

Leo Eugene Obermiller, 86

Leo Eugene Obermiller, 86, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He was a civil engineer. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, and son,

Dr. Timothy Obermiller, of Kalispell.

A Celebration of life service will be held in January.

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

Marie Therese Ohaneson, 94

Marie Therese Ohaneson, 94, passed away on Thursday April 26, 2012, at Lake View Care Center.



Marie was born on May 22, 1917 in Liege, Belgium, the fourth child of Edouard and Germaine Schroeder.

Nicknamed "Meme," she became "Mimi" to her English-speaking friends, and "Mrs. O" to those who cared for her.

She was married and widowed three times and raised two boys, Jean-Jacques, born in 1939, and Gerard, born in 1943. Over the years she lived in many countries of Western Europe, and the United States and became multilingual.

Her last husband, Edward Ohaneson, was the love of her life for over 30 years, until his death from Alzheimer's in 1999. She then started

to fade, taking simple pleasures out of life, and finally died of Alzheimer's herself, on April 26, 2012, just short of her 95th birthday, in Bigfork.

Mimi was preceded in death by her grandson, Philip. She is survived by her two sons, Jean-Jacques and Gerard and wife Laura P. d'Aquin; her granddaughter, Alexandra; her stepchildren Christine Kent, Edward David Ohaneson and Michael Peters Ohaneson; and eight step-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Mimi will be held at 10:30 a.m. on May 30 at Lake View Care Center. Inurnment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Northwest Montana Humane Society, P.O. Box 221, Kalispell MT 59903.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Mimi's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Mimi's tribute wall.

Robert O. Oie, 85

Bob Oie entered the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls in June after a series of medical issues, and died July 6, 2012.



Bob was born on Jan. 28, 1927, in Polson to Ole and Margaret Oie. He was a graduate of Polson High School and Kinman Business College in Spokane.

Bob had numerous interests, one being traveling overseas to Norway, the country of his father's birth, and neighboring Sweden. His domestic interests included home remodeling and interior decorating. He was an avid fan of music, and liked to social dance with friends.

Bob left high school early to enter the Armed Forces in World War II. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in April of 1945, and honorably

discharged in December of 1946. His service was primarily in Occupied Japan. He received the Pacific Service Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal and the Victory Medal.

Upon discharge from the military, Bob returned to Polson to complete his high school education. He later entered the Civil Service in the Bremerton, Wash., Naval shipyards. He served in numerous capacities, including as a laborer, and later an office worker as a receiving clerk and inventory and records specialist.

His family most recently consists of numerous nieces and nephews. Karen Anderson of Columbia Falls, and her brother, James Anderson of Polson have had primary responsibilities in his affairs during the past five years.

The burial service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the Polson Lakeview Cemetery, with military honors. It will be a private ceremony with family, friends and neighbors.

Margaret 'Peggy' O'Leary, 51

Margaret 'Peggy' O'Leary, 51, of Whitefish, passed away on Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at her home.

Peggy is survived by her parents, Margaret and Guy Link, and her three children, Danielle O'Leary, Shannon

O'Leary, and Shane O'Leary.

A memorial service for Margaret will be held on Monday, Dec. 31 at Austin Funeral Home at 10 a.m.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Dennis Morrell Olson, 87

Dennis Morrell Olson, 87, loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully surrounded by his children on Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, in Sparks, Nev.

Born in Belgrade, Minn. on September 27, 1925 to Chester O. and Ruth E. Olson, Dennis grew up farming in Minnesota and in the oil fields of Eastern Montana. He began to fulfill his lifelong passion of serving his country and others in 1942 when he entered the U.S. Army. His World War II service carried him across Europe from France to Czechoslovakia as a member of the 97th Infantry Division and to Japan where he served as a member of the Occupation Force. Following his wartime service, Dennis returned to Eastern Montana where he found the love of his life. Laura Helena and Dennis were married in 1948 as Dennis reentered the U.S. Army in which he served until 1967 as an Ordnance Corps non-commissioned officer. Their adventures carried them to assignments throughout the United States, France, Korea, Panama and Afghanistan.

