

Ila Marie Oaks, 97

Ila Marie Oaks, 97, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish.



Ila was born on Dec. 2, 1912, in Lapeer County, Mich., to Raymond Walker and Nina (Bearinger) Walker.

Ila's father, Ray Walker, who was interested in machinery, had a Lapeer foundry build a dredge, then was hired to dig drains in fields located in the thumb part of Michigan to prevent flooding. A move to Birmingham, Mich., in what is now Troy, Mich., presented a new opportunity for Ila's father to open a gravel pit operation. After several successful years in the gravel business, Ray transferred the operation over to his son and then retired with Nina to their cabin in Red Oak, Mich., known to the family as UpNorfus (named by one of Ray and Nina's grandsons).

From a young age Ila wanted to be a teacher. She attended Oakland County Normal Training School from 1930 to 1931, and started her teaching career during the Great Depression, at the age of 18. Wages were small at that time; she earned just \$675 for nine months of teaching but Ila was passionate about her career.

She later graduated from Wayne State University and taught in various Michigan schools for more than 26 years. All the activities Ila joined in were related to the educational system. Because Ila enjoyed teaching music,

arts and crafts, she remembered the time that her father sat her down and explained that those teachers of music, arts and crafts were often the first to be let out of their jobs. So Ila became a first grade teacher and was discouraged from ever moving from that position. Many of her students over the years have written notes of thanks for her tenacious desire that they learn to write legibly, read and understand words, and especially to work beyond their potential to achieve their goals. Many will miss Ila's inventive and artistic talent, as well as her enthusiastic involvement.

Ila married Jerold E. Oaks, a school friend of her brother, happily living together for nearly 67 years.

Ila was preceded in death by her husband, Jerold; and son, Robert Earl Oaks.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Oaks Tucker, and husband, Tom, of Kalispell; and son, James E. Oaks, of Orrstown, Pa., and wife, Shirley Oaks, of Pennsylvania; nine grandchildren, including two who reside in the Flathead Valley; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

At her request, there are no services planned for Ila.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be sent to Angel's Place, 25240 Lahser Road, Ste. No. 2, Southfield, MI 48033. Their e-mail address is: <http://angelsplace.com/>

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Ila's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Ila's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Virginia Mae (Roberts) O'Bleness, 83

Virginia Mae (Roberts) O'Bleness, 83, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, at her home in Libby, with her husband and family at her side.

Virginia was born Feb. 17, 1927, in Pendleton, Ore., the first of three children of Jerome and Mae Roberts. The family moved to the Silver Valley of Northern Idaho, where she grew up and attended school.

At the age of 16 she dedicated her life to Jehovah God. Shortly thereafter she began her career as a full-time minister. She married Lawrence O'Bleness on Sept. 4, 1947, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Together they served in the full-time ministry in various places in Northern Idaho and Northwest Montana for a number of years before settling in Libby, where they decided to start a family.

They raised four sons and later adopted a grown daughter who had no other family.

Virginia was a very supportive wife, a wonderful mother and a tireless servant of Jehovah. She conducted Bible studies with hundreds of individuals. She literally spent every ounce of energy she had helping others.

Her primary focus was helping people to learn the truth found in God's Word

and share the wonderful hope of everlasting life in a paradise earth. She hoped to be alive to see Christ Jesus fully establish his rulership over the earth. Now her family awaits the promised resurrection (John 5:28, 29) where she will "return in youthful vigor" to enjoy the blessings for which she spent her life enlightening others.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Lance.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; sister, Donna Dolton of Shelton, Wash., sister-in-law, Charlotte Roberts of Kennewick, Wash.; children Larry of Coeur d'Alene, Tom of Libby, Kevin of Anchorage, Alaska, Marvin of Monroe, Wash., and Connie Sidafoos of Puget Sound, Wash., and their families; and special family member, Judy Boothman, at the family home in Libby.

She is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, as well as innumerable spiritual children.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, at the Memorial Center in Libby, with an opportunity to socialize immediately after the service.

Loretta J. O'Boyle, 58

Loretta J. O'Boyle, 58, passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the Brendan House in Kalispell, after a hard-fought, short battle with cancer. She was born on March 10, 1952, in Kalispell, to Charles E. and Ena (Raths) O'Boyle.

