

Aloha Lorraine O'Brien, Infant

Aloha Lorraine O'Brien, passed away shortly after entering this world on April 27, 2015.

She is survived by her parents, Sonja Baker and Shawn O'Brien, and her



sister, Bella Rose. Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

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Ernie O'Brien, 87

Funeral services for Ernie O'Brien, 87, of Buffalo, Wyoming, who passed away Wednesday morning, April 1, 2015, at the Johnson County Health Care Center in Buffalo, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Harness Funeral Home in Buffalo with the Rev. Tom Saur officiating. Visitation will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. today, April 3, at the funeral home chapel. Interment will be in Willow Grove Cemetery with the American Legion and VFW in charge of military graveside rites.

Donations in Mr. O'Brien's memory may be made to the Buffalo Senior Center in care of the Harness Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams in Buffalo.

Online condolences may be made at www.harness-funeralhome.com

Ernest O'Brien was born on Feb. 19, 1928, in Tucson, Arizona, to Everett and Frankie O'Brien. He moved with his family as a child to California where they lived for a short time before moving to Nisland, South Dakota where he attended country school. After school he worked at various jobs and at the age of 17 he joined the U.S. Air Force and served for 19 years all over the world. He was married to his first wife Laurel and they had three boys, Ricky, Randy and Terry. He was divorced and married two more times while in the Air Force. He received an



honorable discharge on June 26, 1959. He was married on

February 20, 1965 to Annabel Gordon in Belle Fourche, South Dakota where they made their home. In 1966 they moved to Whitefish, Montana where Ernie worked for Atlantic Richfield. They retired in 1995 and moved to Buffalo, Wyoming. Annabel passed away in June of 2010 and Ernie continued living in Buffalo until his death. He most recently had been a resident at the Amie Holt Care Center.

He was an avid gardener and loved working in his garden. He enjoyed snow machining when they lived in Montana and was into genealogy.

He is survived by three sons, Rick O'Brien of Florida, Randy O'Brien of Montana and Terry O'Brien now living in Germany; one daughter Darlene Smith of El Cajon, California; one step-son J.B. Gordon of Montana; two step-daughters, Barb Bircher of Whitefish, Montana and Robin Richards of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; one brother Forest "Frosty" O'Brien of Custer, South Dakota; two sisters Eula Irish of Buffalo, Wyoming and Viola Sonne of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and two brothers.

Jean M. Oberem, 88

Jean M. Oberem passed away Aug. 11, 2015, of a massive stroke in Seaside, Oregon, with her daughter and granddaughters at her side.

She was born March 4, 1927, to Carl and Althea Greiner in Polson, where she grew up.

On July 1, 1949, she married the love of her life, William, who preceded her in death in 1995. They made their home after marrying in Columbia Falls. They had two children, Sharon and Bill. Bill also preceded her in death in 1972.

They moved to Seaside to be closer to their daughter and family.

She is survived by her daughter Sharon Wucherpfennig and her husband Steve, and granddaughters Christy Wucherpfennig, and Leesa Wright and husband Jim. She is also survived by her two great-grandchildren, Amelia and EJ, who were the delights of her life. She is also survived by one brother, Dean, and her wonderful nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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Harold R. Obermiller, 65

Harold R. Obermiller, 65, "joyfully accepted his eternal home with Jesus" on Wednesday evening, Jan. 28, 2015.

Harold is survived by his wife, Pamela; children, Matthew, Abigail and Mark Williams, Dominic and Amy, Samuel, Amy, Matthew and Heather Hrdlick, and Nicole and Jeremy Harrison; and precious grandchildren, Michael, Eli, Christopher, Paul, Cordelia, Miriam, Morgan, Zoe, Elliana and Elle.

Memorial services will



be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Central Bible Church, with a luncheon provided

afterwards. Burial will be private at a later date.

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

Daniel Joseph O'Donnell, 61

Daniel Joseph O'Donnell, 61, died Monday, July 6, 2015, at his residence in Kalispell. No services will be held

at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Thomas C. O'Donnell, 71

Thomas C. O'Donnell, 71, passed away in his favorite recliner at his Kalispell residence on Feb. 24, 2015.

