wife, Diana, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Dennis Nielsen of Kalispell. She is also survived by Clark's parents, George and Iris Ostrom; brother-in-law, Shannon Ostrom; sisters-in-law, Heidi Duncan and Wendy Ostrom-Price, all of Kalispell; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. There will be no visitation. Urn burial will be afterward at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Hospice Home Health Options, 175 Commons Loop, Suite 100, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Michele's family.

Edna Marie Ottosen, 99

Edna Marie Ottosen, 99, died Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.



Edna was born in Racine, Wis., on Sept. 14, 1905, to Louis and Marie Anderson.

Following her marriage to Stanley Ottosen on May 2, 1930, in Plentywood, she and her husband homesteaded on the prairie and began their family. Seven children were born to this union.

Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; two daughters, Gerry and Darla; one granddaughter, Angela; and two great-grandchildren, Natasha and Brandon.

Survivors include two daughters, Monta and Milly; Edna's three sons, Ed, Dave, and Don; as

well as numerous other family members, including grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Edna's greatest joy was found in serving her family, decade after decade. She will always be remembered for her ceaseless hospitality and generous offerings of homemade Danish pastries, gentle smiles and genuine love. She truly was a Proverbs 31 woman.

Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at Bigfork Chapel Assembly of God Church in Bigfork, with Pastor Martin Davis and Associate Pastor Rose Ottosen officiating. Burial will follow at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery.

Bigfork Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Darrell S. Overcast, 73

Darrell S. Overcast, 73, passed away Friday, May 6, 2005, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes.



Darrell was born Aug. 25, 1931, in Havre, the son of J. Boyd and Helen M. (Forbes) Overcast. Darrell attended Havre public schools and then went to Spokane Barber College.

In 1960, Darrell married Joann Braaten in Havre. They were married for 44 years. Darrell worked for his father in the barber shop, had logged the Flathead Forest, and retired from the BNSF Railroad.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean Conflict.

Darrell loved taking his two youngest granddaughters to the café in the mornings to drink coffee with "the fellas" in Conrad.

He coached the Trapline Boxing Club in the mid-1970s in Mar-

tin City.

He loved fishing, hunting, golf, boxing (Golden Glove light heavyweight and heavyweight champion in 1954-55).

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Joe and Gene Wilson.

He is survived by his wife, Joann, of Conrad; children, Dennis Overcast of Havre, Darren Overcast of Columbia Falls, Darla Overcast and husband, Jon Glessner, of Marion, and Dana Baldwin and husband, Doug, of Conrad; brothers and sisters, Dora and husband, Al Signore, of Newport Richy, Fla., Doris Loy of Mount Sterling, Ky., Irene Stuart and husband, Reid, of Conrad, and Diana Shipton and husband, Steve, of Panama City, Fla.; grandchildren, Mandi, Darrell, Minda and Maggie Baldwin.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home Chapel in Kalispell.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Christopher Stephen 'Chris' Owen, 58

Christopher Stephen "Chris" Owen, 58, died July 22, 2005, in an accident at his farm north of Ethridge. A remembrance was held July 25 at the Cut Bank Golf Club. Cremation has taken place.



Chris was born Feb. 24, 1947, in Cut Bank, to Marvin and Rita Owen.

He graduated from Cut Bank schools in 1965 and from the University of Montana at Missoula in 1969.

In 1968, he began Navy pilot training in Pensacola, Fla. He later was honorably discharged.

He was married to Mary Ann Swenson in 1969, with whom he had two daughters and from whom he was later divorced.

He started his career at the First National Bank of Cut Bank and spent 22 years there, leaving in 1991.

He was an officer of the bank and a member of the board of directors, as well as a member of the Montana Bankers Association.

He was also a past Exalted

Ruler of the Cut Bank Elks Club. During this time he also owned and operated Rimrock Drilling in the Kevin-Sunburst oil patch.

Chris enjoyed golf for many years, and after leaving the bank, he supervised and worked on the grounds and gardening crew at the East Glacier Golf Course. During those six years, he also designed and supervised the gardens at all the Glacier National Park lodges.