Loretta attended St. Matthew's School and was a 1970 graduate of Flathead High School, then a 1972 graduate of Flathead Valley Community College. She later attended and was a National Trust graduate of Northwestern University. Her career began in 1973 working for Conrad and First Interstate banks for 19 years and then going on to D.A. Davidson & Company for 15 years. Loretta was a Trust Officer and retired in 2007.

Loretta was raised on the family farm where she lived her entire life. She was a very generous and caring



individual who had a passion for the needy. She enjoyed the beauty of the mountains and the valley. She loved spending time with family and friends and growing flowers.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by two brothers, Eddie and Leo O'Boyle, both of Kalispell; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with Father Vic Langhans as celebrant. Burial will follow in the family plots at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be sent to St. Matthew's Catholic School, 602 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901, or the American Cancer Society, 3550 Mullen Rd., Suite 105, Missoula, MT 59808.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Loretta's family.

Annabel Edna O'Brien, 84

Funeral services for Ann O'Brien, 84, of Buffalo, Wyo., who passed away Wednesday evening, June 23, 2010, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 28, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bob McHenry officiating. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, with graveside services to follow. Visitation will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Adams Funeral Home. Donations may be made in Mrs. O'Brien's memory to the Susie Bowling Lawrence Hospice, in care of the Adams Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams Ave., in Buffalo.

Annabel Edna O'Brien was born on Aug. 2, 1925, in Hulett, Wyo. to Ben and Goldie Nuckolls. She grew up on the family ranch outside of Hulett and went to schools in Hulett. She graduated from Hulett High School in 1943 and taught in country schools in Crook County. She was married in 1946 in Belle Fourche, S.D. to Joe Gordon, and they made their home in Belle Fourche. Ann played the piano, and they played in a band for dances in the area when they were young. Ann

worked for a sugar beet factory for a couple of seasons and Joe passed away in 1964. They owned and operated a trailer court in Belle Fourche, which Ann continued to manage. She was married on Feb. 20, 1965, in Belle Fourche, to Ernest O'Brien and they continued to live in Belle Fourche. In 1966, they moved to Whitefish, where Mr. O'Brien worked for Atlantic Richfield. They retired in 1995 and moved to Buffalo, where they continued to live until the time of her death.

Ann was an avid reader, and did needlepoint and puzzles. She loved to garden, fish and spend time hiking in the mountains.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest, of Buffalo; one son, Joseph Gordon and his wife, Darlene, of Florence; three daughters, Robin Richards and her husband, Charles, of Belle Fourche, Patricia Sauerbier of Kalispell and Barbara Bircher and her husband, Oly, of Whitefish; one sister, Dixie Porter, of Buffalo; six grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

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

Kenneth "Ken" Odegard, 85

Kenneth 'Ken' Odegard passed away May 7, 2010, at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center.



Born March 12, 1925, to Knute and Kate Odegard in Kalispell, Ken grew up in the Creston area where he met and fell in love with Pat Bellmore. They married in 1953 and had five children, Leah Ann, Carol, Ken Jr., Susan and Tom.

During the early part of their marriage, Ken made his living as a dairy farmer. As busy as life was, Ken found time to give back to the community, serving on the Cayuse Prairie School board, the Community College board and the Equity Supply board. He also served as a member of the Creston Volunteer Fire Department. In 1971, he and Pat moved to Bozeman, where they owned and operated Taco John's Restaurant for 23 years. Ken and Pat returned to the Flathead area in 1995.

Ken inspired all he met through his zest for living. An avid racquetball player and downhill skier, Ken began snowboarding at 70 years of age. Instilling in his children this joy for life is one of the greatest gifts he has given his family. His undying love for his children and grandchildren was evidenced in all that he did. Ken's kindness and generosity will always be remembered as will his love

of learning.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Harold and Alfred "Bud," and by his beloved first-born daughter, Leah Ann.

He is survived by his loving wife, Pat; daughter, Carol Waugh, and her husband, Rex; daughter, Susan Odegard Fellows, and her husband, Steve; son, Ken Jr.; son, Tom, and his wife, Mimosa; son-in-law, Dave Lewis; and grandchildren, Alison and Adrienne Lewis, Mackenzie and Morgan Waugh, and Samara, Shelby and Duncan Fellows. Ken is also survived by brothers-in-law, Jim and Larry Bellmore, whom he loved as though they were his own brothers.