Their post-military life



began in Montana where Dennis, working in the U.S. Postal Service, rose through

the ranks to ultimately serve as Postmaster at Lakeside for nearly 10 years. He actively served as a member of the Lion's Club, Coast Guard Auxiliary on Flathead Lake, the Elks Lodges in Las Cruces and Sparks, and as a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Retirement saw Dennis and Laura Helena reside for a time in Maui, New Mexico, Idaho and Reno, and finally Sparks.

Dennis was preceded in death by his mother and father, his loving wife, and his eldest son. He is survived by his brother Donald; his children Harriette, Patricia, Denise, Judy and Dennis Jr.; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate and honor Dennis' life will be held at the Sparks Elks Lodge on Tuesday, Jan. 8 beginning at 1 p.m. The family respectfully requests donations to your favorite veterans' charity in lieu of cards or flowers.

Irene Carter Olson, 82

Irene passed away peacefully Dec. 6, 2010, with family at her bedside. She was 82 years old.



Huldah Irene Carter was born in Darrell, Fergus County, on April 1, 1928, to Clay and Huldah Toogood Carter. She was the third of 11 children.

In 1930 Irene moved to Charlo with her family. She graduated from Charlo High School in 1946. She attended business school in Missoula and became the office manager at Consolidated Dairies.

She married Chuck Olson in 1949 and they had two children together, Chuck and Cheri.

Irene will be remembered by her children, six grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and countless cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and siblings, Hester Carter, Delbert Carter, Fern Stott, Ernie Carter and Gary Carter.

She is survived by her children, Chuck Olson and

Julie, and Cheri Olson McLaren and Jan; grandchildren, Maj. David J. Boyd and Rachel, Brenda Olson Andersen and David, Jody Olson Walter, Mandy Olson Robinson and Kelly, Grayson McLaren and Gavin McLaren; siblings, Bill Carter and Sylvia, Clarabelle Carter Barsness and Richard, Marvin Carter and Sue, Sharon Carter Guenzler and George, and Trudy Carter Farrier and Merle.

She was an exceptional grandma who enjoyed making cookies and teaching the grandkids how to play cards. She enthusiastically cheered her grandchildren on and was often moved to tears. She was passionate about her grandchildren, cooking and politics, and was full of witty one-liners.

The family would like to thank The Village Health Care Center and Dr. Shepherd for the exceptional care given to Irene.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Flathead Valley Veterans, 241 Main St., Kalispell, MT 59901.

A celebration of Irene's life will be held at 2 p.m., Jan. 22, in Charlo at the Leon Community Clubhouse.

Elta V. Olson, 89

Elta V. Olson, 89, of Columbia Falls, died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012.

No services are planned

at this time.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Ronald L. Olson, 72

Ron passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at the age of 72.

Ron was born July 29, 1939, to Gordon and Emma (Sunvy) Olson in a farmhouse on the side of the road in Warren, Minn. He was the baby of four children.

When Ron was 15 he left home. After a brief stop in North Dakota working construction, he headed to California to build his life. On the way he stopped in Columbia Falls to visit his brothers, who were here working at Plum Creek. That is when he met Esther Woessner and fell in love. On June 6, 1958, they were married and started a family.

Ron started working at Plum Creek right after moving here. He quit that job to go work for Will Warner logging and was a proud logger for 15 years. He then went to work for the aluminum plant where he was a potman for 25 years. After he retired, he spent his days working around the house and teasing the people he loved.

Ron was always the practical joker — waving at no one so you would turn your back, giving him the perfect shot at



hiding your dinner plate; or turning the TV or radio off right at the good part. Ron enjoyed playing cards and claimed to have never lost a game, nicknaming everyone else at the table "card losers." He also loved to travel, with Wendover and Jackpot, Nev., being his favorite destinations.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Emma Olson.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Olson; sister, Mary-Ann, and her husband, Larry Laymon; brothers, Red Olson, and David and his wife Janette Olson; kids, Lois and her husband David Murdock, Gordy and his wife Tammy Olson, Ronnie and his wife Tracey Olson, and Glen and his wife Dawn Olson; six grandkids, Nicole Winter, Patricia Lundquist, Jamie Murdock, Emilee Olson, Rachel Olson and Cedar Olson; eight great-grandkids; and many more family and friends.

Ron touched the lives of everyone he met. He will be greatly missed. We are having a celebration of his life at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, at Deer Park School.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view Ron's tribute wall.