Thomas was born June 19, 1943, in Astoria, Oregon, the son of Charles and Esther (Restermeier) O'Donnell. Thomas grew up in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

He served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Carpenter and the USS Ranger during the Vietnam conflict (1962 to 1969). After being discharged, Thomas worked for the Paradise Valley Hospital for 35 years as a computer technician.

Thomas married Barbara Shelley in Reno, Nevada, in 1969. They were married for 36 years, when Barbara passed away.

He was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

Thomas enjoyed cheering for the San Diego Chargers and the San Diego Padres. He would lobby anyone who would listen, that chocolate should be one of the basic food groups, and



like spoiling his cat. Thomas was preceded in death

by his parents, Charles and Esther O'Donnell; and his wife, Barbara O'Donnell.

Thomas is survived by a nephew, Sean, and Shannon O'Donnell; and a niece, Anne, and Chuck Peterson; grand-nephews, Wyatt McGillen, Scott O'Donnell, Gavin Peterson and Reilly Peterson; and a grand-niece, Molly O'Donnell.

The family suggests memorial remembrances be made to Epworth United Methodist Church — Nalty Mission Fund, 329 2nd Ave. E., Kalispell, MT. 59901.

A family celebration will be held during the summer.

Friends are encouraged to visit the website www.funerals@bufalohillfh.com to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Martha H. Oliver 102

Martha H. Oliver 102, of Bigfork, died March 17, 2015, in Kalispell. No services are being

held at this time. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Harold Oscar 'John' Oftedahl, 77

Harold "John" Oftedahl passed away Dec. 29, 2015, at Kalispell Regional Hospital after a long and courageous battle with heart health and cancer.

He was born on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1938, in Owatonna, Minnesota, the second of eight children born to Oscar L. and Edna F. (White) Oftedahl.

The family moved to the Flathead Valley in October 1947, living and working on the family ranch above Foy's Lake.

Harold loved his family above all else and was a kind, giving, and exceptionally caring man. He was known as "John" or "Johnny" to his many friends, a nickname he acquired in high school. Harold attended grade school at the Foy's Lake country school and graduated from Flathead High School in the Class of 1956.

Harold served in the United States Marine Corps from Jan. 15, 1957, to Jan. 14, 1963, in the Service Battalion of the First Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force, stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii, earning the rank of sergeant. He was a crack shot, subsequently earning the prestigious honor as expert marksman in his platoon. As a boy, his father would say "Son, run up on the hill and get us some 'chickens' (grouse) for supper." Harold was proud of his service to his country as a Marine. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Kalispell to aid his father on the ranch, remaining active with Toys for Tots as long as his health allowed.

Harold worked as a lineman for many years for Flathead Electric Cooperative, often being called out in the worst weather to restore power.

He was a lifelong member of the FOE Eagles No. 234, earning the Montana



State Eagles Hall of Fame award in 2002-03 and was a founding member of the Bald Eagles. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge, the Marine

Corps League, and Central Bible Church.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother Bruce, and sister Connie Lindsey.

He is survived by brothers Melvin and JoAnn, Jerry and Vickie, and sisters Joan and Richard McAdams, Dianne Oftedahl, and Donna and Jack Paulson; stepsons George and Desiree Bland and Tony and Barb Bland, all of Kalispell; and numerous nieces and nephews, extended family, and beloved friend and companion Colleen Jukich.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, at Central Bible Church, 902 First Ave. E. in Kalispell, with interment at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Eagles Club, 37 W. First St. in Kalispell. Special tributes are to his beloved brother Jerry and to his lifelong friend Jerry DiGiovanni for their unending devotion and care, especially during Harold's several months in Seattle.

Harold was loved, admired and respected and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Memorials may be sent to the VFW Post 2252, 330 First Avenue West, Kalispell, designated Toys for Tots; the FOE Eagles No. 234 or to Central Bible Church.



Renee D. Bernau Olmstead, 60

Renee "earned her wings" Saturday, May 30, 2015, due to a long battle with COPD. "She is able to now breathe freely and kick up her heels."

Renee was born Sept. 12, 1954, in Kalispell, to Roy and LaVaughn Bernau. She graduated from Flathead High School, married Dan and had two children, Jason and Julie. She loved being outdoors; they spent many weekends camping up in Thompson River when the kids were young. She loved riding bikes with the kids and riding the Honda 90s around. We hope they have Honda 90s up in heaven.