Interment will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at Glacier Memorial Gardens. A celebration of his life will follow at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 603 South Main St., Kalispell, with the Rev. Larry Stappler officiating. A reception will then take place at the Creston Eastside Grange Hall (the Church of Creston) located on Creston Road off Highway 35.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, Montana, or to the Church at Creston Building Fund, 2475 Mission Trail E, Kalispell, Montana.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements. If you would like to express your condolences to the family, please go to www.buffalohillffn.com

Carla Odenbreit, 71

Carla Odenbreit died June 15, 2010, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Carla worked at Stein's Market in Troy for 42 years.

She is survived by her son, Jimmie, of Troy.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at Milnor Lake Cemetery.

Rosemary Wathen Oettinger, 96

Rosemary Wathen Oettinger, 96, of Columbia Falls, died Aug. 15, 2010, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home.

A vigil will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 23, at St. Richard's Catholic

Church in Columbia Falls. Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Aug. 24, at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will be at Holy Sepulcher Mausoleum in Michigan.

Edna Faye Oftedahl, 95

Edna Faye Oftedahl "went to be with the Lord" on Nov. 3, 2010, in Kalispell at the age of 95.

She was born on July 7, 1915, in Paton, Iowa to Oscar and Evelyn (Smith) White.

Edna was raised in a loving Christian home, along with seven siblings who remained close-knit all their lives. She completed eighth grade and then worked odd jobs to help out. Her favorite was driving the team to pick corn with her Dad; she said they were the best team in the county!

At the age of 19 she married Oscar L. Oftedahl, on Christmas Day, 1934. They made their home in Owatonna, Minn. When World War II broke out, Edna managed four small children while Oscar served four years in the U.S. Navy.

In 1947, they moved to Kalispell and established their home on a timbered cattle ranch near Foy's Lake. Edna had four more children, including triplets. In addition to gardening, baking, canning and sewing, she worked with Oscar in the hayfields and harvesting Christmas trees.

She served as a school clerk and election judge for 50 years and sold Avon products for 31 years. Edna was also a 4-H leader and head of the Culinary Department of the Flathead County Fair for many years and was well known for her blue-ribbon pies. She was a faithful member of Central Bible Church.

Edna was preceded in death by infant son, Bruce;



her loving husband, Oscar; daughter, Connie Oftedahl Lindsey; three brothers, Don, Elmer and Wayne White; two sisters, Norma Gross and Dorothy Federly; and a great-grandson, Tyler Nestegard.

She is survived by three sons, Melvin and wife, JoAnn; Harold "John"; and Jerry and wife, Vickie; three daughters, Joan McAdams and husband, Richard; Donna and husband, Jack Paulson; and Dianne Oftedahl. All reside in the Flathead Valley. Edna is also survived by one brother, Charles O. White of Fairfield, Iowa; one sister, Ida Beth Squibb of Jefferson, Iowa; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-, great-grand-, and great-great-grandchildren. With the birth of each one, she would say, "I just keep getting greater and greater." And she did. God designed her as a role model for five generations of women. He must be pleased.

Edna's family extends their sincere thanks to countless friends for your thoughtfulness, with special acknowledgment to Central Bible Church, Christian Center, Frontier Hospice, and the loving, caring staff of Wel-Life Assisted Living. God bless you all.

Celebration of life service for Edna will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at Christian Center. Visitation will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Burial will follow services at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Edna's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to view Edna's guest book, offer condolences and share memories.

Father Dusan Anthony Okorn, 88

In the hope of the Resurrection, Father Dusan Anthony Okorn, 88, died on Jan. 10, 2010, at home at The Sycamore Tree Contemplative Prayer Center in Swan Lake. He was born on March 5, 1921, in Maribor, Slovenia.

He was ordained a priest in Rome on April 6, 1947. From 1947 to 1949, he served in Italy in Torino, Mondovi and Genoa, prior to emigrating to Montana in 1949.

For the next 60 years he served as a priest in the Diocese of Helena: as chaplain at the St. Joseph Home in Helena, as assistant pastor at St. Peter's in Anaconda, St. Joseph in Butte, St. Michael in Conrad and St. Richard's in Columbia Falls. He was the first pastor at St. Catherine in Bigfork (1963-1971) and pastor of St. Mary's in Stevensville (1971-1978).

