

Lawrence E. O'Bleness, 86

Lawrence E. O'Bleness, 86, of Libby, died in Renton, Wash., on April 30, 2014.

He is survived by four sons, Larry of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Tom of Libby, Kevin of Anchor-

age, Alaska, and Marvin of Bellevue, Wash.; and daughter, Connie Sigafos, of Camano Island, Wash.

The family plans to have a private memorial later in the summer.

Gregorio Ocamica, 70

Gregorio Ocamica, 70, passed away at Mountain View Manor in Eureka Jan. 11, 2014, following a battle with brain cancer.

Survivors include his daughter Jennifer and son Greg, both of Eureka; and his former wife,

Melita.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at Tobacco Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Anne P. Oertel, 96

Anne P. Oertel, 96, passed away April 18, 2014, in Kalispell.

Anne was born July 11, 1917, in West Paterson, N.J. She grew up in Westfield, N.J.

Anne became a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, School of Nursing in Elizabeth, N.J. She married Howard F. Oertel in Elizabeth in 1947, then worked at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J.

In 2009, she moved from Rock Hill, S.C., to Kalispell to live with her daughter.

Anne enjoyed flower gardens and traveling with Elderhostel to Hawaii and Europe.

Anne was preceded in



death by a brother, William Pace; and sister, Helen Osteen.

She is survived by son,

Alan B. Oertel, of Rock Hill; daughter, Janet, and Kenneth Grassmann, of Kalispell; sister, Lee Robertson, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Timothy and Thomas Oertel, of Rock Hill.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, www.buffalohillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory caring for the family.

Dorothy Alene Moos O'Flynn, 97

Dorothy Alene Moos O'Flynn, 97, of Hamilton, New York, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014.

She was born Aug. 6, 1917, in Kalispell, a daughter of William and Wima Beusen Moos, and grew up on the family farm in Northwestern Montana. Her childhood with loving parents and four siblings in a gorgeous natural setting was a happy one. All five Moos children graduated from high school, a difficult accomplishment in those days, and one she was very proud of.

She met John Francis O'Flynn in Kalispell and they were married during the course of World War II, on Jan. 25, 1943. Two children came along, Brian in 1948, and Donnel in 1952, both born in Helena. In 1960, the family moved to the suburbs of Washington, D.C., where John worked for the federal government and Dorothy became a legal secretary. She read the Washington Post avidly and treasured the rich cultural resources of the nation's capital. For many years she was a faithful member of District Heights Presbyterian Church in Maryland.

Following her husband's death in 1993, she remained in Maryland until 2000, when she relocated to Montana for part of each year, and lived with one of her two sons for part of the year. Beginning in October 2010, she moved in permanently with her son Donnel at the St. Thomas' Church rectory in Hamilton. The St. Thomas' community became her church home and primary social community.

Dorothy was the longest-lived member of her generation and is pre-

deceased by her sisters, Willie Saverud, Gertrude Tykeson and Marjorie Bolstad; and by her brother, Fred Moos.

She leaves her sons, Brian and Donnel; five grandchildren, Stephanie, Aidan, Sebastien, Kathleen and Raphael; one great-grandson, Jaden; and two beloved daughters-in-law, Janet and Cathy.

Appreciated by all who met her for her quiet cheerfulness, inquiring mind and supportive heart, she will be very much missed.

Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home, 525 S. Main St., in Kalispell, followed by interment at 11:30 a.m., next to her husband in C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to her favorite charity, Save the Children Foundation, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, CT 06825, at www.savethechildren.org.

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

Bobby 'Max' Ogle, 79

Bobby "Max" Ogle was born June 8, 1934, in Sevierville, Tenn.

He was "called home to be with the Lord" on March 26, 2014, after a difficult battle with bone cancer that began in April 2013.

Celebration of Max's life will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 5 at North Valley Baptist Church, 1750 Talbot Road in Columbia Falls.

Max met the love of his life, Eula Lindsey, on Christmas Day in 1952. Eula is the daughter of the late Roy and Muriel Lindsey of Columbia Falls. Max and Eula were married the following Christmas and just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Christmas of 2013.

