

James C. Ocheltree, 67

Former Spokane resident James C. Ocheltree, 67, of Great Falls, a businessman who owned Big Jim's Painting in



Kalispell before retiring to Great Falls, died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at a Great Falls area hospital following an extended illness.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda (White) Hodgson Ocheltree, of Great Falls; daughters, Londa and Dale Meier of Kalispell, and Kristi Heaton of Spokane; sons, James and Fran

Hodgson of Chinook, Aaron Ocheltree of Spokane, and Allen and Terri Ocheltree of Babb; a sister, Marlene, and Vince Gailey, of Oak Harbor, Wash.; brothers, Gary and Karen Ocheltree, and Dennis Ocheltree, all of Spokane; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Esther Ocheltree; a brother, Don Ocheltree; and a grandson, Brent Meier.

His memorial service will be held Wednesday, June 4, at Hillcrest Lawn Chapel in Great Falls. Schneider Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mary Ruth (Lapp) Oesch, 94

Mary Ruth (Lapp) Oesch, 94, passed away Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Heritage Place in Kalispell. She was born in Roseland, Neb., on Aug. 26,



1913, to Frank and Lena (Kauffman) Lapp.

Mary moved with her family to the Flathead Valley and attended Flathead County High School. She married Harold Oesch on Sept. 9, 1934, in a double wedding with her sister, Anna Birky, in Creston. Harold and Mary farmed in Creston for a few years before going to work in the woods logging. In 1959, the couple moved to Hesston, Kan., where they both worked at Hesston College. Harold worked on the grounds, and Mary worked in food service. In 1977, they moved back to the valley and settled on Willow Glen.

Mary was a member of the Mountain View Mennonite Church and loved to quilt, crochet, garden, read and travel.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1999; two sisters; and three brothers.

She is survived by three sons, Donald and Mary Oesch of Stryker, Ohio, Duane and Leona Oesch of Nampa, Idaho, and Glen and Lois Oesch of Salem, Ore.; one daughter, Shirley Brenneman, and husband, Clifford, of Kalispell; 16 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; as well as five brothers, Jay Lapp of Lakeside, Ed Lapp and Wayne Lapp, both of Kalispell, George Lapp of Columbia Falls, and Floyd Lapp of Molalla, Ore.

Graveside services for Mary will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, May 26, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Mountain View Mennonite Church in Creston.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Mary's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Mary's guest book.

Thomas Ambrose O'Halloran , 91

Dr. Tom O'Halloran died peacefully in Polson, with his family all around him, on Nov. 11, 2008.

Tom was born Feb. 14, 1917, to Michael and Delia O'Halloran in Creggs, County Galway, Ireland.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Monsignor Colman, Anthony and Frank.

He is survived by his brothers, Father Alfred O'Halloran of Galway, and Dr. Albert O'Halloran and his wife, Patricia, of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; and his sisters, Bella Glynn and Imelda O'Halloran of Galway.

Tom received his schooling in Galway and as a young man, rowed on the Irish rowing team that took the National Championship.

He received his medical degree from the National University of Ireland in 1945 and, after completing his internship in Nottingham, he entered the Royal Navy as a surgeon lieutenant. He served in Malta, Great Yarmouth and Cornwall, England. After resigning from the Navy, Tom completed an internship in gynecology and obstetrics in Ipswich and a year of general practice in Kent.

Tom married the love of his life, Madeleine Harris, in Great Yarmouth in 1953. Shortly thereafter they emigrated to Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, living there for seven years. The couple then emigrated to Plains, living and practicing there for three years before moving to Polson, where Tom was a general practitioner until he retired in 1989. Tom loved working at Grandview Clinic and St. Joseph Hospital



just as much as he was loved by his colleagues and staff.

Although the community knew Tom as the family doctor who delivered more than one generation of many families in the Mission Valley, he is also known by many for the Connemara ponies he imported and trained. A few will remember that he raised and trained hunting dogs and fewer still will remember that in his youth, unbeknownst to his parents, he kept a ferret hidden in the house, to take out to hunt and capture rabbits.