Sharon Olson, 74

Sharon Olson of Libby passed away at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane on Friday, April 20, 2012.

She was born July 31, 1937, in Lewistown to Donald and Melba Peterson.

Sharon was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed gardening, art and homemaking.

Sharon was preceded in death by her husband, Earl C. Olson, in 2006.

Sharon is survived by her children, Teri and Dave Davis of Big Piney, Wyo., Donald Olson of Miles City, Charlie and Tammy Olson of Cut Bank, Gene and Tara

Olson of Parachute, Colo., and Katrina and Gerald Getz of Libby; grandchildren, Corey and Kevin Smith, Samantha, Chance, Kale and Stacia Olson, Tristen and Logan Olson, and Marcel and Colton Getz; great-grandchildren, Tia and Tabby Smith; sister, Sheila, and Ron Gilbert; brother, Meldon Peterson; and many loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be an informal gathering for family and friends of Sharon at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Fireman's Park in Libby. Please join our family in sharing photos and memories.

John Theodore Olson, 81

John Theodore Olson, 81, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012, at his home in Whitefish.



John was born June 7, 1931, in Great Falls to Goodwin Olson and Helen (McDonald) Olson.

John started his Ph.D. program at Fresno State College, then got his doctorate in psychology at USC.

John worked at Camarillo Hospital for over 30 years. He hated palm trees and could not wait to retire in Califor-

nia so he could return to his beloved mountains.

John is survived by his daughter, Martha Olson, of Whitefish; sister, Nancy Buehler, of Dripping Springs, Texas; nieces and nephews, Jeanette Baker, Heidi Rau, Steve Beuhler and Michael Williams; and longtime family friend, Ron Ottsen, of Whitefish.

The family will have a private service at a later date.

You are invited to go to www.austinhf.com to offer condolences, share memories and view John's tribute wall.

Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Solveig Okland, 82

Solveig Okland, 82, of Polson, formerly of Alexander, N.D., died March 4, 2012.

Grogan Funeral Home

of Polson and Fulkerson's Funeral Home of Watford City, N.D., have been entrusted with arrangements.

Jean O'Neil, 73

Jean O'Neil, better known as "Mom's Jams" of Whitefish, passed away on July 15, 2012, after a short fight with cancer.



She was born in Milner, Colo., on Aug. 8, 1938, the first of four children born to Leona and Gayl Woodyard.

She loved her garden and making jam. She so enjoyed spending time with her Farmers' Market family. She spent many hours playing gin rummy with her grandchildren, teaching them to recog-

nize their numbers, and how to whistle with a blade of grass. She taught her children and grandchildren the art of making the perfect batch of jam.

Jean is survived by her nine children, Lauree and Allen Bauldwin, Cindy Follmer, Nels and Lisa Haave, Deborah Jess, Clifford Haave, Patty and Arlan Turner, Daniel Haave, Terri and Mike James, and David O'Neil. She is also survived by a brother, Bud Woodyard; and a sister, Barb King. She had 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by many. There will be a celebration of her life in August.

Joyce Greenwalt O'Neil, 87

With the kind care of loving family and hospice, Joyce Greenwalt O'Neil, 87, died at her home in Columbia Falls on May 1, 2012.



She was born May 28, 1924, in Kalispell to David Ory and Bernice (Sibley) Greenwalt. She had an older brother, Robert, and a sister, Jean. They all grew up in the village of Apgar at the foot of Lake McDonald in Glacier Park where her parents had a cabin camp, a service station and a dance hall, as well as their home.

Joyce attended the Apgar School for five years until her parents moved to Kalispell for the winters. She was always very sentimental about her time in Apgar where she and her sister had great fun together, even taking pride in being the first to swim in the lake as early as April when the ice went out. She loved the outdoors and watching birds and animals.

Joyce graduated from Flathead County High School in 1942. Soon thereafter, the family, including the family dog, moved to Seattle where Mr. Greenwalt worked as a machinist. Joyce worked part time at the Naval Supply Depot and attended the University of Washington, graduating in 1946 Phi Beta Kappa.

At the end of World War II

the family returned to Apgar, much to the dog's delight as he ran circles and rolled on the ground.