Max was raised in a Christian home by Cleophas and Jessie Ogle, who are both deceased. Cleophas was a carpenter and the music director of the Roaring Fork Baptist Church in Gatlinburg, Tenn., where Max was baptized in the Roaring Fork Creek at the age of 13. He became a carpenter, helping his father and brother, learning the skills to build homes.

Once married, Max and Eula moved to Columbia Falls where, over the years, Max built several homes for his family. He also helped family members and friends build homes of their own. He started working at the Columbia Falls Alumi-



num Plant on Feb. 22, 1956, working his way up to pot line superintendent, and retired on July 26,

1989, after 33 and a half years of service.

Max was recently recognized for collecting can tabs for the Iguana Club who donate the money for a Ronald McDonald Family Room in Kalispell to serve cancer victims and their families. He worked at this for over 18 years and last year gathered 11 gallons of can tabs. That is quite a commitment but that's the kind of man Max was, always looking for ways to help others. He often offered his time and talent in service projects to help his community.

Max enjoyed church, whistling and singing old hymns, camping, hunting, fishing and sharing his adventures. He loved spending quality time with his family and would do anything for them. After retirement he enjoyed sitting outside his home on the North Fork Road, and people would honk and wave. He was always happy to wave back. He also had a fun job of taking care of his animal friends that visited his home: Squirrels and their babies, deer, turkeys, birds, bears and an amazing number of hummingbirds. Then for

the last 18 winters Max and Eula would head to Yuma, Ariz., to be in the sunshine with dear friends and family.

Max is survived by his wife, Eula of Columbia Falls; one brother, OH and wife Anne, and two sisters, Betty Jinks, and Peggy Watson and husband Clellon, who all live in Gatlinburg on the family homestead; two daughters, Kathy and husband Bill Brunett of Columbia Falls, and Karla and husband Mike Stratton of Spring Hill, Tenn.; two brothers-in-law, Carroll Lindsey and wife Virginia, and Leroy Lindsey, all of Columbia Falls; four granddaughters, Amy and husband Pat McCubbins of Goodyear, Ariz., Kristy and husband Scott Corbett of Kalispell, Rachel Stratton of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Lauren Stratton of Johnson City, Tenn.; five great-grandchildren, Cameron, Skyler and Christian McCubbins of Goodyear, and Easton and McKenzie Corbett of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In memory of Max and in lieu of flowers, he asked that donations

be made locally through the Kalispell Regional Medical Center for Home Options Hospice or the Ronald McDonald Family Room through Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff who cared for Max, KRMC Infusion Center staff and volunteers, and Home Options Hospice staff. We especially would like to recognize the Hospice staff and volunteers, for the wonderful, compassionate, loving care they provided during this challenging time, not only to Max but to his entire family. Home Options Hospice staff has become an amazing part of our family and we appreciate their prayers and friendships. Of course, to all the family and friends that called or came to visit, brought food, prayed, supported and loved Max and our family, we pray God's blessings upon you all. We are very thankful for each and every one of you.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Max's family.

David Oliver Ohs, 94

David Oliver Ohs, 94, was born July 26, 1920, and passed away at home with his family at his side on Aug. 26, 2014.

David was born and raised on the family homestead in Harb, Mont., just east of Malta. He had six brothers and two sisters and they all attended a one room schoolhouse. David was raised during the drought of the '20s and the ensuing Great Depression. He recalled his first trip in to Malta when he was 15 years old, in 1935. He was so excited he did not sleep the night before and so slept in the buckboard during the 35-mile trip. His brother woke him and David was absolutely amazed at the great size of the "big city."

In 1954, David married the love of his life, Margaret "Peggy." They were blessed with three boys. In 1964, David moved the family to Whitefish where they raised their family. David was devoted to the Lord and raised his family in a Christian home.