In his retirement, Tom had been writing stories of Ireland and sharing his political views with his wonderful wit and charm. He had not played his golf for a few years but had been free with his commentary from the deck of his house.

Tom is survived by his wife, Madeleine; his sons Michael and Dermot of Polson, and Sean of Missoula; his daughters Maura O'Halloran of Kalispell, Claire and her husband Charlie Harball of Kalispell and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, Melanie and her husband Rick Agrella of Spokane and their two daughters Casidhe and Erica, Beth and her husband Dave McAlpin of Missoula and their daughter Greta and son Ian, and Fiona and her husband Pat Harris of Salt Lake City and their daughters Madeleine and Annie; as well as many nieces and nephews throughout the States and Ireland.

A rosary will be said for Tom in Polson at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14, and a Resurrection Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, both at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.groganfuneralhome.com.

Alex Nixon Ogilvie, 83

Alex "Alec" Nixon Ogilvie, 83, died peacefully March 23, 2008, at the V.A. Nursing Home in Sheridan, Wyo.



Alec was born on Oct. 1, 1924, in a tar paper shack near Cohagen, Mont. He was the second youngest of seven children born to Alexander and Cuma Ogilvie. It was a hard-scrabble country that favored the hard and the strong. In 1936, Cuma moved to Greeley, Colo., where Alec attended school. He graduated high school in 1942.

At the age of 18, Alec joined the Marine Corps where he trained as a paratrooper and sharpshooter. He served in the South Pacific, where he fought at Bougainville and Iwo Jima. His experiences were so horrific that he could never recount them. The one good memory he had was with his buddies on the beach, where they made an oven in the sand. Alec baked a pie with some jam and rations. After the war, he served as a military policeman in Japan.

After Alec's honorable discharge in 1945, he taught school at Spring Creek near Jordan. That winter he perfected the art of baking biscuits. Alec worked for Bud and Bobby Kramer in Ingomar, gathering wild horses. He lived in an unheated sheep wagon for six years. He was extraordinarily tough. There was no pain he had not lived through, so his compassion was seldom given to others.

Alec married Ethel Lambert in 1951. Together they had four beautiful girls, Marcia, Della, Alexa and Rinda. He raised them to be tough, traveling to horse sales and rodeos. They lived near Florence, training barrel horses and trading horses. Alec and Ethel divorced in 1974.

Alec valued independence and self-sufficiency. He was quiet, with a wry sense of humor. He loved auctions of any kind. Alec respected cowboy traditions, but he was not bound by them. For example, he wore moccasins because boots were uncomfortable. He

was a hand and never felt he had to prove it. Alec inspired respect.

In 1976, Alec married Claudia Whiting in Dayton. They had two daughters, Skye and Blue. Alec bought and sold hundreds of horses, ponies and milk cows. He loved having his girls try out the new ponies he bought. He owned one sorrel pony, "Scotty," seven times.

Alec loved the American West, its history and people. No museum was too small and no landscape was too big to explore. In 1983, he followed his dream of seeing Australia. For six months Alec and his family experienced the rugged outback.

Alec walked his own path through life. He never lied about a horse he was selling, but he did not feel the need to share what he saw as obvious, either. Alec was hospitable, made sourdough pancakes every morning, and loved to play practical jokes on people and not let them in on it. He didn't smoke, drink or cuss profanely. His "yes" meant "yes" and his "no" meant "no."

Alec was not prejudiced against man or horse, as long as they were not phony. He believed all had the right to make choices without his interference. He was not too proud to buy Appaloosas, Arabians, mules, goats or milk cows — they all had value. Although he never said it out loud, Alec believed his girls could do anything. He was proud of their talents and never stopped them from riding broncs or heading out into the world. Alec lived his life without fear of the future.