She worked at the Flathead High School cafeteria, until she had to retire due to her health. Working there she met some of her dearest friends, who became lifelong friends and remained close to her until her freedom from this life. Her friends will miss her terribly.

She loved her three grandchildren, Hailey and Cade Gardner and Shaffer Olmstead. They meant the world to her. She wasn't able to go watch them in sports or school events because of health, but



now she will be able to. Jordan Horn was very special to her, and she was very proud of

her. Her grandchildren will miss her deeply.

She is survived by Jason and Jennifer; their son, Shaffer; Jen's daughter, Jordan; Julie Gardner, husband Tracy, along with their two children Hailey and Cade; her mom, LaVaughn Bernau; brother, Allen along with his wife Linda; sister, Donna Freebury and husband Ernie; along with nieces and nephews.

Until we meet again, we all will truly miss Renee, our mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and dear friend.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, at a family friend's, 1010 West Springcreek, Kalispell. Please call Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home at 752-6666 if further directions are needed. Bring stories and laughter as we want to remember her life with joy.

Kathryn 'Kay' Lois Olson, 86

Kathryn "Kay" Lois Olson, 86, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Kay was born in Dawson, Minnesota, and attended college at St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota. She met her husband John while working at a Lutheran World Federation work-study camp in Germany, married in 1950, and made their first home in Wilmington, Delaware, where John worked at Dupont.

John's decision to go into the ministry led them first to St. Paul, Minnesota, then to congregations in Ronan, Worland, Wyoming, Irene, South Dakota, Wessington Springs, South Dakota, and Joplin, Montana.

In addition to raising a family of six, Kay taught school in Brookings, South Dakota, at the Wyoming state reform school, and in Viborg, South Dakota.

They bought a lake home on Flathead Lake near Elmo in 1977 and enjoyed time with family and friends there both prior to and after retirement when they made it their permanent home, until they moved to Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell in 1988, and Kay subsequently moved to



Immanuel Lutheran Home in July of 2014.

Kay had a number of interests that she

pursued over the years — fiber arts, gardening, huckleberry picking and enjoying wildlife and their lake home, baking, reading and being actively involved with her grandchildren and spending time with her children's families.

She is survived by her husband, John; one sister, Helen; and children, Arden and Sharon, Alice and Bob, Martha and Glen, David and Karla, Karen and Joe, Tim and Paula; and her many grandchildren.

Memorials preferred to Immanuel Lutheran Communities, 185 Crestline Avenue, Kalispell, MT 59901.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. today, Saturday, Jan. 10, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive, Kalispell.

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

Dale D. O'Myer, 72

Dale D. O'Myer, 72, died June 22, 2015, in Bigfork. He is survived by a son, Wade, of Kalispell. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Robert 'Bob' Mason O'Neil, 80

Robert "Bob" Mason O'Neil of Whitefish passed away on Jan. 14, 2015, one week shy of his 81st birthday.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, Marcia Dennis O'Neil; his daughter, Holly, and husband, Keith Turley, of Sturbridge, Massachusetts; his son, Robert Jr., and wife Christy, of Whitefish; four beloved grandsons, Robert, David and Andrew Turley and Mason O'Neil; dear family friend, Nikky Singh, and her family, of Waterville, Maine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was born and raised in Seattle where he worked for Merrill Lynch.

In 1962 he transferred to Paris, France, bringing nothing but his ski poles, where he met his future wife Marcia. They eventually settled in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where they raised Holly and Rob. Following a 40-year career in the brokerage business, Bob retired as



senior vice president of Shearson Lehman Bros.

He and Marcia moved to Whitefish

in 2007 where Bob loved to ski at Big Mountain. He recently attached his 2014-2015 ski pass to his jacket. Besides being an accomplished skier, Bob was a talented wood carver, crossword puzzle solver and gardener. He enjoyed traveling and took many trips to Africa. He also loved music and Boston sports. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and poodles.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Whitefish Legacy Partners.

Marcia, Holly and Robert Jr. welcome their friends and families to visit between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. today, Jan. 17, at their home on East 1st St. in Whitefish.

