

Rachel O'Boyle, 97

Rachel Douglas O'Boyle, 97, "joined her heavenly father" on March 28, 2018.

Rachel was born on March 14, 1921 in Coram and was raised in Nyack (Red Eagle), Montana. Rachel's parents, Hugh and Ida Douglas, typified the pioneer spirit that they imparted to their children. Rachel's dad worked for the Great Northern Railway.

Rachel attended a one-room school with seven pupils. When not in school she enjoyed days on the banks of the Middlefork River fishing and enjoying the beauty that surrounded their home.

The family moved to Kalispell when her brother was old enough to attend high school. Rachel attended Central School (now a museum) during her 7th and 8th grade years. During her high school years she worked at Woolworth's. She also worked at Flathead Commercial in domestic sales, which was a ready-to-wear clothing store.

After graduating from Kalispell High School she took business courses



and short-hand at a Kinman Business School located above Norm's News. Rachel then became a stenographer for an architect in Kalispell. It was during this time that she met her future husband, Francis T. O'Boyle (F.T.) who was discharged with honors from the U.S. Army, serving in World War II, and returned to his hometown of Kalispell. Rachel and Frank met at a dance at the Pine Grove Grange Hall on Whitefish Stage Road. They were married on November 14, 1946. Rachel and Frank raised four boys in their family home in Kalispell. The O'Boyles instilled in their children the importance of working hard, being honest, helping others and being good citizens. Rachel led by

example and spent many hours caring for her aging parents as well as serving at St. Matthew's Church and School. When not at work or church, the young family spent as much time outside as possible. Their adventures included picnics, fishing, car rides in Glacier National Park and picking huckleberries.

The love of her life F.T. passed away July 25, 1994. They had 47 years and 8 months of a wonderful marriage. After F.T.'s death Rachel began reading to St. Matthew's grade school children. The children brought Rachel great joy for the 11 years she read to them.

Rachel was preceded in death by her husband F.T., her parents Hugh and Ida Douglas, and brother Hugh of Butte and his wife Alice. She is survived by her sons Patrick (Judy) of Kalispell, Daniel (Marie) of Huntsville, Alabama, Terry of Kalispell, Dennis (Cindy) of Kalispell. She was blessed with many grandchildren: Matthew and wife Shelley (Scarlett and Brixton), Gregory and wife Jennifer (Declan),

Cindy and husband Mike (Finn), Danielle, Perchelle (Kasey, Kendrix and Phoenix), Francine, Christopher (Tripp), Amy and husband Tom (Oakley, Quinn and Finn) and Arin. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, loved ones and her dear sister-in-law Evelyn O'Boyle and close family friends Lance and Patty Jo Heldstab.

Rachel requested memorials be made to Flathead Association (for) Catholic Education (F.A.C.E.), 602 S Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Rosary will be held Tuesday, April 3, with a visitation from 5 - 7 p.m. and rosary at 7 p.m. at Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell.

Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, April 4, at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell. The burial will be at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. To leave condolences for the O'Boyle family please visit www.jgfunerlhome.com. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Michael Anthony O'Brien

Michael Anthony O'Brien "went peacefully to be with the Lord" on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, in Spokane, enveloped in prayer and surrounded by those who loved him.

He was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and grew up in Toledo, Ohio, where he spent his days exploring. While Michael spent his later years in Montana, in reality, Michael lived



most of his life in his car. He loved to travel and loved everyone he met along the way. He was a great motivator and helped thousands of people by sharing his love and knowledge of physical and spiritual health and well-being. His char-

ismatic and outgoing personality was complimented by the frog he always carried in his pocket and his favorite phrase, "Every day above ground is great!"

Michael took great joy in spending time with his family and was blessed in life by his six children, 16 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Pattee; his

brother John, and sister Patricia. He also leaves a son, Timothy O'Brien, and daughters Naomi Hegger, Rebecca Gaynor and Brittiny Taylor.

He was preceded in death by two of his children, Rachael and McLane O'Brien; and one brother.

Services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday Jan. 26, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, Washington.

Patricia O'Brien (nee Quitman), 86

Patricia O'Brien (nee Quitman), 86, of Whitefish, passed away on Sunday morning, May 6, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center in Kalispell, from complications due to Alzheimer's disease.

Loving daughter to Louis and Hazel Quitman, she grew up in Chicago and went to college at St. Xavier University where she earned a teaching degree.