Most recently, he operated his farm north of Ethridge and managed his trading and investing accounts.

He also enjoyed extensive travel, spending time on his Harley and otherwise enjoying his freedom and independence.

Chris is survived by his daughter, Heather, of Cut Bank, her husband, Guy Meiwald, and their two sons, Gus and Matt; and by his daughter, Crystal, of Bozeman, her husband, Greg Boxwell, and their son, Zachary. He is also survived by his sister, Kathleen Makich, of Glasgow.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rita and Marvin Owen.

He will continue to be loved and missed by all.

Carl F. Otto Jr., 84

Carl F. Otto Jr., 84, died on Monday, March 21, 2005, at his residence at Riverside Senior Living in Whitefish.

Survivors include a daughter, Stacey Bengtson, of West

Glacier.

There are no services planned at this time.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for his family.

Anne E. Owen, 81

Anne E. Owen, 81, of Phoenix, AZ, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2005, of cancer in her daughter's home in Phoenix.

Her husband and a daughter preceded her in death.

She is survived locally by a daughter, Connie Greg and her husband, Gary, and their son, Michael, and one daughter, two

sons, and two grandchildren in Phoenix.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Hospice of the Valley, 1530 East Flower, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

A private family service was held on March 15 with arrangements entrusted to Messinger Mortuary.

ANNE E. OWEN, 81

March 23, 2005 at 5:00 am | Daily Inter Lake

Anne E. Owen, 81, of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away peacefully on March 8, 2005, of cancer in her daughter's home in Phoenix.

Her husband and a daughter preceded her in death.

She is survived locally by a daughter, Connee Greig and her husband, Gary, and their son, Michael; and one daughter, two sons, and two grandchildren in Phoenix.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 East Flower, Phoenix, AZ 85014.

A private family service was held on March 15 with arrangements entrusted to Messinger Mortuary.

Erma Leona Owings, 91

Erma Leona Owings, 91, of Hamilton, a longtime Bitterroot resident, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005.

Erma Leona Sewell was born Jan. 1, 1914, in April, 1914. She was the oldest of 10 and is survived by five siblings, Thelma, Susan, Peter, Raymond, and Newman Keith Sewell and Cynthia Sewell. She is also survived by nine nephews, granddaughters and nieces.

Erma grew up in the Bitterroot Valley where in 1937 she graduated at graduation of her class from Columbian High School.

She worked at the State Soldiers Home in Columbia Falls for two years. After attending Montana State College in Helena, she graduated from Pacific Western University in Mitchell, S.D. After graduation Erma taught school for three years in Waite, Siskiyou Springs.

During World War II Erma joined the Navy. While in the Navy she married her first and only love, Ralph L. Owings, at Alameda Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif. For a time they lived in Arizona where Ralph owned an adobe brick business. They lived for several years in the San Francisco Bay area where daughters, Patricia, Elizabeth and Marguerite Monika were born. While in the Bay area Erma attended the University of California at Berkeley.

Erma and Ralph both missed their beloved Montana and in 1961 moved to Baker, where Erma died. They also lived for a short time in Butte before finally settling in the Bitterroot Valley in 1974.

Erma believed civic duty was a responsibility and ran for the House of Representatives, losing by a small margin. She remained active in the Democratic party. She was proud of the fact she never missed voting in an election and the last election was her 71st.

Erma returned to teaching following the death of her beloved

Ralph, she never remarried. She taught English at Hamilton, Olympic and Whitford high schools. Erma was then hired as the librarian at Inverness, where she set up the first library media center in the state of Montana. She had a great love of books, and of the history of Montana, and improved every library she had the privilege to run.

After retiring from teaching from Sumner, she returned to live in the Bitterroot Valley full time. She was active in the Bitterroot Historical Society, and set up and ran the Ravalli County Museum for 10 years. Erma was the co-founder of Bitterroot Days and Apple Days. She raised prodigious amounts of money to put a new roof on the museum and also put an elevator in so everyone had access to all the exhibits. While at the museum she especially loved teaching

children about Native American and Montana State history. Erma was also an author. She updated the Montana Directory of Public Affairs, a book Ralph had originally written.

