

Carol O'Brien, 71

Carol O'Brien, 71, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Brendan House in Kalispell.

She was born July 30, 1935, at Santa Paula, Calif., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel J. "Red" Snyder.

Carol was a teacher in the Orange County Unified School District in southern California before retiring and relocating to Montana with her husband, Ron. They were united in marriage Aug. 5, 1985. They have resided in Kalispell for more than 18 years.

Carol particularly loved the



snow and Christmas time of year. Her favorite hobby was quilting, where she developed many close and loving friendships over the years. Her family thanks everyone all for the time they spent with her during her last days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Ralph Snyder.

She is survived by her husband, Ron W. O'Brien, of Kalispell; four children from her first marriage, Gina Opsal of San Diego, John Fragnoli of New York, Joseph Fragnoli of Marietta, Calif., and James Fragnoli of Chino, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

There will be no visitation and any services are pending.

William E. 'Pat' O'Brien, 98

William E. "Pat" O'Brien, 98, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, in Kalispell. He was born Sept. 21, 1907, in Divine, Ill. Burial of remains is in Iowa City, Iowa. A memorial service is planned for summer.

Pat worked at Sears. He enjoyed the church men's group, financial planning, bowling and fishing. He golfed for 60 years. He would play and kibbutz with anyone who loved the game.

He and his wife, Pearle, moved to Largo, Fla., after his retirement. During Pearle's illness, he taught himself to cook, and to buy and alter her clothes. He contin-

ued to play the mandolin, golf, and, with friends, weeded the golf greens, and spent from five to six hours a day with Pearle.

In 1997, he moved to Kalispell to be near his son, Bill, and family, Bev, Tim and Matthew. He latch hooked rugs, read books, watched golf and soccer, and played cards.

He is survived by a daughter, Donna O'Brien, of Iowa; and son, Bill, of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his wife and two sisters, Theresa and Cecile.

The memorial service will be held at a date still to be arranged.

Robert H. Olandt, 77

Robert H. Olandt, 77, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

He is survived locally by

his wife, Beverley, of Rollins.

Memorial services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Jack J. Oliver, 83

Jack J. Oliver, 83, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center of natural causes. His loving family was with him.



Viewing for Jack will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Dec. 13, at Holland and Bonine Funeral Home in Havre. His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, with Gail Wheatley as the celebrant. Burial with full military honors will be afterward at Highland Cemetery. A fellowship luncheon will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars immediately after the services at the graveside.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Holland and Bonine Funeral Home.

Jack was born June 20, 1923, in Great Falls to Walter and Mabel (Bridges) Oliver. As a young child, he moved with his family to Big Sandy, where he attended grade school and junior high school, working for his father after school and on weekends at the family grocery store (Oliver's Self Service).

Jack attended Havre High School, graduating early to enlist into the U.S. Army and entered into World War II. He served in the Philippines and New Guinea, serving in the infantry as a medic. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

He returned to Havre and married Jane Ann Wright on Sept. 11, 1946, in Havre at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. They raised two daughters.

Jack worked in Havre for Richard and Charles Rubie at Havre Insurance. He purchased the company from them in 1955 and was involved in real estate and insurance for nearly 50

years. He owned and operated Oliver Realty until the time of his retirement in 1999.

Jack spent most of the past six years in Kalispell with his friends. His life was full of much happiness. His passion for golf was well served in Kalispell and the surrounding areas. His life was full of travel, and winters were spent in Arizona. His life had been full and busy until the time of his death.

Jack was an active member of the Shriner's, a life member of the Havre Elks Club, the VFW and a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, serving in the vestry for many years.

Jack had a passion for bird hunting, fishing and golf. He and Jane had many friends and enjoyed entertaining them. They had a cabin in the Bears Paw Mountains where they would snowmobile and enjoyed family gatherings. One of the family's most treasured memories were the summers they spent together at Whitefish.

Jack was a very kind and generous person. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. Jack was known for his generosity and assistance toward others in their times of need.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jane Oliver, Dec. 2, 1992, and a sister-in-law, Pearl Oliver, Dec. 13, 1987.