In 1953, she married Jim O'Brien in Chicago. Initially they lived in the south Chicago suburb of Beverly before moving to Elmhurst, where they raised their two children Patrick and Annie.

Pat was a vibrant woman with many passions. Her family was center to her life, but she thrived from sharing experiences with people. Her love languages were gift giving and affection. It brought her joy to give little gifts that she so thoughtfully picked out.

Pat was an avid reader and loved autobiographies, in particular. Needlepoint was a favorite past time along with doing jigsaw puzzles with the family. But what really got her going was a good game of bridge, bingo or poker. She was always willing to take your money, if you were willing to play, even if it was just a quarter. Pat also adored the ocean and spent many summers sitting on the beach with her lifelong friend, Ginnie Footman, whom she knew since they were both 4 years old.

Friends and family describe Pat as strong, classy, full of laughter, funny, dramatic, warm and beautiful, with an exclamation point on dramatic. Many said that she could have been in theater, just like her mother Hazel, who had her own Vaudeville troupe.

During her lifetime, she wore many career hats ... real estate, which was her favorite, retail (family hardware store in Colorado, administra-



Memorial Hospital, and then as a familiar face in Kalispell at Loretta's.

Her life journey took her from Chicago, to the suburb of Elmhurst as the kids grew up, to Vail, Colorado, for 10 years to run a family hardware store, back to the Chicago area, and lastly to Montana with her husband Jim, to live next to their daughter, Annie, and son-in-law, Tom Britz, where they enjoyed their remaining years in the quiet and peace on the small ranch, surrounded by horses, pets and wild creatures of all kinds.

A devout Catholic, she was a regular at St. Charles Catholic Church in Whitefish, until poor health prevented her from attending. She loved teaching Sunday school to the children and felt honored and humbled to bring communion to the homebound.

Pat had also experienced many sorrows, with one of the greatest of losing her son Patrick at the age of 46. Through much adversity, she carried on with strength and faith.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband Jim in 2009, and her son Patrick in 2004.

She is survived by her daughter, Annie Britz, and son-in-law, Tom, of Whitefish; grandchildren, Amanda Britz Nielsen of Carbondale, Colorado, Olivia Britz Wheat of Portland, Cooper and Keaton O'Brien of Chicago, Ashley Roux of Dixon, Illinois, Ben Walker of Chicago; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A Catholic funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls, with father Sean Raftis officiating. Interment will follow immediately at the St. Richard's Cemetery.

Melissa A. Olsen, 53

Melissa A. Olsen went peacefully "to be with the Lord" on July 8, 2018, surrounded by her family.

Melissa was born on June 8, 1965, in Libby to Eldon and Penny Fleming.

Melissa loved the outdoors. She always had a camera in her hand taking pictures to capture the natural beauty she loved. She left Montana and moved to Missouri, while in Missouri, she touched the lives of many. Her heart belonged in Montana, so she found her way back home.

She married the love of her life, Mark Olsen, on June 13, 2014. Together they made their home in Columbia Falls with their two dogs Carter and Cash.

Melissa was preceded in death by her parents, brother Luke, and her furbaby Tucker.



She is survived by her husband, Mark Olsen; daughter, Jenn (Jesse) of

Lewiston, Idaho, Angie of Kalispell, and Katie (Travis) of Helena; sisters, Jeannie (David) Nadolny of Libby, and Betsy (Jon) Paterson of Kalispell; brother, Ed (Melinda) Fleming of Seattle; sister friend, Missy Ayers "Sassie" of Cameron, Missouri; stepmother, Bev Fleming, of Kalispell; numerous nieces and nephews; and stepchildren, Tara Adsit, Scott Wilkins and Tamara Schoenthaler. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral arrangements are being handled privately by her family.

Carol Mae Flottman Olson, 85

Carol Mae Flottman Olson passed away Feb. 19, 2018.

Carol was born March 28, 1932, in Kalispell to Edward Albert and Georgia Catherine (nee Moore) Flottman.

Both of Carol's parents were teachers in the Kalispell schools. While growing up, Carol enjoyed time in Glacier National Park where during the summers her father was a temporary ranger for the National Park Service. She had many stories about this time, including encountering bears and riding on horseback to Sperry Lodge. Carol loved her family and taught the importance of heritage, traditions and love for God.

Carol was married to Donald Elmer "Bud" Olson for 34 years and raised their four daughters in Kalispell, Libby, Missoula and Stevensville.