Donald Raymond Osborne, 85

Don, "Grandpa," passed away peacefully with his children by his side on Oct. 19, 2015.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Lillian Osborne; brother, Robert Osborne; and wife, Gladys Osborne.

He was born in Pennsylvania to Raymond and Lillian Osborne on Sept. 3, 1930.

His life took him many places after joining the Coast Guard, but one place in particular would forever change his life.

It was a small island in Florida where he met the love of his life, his "only gal," Gladys.

Together they had three children and shared many wonderful times and adventures.

Coastlines to mountaintops called his name and his family of five shared his love of life with him.

Don moved his family to Montana from Florida where he retired from Montana Power as operations superintendent. His love of the outdoors took him to Seeley Lake where he had many adventures hiking, biking and sleep-



ing by the fire at the cabin he loved so much. He shared his kind heart with all that knew him.



Don will be remembered for his kind-

ness to others, his love for dear wife and family, his passion for life, and his belief that we will all be together again.

Don is survived by three children, Karen Lee and Stan of Kalispell, Glenn Osborne and Marilyn of Columbia Falls, and Sharon Girven and Alan of Kalispell. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be 8 to 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 2 at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home. Services will take place under the direction of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home at 9:15 a.m. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Seeley Lake cemetery at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Gopp presiding.

Sharon L. Oster, 68

Sharon L. Oster, 68, died May 15, 2015, in Kalispell.

She is survived by her daughters, Debra West

and Sarah Winger.

Private family services will be held. Arrangements are entrusted to Austin Funeral Home.

Wesley G. Ostheller, 81

After a long battle with metastasized lung cancer, Wesley G. Ostheller, 81, "went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" on Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, with family by his side.

Wesley was born Nov. 27, 1934, in Libby.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ethel Ostheller; father, Edward Ostheller; and brother, Harry Ostheller.

Wesley is survived by his wife, Nancy Ostheller; daughter, Korri Ostheller-Munyan and husband, Lee Munyan; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wesley was born and raised in Libby; he graduated high school in 1953 and went on to serve in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper from 1954 to 1956. After being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, he attended college at Montana State University and graduated in 1964.

Upon graduation, he and Nancy moved to Kalispell where he worked as a civil engi-



neer with the U.S. Forest Service for 23 years and retired in 1987. After retirement from the U.S. Forest Service, he started two businesses,



Evergreen Mill Supply and Specialty Products of Libby; he eventually retired in 2007.

Wesley lived his life with passion, he was a true "Montana Man," he loved fishing, hunting, camping, archery, golfing and bowling. He loved his family and friends with everything he had, and those who knew him best would tell you he would do anything for those he loved. Wesley will be deeply missed.

There will be a celebration of Wesley's life held at Logan State Park in the summer.

Cascade Memorial is caring for the family.

Gary Richard Ott, 63

Gary Richard Ott, 63, passed away May 1, 2015, after a long battle with liver disease.

Gary was born in Whitefish on May 4, 1951, to Gale Bailey and Emil Ott, Jr. He grew up in Southern California where he loved surfing. An outdoor enthusiast, he enjoyed hang gliding, fishing and hunting.

He joined the Army in 1968 and was a Vietnam veteran, having served with the 170th Assault Helicopter Cavalry as a crew chief where he developed a deep love and lifelong loyalty to his country and the men and women he fought with. He loved meeting and talking with veterans and put together several reunions of the company he served with.

After his military time he became a master shoe repairman and had a shoe repair shop in Columbia Falls, moving the business to Reno, Nevada, around 1982. He later worked for the Washoe County School District for 20-plus years, retiring in 2008.

Gary loved being a father and was very close with his children. It had



been his lifelong dream to return to the Flat-head area to live near his family and spend time fishing, which he was able to do in 2010.



He is survived by his parents; his daughters, Nicole and Shanna Ott, and their children Cade, McKaylynn, CeeCee and Ryen. He is remembered with love by friend and former spouse, Donna Ott; siblings, Jeana and Viktor Shchuchinov, Kirk Christman, Fran Riley, Bonnie and Dennis Halcom, Joyce and Gordon Blomquist, and Mary Jones; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was especially close with his cousin and friend, Charlie McCorkle, and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. today, May 7, at Columbia Mortuary.