Jack is survived by his two daughters, Judy Sinclair and LeRoy Wenz of Havre, and Janis and Graeme Monteith of Calgary, Alberta; three grandchildren, Jason Sinclair of Missoula, Jocelyn Monteith of Calgary, and Johna Monteith of Toronto, Ontario, one brother, Ben Oliver, of Havre; sister-in-law, Mary Omlie, of Havre; two nieces, Pam and Gary Nimmick, their children, Tiffany and Tory Carson of Havre, Joshua and Trevor Nimmick, both of Havre, and Lori Omlie of Havre; one nephew, Jim Omlie, of Havre; two great-nephews, Tony and Logan Omlie; and great-niece, Taylor Carson.

Earl C. Olson, 65

Earl C. Olson, 65, of Libby, died Sept. 18, 2006, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center of complications from cancer.

Before his retirement, Earl drove a truck for 10 years and ran an auto-body shop in Kalispell for about 25 years.

He is survived by his wife.

Sharon, of Libby; his daughters, Teresa Davis of Big Piney, Wyo., and Katrina Getz of Columbus; and his sons, Charles Olson of Kalispell, and Gene Olson of Parachute, Colo.

A memorial will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Elks Club in Libby.

Hope Evelyn Orchard-Hill, 3

Hope Evelyn Orchard-Hill, 3, passed away March 1, 2006.

She was born Feb. 12, 2003, in Kalispell.

Hope is survived by her parents, Michael L. Orchard and Kim Hill, of Martin City; brother, Justin Sherrard, of Missoula; sister, Rachel Orchard, of Glendale Heights, Ill.; grandparents, Cecil and Beverly Hill, of Helena; great-grandmother, Dorothy Rasch, of Twin Lakes, Wis.; aunt and uncle, Krisann Hill and Perry Eskridge, of Bellingham, Wash.; uncle and aunt, Glen and Tamara; cousins, Nickolas and Britni of Kirkland, Wash.; nephews, Mikey and Jake Williams, and their father, Willie, of Glendale Heights; her best friends, Mont and Deb, of



Kalispell, and Deb and Denny of Martin City; and various great-aunts and uncles.

She had such a full three years of life. She was a gift and a joy to everyone who met her. She loved horses and tea parties, playing "Get You" with her daddy, riding and shopping with her mommy, and just seeing her big brother, Justin. She has left many adopted aunts and uncles, friends and family who always will treasure each and every memory of her.

"Sleep sweet, our darling daughter, and may God hold you safe until we're together again." Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will be afterward at Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Marilyn Eileene Levang Opalka, 68

Marilyn Eileene Levang Opalka, 68, formerly of Martin City, died Dec. 28, 2005, in Chula Vista, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, William Opalka; daughters, Suzanne Shinsky and Beverly Opalka; son, Scott Opalka, all of California; and her mother, Mae Corcoran of

Kalispell.

Mass was held Jan. 5 at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Chula Vista with interment in the Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego. Community Mortuary of Chula Vista was in charge of arrangements.

Marian (Fosland) O'Neil, 76

Marian (Fosland) O'Neil defined her life's focus by those around her. She was Ivan's wife; the mother of Sue, Cheri and Steve; grandmother of April, Andy, Amanda, Missy and Joey; and a friend to so many.



She loved to travel, especially if it was to visit family. She loved to walk, especially if it was with friends. She was determined to live a full life, devoted to all the people she loved and cherished.

She lived a life well-loved.

Twice in the last decade, she battled lymphoma and survived. This summer, she developed unexplained lung problems and suffered from a stroke. She died Sunday night, Aug. 6, 2006, at the age of 76, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with her beloved husband at her side.

Marian Galora Fosland was born Feb. 27, 1930, in Noonan, N.D., during the Great Depression. She was the only daughter of Peter Fosland, a Norwegian-born farmer, and Hazel (Bummer) Fosland, a farmer's wife. She grew up with her parents and her brother on a wheat farm outside Flaxville, with winters spent in Scobey.