Carol was preceded in death by her daughters, Karen Sue Foss (Richard) of Libby, and Judith Marie MacAskill (Donald) of Whitefish. She is survived by her sister Susan Marie Frandsen Doran of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, daughters Kathleen Ann Jovin

(David) of Valley Center, California, and Janice Lynn Damron Hannum (Kenneth) of Spokane, Washington; grandchildren Scott Foss, Pamela Albiero (Brian), Amy Moore (Craig), Melanie MacAskill Kramer, Donald MacAskill, Adam Jovin, Justin Damron, Ryan Damron, Andrew Damron, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Also surviving are a niece, Mary Katherine Frandsen (Theodore A. Messier), a nephew, Michael Lawrence Frandsen, his wife Sharon (nee Thompson), and two grand-nieces, Jane Katherine and Katherine Moore Frandsen. Cousins surviving are Marion (nee Manning) O'Connell (Dennis) of Kalispell, JoAnn (nee Manning) Oliphant of Tacoma, Washington, and Elaine McDermod (nee Clark) of Carmel, California, and sister-in-law Shirley (nee Olson) MacLachlan of Kalispell.

There will be a celebration of life memorial service for Carol at 1 p.m. May 5, 2018, at Johnson Gloschat Funeral Home in Kalispell MT. Please visit www.jgfuneralhome.com to leave condolences for the family.

Mary Frances Olson (MacDonald-Morrison), 64

Mary Frances Olson (MacDonald-Morrison), 64, passed away after a short illness on Nov. 2, 2018, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Mary was born in Great Falls on Aug. 18, 1954, to Mary and Francis MacDonald. Growing up and attending school in Whitefish, Mary loved riding horses and spending summers at Whitefish Lake. On Jan. 17, 1975, she married John Morrison with whom she had three sons. John passed away suddenly in 2006.

Mary spent many years employed at Meadow Lake Resort where she was awarded Employee of the Year and won the trip of her dreams — a photo safari in Africa. On Sept. 24, 2008, while on her trip to Africa, she married Ken Olson — a good friend of many years. With that marriage, she gained three stepsons. She and Ken were enjoying retirement at the time of



her passing.

Mary loved her family and friends immensely and was generous to a fault.

She always enjoyed family gatherings, attending John Dunnigan shows with Ken, trying new restaurants, and going on drives up the North Fork. She loved being outside and, depending on the season, could frequently be found riding four-wheelers or snowmobiles. She loved giving gifts, and always had themed towels for every holiday that she would gift to her daughters-in-law. She never forgot a birthday or occasion, and her tinsel-bearing Christmas cards, candles and lovingly crafted plates of homemade goodies were always eagerly anticipated and appreciated by her family members and

close friends. Other than spending time with her boys and their families, her favorite activity of all was staying in the boat on Flathead Lake; Ken lovingly refers to her as his "First Mate."

She was also an avid amateur photographer and always had a camera handy to document scenery, animals and family adventures. She waited every year to watch the Triple Crown

(inviting family/friends over, serving snacks, and having everyone pick their top three). When it was still on, Mary's guilty pleasure was watching "Desperate Housewives" (with a tray of shrimp as a viewing snack), and she always loved watching "The Young and the Restless" with her granddaughters after school.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Mary MacDonald, and her husband John Morrison.

She is survived by her husband, Ken Olson; her sisters, Jeanie (John) and Megan (Marty); her three sons, James (Heather), John (Breanna), and Josh (Nikki) Morrison; and stepsons, Cy, Cean and Dylan Olson. She will also be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Jessica, Amanda, Matthew, Vivica, Luxeen, Kira, Ryleigh, Harper, Carter and Jaxon. Mary was also anxiously awaiting the birth of her first great-grandchild, Lincoln, who is due to arrive in January.

A celebration of Mary's life is planned for 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls. A reception will follow services at the Columbia Falls Eagles Club. Please come dressed as you are most comfortable; Mary wouldn't want it any other way.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Mary's family.

Raymond A. Olson, 90

Raymond Arthur Olson passed away surrounded by family on Feb. 20, 2018, his 90th birthday, from complications of pneumonia.

Ray was born Feb. 20, 1928, in Kalispell, to Oscar and Clara (Hanson) Olson, the youngest of seven children. Ray developed a strong work ethic at a young age, helping his mother with projects around the house. Ray learned how to build and fix most anything. He loved spending time with his dad in Essex, playing in the river, huckleberry picking, and watching the wildlife. He always felt fortunate to have a large, close family with many gatherings throughout the years.