With his Depression Era upbringing, David learned how to love and appreciate family, how to stretch a dollar and how to fix almost anything, provided he could find his glasses! He was often called upon by his three sons to fix cars and enjoyed puttering around



in the garage with them. He also enjoyed gardening and browsing antique stores. He

was also very proud of his Swedish heritage and loved to share stories with his family.

David was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. His warm smile, sense of humor and love will be sorely missed.

David is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Margaret "Peggy," of Kalispell; son, Jim, wife, Carolyn, and children, Dustin, Jesse, Caitlyn and Devon, of Idaho; son, Kim, wife Cecelia, and children, Zach, Miranda and Sarah, of Washington; and son, Rick, and children, Jeremy and Kallie, and Savannah, of Kalispell; and sister, Eileen Sandefur, of Kalispell.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Lena Ohs; brothers, Eric, Gustaf, Karl, Martin, Dennis and Wallace; and sister, Elsie.

A private family service will be held today, Aug. 29, as David wished.

To send a note of condolence to the family, please go to www.buffalohillfh.com. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Pam Okon, 47, and Meghan Sierra Okon, 9

*(EDITOR'S NOTE):
The following narrative
obituary tells the story of
Meghan Sierra Okon, 9,
who died on Feb. 22, 2014,
and Pam Okon, 47, who
died on March 11, 2014, in
Missoula.)*



This is the story about an amazing woman, a vibrant little girl, and their extraordinary life together. It's about Pam and Meghan Okon, their life, their love and how they left us far too soon.

Pam Okon met her husband, Randy, while both were working for the Missoula Fire Department. They fell in love and decided to spend their lives together. Of course, children were very much part of the plan; the first of two dreams of parenthood were realized when two gracious, beautiful young people decided that their baby girl would join the Okon family. Meghan Sierra Okon lit up their hearts and, three years later, another blessed gift in the form of a spunky, curly-haired girl they named Morghan would make their family complete. Pam was overjoyed with her girls, often saying, "They were birthed from my heart."

energy. Whether riding horses, fishing, sailing or playing with her friends, Meghan was up for anything; she loved life and lived it to the fullest. For her little sister, Morghan, she was a role model, confidante and best friend.

The entire family had an adventurous spirit. Pam and Randy learned to sail and the family frequently set out to exotic locales for some fun in the sun and the tranquil life at sea. Pam spoke wistfully of taking the girls out of school and living at sea for a year. There are precious memories of camping trips, a visit to Disneyland, and more. The four of them sure knew how to live, love and have fun!

Meghan was a bright-eyed girl with an infectious smile and a kind heart. She had a quick wit, a bold sense of adventure and boundless

Randy continued to work for Missoula Fire and Pam joined the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation as an Incident Business Coordinator. Pam was an expert in matters related to fire finance; she was also a member of a National Type 1 Incident Management Team, traveling around the country to wildfires and other critical incidents to offer her expertise. She worked in many different capacities in the fire business sector and was highly regarded and sought after by many in the fire community. Randy and Pam's work in fire services had quite an effect on their girls; they knew firsthand the sacrifice and reward that comes from helping others. Meghan in particular, never passed up the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of everyone she knew. The word many of her friends used to describe her was "kind."

Though she had many titles, by far, Pam's favorites were wife and mother. Her girls, Meghan and Morghan, were the light of her life, as was the opportunity to share them with her husband, Randy, and their extended family and friends. She absolutely loved the new home they had just built together out in the country. Pam had a keen sense of humor, a joyful heart and a passion for helping others.

Tragically, this story took an unexpected turn when Pam and the girls were involved in a vehicle accident on icy roads not far from their home. It was to be a special "mother-daughter date night," which all had been looking forward to for some time. But it was not to be. Heaven has gained two angels in Meghan and Pam, and we are left with broken hearts, but a deep appreciation for each day we had to spend with them. The sting of our loss is made bearable by the knowledge that "Pam and Meghan are together and that we will see them again in Heaven." Until then, whenever we gaze upon an ocean sunset, a wildflower or the Montana Sky, we will think of them and be reminded once more of the beauty they brought to our world. Their time was brief, but our precious memories will endure forever.