Alec is survived by his wife, Claudia, of Newcastle, Wyo.; sister, Edith Opsahl; daughters, Marty Greany, Della Epler, Alexa Roy, Rinda Solis, Skye Ogilvie and Blue Borton; and numerous nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. on May 10 at the Jordan Community Center in Jordan. Condolences and memories of Alec can be left at the guest book on www.legacy.com.

Alice May Olbekson, 72

Alice May Olbekson, 72, of Libby died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at her home.

She worked as a florist for several years.

Survivors include her husband, Lorenie Olbekson, of Libby; and daughters, Lois Olbekson of Libby, and

Lorene Smith of Hermon, Ore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Church of God in Libby.

Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Eva 'Eve' Marie Oldham, 76

Eva "Eve" Marie Oldham, 76, died Aug. 31, 2008, at her home, from cancer.

She taught elementary education classes in Washington state and in Libby. She also had worked as bookkeeper for Granite Concrete in Libby.

She is survived by her sons, Mike of Bellevue, Wash., and Pat of East Wenatchee, Wash.; and daughters, Lindy of Spo-

kane, and Julie.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. John Lutheran Church in Libby. Following the funeral service, interment will be held at the Libby Cemetery and a reception dinner will be held at St. John Lutheran Church. All are welcome.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Eva G. Olson, 92

Eva G. Olson, 92, died Sept. 23, 2008, at her home in Spokane Valley, Wash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at St. Michaels and All Angels

Episcopal Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Irene Alice Olson, 93

Irene Alice Olson, 93, passed away Monday, May 26, 2008, at her residence in Kalispell. She was born Jan. 30, 1915, with a twin brother, Issac, in Ray, N.D., to Alfred and Charlotte M. (Smith) Hartsoch, and was the sixth of 11 children.



Irene's mother died when she was 7. Her father remarried and added six stepsisters and brothers, bringing their total to 17 children. She attended and graduated from Hartsoch School in Ray.

She worked on the family farm south of Ray, until she married Elmer A. Olson on June 21, 1932, in Williston, N.D., at the age of 17. She continued as a farm wife, raising her four children while her husband farmed and taught school.

In 1954, they moved to Montana, where Irene worked as a nurse's aide in various towns. She graduated from beauty school in Glasgow, and owned and operated her own beauty shop in St. Ignatius called Rene's.

Irene's greatest interest was her family. She loved people

and everyone was her friend. Her hobbies included crochet, knitting, doing crafts and traveling.

Irene was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her stepmother; seven brothers; three sisters; and her son, Elmer A. Olson Jr.

She is survived by her son, Gerald M. Olson, and wife, Jowana, of Clarkston, Wash.; two daughters, Carole M. O'Donnell and husband, Herb, of Baker, and Virginia P. Perzinski and husband, Robert, of Kalispell; a daughter-in-law, Muriel Olson, of Spokane; five sisters; one brother; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Irene will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 30, in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral chapel. Burial will be after services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. today, May 29, and Friday, May 30, prior to the time of service at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Irene's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Irene's guest book.

Johnny Adolf Olson, 76

Johnny Adolf Olson, 76, of Thompson Falls, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday Feb. 26, 2008. His life will be remembered as a compilation of hard work, strong family values, and a laugh around every corner. In the heart of everyone he met, "Johnny-O" will never be forgotten.

Born in Archer on April 2, 1931, Johnny-O was the youngest of Adolf and Nora's five children. After moving to Trout Creek with his family in 1936, Johnny-O began to build a life-long appreciation of life in the Western Montana mountains. From that point on, the longest period of time Johnny-O spent outside of Montana was the time he spent serving his country in Korea.

After returning home from Korea, Johnny-O married Margie Elliot on July 9, 1954. Johnny-O and Margie settled into their lives as a family, having three children, daughters Teresa and Wendy, and son Randy. After different manual labor jobs, Johnny-O found his second home behind the steering wheel of a logging truck. Never afraid of a hard day's work, Johnny-O spent over 50 years providing for his wife and family.