The family suggests donations to the Montana Wounded Warriors, in lieu of flowers.

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Ethel K. Ott, 100,

Ethel K. Ott, 100, passed away April 13, 2015, in Kalispell.

Ethel was born Jan. 5, 1915, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and spent her years growing up in Milwaukee.

After graduating, she trained as a professional dietitian in Fort Meyers, Florida. In 1938, Ethel married Russell Ott in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They were married for 37 years before Russell passed away.

Ethel worked as a dietitian for Shady Rest Nursing Home Lehigh Acres, Florida, from 1975 till 1982. She loved volunteering at various nursing homes in Florida.

Ethel enjoyed swimming, serving others, bingo, bridge and croquet.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell; parents, Otto and Minnie Klug; sister,

Mabel Schafer; and brother, Raymond Klug.

Ethel is survived by her daughter, Phyllis W. Victory; grandchildren, Marquis Laude, Jody Bialkowski, Adrienne Victory and Michael Victory; great-grandchildren, Aiden Victory, Caitlan Kessinger and Benjamin Ammons; and a great-great-grandchild, Gauge Barns.

A celebration of life for Ethel will be held at 1 p.m. today, April 15, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home, 185 Crestline Avenue, Kalispell.

The family would appreciate donations to Immanuel Lutheran Home instead of flowers.

Friends may visit the website, www.buffalo-hillfh.com, to leave notes of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

David R. Ottosen, 74

David R. Ottosen, 74, of Thompson Falls, "went home to be with the Lord" on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015 in Plains, after a swift illness with cancer.

Born on Sept. 14, 1940, in Plentywood, to Danish parents, Stanley and Edna Andersen Ottosen, Dave was the fifth of seven children. His family moved to the Flathead Valley when Dave was 5 years old and he remained a resident of Bigfork for most of his life. Dave attended Bigfork Elementary and Junior High School, leaving home to start his career after graduation.

He was an avid reader, naturally gifted in all things electrical and mechanical, and became a self-taught mechanic, engineer and inventor. Early in his career, Dave lived in several small towns, including Cut Bank, Libby, Troy and Augusta where he worked various jobs as a heavy equipment operator doing road construction, as a home delivery milkman, and co-owner of a TV repair shop. The majority of his career was spent



as a diesel mechanic for Plum Creek Timber Co. in Evergreen, where he retired in 2000.

Once his children were grown, Dave's favorite pastime became riding his motorcycle through Glacier National Park. He also participated in several charity rides for the Montana Hope Project to support Camp Mak-A-Dream with the Lawman 1000 Ride, for which he was a top fundraiser.

Upon retirement, Dave was actively involved in the Bigfork community for several years visiting residents at the Lake View Care Center and attending Bethany Lutheran Church where he served on the Care Team Ministry. He also provided building maintenance for the church and assisted with several projects, including the installation of the white fence and wind harp on their cemetery grounds. Another lasting contribu-

tion Dave made to the Bigfork community was helping his two brothers build the white cross on the hill overlooking the Flathead River more than 40 years ago.

Most recently, Dave had relocated to the Plains and Thompson Falls area. When he wasn't working on one of his many projects, he made time every day to tend to the animals he loved — the wild birds and deer that frequented his yard plus five stray cats that adopted him.

Dave had a quick wit and good sense of humor and was always ready with a joke and a twinkle in his eye. He was generous and humble and his kindness made an impact on all who met him. Dave deeply loved the Lord, the Bible and his family and he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Darla Cervantes, Geraldine Schrock, Monta Thomas; and daughter, Angela Ottosen Roe.

He is survived by his son, Stan and Michelle Ottosen of Bigfork; daugh-

ter, Jackie and Rob Bourriague, of San Diego, and five grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Millie and Otha McClure, of Newport, Tennessee; two brothers, Don and Rose Ottosen, and Ed Ottosen, both of Bigfork; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in Bigfork.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donation to In Touch Ministries, P.O. Box 7900, Atlanta, GA 30357; also online at www.intouch.org or Thompson River Animal Care Shelter (TRACS), P.O. Box 1589, Thompson Falls, MT 59873; also online at pet-tracs.com.