Joyce taught at the West Glacier School until she married Dick Rowland. They had two children, Anne Elizabeth and Robert Richard. Dick, an aviator, was subsequently killed in a crop dusting accident.

For a time, Joyce worked for Kelly Furniture, and then taught English at Flathead County High School.

She and Carle F. O'Neil were married in 1962 and lived in Eldora, Iowa, until 1973, when they returned to their beloved Montana to live in Columbia Falls, where Carle bought the Columbia Falls Lumber Co., which in time became one of the Western Building Centers.

Preceding Joyce in death were her sister and brother; her son, Robert; her grandson, Cale Brown; and her son-in-law, Tom Brown.

She is survived by her daughter, Anne Elizabeth Brown; her husband, Carle O'Neil; brother-in-law, Van Harrington, of Deer Lodge; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls. Burial will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

You are invited to go to www.columbiamortuary.com to offer condolences and view Joyce's tribute wall.

Gary Alan Ormiston, 64

Gary Alan Ormiston, 64, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, in Cody, Wyo.



Born May 6, 1947, in Fort Wayne,

Ind., to Donald V. and Lorna M. Ormiston, Gary, along with his parents and sister Cheryl, grew up and spent his childhood in Fort Wayne. He graduated from North Side High in 1965.

In 1967, he married his high school sweetheart, Sherry, in Fort Wayne, and several years later, in 1974, Gary and his wife began to live their dream and moved to the mountains, and Cody. In 1999, they moved to Lakeside and lived there until 2010, when they returned to Cody.

Gary was a sheet metal worker and welder all his life, and perfected the art of both. He was dedicated to his Lord, his family and his friends, and lived his life accordingly.

Gary will be especially

remembered for his quiet strength and steadfast manner. He was a genuinely kind, patient, humble man and was loved by everyone who knew him. He would always make people laugh with his dry humor and inspire them with his simple, yet profound, faith.

Gary is survived by Sherry, his wife of 44 years, and Maxx of Cody; his son, Adam, and Jess, along with soon-to-arrive grandchild, of Bozeman; his sister, Cheryl, and Charlie Lingenfelter of Charlotte, N.C.; nephew, Chris Lingenfelter, and Alyssa of New York City; and niece, Jill Lingenfelter, also of New York.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Lorna.

Services were held Jan. 23 at the Cody Missionary Alliance Church. Burial will be held in private.

Memorial contributions are welcome and should be mailed to the CMA Church, 147 Cooper Lane E., Cody, WY 82414-9233, with designation to the Global Impact Fund, a fund for short-term missions.

Rachel Joyce O'Neil, 87

Rachel Joyce O'Neil, 87, died Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Carle O'Neil; and daughter, Anne Brown.

A celebration of life will

be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Columbia Mortuary, Columbia Falls. Burial will be in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Rita Marlene Orr

Rita Marlene Orr, 57, of Belgrade, "went to be with her Lord and Savior" on Oct. 16, 2012, in Phoenix, with her family at her side. She lost her second round with cancer, having been in remission for two years.

Rita was born in Great Falls on Oct. 24, 1953, to Bill and Ethel Little. She was raised in Great Falls, Glasgow, Yellowtail and Somers, before settling in Libby.

She graduated from Libby High School in 1972 and moved to Spokane with friends Kathy Bonneau and Rayetta Tangen. She attended Kinman Business College, graduating in 1973, and returned to Libby to work for the U.S. Forest Service.

There she met Scott Orr, a USFS equipment operator, and they were married in Libby on Dec. 14, 1974. The 37-year union was blessed with two children, Jen and Matt, and more pets than you could count.

Scott and Rita bought Slausons' Disposal Service in 1976, growing and operating it as SJ Orr Services, until retiring in 2001.

While in Libby, Rita was active in many church, political, civic and school activities, but her faith and family were always her first passions. It grew into quite an extended family as she touched many lives. Her many foster children and five AFS exchange students remain in contact because their lives were enriched by Rita's boundless love.

Rita took to the role of "Mimi" with the addition of her grandchildren, Teague and Ireland O'Malley. She followed her grandchildren to

Hamilton and Belgrade after retirement.