His yellow Peterbilt became a fixture in the local logging community, and as his family grew, Johnny-O would attempt to make every sporting event, wedding, birthday, or reunion that he could. Sharing stories



with family and friends always filled Johnny-O's heart, and the chances we had to spend time with Johnny-O filled all of our hearts in return.

Johnny-O was preceded in death by his father and mother, Adolf and Nora Olson; sisters, Frances Shuey and Hazel Irwin; brother, Boyd Olson; and his wife, Margie Olson.

Survivors include his sister Anna, and husband Benny Dickson, of Trout Creek; wife, Feryl Olson, of Thompson Falls; three children, Teresa Taylor and Bryce Vandenberg of Kalispell, Wendy Olson of Polson, and Randy and wife, Kathy Olson, of Polson; five grandchildren, Jared Taylor of Kalispell, Chris and wife, Misty Olson, of Spokane, Raija and husband, Chris Grillo, of Bellingham, Wash., Andy and wife, Dara Olson, of Rathdrum, Idaho, and Kristen and husband, Rik Wurster, of Pablo; and his eight great-grandchildren, Linzee, Mikayla, Chloe, Maggie, Rylie, Carter, Josephine and Blaine. Johnny-O also has numerous nieces, nephews, and friends who will hold a special place in their hearts for him.

A celebration of Johnny-O's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Shec Club in Thompson Falls.

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Larry Olson, 61

Larry Olson, 61, of Havre, and a former longtime resident of Kalispell, died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at Northern Montana Hospital in Havre, with his sister, Connie, and brother-in-law, Larry, at his bedside. Larry died of lengthy illnesses from which he had suffered for most of his life. He gave life a valiant fight.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be officiated by Rowlie Hutton at noon Saturday at the Hill County Cemetery. A potluck dinner will take place after the service at the home of Larry and Connie Lund, 1937 Rich St. W., in Havre. All are welcome.

Larry was born March 14, 1947, to Henry and Mary Olson



in Havre. He attended school in Havre, graduating in 1965.

Larry was a proud member of the Squires Band from Havre. They played throughout Montana and the Northwest in the '60s.

Larry served four years in the United States Navy, which led him to Vietnam. Larry then went to work for the Great Northern Railway as an engineer, retiring because of illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mary Olson; brother, Art Olson; and nephew, Levi Lund.

Survivors include his son, Aaron, and a daughter, Aubrey; sister, Connie, and Larry Lund of Havre; and nephew, Clint, and Sarah Lund of Billings.

Memorials may be sent to Bullhook Clinic, 110 13th St., Havre, MT 59501.

Arrangements are made by Connie Lund.

Orville Kenton Oma, 89

Orville Kenton Oma, 89, "went to be with the Lord" Wednesday, June 4, 2008, after a long bout with Alzheimer's disease and cancer. Orville was born to Ole and Karen (Aarli) Oma on Dec. 2, 1918, at their home in Bridger Canyon near Bozeman.

He graduated from Bozeman High School in 1938, learned to fly, studied diesel mechanics at Carroll College in Helena, worked for Rohr Aircraft in Chula Vista, Calif., was co-owner and operator of a Texaco service station in Fort Stockton, Texas, and returned to Bozeman, where he took over his family's dairy.

Orville was a World War II flight instructor and a dairy farmer, raised Black Angus cattle and was a cherry orchardist, and he built houses, pontoon boats and bridges. He was an active church member, and loved travel, flying, antique



cars, and rock hunting, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Orville loved the Lord and visiting with friends and family. He always was willing to help others or to entertain them with a story or song.

Orville was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Lida Mae Oma; his parents; one brother, Tennett Oma; and two sisters, Bertha Meadows and Norma Young.

Survivors include his loving wife, Louise King Oma, of Fort Worth, Texas; daughter, Annette Fairchild, and husband, Bernie, of Redmond, Ore.; son, Kenton Oma, and wife, Barbara, of Franklin, Tenn.; two stepsons, Paul King, and wife, Jeannie, of Fort Worth, and Richard King and wife, Debra, of Abilene, Texas; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, June 9, at University Baptist Church, 2720 Wabash Ave., in Fort Worth. Interment will be in Polson.