In 1978-1979, he spent a sabbatical year at The Sycamore Tree and began the

retreat apostolate. He was assigned as pastor of Our Lady of Swan Valley Mission from 1979 to 2006, with Seeley Lake from 1980 to 1990.

A prayer vigil was held at Our Lady of Swan Valley Mission on Jan. 11. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 12, at Our Lady of Swan Valley. Burial will be at the private cemetery at The Sycamore Tree.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Sycamore Tree for landscaping the cemetery, a project which he had hoped to complete before his death.

Father Okorn is survived by his sister, Rozka Dretnik, who lives in Borovnica, Slovenia; cousins, Bertie and Roger Bisson of Clancy, and Dr. Louis and Dorothy Smith of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; a nephew, Jany Dretnik, of London, and other nephews in Slovenia.

Glen Douglas Olberding, 48

Glen Douglas Olberding, 48, died Friday, July 23, 2010, at his residence in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Olberding; two daughters, Jenna and Jacey; and three stepsons, Josh, Jake and Jeff Lovell, all of Kalispell; and

his mother, Charlotte Olberding, of Port Ludlow, Wash.

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 30, at the Woodland Park main pavilion.

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

Col. Eugene T. 'Gene' Olson, (Ret.), 90

Colonel Eugene T. "Gene" Olson (Ret.), 90, passed away at Brendan House on April 29, 2010.



His grandfather homesteaded near Lincoln, and his father as a young man guarded the silver shipments on the stage coach run between Virginia City and Helena. His father later ranched near Helena, and met and married his mother there.

He was born in Alberta, Canada on Nov. 30, 1919, when his parents were visiting his mother's parents. Soon afterward, they returned to Montana.

As Gene grew older he attended schools in Great Falls, Fort Peck and Butte. He graduated from high school in Cut Bank. Gene then attended Montana State University at Bozeman on a basketball scholarship, and while there, met and married a lovely Norwegian girl, Agnes (Kit). They were married for 63 years.

After college, he entered the U.S. Army. It was World War II, and he fought in France and Germany. As Commander of Slavic and German P.O.W. Stockades in France and England, he was instrumental in dispersing them to various units.

After the war, he attended and taught military law in the Provost Marshal General School. He was then selected for four years of graduate work in Soviet public law at Columbia University in New York, and in Soviet Geopolitics at the Institute for Advanced Soviet and East European Studies in Germany.

As a Diplomatic courier, he traveled extensively in Russia and Eastern Europe, and was able to smuggle then-forbidden Bibles into Russia. Later, while assigned in Washington D.C., he became an advisor on Soviet affairs to the secretary of agriculture when Khrushchev, the leader of the Soviet Union, and his minister of agriculture visited the United States. Serving for several years as special assistant to several different cabinet members in Washington, D.C., he conducted their visits to the Soviet Union, and then also escorted Soviet officials visiting the United States.

Later he was asked to organize and accompany U.S. trade-promoting groups traveling to major countries around the world.

His last assignment, six years before his retirement, was as a United States attache in the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada.

His military awards included the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, American Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon with two battle stars, Victory Medal, Army Occupation Ribbon with "German" clasp, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Through the years and the ups and downs, he "gave thanks to his Savior for His abiding love and guidance day by day," and also for a loving wife who "was always there with loving help and prayers."

As he said, "It's been a good life together, and the best is yet to come; thanks be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God."

This well-traveled and educated man who has been involved with world leaders, at the same time "truly knows the One who created the world, who had a deep, abiding love for his dear wife and loved the Lord God with all his heart; there's only one man, one crown jewel hand-crafted by God that fits the description: Colonel Eugene Olson."

Gene was very active with the Gideons in placing Bibles. He was very active with the Kalispell Four-square Church, and "devoted his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Myrtle and Charlie Olson; dear wife, Agnes; and brother, Jack Edgar.

He is survived by his daughter, Ardis "Ardy" Adams and husband Joe of Maryville, Tenn.; nephew, John Edgar of Thailand; niece, Angie Colombini of Santa Rosa, Calif.; grandchildren, Mike and Tracie Adams of Atlanta, Ga., and Jim and Heather Adams of Easley, S.C.; great-grandchildren, David, Brett, Andy and Libby; great-niece, Ameer and Jim Knight of Santa Barbara, Calif.; great-nephews, Mike and Amy Edgar of Sacramento, Calif., and Cameron Boles of Bakersfield, Calif.; great-great-nephews, Luke and Keef; and a great-great-niece, Clare.