Rita is survived by her husband, Scott, at the family home in Belgrade; her daughter, Jen O'Malley, and husband Joe, with their children, Teague and Ireland, also in Belgrade; her son, Matt Orr, and his wife, Sandra, in Portland; her mother, Ethel, and Wade, in Libby; her brother, Bruce Little and his wife Yvonne in Libby, and niece, Aimee Szabo with her husband Mike in Laurel; nephew, Mark Little, also in Laurel; Uncle Roy Snider and wife Stella, in Sutherland, Ore.; Aunt Betty Sanford of Cascade; Aunt Becky Thoeny and husband Adrian, in Newman Lake, Wash.; cousins, Jed Little, Julie Sanford, Chancy Thoeny, David Thoeny, Elizabeth Davis and Fay Seiler; brother-in-law, Dwayne Orr, and his wife, Kathy, in Yamhill, Ore.; niece, Jena Orr, in Yamhill; brother-in-law, DC Orr, with his wife Marianne, in Libby; nephew, Adam Orr and his wife Stacey, with daughter Maizy, and their "bun in the oven" in Libby; and niece, Ashley Deshazer with her husband Doug, and their boys Luke, Jace and Tristan in Libby.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Little; mother-in-law, Jeanine Orr; and sister-in-law, Marjean Orr.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 22 in the Memorial Center in Libby with Pastor Dale Pederson presiding. Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home will also arrange burial in Libby.

As a memorial to this beautiful woman, our rock solid family promoter, we suggest you hug your family.

David L. Osborne, 87

David "Dave" Osborne, 87, "peacefully joined the Lord our God, his wife, Delia, his parents, sister and son" on April 4, 2012.

He was born in Princeton, W.Va., on Aug. 10, 1924, to Mack and Eve Osborne, the third in a family with 12 children.

At the age of 17, Dave joined the Navy, much to his mother's chagrin. His military career extended from 1943 until his honorable discharge in 1946. Dave was a coxswain, armed gunner for merchant ships and traveled on ships carrying oil from South America to California, and fuel to points in Iran, Iraq, Ceylon, Borneo, New Guinea and the Philippines.

While David was being discharged from the Navy at Treasure Island, he met Delia on New Year's Day in 1946 on the Oakland Bay Bridge, where the bus they were riding broke down. They were married two months later on March 20, 1946.

This loving union of 58 years brought six children, Jody and Richard Fee of Whitefish; Diana and Duane Johnson of Whitefish; Gloria Osborne and Mike McPherson of Jackson, Ohio; Carolyn Osborne and John Layne of Whitefish; David Osborne and Nancy Olson of Roseburg, Ore.; and Danny Osborne, who is deceased.

Dave and his family started in West Virginia, but after a few years he ventured out to Montana, where he was able to find work in the construction trade. After a few years he got into the heating and air conditioning business in Helena and eventually moved to Whitefish, where he, along with his brother Elmer, bought Lauzon Heating and Air Conditioning.

In 1965 he moved to Medford, Ore., where he went to work for California Pacific Utilities. He retired on a medical disability in the mid '70s due to a serious car accident where he was injured as a passenger.

After a number of difficult years following the accident, Dave and his family moved to Indio, Calif., and then Brookings, Ore. While in Brookings, Dave was very active in the Knights of Columbus and was granted a lifetime membership, of which he was very proud.

He spent much of his time helping at the Star of the Sea Catholic Church, as well as volunteering for the South Coast Fisherman's Association building steelhead trout habitat and assisting with stocking programs, which are



still being used today. He was an active member of the BPOE Elks Club in Brookings.

Dave and Dell will always be known for never turning away when someone was in

need. Over the years they enjoyed ocean fishing, camping, hunting and traveling.

Eventually Dave and Dell returned to Whitefish to be near their daughter, Diana Johnson. While they were able, they spent their winters in Mesa, Ariz., and summers in Whitefish.

Eight years ago Delia died and Dave entered the Montana Veterans Home Aug. 19, 2008. He loved being part of the veterans home where he enthusiastically participated in all the activities. In fact, just days before he passed away, you could find him playing the spoons with the various music groups who entertain at the veterans home. He was very appreciative of the staff and enjoyed the company of the fellow veterans.

Dave will be dearly missed for his quick wit, unlimited stories, jokes and his love for his numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law as well as many friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Delia; his parents; his sister, Joyce Dobbins; his brother, JR; and his son, Danny.