She graduated from Scobey High School in 1947 and spent her freshman year at Concordia College, in Moorhead, Minn. Then she joined her brother at the University of Montana, in Missoula, where she was a Delta Gamma and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Most importantly, she met Ivan O'Neil when she was a junior in college, and they were married in Scobey on June 23, 1951.

As newlyweds, Marian and Ivan lived in Seattle while he served with the U.S. Army Audit Agency and she worked as a legal secretary with the Corps of Engineers. They spent a summer in Ford Ord, Calif.

In 1954, they moved to Kalispell, where the O'Neil family had lived for many generations. Ivan started Western Woodwork & Supply, later Western Building Centers; Marian was a proud homemaker and mother of three.

The family lived in Kalispell on Fourth Avenue West North before building a home in Northridge. They spent summer weekends at their cabin on Flathead Lake.

A highlight of Marian's life was time and travel with the wonderful women in her "sewing club." She was also an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a founding member of Northridge Lutheran Church, where she was a volunteer church secretary for many years. She served on the Kalispell Board of Adjustment and was a member of P.E.O and several bridge clubs. She also walked in the Relay for Life and gave support to countless cancer patients.

She was a nurturer, reader, shopper, diary-writer, baker and cook. She enjoyed needlepoint and cruises and vacations in Hawaii. Her grandchildren will always remember family meals at the O'Neil home and ginger snaps made by Nini. No one will forget her hugs and her smiles.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Ivan O'Neil; her daughter, Sue Schottelkorb, and son-in-law, Bill, of Kalispell; her daughter, Cheri Matthews, and son-in-law, Bob, of Tracy, Calif.; her son, Steve O'Neil, and daughter-in-law, Peggy, of Shanghai, China; her grandchildren, April Schottelkorb, and her husband, Ryan Johnson, of Roanoke, Texas, Andy Schottelkorb of Gettysburg, Pa., Marisa Schottelkorb of Stanford, Calif., Amanda Matthews of Tracy, Calif., and Joey Matthews of Los Angeles; her brother, Al Fosland, of Scobey; her nephew, Chip Fosland, of Scobey; and her niece, Jane Gidlewski, of Fort Collins, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1977, and her mother in 1993.

Visitation will be observed at 10 a.m. Friday, followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church. The grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Dr., Kalispell, MT 59901; or the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullan Road, Ste. 105, Missoula, MT 59808.

Shirley Marie Opie, 75

Shirley Marie Opie, 75, of Missoula, passed away on Sunday, Aug 27, 2006, at St. Patrick Hospital surrounded by her family after a short unexpected illness.



Shirley was born in Anaconda, on June 18, 1931, to John and Irene Dillon. She grew up in Butte where she attended St. Patrick Grade School and Girls Central High School. Shirley graduated from Seattle University in 1953 with a degree in chemistry.

On Feb. 19, 1955, Shirley married Robert B. Opie. They began their marriage in Butte and started a family. Later they moved the family to Kalispell, and eventually moved to Missoula.

After spending many years raising her children, Shirley began to work outside the home first working for Mountain Tractor and eventually working as an engineering secretary and personnel secretary for the mill in Frenchtown. Shirley retired from Stone Container in 1993.

Shirley was known for her sense of humor and quick wit. She spent her retired years enjoying cooking for family dinners on Sundays and holidays, visiting with friends and family and she especially enjoyed spend-

ing time with her 12 grandchildren. Shirley also loved to travel and she did most of her traveling onboard cruise ships. She traveled to Europe, Hawaii, Alaska and several other destinations.

Shirley also volunteered though Missoula Aging Services for many years.