Visitation for Gene will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 3, at the Kalispell Foursquare Church, with burial following at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Inga Julia Olson, 92

Inga Julia Olson, 92, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010, at Immanuel Lutheran Home.



Inga was born in Malta on Feb. 28, 1918, to Alfred and Marie Higdem. She grew up on the family homestead where she went to country school in the Bennett Lake community and attended Malta High School.

On Nov. 27, 1952, she and Dewey Olson of Scobey were married and bought a house in Hungry Horse. Later they moved to Columbia Falls, where they owned and operated Olson's Sand & Gravel for over 25 years.

Inga had worked in a dry-cleaning business, a grocery store, was a nurse's aid, and a bookkeeper for their gravel business. She enjoyed painting, baking, crocheting, and being with friends.

She was active in Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Stillwater Free Lutheran Church. Many ladies have taken part in the Bible studies that were held in her home. Inga loved studying God's word and loved the Lord with all her heart.

Inga moved into Immanuel Lutheran Home in October 2003 and soon became the resident "welcoming committee."

She took part in the many activities there and continued having Bible studies in her room with other residents and visiting friends.

Inga was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey; daughter, Eileen Berglund; granddaughter, Jennifer; her parents; brother, Elmer Higdem; brothers-in-law, Victor Lyon and William Dove; and former husband, Clifford Bergsagel.

She is survived by one daughter, Miriam Erdahl, and husband, Bill, of Gresham, Ore.; three sons, Irvin Bergsagel and wife, Kay, of Minnetonka, Minn., Norman Olson of Columbia Falls, and Ron Olson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; sisters, Evelyn Lyon of Seattle, and Alice Dove of Helena; and sister-in-law, Verda Higdem, of Sun City, Ariz. Inga has eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Immanuel Lutheran Home, 435 Crestline Ave., Kalispell, with Pastor Kathleen Larson Phillips conducting the service.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be given to Immanuel Lutheran Home.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is assisting the family.

Oscar H. Olson, 88

Oscar H. Olson, 88, a longtime resident of Kalispell, passed away Nov. 11, 2010, at Brookside Inn Nursing Home in Castle Rock, Colo.



He was born Nov. 20, 1921, in Coteau, N.D., to Sven and Hanna Olson.

Oscar had one brother, Emil, who lived in Jamestown, N.D.

In 1948, Oscar married Marlys Thompson in Coteau, N.D., and moved to Kalispell. They raised their three sons Les, Larry and Alan here in

Kalispell. In November 2005, Oscar and Marlys moved to Elizabeth, Colo., to be near Les and his family.

Oscar was preceded in death by his parents; brother; and by his son, Larry, in 2003; and a grandson, Aaron, in 1997.

Oscar was a member of Faith Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell since it was organized. A memorial service will be held there in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Faith Church, 405 Liberty St., Kalispell, MT 59901; or to The Gideon's International, P.O. Box 1305, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Thomas E. O'Neil, 77

Thomas E. O'Neil, 77, died Oct. 6, 2010, at his residence in Troy.

He was retired from Burlington Northern Railroad.

Survivors include his wife, Myrna of Troy; his children, Loren "Larry" O'Neil of Okinawa, Diana

Bauer of Columbia Falls, and Dacia O'Neil and Deena Cook, both of Troy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Kootenai Chapel in Troy.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Jonathan Ray Ondov, 55

Jonathan Ray Ondov "left this world for the heavenly stage," at age 55 on April 6, 2010, in Kalispell, from complications



due to Type 1 diabetes. A Montana native, Jonathan was born in Missoula on Oct. 23, 1954.

He also lived in Nebraska, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He later moved to Washington to continue his education, worked for Boeing Inc., married and raised two sons. Jonathan lived in Livingston and Kalispell during his last five years of life to be closer to his family.

He enjoyed golf and bicycling, writing poetry and prose, homemade bread, the game of Scrabble and crosswords, and Swan Lake vacations. Next to his strong faith in Jesus, "his Lord and Savior," he loved acting the most, having performed in community theaters throughout his life. Most recently, his role as R.P. McMurphy in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" received many accolades from his peers and audiences.