To view or sign Orville's guest book, go to www.star-telegram.com/obituaries.

Paul 'Pat' Orr Sr., 85

Paul "Pat" Orr Sr., 85, of Kalispell peacefully "went home to be eternally with his Lord" on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at the Special Care Unit of the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.



Pat was born Feb. 25, 1922, in Libby to James and Anna Orr. One of eight children, he spent his early childhood years on the farm helping his parents and siblings. In 1944, following in the footsteps of three of his older brothers, he enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve his country during World War II. He served for two years before receiving an honorable discharge. While serving in the military, he earned the World War II Victory medal, the American Theater medal, the Bronze Star, the European-African-Middle-Eastern Campaign medal with three bronze service stars, and the Good Conduct medal. One would wonder how he had to time to earn those medals, because he also spent much time digging fox holes for disciplinary purposes!

After returning home he met and married Grace Jean Sindt on June 15, 1949, in Kalispell. From that marriage five children were born: Louise Ann, Paul Phillip Jr., Marlene Pauline, Darlene Arnelda, and Ellen Gladys. He was a hard worker who always provided for his family through many occupations consisting of dairy farmer, shoe salesman, delivery driver, custodian, bus driver, and his own business of selling popcorn on Main Street.

Pat was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he faithfully served his Lord in various ministries.

A highlight in his life was receiving an honorary high-school diploma in 2003 from the state of Montana, as he never had completed high school.

In November 2001, he moved into the Montana State Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. When the new unit for Alzheimer's residents opened in February 2002, he was the first resident to move there. Under the loving care of the staff he lived out the rest of his days in the Special Care Unit, where he was known for his gardening skills, cows, smile, mischievous twinkle in his eyes, and his love of M & M candies.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; four brothers; one grandson; and nephews, nieces, and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Jean Orr, of Elko, Nev.; one son, Paul Phillip Orr Jr., of Kalispell; four daughters, Louise Keith of Great Falls, Arlene Sevesind and husband, William, of Columbia Falls; Darlene Landsidel and husband, William, of Springcreek, Nev., Ellen Rowe and husband, James, of Kalispell; a brother, Marion Orr, and wife, Diane, of Libby; a sister-in-law, Mary Orr, of Kalispell; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends.

Funeral services for Pat will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, in the Trinity Lutheran Church, conducted by the Rev. Mark Cutler and Jerry Schreck. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will be after services at the Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Johnson Mortuary and Crematory is caring for Pat's family. You are invited to go to www.johnsonmortuary.com to offer condolences and sign Pat's guest book.

William M. Orr, 99

William M. Orr, 99, died April 29, 2008, at the Libby Care Center.

He was employed by, and retired from, the J. Neils Lumber Company.

Survivors include his children, Mabel Heder of Kaysville, Utah, William R. Orr and David G. Orr, both of Troy, and Alene Harrison

of LaVerne, Calif.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Troy branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 141 Lake Creek Road. Interment services will follow at Troy Cemetery under the direction of Nelson & Vial Funeral Home.

Laurence Osburnsen, 94

Laurence Osburnsen, 94, formerly of Big Arm, and Surprise, Ariz., passed away May 4, 2008, in Kalispell.

Larry was born July 7, 1913, in Joliet, Ill., the seventh of 10 children of Haggen and Alvina Osburnsen. He moved with his family in 1914 to homestead in the Denton area of Montana. He graduated in 1933 from Denton High School, where he was a member of the basketball, football and track teams.

After graduation, he attended the Montana School of Mines from 1934 to 1935 and transferred to the University of Montana, where he received a degree in forestry in 1939. He was a member of Druids, a Forest School honorary, and Phi-Sigma Science Honorary.

He enjoyed working for the Forest Service during his summers while in college, manning lookouts and fighting fires. Since there were no appointments available in forestry, after college he spent the winter in California working on defense projects as a carpenter. In 1940-'41, he worked in Nebraska for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was trained as a combat glider pilot.