Shirley had two sons who preceded her in death — Michael who died at birth, and James Patrick who died in 1987, at the age of 20.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Robert; son, Bob and wife Rita, and children, Michael, Meg, Jimmy and Erin, all of Billings; daughter, Linda Opie, of Missoula; son, John, wife, Sharon, and their son, Brian, all of San Diego; daughter, Laurie Fuehrer, husband, Kris, and children, Alex and Brandon, all of Whitefish; son, Paul, wife, Kathy, and children, Jennifer, Patrick and Conner, all of Seattle; and daughter, Kathleen Nottingham, husband, John, and children, Jarin and Kaitlyn Horner, all of Missoula. Shirley is also survived by her brother, Paul Dillon, wife, Judy, and children, Jennifer and John.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Garden City Funeral Home with Father Reller officiating. A luncheon will follow the service.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Joseph House of Missoula, 2405 McIntosh Loop, Missoula, MT 59801.

Charlotte E. Orr, 87

Charlotte E. Orr, 87, a longtime resident of the Kootenai Valley, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006, in Libby.

She had worked as a clerk at the Tog Shop, Gambles and later at J.C. Penney for many years.

She is survived by her sons, Herb Orr, Rob Orr and David Orr, all of Libby; and daughters, Nancy Adams of

Moyie Springs, Idaho, and Marie Parker, Janie Orr and Maggie Orr, all of Libby.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Christ Lutheran Church; interment services will follow in the City of Libby Cemetery. Friends may call at the Nelson and Vial Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and until noon Thursday.

Winifred 'Winnie' Osburnsen, 87

Winifred "Winnie" Osburnsen, 87, peacefully passed away on March 28, 2006, surrounded by family at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Whitefish.

Winifred was born in Havre on Sept. 2, 1918, the eldest of Martha and Hiram Bickle's five children.

After graduating valedictorian from Havre High, Winnie moved to Great Falls where she met her husband-to-be, Laurence Osburnsen. They married in Arkansas in 1942 while Larry was in the Army Air Corps. After his discharge, the couple moved often for Larry's employment with the Department of Agriculture and in 1952 settled in Butte. Winnie fondly remembered her years in Butte and employment as the private secretary for the manager of Hennessy's. In 1961, the family moved to Missoula. Winnie quickly became employed at the Hoerner Waldorf paper mill, where she proudly worked until the age of 72, when she chose to retire rather than learn computer skills.

Always interested in journalism, Winnie was editor of both the mill and church newsletters. She was known for clipping Missoulian articles and sending them to family and friends and often submitted her own letters to the editor. She also wrote poems that were expressions of deep feelings, especially after the loss of her son Jim. She found great pride in the fact that several of these poems were published.

A faithful Christian, Winnie was ordained a deacon of the Missoula First Presbyterian Church in 1988. She enjoyed assisting with the church Logos program for children and being a Friendly Visitor. An active community volunteer, she served on committees and boards of Habitat for Humanity, the Cancer Society, YMCA, a local credit union and the Secre-

taries' Club. She opened her heart and home to people from around the world; Laotian refugees, students from China and Japan, visiting international choir groups and others in need of shelter. She provided room and board for her grandsons and many students studying at the University.

Winnie delighted in traveling. Trips to Africa, China, South America, Japan, the Caribbean, Hawaii, Mexico, and Alaska were well documented with photos joyfully shared with family and friends. But most of all Winnie loved Montana and believed there was no better place in this big, wide world to live. Her garden was filled with bright flowers, colorful bushes and an old maple tree. Birds, squirrels and deer seemed to know it was a safe sanctuary. Friends came often for clam chowder dinners and guests frequently left with loaves of delicious zucchini bread. Winnie was always ready for a dance, concert or Griz game, especially with her friend Bud Vacura.

Winnie walked gently in this world — offering words of encouragement and assistance. She will be remembered for her sweet smile, compassion and intense love of family and friends. Winnie is surely now with her son Jim, who passed over in June 1975. She will be missed very much by daughters, Diane Osburnsen and Linda Gwiazdon and son-in-law Mike; her six grandchildren, Shane Reese and wife, Tina, Scott Reese and wife, Tricia, Koan Mercer and Staci Hemmer, Matt Gwiazdon, Courtney Gwiazdon and husband, Matt VanVlack, Millie Flanigan and husband, Gardner; and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Winnie's life will be held at the Missoula First Presbyterian Church in late May.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Raymond H. 'Ray' Ovel, 76

Raymond H. "Ray" Ovel, 76, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ovel, of Kalispell; his children, Laurie Herrera of Visalia, Calif., Patrick Ovel of Littleton, Colo., Michael Ovel of Spotsylvania, Va.,

and Cindy Jones of Fresno, Calif.; a brother, LeRoy Ovel, of Wausau, Wis.; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at a later date in California. Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for the family.