He graduated from Flathead County High School with the Class of 1947. Soon after, he met Sylvia Engstrom, a cute blonde, through mutual friends at a Halloween dance. They hit it off and were married the next year on Nov. 25, 1949. They raised two children and later were blessed with three grandsons.

Ray worked at Valley Oil driving delivery truck and later as office manager. During this time he purchased a tanker transport truck and hired drivers to haul fuel oil and gas from Cut Bank to Kalispell. He later sold the tanker and went to work for the Flathead County Road Department.

Ray and Sylvia built their retirement home



at Village Greens. They had a beautiful view of the mountains and enjoyed watching the wildlife,

deer running through their yard, and geese playing in the pond. He learned to golf and had many memorable days with his golf buddies. He and Sylvia were snowbirds for 20 years, spending winters in Apache Junction, Arizona. Many Kalispell friends also wintered down south; wonderful memories were made.

Ray and Sylvia were very active members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church; their faith was important in their lives. He was on the Board of Trustees and later Church Council; helping with many projects throughout the years. They were members of the Sons of Norway and being 100 percent Norwegian, he loved lefse and all the baked goodies — but not lutefisk!

He loved his family more than anything. Since he missed out on having his dad home much of his growing up years, he made it a priority to spend time with his kids, instilling the love of adventure in the outdoors. They ice skated, snow skied, biked and hiked. He built a wooden boat and taught his kids to water ski and spent many fun weekends at Lake Blaine and later at the family

cabin on Bitterroot Lake.

Ray remained active with his family well into his 70s, golfing, waterskiing, hiking, and moonlight biking in Glacier Park.

Ray also enjoyed woodcarving, working in his yard and was always willing to help others. He will be remembered for so many things, but mainly for his love of family, great sense of humor and infectious laugh. After his last stroke in December, Ray moved to the memory care unit at Buffalo Hill Terrace. Many thanks to the staff who cared for him. Thanks also to the hospice nurses at HealthCenter Northwest, as well Dr. Palchek for his care through the years.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Sylvia; daughter, Diane Wiggin (Tom) of Kalispell; son, Mark Olson (Juli) of Billings; three grandsons, Robbie Torgerson of Kalispell, Ryan Torgerson of Lynnwood, Washington, and Jarrett Olson of Kalispell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Merl, Olive, Stella, Clare, Florence and Elbert.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on March 24 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiated by the Rev. Scott Thompson and the Rev. Larry Stappler, with a reception following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Hospice.

Susan Marie Onaindia, 69

Susan Marie (Miller) Onaindia, 69, passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Susan was born on June 19, 1948, in Kalispell to Jack and Hazel (Ness) Miller. Sue was raised and attended school in Whitefish. She later moved to Gillette, Wyoming, and worked with the Teamster Union, Montgomery Ward and the Key Hole Marina out of New Castle, Wyoming.

It was in Gillette, that Susan met her husband of 33 years, Eugenio



Onaindia. During these years, Susan's primary role was that of a homemaker. She filled her days with camping, fishing and boating, as she liked the outdoors. You could find Geno and Sue at the lake most of the time in the summer. She also loved crafts and enjoyed sewing.

Susan is survived by her husband, Geno; her sister, Esther (Mike)

Spreacker; and her brother, Ernie (Lizann) Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel; grandfather and grandmother, Olaf and Pearl Ness; and her sisters, Clara and Lucille, along with other siblings.

There are no services planned at this time.

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.

John Douglas Opalka, 80

Dr. John Douglas Opalka was born Jan. 14, 1938, to William and Anna Opalka in Columbia Falls.

He passed from this mortal coil on Dec. 21, 2018, at the age of 80 years old in Polson.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Anna Opalka, and brother Bruce Opalka.

He is survived by his wife Lyn Opalka, son Matt (Tamara) and daughter Jay Vasconcellos (Steven), sister Diane Neuleib (Lyle), brother William (Donna), sister-in-law Ellen Opalka, mother of his children Hazel Reeh, nieces and nephews Margie and Jonoh Chatwood, Suzanne Shinski, Beverly and Scott Opalka, Mary and James Opalka, and grandchildren Alex and Chloe Opalka and Spencer Schneider, and Gia & Sophia Vasconcellos, and his faithful dog Jill.

He attended school and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1955. That same year he joined the U.S. Navy where he qualified for pilot training at 18 years old and served as a photographer's mate aboard the carrier USS Shangri La. After leaving the Navy he worked between the Flathead Valley and California for several years.