Surviving brothers and sisters include Junior and Louise of Princeton, W.Va., Bud Osborne of Helena, Elmer and Marilyn of Helena, Tom and Gwenette of Helena, Frank and Rose of Helena, Maxine Olson and Gene of Helena, Ruth Rollins of Helena, Margaret Carnes and George of Medford, Faye McPherson and Arnold of Jackson, and Junior Dobbins (brother-in-law).

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, April 13, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. Burial will follow at Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Montana Veterans Home Bingo and Craft Programs, P.O. Box 250, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

To send condolences to the

family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

David L. Osborne, 87

David L. Osborne, 87, died in Whitefish Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

He is survived by his children, Jody Fee, Diana Johnson, Gloria Osborne-McPherson, Carolyn Osborne and David Osborne Jr.

A memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 13, at St. Richard's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at Glacier Memorial Gardens.

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

John Lee Osler, 79

John Lee Osler, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully



at home surrounded by loved ones Dec. 14, 2012.

Johnny was born June 9, 1933, in Denton, to Earl and Laura Osler. In 1937 the Osler family moved to Trego. When Johnny got older he joined his brothers in the family sawmill. After the sale of the sawmill, Johnny continued to stay busy doing various jobs until retirement.

He married Charlotte Audrey Roedel on Aug. 18, 1952. To that marriage was born David, Gary and Gay. On May 18, 1979, Johnny then married Barbara (Lamey) Titchbourne. With that union he was blessed with five additional children, Valerie, Bob, Candace, Tina and Jay.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers Glen, Phil, Gerald, Dale and Wylie; his son, Gary Osler; daughter, Tina Titchbourne; and grandson, Dustin Alvarez.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barb; his brother, Ervin; and his children, David Osler, Gay Cook, Valerie Hogan, Bob Titchbourne, Candace Alvarez and Jay Titchbourne, as well as 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Johnny loved spending time with family and friends. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and was known for his sense of humor. He loved being with his family at the lake. He also enjoyed watching sports and was known to throw his hat when provoked by bad umpire calls or a poorly dealt hand of cards.

His memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Following the burial at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery, there will be a reception in the basement of the church.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the food pantry, Mountain View Nursing Home or other local charities.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Wylie Osler, 89

Wylie Osler departed Monday, Oct. 8, 2012, the day of his birthday, 89 years old. His goal was to stay in his beloved home on Dickey Lake to the end. He died in his own bed at home, "and then it was feet first on to the next adventure — mission accomplished!"

He was born outside of Denton, Mont., Oct. 8, 1923, to Earl and Laura Osler. In 1937, the Osler family moved to Trego. In 1940, Wylie's dad and his seven sons started sawmilling until an interruption called World War II sent six of the seven Osler brothers to various European theaters.

After the war ended, the Osler brothers picked up where they left off, establishing the Osler Brothers Lumber Co. Inc. They continued logging for the next 22 years, eventually selling out to Plum Creek Lumber Company in 1968.

Wylie then bought a gravel pit in Rexford and ran that until 1972, when he was flooded out by Libby Dam. After that, he officially retired but continued buying and selling property throughout the Tobacco Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Beverley; daughters, Kathy Turner and Freddie Phelps; sons, Pat Osler, Chris Osler and Kelly Osler; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Ervin and John Osler.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Glen, Phil, Gerald and Dale.

Special thanks to Wylie's caregivers, Jackie Poch, Sammie Doherty, Jessica Doherty, Samantha Little and all other helpers. Further thanks to



Dr. Stein and staff, and the Eureka ambulance crew for their many trips over the years. Also many thanks to all of Wylie's cribbage buddies,

especially Burt Rice and Gary Dieziger.

Wylie was defined by his love of life and people; he was a consummate storyteller with a prodigious memory of places and people of the Tobacco Valley. The phrase "never met a stranger" fit him well. His enthusiasm for life and people may be traced to his luck of surviving being shot point blank in the chest with a 12-gauge shot gun at age 15, service in World War II and a lifelong battle with asthma.

Blessed, he lived his married life, to the same woman, and raised five children in the same house on Dickey Lake, his self-proclaimed best place in the world. He was known to some as the "Mayor of Dickey Lake."