She is survived by her daughters, Louisa Owings and Marguerite Haaland and Laura's long-time companion, Ed Smith. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Anne and Jeffrey Davies, Robert Haynie, Keith Haaland, Richard Appell and great grandchildren, Spencer Bryant, Henley Bryant, Dane Bryant Wyatt Haynie.

Erma will be remembered for her boundless energy, her love of books and especially her vast knowledge on the history of this great state. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Holy Larch Chapel in Hamilton with the Rev. Aly in House officiating. The placement follows at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials to any school library in her name in lieu of flowers will be appreciated.

Laurel Ann Meierotto Owens, 74

Laurel Ann Meierotto Owens "stepped into eternal life with her Lord" on Sept. 12, 2005, in Missoula, due to complications from several surgeries. Laurel was 74 years of age.



She was born Nov. 13, 1930, in Rainier, Ore., to Selma Katherina Evans and Charles Paul Evans, who both predeceased her. She grew up in a loving home with sister, Paula James, who survives her of Milwaukie, Ore.

She married Wilbur Roy "Bud" Meierotto in 1950, and they shared 52 years together living in Portland, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and Apache Junction, Ariz., where they eventually retired and where Bud passed away January 2003.

Laurel was most proud of and devoted to their two children, Gary Meierotto of Beaverton, Ore., and Kim Meierotto of Fremont, Calif.

In addition to volunteer and eventual paid work at the Portland Children's Center where Gary

worked in the sheltered workshop, Laurel was a consummate homemaker and entertainer extraordinaire. So many have been the recipients of her gift of hospitality.

Her joy was made full with the arrival of her two grandchildren, Chelsea Ann Whitfield and J.D. Whitfield, both of Fremont. So many memories were built of camping with Gramps and Grams, walking on the beach, summers picking berries, and special lunch dates together.

Laurel found love a second time and married Robert Owens of Kalispell, July 29, 2004. Their time together was too short.

Laurel will be missed by so many relatives and friends whose lives she touched by her positive outlook, her giving spirit, and her love for God.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Cedar Mill Bible Church, 12208 NW Cornell Road, Portland, Ore. A second service will be held in Arizona on Nov. 13 for her many friends and family there.

Disposition is by cremation, and she will be interred in Green Mountain Cemetery in Rainier, Ore.

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. 10, 1926, in Kalispell, to Alice and Harry



Owens. He graduated from high school in Eureka. He served in the Air Force in 1946 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 his band, 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, two brothers, Keith and Jack Owens, and two sisters, Ginger Owens and Mary Alice Rem.

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.

Sue-Betty 'S.B.' Owens, 64

Sue-Betty "S.B." Owens, 64, died on March 22, 2005, at her home in Kalispell.

She has been cremated and services will be held at a later

date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

ERMA LEONA OWINGS, 91

January 31, 2005 at 5:00 am |

Erma Leona Owings, 91, of Hamilton, a longtime Bitterroot resident, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005.

Erma Leona Seville was born in Eden, Colo., on April 24, 1913. She was the oldest of 10 and is survived by five siblings, Florence Sawby, Edna Ridenour, Faith Newman, Keith Seville and Fredrick Seville. She is also survived by numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Erma grew up in the Flathead Valley where in 1942 she graduated valedictorian of her class from Columbia Falls High School.

She worked at the State Soldiers Home in Columbia Falls for two years. After attending Intermountain College in Helena, she graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell,

S.D. After graduation Erma taught school for three years in White Sulphur Springs.

During World War II Erma joined the Navy. While in the Navy she married her long-time love, Ralph E. Owings, at Alameda Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif. For a time they lived in Arizona where Ralph owned an adobe brick business. They lived for several years in the San Francisco Bay area where daughters, Laura Elizabeth and Marguerite Montana were born. While in the Bay area Erma attended the University of California at Berkley.

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A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton with the Rev. Alvin House officiating. Urn placement follows at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials to any school library in her name in lieu of flowers will be appreciated.

DELBERT 'DUB' HARRY OWENS, 78

January 07, 2005 at 5:00 am |

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