In 1962 he began studies at the University of Montana in Missoula and continuing through to graduation as a doctor of veterinary medicine in 1968 from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

From 1968 to 1970 he



worked in a large animal veterinary practice in Alberta before returning to Missoula to practice, and then opened his own clinic in 1972. Over the years he owned veterinary practices in

Montana and Arizona, worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a federal meat inspector in California and Utah, and he was elected to and served on the Arizona State Board of Veterinary Medicine.

In 2003 John and Lyn returned to Polson to enjoy the natural beauty and peacefulness of the area.

His hobbies consisted of hunting and fishing across Montana, flying small airplanes, and driving and racing Porsche cars.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Mission Valley Animal Shelter, 36251 N. Reservoir Road, Polson, MT 59860, Phone no. (406)883-5312 in memory of John Opalka.

Rosary and funeral Mass will be held starting at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, at St. Richard's in Columbia Falls, followed by a luncheon and interment. Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Peggy Jane Oskam, 91

Peggy Jane Oskam, 91, passed away on May 15, 2018, at her home in Kalispell surrounded by her family.

Peggy was born on June 30, 1926, in Wenatchee, Washington, to Glenn Leland Skelton and Maude E. Nelson.

Peggy married James "Bud" Oskam on Nov. 23, 1950, in Renton, Washington. They were married 58 years.

She was often known as the life of the party. Peggy worked as an elementary school assistant and flower/plant saleswomen. Her hobbies included crocheting, cooking, reading and doing puzzles. She was active in community activities such as Dosedux, VFW Auxiliary and VFW Cooties.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years James "Bud" Oskam, and son Robert "Bob" Tigner.

She is survived by her children, Melvina Tigner of Spokane, James

"Jim" (Sheila) Tigner of Virginia, Phillip (Chrissy) Oskam of Anacortes, Washington, William "Billy" (Donna) Oskam of Lilliwaup, Washington, Tracy Oskam and Patty Niclai of Lilliwaup, and Sherry (Bruce) Strand of Kalispell; brother, Mel Skelton, of Wenatchee; dear friend, Brenda Webber, of Kalispell; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at 111 Wettington Drive, Kalispell.

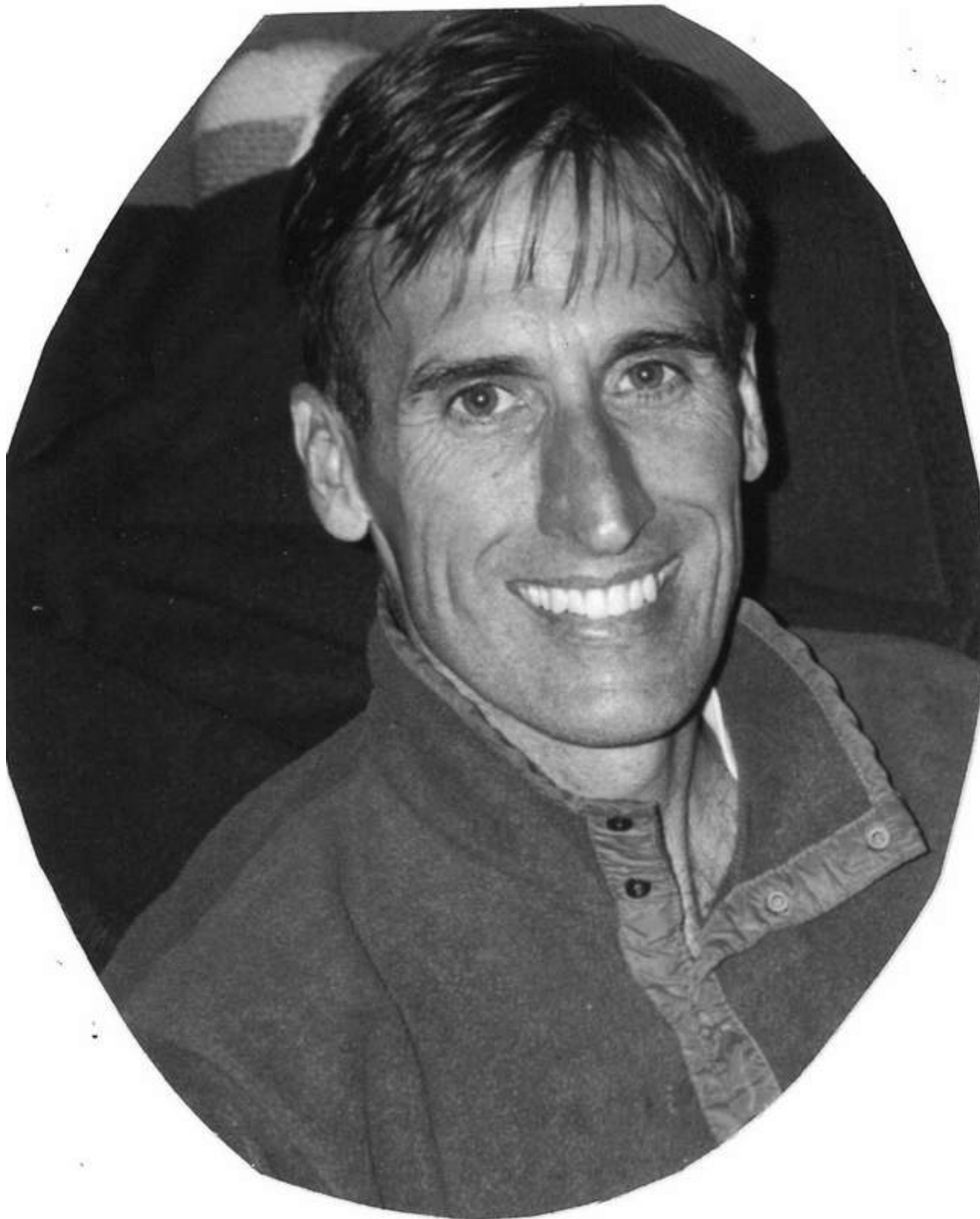
Memorials donations can be made to the charity of choice.