Wylie had many interests, including fishing, traveling, cruises, bowling, cribbage, pinochle and golfing, just to name a few. Concerning golf, his style was unorthodox. He played left-handed and only with woods (and a putter) decades before the golf industry dreamed up the "hybrid." He had 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 woods and he used them all, even out of sand traps! Finesse was never a part of Wylie's golf game; sure-

ly the harder one swings, the farther the ball must inevitably fly.

Wylie loved card games, especially cribbage. Countless hours were spent playing with family and friends. He was a master at pegging and always managed to somehow secure a win even when defeat seemed imminent. He would sometimes look at his cribbage hand carefully, then laugh and exclaim that he had "the big one!" just to throw you off your game. His love for the game extended to teaching it for several years to Eureka grade-school kids to help improve their math skills.

Wylie loved traveling, and over his lifetime he and his family made trips throughout Europe, the British Isles, the Scandinavian countries and Mexico. He especially enjoyed cruising and made several to Mexico, the Panama Canal and Alaska with many of his family members. Not surprisingly, he would meet people he knew in those far off places.

That was Wylie.

Mass of the Resurrection will be 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Logan Alan Ostrom, 52

Logan Alan Ostrom, 52, passed away April 20, 2012, from complications of influenza at the Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.



He was born to L. Ritchey and Norma (Bell) Ostrom on August 7, 1959, in Spokane.

Logan grew up in Kalispell and spent as much time as possible skiing at Big Mountain and riding motorcycles around the valley. He adored his children and they were his light the past years of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ritchey and Norma; and sister, Lori Ostrom Judge.

He is survived by his son, Logan and Christina Ostrom, and grandson Jay, all of Kalispell; daughter, Rebecca

Ostrom of Portland; his ex-wife, Jeannine Lund; sisters, Cory Chadwick of Bigfork, and Lisa McElrath of Houston; Uncle George and Iris Ostrom; John and Marian Bell Emerson; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 23 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 Main Street in Kalispell.

The family suggests memorials to the Flathead Food Bank, 1203 U.S. 2 West, No. 2, Kalispell, MT 59901.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lake View Care Center for their care and compassion of Logan.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Logan's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolences and view Logan's tribute wall.

Gary L. Ott, 63

Gary L. Ott, 63, of Kalispell, lost his battle with



cancer on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

Gary was born Jan. 5, 1949, to parents, George and Ruth Ott.

In 1966, at the age of 17, Gary joined the United States Marine Corps. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. He earned the Vietnam Service Medal, the Presidential Citation, the Combat Action Ribbon, and three Purple Hearts while in Vietnam.

Following his military service, Gary worked for Arden Olsen driving trucks. Gary greatly admired Arden and thought of him as a good friend. Gary eventually owned and operated many different types of trucks.

Gary married Lee Ann Ellis in December of 1989, and moved from Minnesota to Montana where they raised her three sons, Mark, Ross and John Ellis.

Gary is survived by his

wife of 22 years, Lee Ann; and three sons, Mark and Tammy Ellis of Andover, Minn.; Ross Ellis of Kalispell, and John Ellis and fiancée Melissa Graymer of Coram; two grandchildren, Madisyn Ellis (John's daughter) and Ethan Ellis (Mark's son); sister, Linda Gimble; brother, Phil, and Sharon Ott, of Colorado; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Special friends include Mike and Rosanna Doty of Kalispell, Madisyn's mother; Amanda and Cameron Gardener of Columbia Falls; the Olsen Family of Kalispell; and many others.

Gary will be greatly missed by his wife, family and friends.

Funeral services followed by a reception will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 23, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Evergreen, 2200 U.S. 2 East. Burial services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. at the Montana Veterans Cemetery in Columbia Falls. All friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

John Wilson Otis, 73

John Wilson Otis, 73, died Saturday, May 26, 2012, at the Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation Center in Whitefish.

He is survived by his

wife, Cheryl Hyland, and two sons, Jeffrey and Brigham Otis.

There are no services scheduled. Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

John Wilson Otis

A memorial celebration of life for John Wilson Otis, 73, who died May 26 will be held

at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 30, at the Apgar Amphitheater in Glacier National Park.

Gary L. Ott, 63

Gary L. Ott, 63, of Kalispell, died June 5, 2012, at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls.