After the war, he returned to the Soil Conservation Service in Nebraska and later was transferred to Montana, where he worked in Circle, Superior, Missoula and Butte. In 1968, he took a three-month assignment to Senegal, Africa, where he worked with locals to set up a rice-development project. After his retirement from the SCS in 1973, he took an assignment in Swaziland, Africa, to work on a land development and irrigation project until 1982. In 1984-1985, he was employed by Morrison Knudson to work on a rice-development project in Mindano,

Philippines.

After this, he spent his time between his summer home on Flathead Lake and his winter home in Surprise, before moving to Buffalo Hills in Kalispell.

Larry married Winifred Bickle in Texas in 1942 and had two daughters and a son. In 1980, he was married to Faye Sloan in Las Vegas.

Larry was very active in many local groups: Masonic Mountain Lodge No. 110 in Superior, Elks Lodge, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, American Legion, Kiwanis and Lions in Missoula, and was active in HARP, NARFE and Good Sam's.

Larry loved to be outdoors, whether it was fishing, hunting or working on one of his many beloved projects. He also loved to fly and had a commercial pilot's license.

He enjoyed sharing stories about growing up in the Judith Basin, his worldly travels and his many life experiences with family and a multitude of friends that he made wherever he went.

He was preceded in death by Winifred Osburnsen, Faye Sloan Osburnsen, and his son, James Osburnsen.

He will be missed by his family; sisters, Genevieve Bridger and Marion Billadeau of Lewistown; daughters, Diane Osburnsen of Mexico and Linda Gwiazdon of Whitefish; four grandsons, Shane Reese, Scott Reese, Koan Mercer and Matthew Gwiazdon; three granddaughters, Courtney Gwiazdon, Millie Flanagan and Stephanie Conway; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Larry's wish was to have a memorial lakeside at his home in Big Arm. This will be held in late summer.

In lieu of flowers, Larry wished memorials to be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Dale Osler, 90

Dale Osler, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.

He was co-founder of Osler Brothers Lumber Company Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Osler; three daughters, Sharon Hueter, Janice Wil-

liams and Linda Pluid; and a son, Marvin Osler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. today, Dec. 11, at Schnackenberg and Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Gerald R. Osler, 87

Gerald R. Osler, 87, passed away Sunday, April 20, 2008, at the Mountain View Nursing Home in Eureka, of natural causes.

He was born Dec. 25, 1920, on a ranch near Denton, the son of Laura and Earl Osler. The family purchased a ranch in 1936 in the Trego area, where they still reside.

Gerald, along with five brothers, was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. Gerald served for 32 months in Africa. When he returned from the service he married Gloria Kline on Jan. 25, 1946, in Kalispell. She survives him after 62 years of marriage.

Gerald liked to hunt, fish, play baseball and cribbage, but most of all he loved the large family of his own and those of his brothers and their families.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria, at the family home in Trego; his sons, Rod Osler and wife Nancy of Kalispell, Brad Osler and wife, Emilene, of



Belgrade, and Scott Osler and wife, Tracy, of Kalispell; daughters, Sandra Osler of Fortine, and Jill and Dan Roe of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren;

and seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Dale Osler; Wylie and wife, Bev, Ervin and wife, Norma, and John and wife, Barb, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers; Glen and Philip; a granddaughter, Regena Knight; and a grandson, Toby Osler.

At his request his body has been cremated by the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish and no public services will be held.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorials be sent to: Eureka Mountain View Manor, P.O. Box 327, c/o the Bus Fund, Eureka, MT 59917.

Trevor Scott Osler, 21

Trevor Scott Osler, 21, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008, as the result of an automobile accident.

He is survived by his parents, Scott and Tracy Eaton Osler, of Kalispell; sister, Keaton Osler, of Kalispell;

and grandparents, Robert and Ruth Hummer, and Gloria Osler.