Esther M. Overland, 88

Esther M. Overland, 88, of Hungry Horse, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her son, Steve Overland, of Coram.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. today, Tues-

day, Jan. 31, at the Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, with the Rev. John P. Miller officiating. Burial will be afterward at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

There will be a gathering of friends and family at 4 p.m. at the Dam Town Tavern.

John V. Ottenbreit, 86

John V. Ottenbreit, 86, passed away April 9, 2006, at home with his loving family at his side.

His parents, Mathias and Barbara Ottenbreit; sisters, Elizabeth Herman, Anne Larsen and Carolin Ottenbreit; and brothers, Math, George and Frank all preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; sons, Donald and Mary of Caldwell, Idaho, and Loren and Chris of Cheney, Wash.; granddaughters, Kim and Jason Reser of Spokane, and Geri and Tom Morten of Caldwell, Idaho; and grandson, Jon and Tami Ottenbreit of Kennewick, Wash.; great-grandchildren, Johnny and Kristen Reser and Cassie, Jordy and Jenna Morten. He is also survived by his brother, Floyd and Miriam of Carrollton, Texas.

John served in the Army dur-

ing World War II in Canada, the European theater and Okinawa.

After his discharge from the Army, he was a heavy machinery mechanic for Modern Equipment in Kalispell.

Upon retiring, John and Sylvia spent many winters in Mesa, Ariz., enjoying the warm weather. One of his favorite pastimes was woodcarving and sharing his art with his family and friends. Besides making Native American and Abe Lincoln wall plaques, he also carved canes from old diamond willow fence posts that he collected from family property in Eastern Montana. The joy of his life was his family and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane.

Carolyn Wilhelm Owens, 51

Anchorage, Alaska, resident, Carolyn J. Owens, died July 20, 2006, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

A celebration of life ceremony was held July 27 at Jewel Lake Parish in Anchorage.

Carolyn's best friend, Bev Rude, and her family Darrell, Jessica and Michael, were of invaluable help to the family.

Carolyn Jane Wilhelm was born on March 6, 1955, in Whitefish, to Bill and Louise Wilhelm. She attended school in Whitefish, graduating in 1973.

She also attended the University of Montana and Kinman Business School in Spokane.

Carolyn was one of the first Princess Freyas in the Whitefish Winter Carnival.

In 1980 Carolyn was married to Dan Owens of Spokane.

In 1982 she, Dan and his two young sons moved to Anchorage, where two daughters, Katie and Kelsey, were later born.

Carolyn had recently worked as administrative assistant at South Anchorage High School, and previously worked at Service High,



Abbott Loop and Gladys Wood Elementaries.

She considered raising her children her greatest accomplishment, and carried her passion and love for young people into her jobs.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her children, Jason, Chris, Katie and Kelsey, and seven grandchildren. Also surviving are her sister, Iris Ostrom, and husband, George, of Kalispell; and brother, Bud Wilhelm, and wife, Marilyn, of Whitefish. She is also survived by the nephews and nieces she was raised with and their families, Shannon Ostrom, Heidi Ostrom Duncan, Vicki Wilhelm Tennyson, Kelley Wilhelm Hill, Wendy Ostrom Price, Tracie Wilhelm, Clark Ostrom and Kim Wilhelm Welsh.

Carolyn has been cremated and her ashes will be returned to Whitefish.

A memorial service for Carolyn will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Whitefish Christian Church, 914 Second St. in Whitefish. Please come and share your memories.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Carolyn's name to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.