He is survived by his wife, Lee Ann; and three

sons, Mark of Minneapolis, Ross of Kalispell, and John of Coram.

Arrangements are pending with Columbia Mortuary.

Erma Overby, 87

Erma Overby passed away peacefully on Monday, June 4, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Skilled Care Center, with her daughter by her side.

Erma Gertrude Hanson Overby was born Aug.

21, 1924, in St. Paul, Minn., to Alfred and Louise Bell Hanson. She graduated from Kathryn High School and attended Union College. She returned home and attended Valley City State Teacher's College in North Dakota for three months to obtain her teaching certificate.

She taught school to save funds to achieve her goal of becoming a registered nurse. She obtained a three-year degree in nursing from Hinsdale Hospital in Chicago and worked for the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital. She completed her bachelor's degree in public health nursing at the University of Minnesota. She later became the city/school nurse for Valley City and schools.

She married Erwin B. Overby in 1961 and became



a mother to his three children. Erma served the community of Valley City and the state of North Dakota in many capacities and was still installing Life Lines and doing hospice care into her 80s, until it became necessary for her to move to an assisted living facility. During her life she was a role model to many, an honors scholar, teacher, nurse, captain in the Army Reserve, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Survivors are one son, Ed, and Betty, of Valley City; two daughters, Sandra and Wayne Hall of Suffolk, Va., and Glenda and Rick Funk of Kalispell; two sisters, Jessie and Duane Schultz of Jamestown, N.D., and Phyllis Myhre of Cut Bank; three grandchildren, Heidi Johnson of Valley City, Christina Schauer and Chris Neubert of Kalispell, and Jacob and Patty Schauer of Missoula; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin Overby.

Funeral arrangements are by Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell and Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel in North Dakota. The funeral will be held on June 11 in Valley City.

Patricia Ann Owens, 76

Patricia Ann Owens, 76, died Feb. 28, 2012, at her home in Columbia Falls.

She is survived by her three sons, James of Annapolis, Md., Scott of

Columbia Falls, and Ronald of Gettysburg, Pa.

Services will be private. Arrangements are entrusted to Columbia Mortuary.

Robert 'Jack' Evan Owens, 79

Robert "Jack" Evan Owens, 79, passed away on Saturday Jan. 7, 2012 at Lake View Care Center in Bigfork.

Robert was born Dec. 25, 1932 to Harry Morgan Owens and Alice Marie (Douglas) Owens.

Robert attended grade school through high school in Eureka he then attended two years of college at Sierra College in Auburn Calif., and two years at University of Montana in Missoula. Robert played football and basketball throughout his high school and college education and also throughout his military career. After college Robert married Sylvia A. (Ellefson) Dunbar on March 29, 1959 at the Presbyterian Church in Missoula.

Robert worked for Anaconda Aluminum Co. in Columbia Falls first in the potlines then as a substation operator for several years. He then went to work as Chief Sub-



station Operator for BPA in Anaconda.

Robert enjoyed fishing, hunting, spending time at his brother Keith's cabin up the Swan. He also enjoyed golfing and bowling and spending winters in Florida with his brother.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents Harry and Alice Owens and his brothers Delbert and Keith Owens.

He is survived by his children: Tanna Speed of Columbia Falls, John Owens of Marion, David Owens of Kalispell; sisters: Mary Alice Rein of Renton, Washington, Ginger Owens of Columbia Falls; grandsons: Jason Speed and John Owens, and numerous nieces and nephews.

At Robert's request no services will be held at this time. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

Flossie Overn, 91

Flossie was born on Nov. 21, 1920, to Nick and Suzie Uzick in Melville, Saskatchewan, Canada and passed away on Oct. 31, 2012, in Bigfork.

She married Sander Overn on May 25, 1945, and they lived in Lacombe and Wetaskiwin, Alberta before moving to Kalispell in 1951.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sander; her parents; and eight siblings.

She is survived by her brother, Steve and Lorraine Uzick; son, Garry

and Mickie Overn; daughters, Judy and Tony O'Connor, Melodee and Bruce Haagenson, and Cheryl and Bill Baumgartner; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Many thanks to the caregivers who tended to Flossie's needs in her last years.

Private family services have been held.

Remembrances may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 8357, Kalispell, MT 59904.