A celebration of life for Pam and Meghan Okon will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 30 at Florence Carlton School in Florence.

In lieu of flowers, donations in support of the Butterfly House, P.O. Box 8885, Missoula, MT 59807 are requested. This fledgling project was dear to Meghan, and Pam would certainly want to ensure continued support of it for the enjoyment of other kids into the future.

Condolences can be sent to the Okon family home at 1165 Neon Moon Lane, Florence, MT 59833.

Stanley 'Pete' Robert Olafson, 75

Stanley "Pete" Robert Olafson, also known as "Pops," "went to be with his Lord and Savior," on April 15, 2014. He was surrounded by the people who loved him.

Pete was born on March 13, 1939, to Carl and Violet Olafson in Akeley, Minn.

After elementary school he lived in various places including Westwood, Calif., Grenora, N.D. and White Sulphur Springs, Mont.

In 1961, he enlisted in the Army as a heavy equipment operator. He was stationed in France. In 1969, after the service, he moved to the Flathead Valley. In 1977, he married Joyce L. Topp.

He spent most of his working years in the great outdoors of the Flathead, working for Royal Logging and Plum Creek. During his career with Royal Logging he



hailed the very first load of sawdust to the Medium Density Fiberboard Plant in Columbia Falls. After his time with Plum Creek he delivered newspapers for the Daily Inter Lake as well as The Great Falls Tribune.

Pete enjoyed retirement by tinkering in his garage with his gadgets and toys. He also enjoyed camping and getting firewood with his grandchildren which was also an incredibly fond pastime for all of them.

He is survived by his companion and best friend, Joyce; his daughters, Tracy Teigen of Park Rapids, Minn., and Kelly

Olafson of Minneapolis; two stepchildren, Perry Topp and his wife Valerie of Kalispell, and Susan Topp and her husband Mark Potratz of Somers; his brother, Joe Olafson and his wife Joan of Warroad, Minn.; two sisters, Kathy Smith of Cardwell, Mont., and Geraldine East and her husband Bill Dawe of Helena; as well as two sister-in-laws, Millie Olafson of Bemidji, Minn., and Carol Olafson of Akeley, Minn. He is also survived by his 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson, and another great-grandchild on the way. His grandchildren are Mark Topp of Kalispell, Brian Topp and his expectant wife Kimberly and son

Tristan of Seattle, Samuel Topp (his tinkering buddy), Shane Topp, Daniel Topp, Matthew Topp (his computer buddy), and Stephen Potratz, all of Kalispell. Also, Nicholas Potratz and his wife Cristie of Missoula, Mike and Jamie Teigen of Minnesota, as well as 29 nieces and nephews. Pops was also "Pops" to several honorary grandboys, Jed Libby, Matt Nelson, Josh Moon and Colin Patton, who have all been near-lifelong friends of his other grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Ralph Olafson and Richard Olafson.

A memorial service is being planned for May 31.

Betty Truman Grant Olson, 71

Betty Truman Grant Olson died May 17, 2014, in Bellevue, Wash., of cancer, following her diagnosis late last year and a resulting determined six-month course of treatment.

Betty was born Sept. 20, 1942, in Front Royal, Va., to Wiley Grant and Grace Hockman Grant. Her one sibling, Edgar Grant, Jr., preceded her in death.

In 1980, she married the love of her life, Jon Olson.

She is survived by her husband Jon, of Kalispell; son, Tim Soule, and Bobbie, of Gardnerville, Nev.; daughters, Grace Todd Downs and Greg of Snoqualmie, Wash., and Jennifer Schubert and Mark

of Medina, Ohio; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Betty had a strong faith, treasured her family, loved all animals, most people, and had a great capacity for wonder and imagination. Betty was a lifelong Christian and gave thanks to God, and her Savior, Jesus Christ, for all the blessings she was given on this earth.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, June 7, at Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell, followed by services and interment in the Chapel of the Resurrection at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, on June 21.

Marlys Olson, 87

Marlys Olson, 87, passed away peaceful at Kalispell Regional Medical Center with family by her side on Sept. 9, 2014.