Memorial services are pending.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Barbara Ann Owen, 80

Barbara Ann Owen, 80, died Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008, at her residence in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa Grant, of Los Angeles; and a son,

Thomas Owen, of Kauai, Hawaii.

Private services will be held.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Gaylon Lum Owens, 73

Gaylon "Lum" Owens, 73, a lifelong Kalispell resident and businessman, passed away July 19, 2008, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. Gaylon F. Owens was born in Libby on Aug. 14, 1934, to James Hill Owens and Rachel Williams Owens.



His grandparents homesteaded in the Silver Butte area. His father drowned while working for the Forest Service when Gaylon was only 2 weeks old. He and his four siblings then were raised by their mother until she married Orville T. Hoover. Two additional children were born to Rachel and Orville. His stepfather, Orville, nicknamed Gaylon and his brother, Dennis, after radio comedians Lum and Abner and the nickname remained throughout his life. Like his nickname, he was truly one of a kind.

Lum attended Kalispell schools and entered the timber industry at the age of 16 as a tail sawyer in a tie plant. In 1958, with a loan from his mother, he purchased a used Mack log truck and his long and successful career began.

Always looking for a challenge, he expanded into contract logging in 1967 and road construction in 1973. Lum formed a partnership with Jim Hurst in 1980, which became Owens and Hurst Lumber Company, followed by a chip-hauling business known as Owens and Bray, Inc. He also held ownership in Tobacco Valley Lumber, Lone Pine Timber Products, JIJ Chippers, Somers Land Company and various other businesses. His most recent ventures were in land acquisition and development.

Throughout his lifetime, Lum was instrumental in assisting others in the start of many new business ventures. He felt blessed by his success and was always there to assist those whom he felt needed a helping hand or just to show his love and affection.

In 1988, Lum was honored for his contribution to the timber industry by being named Lumberman of the Year. Also in 1988, he was elected House District 7 representative, fighting for reform of the workers' compensation system. He was a past director of the Montana Motor Carriers Association and the Montana Logging Association, past president of the Northwest Montana Hoo Hoo Club and a member of the Elks,

Eagles, Moose and various other organizations.

Lum began stock car racing at the early age of 16, taking honors as the "Most Rolled-over Car of the Year" in his early career and going on to win many racing competitions. He became the "Granddaddy of Tri-City Speedway," ending racing at the age of 63. He was the first inductee into the Raceway Park Hall of Fame in 1996.

Other hobbies included golf, obtaining a hole-in-one at Village Greens in 2005. Lum also loved playing cards with his Wednesday night card buddies and always was looking for any one to play a hand. He enjoyed NASCAR and riding dune buggies at his winter home in Yuma, Ariz.

Lum held his family very dear to his heart, as they did him. He loved holidays, hosting many family get-togethers at Christmas and other special occasions. His family will always fondly remember the family picnics, big sledding parties, games of hide-and-go-seek, volleyball and other outdoor activities. These times never will be the same without him.

Lum was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Laura Owens; sisters, Dorothy Pennoyer, and Lynda Marie Hoover; brother, Patrick Owens; and nephew, Brandan Owens.

Lum is survived by companion, Maureen Williams; three sons, Mark G. Owens, and wife, Lorrie, and their children, Gunnar, Alix, Gaylon and Taelor; Byron G. Owens, and wife, Kathy, and their children, Christopher and Katie; and son, Larry T. Owens, all of Kalispell. He is also survived by two brothers, Dennis Owens and wife, Arline, of Marion, and Mike Hoover and wife, Cindi, of Rexford; also one sister, Shirley Druedow, and husband, Charles, of Kalispell. He was the "favorite uncle" to his many nieces and nephews and always cherished his many dear friends.

The family would like to invite his friends to a celebration of Lum's life at the Red Lion (formerly Cavanaugh's) from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. Please feel free to dress casually. Private family services will be held at the C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family requests memorials in Lum's name be made to the ALERT Endowment, Attn: Neil Heino, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901 3199.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Lum's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and sign Lum's guest book.