Jonathan is survived by two sons, Likhi and Elisha Ondov, of Federal Way, Wash.; his parents, the Rev. Daniel and Lorraine Ondov, of Billings; brother, David Ondov, and Carol, of Kalispell; sister, Rachel Feigley, and Pete, of Livingston; niece, Sarah Schmautz, and Seth, of Kalispell; and nephew, Mark Ondov, of Florida. He also leaves a multitude of cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Beth Ondov.

Cremation has occurred and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. June 26, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 2336 St. Johns Ave., in Billings. A luncheon and gathering of friends and relatives will be held at the church following interment at Yellowstone Valley Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his honor can be sent to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org); the Blue Slipper Theatre (www.blueslipper.com), or Firehouse 5 Playhouse Theatre (www.crazymountainproductions.org), both of Livingston; or a charity of choice.

Jonathan's compassion for others and his passion for performing and all things spiritual will be missed!

Roy Ordell Orsborn Sr., 74

Roy Ordell Orsborn Sr., 74, died Nov. 11, 2010.

He is survived by his children, Ray Elmer, Peggy Rayome and Dale Orsborn, all of Libby, Roy of Kalispell, Theresa Cox of Troy, and Ted Maner of

Hawaii.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, at the funeral home.

Narven Elbert Osteen, 78

Narven Elbert Osteen, 78, died May 19, 2010, at St. John's Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He had worked as a logger for J. Neils Lumber Company, at St. Regis Paper Company and Champion International.

He is survived by his four children, Mark Osteen of Baltimore,

Nancy Matter and Narven W. Osteen, both of Libby, and Alexandria Osteen, of Yuma, Ariz.

A memorial service and wake will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Cabinet View Country Club in Libby.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Homes and Crematory.

Alfred E. Osterberg, 81

Alfred E. Osterberg, 81, of Troy died Saturday, May 8, 2010, at his home near Troy from natural causes.

He worked as a logger throughout his life.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia, of Troy; and children, Vernon

Osterberg of Republic, Wash., Charles Osterberg of Juliaetta, Idaho, and Dale Osterberg of Troy.

Private family services will be held. Local arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Libby.

Martha and Jim Owens

A memorial celebration for Martha Owens who died on Jan. 28, 2010, and for her husband, Jim

Owens, who died June 6, 2009, will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the cabin.

Ralph H. 'Sam' Otto, 84

Ralph H. "Sam" Otto, 84, died at his residence in Condon, Montana on April 17, 2010.

Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Friday, April 9,

at Our Lady of the Swan Valley Catholic Church in Condon.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Wilma Faye Overbaugh, 81

Wilma Faye Overbaugh, 81, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, at the Brendan House in Kalispell.

She is survived by a son, Earnest "J.R." Bunman, of Bigfork and a

daughter, JoAnne Bull, of Oregon.

No services are planned at this time.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Martha Jane Owens, 81

Martha Jane Owens passed on Jan. 28, 2010, at the age of 81. Surrounded by family. Mrs. Owens died peacefully at her home on Flathead Lake.

Martha Jane Owens was born April 26, 1928, in San Angelo, Texas. The daughter of Tillman Anslam and Ola Kathryn Casey Wood, Martha Jane was the middle of three children.

Raised in Oklahoma City, Martha Jane met the love of her life, James Donald Owens, at Classen High School. Inseparable from day one, the pair were married in 1946.

Jim Owens preceded her in death on June 6, 2009. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Dean Wood.

Martha Jane was the light, humor and love of her family. She was the main ingredient in making a house a home. Refreshingly honest and vehemently loyal, Martha Jane was a "force to be reckoned with."



Known for her quick wit, sharp tongue, contagious laughter and deep devotion to her family, Martha Jane made every task, trip or gathering exciting and full of fun. Boredom was not in Martha Jane's world, and she did not allow it in those around her, either. Nothing was ever impossible or too difficult to do.

Martha Jane is survived by her sister, Linda Hauhuth; three daughters, Kathy Bygren, Leslie Hinkle and Martha Mills; and son, Steve Owens. She has six grandchildren, Tyler Bygren, Casey Bygren, Drew Cable, Kelley Bygren, Carly Owens and Lacey Owens. She also has two great-grandchildren, Chloe and Carter Bygren.

Martha Jane Owens was an original thinker and was never mundane or typical in anything she did or said. She was warm, loving, intelligent and just simply, the best mother and friend one could ever hope to have. She will be forever missed!

A celebration of Martha and Jim's life will be held on March 6 at a time and place to be announced.