"She is now free from all the physical pain she has endured and is with her loving Savior and other loved ones in heaven."

Marlys was born to Alfred and Pauline Thompson in Coteau, N.D., on Sept. 22, 1926. She married Oscar Olson in 1948 and moved to the Flathead Valley. In Kalispell, they raised three sons. Their home was always open to family and friends. Marlys was an amazing cook and hostess, making sure everyone was full before they left!

She is survived by sons, Les and Pat Olson of Elizabeth, Colo., and Alan and Miriam Olson of Kalispell; daughter-in-law, Debbie Olson, of Polson; grandchildren, Kirstin and Doug Smith, and Jeff Olson of Elizabeth, Jody and JD Scribner of Cataldo, Idaho, and Sebastian Olson of Polson; great-grandchildren, Jake and Ally Smith, Daniel, Dane and Davis Olson, and Chase and Kinlee Scribner; sister, Luella Maltby;



and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents;

her husband; her brother, Curt Thompson; her son, Larry Olson; her grandson, Aaron Olson; and brother-in-law, Bud Maltby.

One of the many life lessons that Oscar and Marlys left as a legacy was to use our God-given abilities to His glory. Oscar did that with his carpentry skills and Marlys with her hospitality. It was their inspiration, along with a few other families, that started Faith Free Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

The family would like to honor them both in an informal memorial service at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, at Faith Lutheran, 405 Liberty Street. Come and join us as we celebrate their lives.

In lieu of flowers or plants, suggested memorials are to the Faith Lutheran building fund.

Trent 'Oly' Olson, 57

Trent "Oly" Olson, 57, passed away Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014. He was born October 6, 1956, in Kalispell as an only child to Art and Florence Olson.

Growing up, Trent quickly followed in his father's footsteps, learning to love and appreciate everything that had horsepower, from old classic cars, his beloved Kawasaki 500, to his flat-bottom jet boat. All through life Trent enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending Sunday's watching Nascar, always cheering for an Earnhardt. Trent quickly made an impression on many people in Kalispell through working at Evergreen Water District, and most recently sharing his knowledge with the community behind the counter at Big John's saw shop.

Trent was preceded in death by his mother, Florence. He is survived by his wife, Becki;



father, Art; son, Kris, and wife Erin; daughter, Jamie; son, Darin, and wife Kasha,

along with seven grandchildren; Morgan, Temree, Hunter, Tavyn, Ryeleigh, and MacKinzie, many other area relatives, and lifelong pals.

A memorial service for Trent will be held on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request donations to be made to the American Lung Association, 55 West Wacker Dr., Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60601.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for Trent's family. You are invited to go to www.jgfuneralhome.com to offer condolence, share memories and view Trent's tribute wall.

Marion Louise Ornelles, 94

Marion Louise Ornelles died in Sun City, Ariz., on June 24, 2014. She was two days short of her 95th birthday.

She was born in Great Falls to William and Elizabeth Buchman on June 26, 1919. She grew up in Great Falls where her father worked on the railroad. After graduating from high school, she attended Montana State University. She graduated from MSU with a degree in home economics.

She taught school in a few rural areas, including Rocky Boy. She moved to Seattle during wartime and worked for Boeing as a draftsman. She met her husband Edward Ornelles in Seattle. He was a chief communications technician in the Navy. They were married on Nov. 18, 1945.

They moved to many

different places because of Ed's career in the navy. They lived in the Philippines, Japan, England, Hawaii, California, Washington, D.C., and Kalispell. They traveled the world and spent a lot of time in Asia and Europe. She would tell people of her time spent sitting on the banks of the Ganges River.

Marion was artistic and enjoyed painting, weaving, sewing and crafts. She was active in the local weavers group. She loved art, flowers (especially orchids), music and reading.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sibling who died as an infant; and her husband, Ed.

She is survived by her sister, Margaret Williams Haag, of Glendive; and by nieces and nephews.

Robbie F. Orr, 71

A remembrance of Robbie F. Orr, Aug. 21, 1942, to March 10, 2014.

"First and foremost I want to be clear that this is not to be read as a somber moment. For me, my passing was a quiet and joyous moment. I was not alone as I passed from this life; at my side was my husband, Curt; daughter, Michelle; and son, Michael.

"My family and closest friends know that I was granted a second life following a significant health issue about 12 years ago. Suffice to say, God intervened and sent me to all the right people, and then to me, including my husband and major caregiver, my sister Shirley, Ingrid Nelson, Dr. Rhobaun, and last but not least, Dr. Michael Marshall. I cherished these 12 years as a precious opportunity to create new happy memories with my family and friends. During these last several months, however, the health problem from 12 years ago again became an issue. Suffice to say, once again God intervened. This being my time to join Him and my family and friends in heaven.

"Now a short bio of myself. After graduating from Deaconess Hospital Nursing School and working a short while in Spokane, my close friend Di and I traveled to Southern California. I worked at Hoag Memorial Hospital in Newport Beach. My friends and I had a fine time in Southern California.

I left there to marry Curt. He was a Navy pilot. We lived in several places while he was in

the Navy, during which we lived the longest in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. While Curt was in the Navy I worked in Florida, Texas, San Diego/SFO and Idaho. Didn't work in Hawaii, just had fun.

"After the Navy, Curt worked commercially for the airlines. We have been in Florida since 1969, and lived in Montana in a cabin during the summers starting in 1980. Montana became my family's second home and where I would discover many of my closest and dearest friends, many who became my extended family. While in Florida I worked in Miami and Fort Lauderdale doing hospital, office and hospice work. I retired from nursing in the early '90s due to illness, which I did not miss at all.

"And now a few thoughts from my husband, daughter and son.

"Wife and Mom is our hero. She taught us the meaning of how precious life is, and that each moment shared with family and friends is a gift to be cherished and never to be taken for granted. She bluntly reminded us often to not be distracted by life's trivialities. To us, this was a gentle, joyous and loving flight of our hero to join God and her family and friends already in heaven."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls, 827 Ninth St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, at the First Baptist Church of Columbia Falls.

Beverly Ann Osler, 85

Beverly Ann Osler, 85, died on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, at St. Mary's in Eureka.

She has worked as the Fortine postmaster for 31 years.

Survivors include her children, Kathy, Freddie,

Pat, Chris and Kelly.

Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. today, Jan. 14, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Eureka.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home in Eureka.

Arthur Edward Otto, 69

Arthur Edward Otto, 69, was the second child born to William and Muriel (Hass) Otto on Sept. 27, 1945.

He was raised in Havre where he excelled in school and mastered the trumpet.

He graduated from St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

Art served in the Navy as an officer during the Vietnam War. Aboard ship during a night watch the idea of going to vet school was born, and upon discharge he worked on a cattle ranch in northern Montana to further explore the thought.

Art graduated from veterinary school in Fort Collins, Colorado, and did an internship in New Jersey before returning to Montana where he opened his own clinic in Kalispell. He retired in 2008.

In retirement Art enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading, and spending time with his beloved family. He faithfully served his Lord Jesus Christ and his home church Central Bible.

His love for all people and animals, and his amazing kindness will be missed by many.

After a morning spent in church Art suffered from a stroke on Dec. 21, 2014 and went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ surrounded by his family on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014.



Art was preceded in death by his sister Patty, son David, and parents William and Muriel

Otto.

He is survived by his wife Debbie, children: Joshua and fiancé Erin Galvez of El Paso, son Gabriel and wife Charlotte of Denver, son Paul of Kalispell, daughter Katie and husband Jimmy McElroy of Billings, daughter Christine and husband Kashawn Miller of Kalispell and his four grandchildren Shaelyn and Kendrick Miller of Kalispell, and Jayce and Brynn McElroy of Billings.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E. in Kalispell with interment several days later due to the holidays. Interment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014.

Art would want memorials sent to Gideon's International, who place Bibles in the hands of many, or to your local animal shelter.

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