The family would like to give a special thanks to hospice.

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GORDON LEE OPEL, 64

April 22, 2018 at 5:00 am |



Gordon Opel of Whitefish and formerly of Missoula, “earned his Wings” as the Blackfeet say, when he passed away on March 30, 2018. He died in his home surrounded by his loving children, Fraiser, Ellie, Marshall and his wife and primary adventure partner of 34 years, Jessie. □

He was born June 2, 1953.

Gordon endured a three-day Heart Butte Sundance this past summer, a spiritual path he chose to take, earning the respect and brotherhood of the Blackfoot community. He fought brain cancer like a courageous warrior, never giving up hope to live and witness his children embracing their lives to the fullest. They were his greatest joy. Sadly, this was not to be and though cancer robbed him of his longevity, the life he led was exemplary.

Gordon loved and was grateful for his friends, family and a lifestyle that kept him close to nature. He loved the four seasons of Montana. In the spring, he was never happier than manning the oars of his drift boat on Montana’s trout filled rivers through mayfly hatches and caddis storms and running the hills above Missoula at twilight with his children and golden retriever. In the summer, he loved packing up the canoes for multi-day trips to the northern reaches of Saskatchewan with his family. In the fall, he loved harvesting “buckskin” larch and chopping wood for the colder months ahead, and in the winter, waxing up for Nordic ski races. No matter the season, he always enjoyed relaxing at the end of the day with a feeling of accomplishment, gratitude and bliss. Life was to be lived through adventure and in the precious moment.

Born in Elmhurst, Illinois, and raised in New Ulm, Minnesota, Gordon was drawn to experiential learning and the creed of Outward Bound — “To serve, to strive, and not to yield.” Little did he know, he would meet his future life partner Jessie, a fellow Outward Bound instructor, in the Minnesota Boundary Waters.

Having lost his father at an early age to heart disease, Gordon felt compelled to advocate for health and help prevent diseases from affecting others, so launched his 30-plus-year career in health and wellness. After receiving his Master of Science in Health Promotion and Exercise Physiology degree, Gordon directed the Wellness Program at the University of Montana. He pioneered new and innovative programs that were inclusive and educational about the value of preventative health care and healthy living not only for the university, but for the community, local businesses and hospitals.

After 20 years in Missoula, Gordon felt the call of the north woods and moved his family to Whitefish. The Summit at Kalispell Medical Center was lucky to him as their supervisor of Health and Fitness Programming. For the past 10 years, Gordon created health promotion programs, which included bringing Well-Coaches to The Summit, a holistic approach that has been nationally recognized. Aside from his insatiable desire to improve upon anything he could and to always ask the hard questions, he listened to and cared deeply about his employees. He was always encouraging, motivating and personally supporting others on their own journeys. As someone who Gordon mentored wrote, “Every once in a while, we all come across incredible people in our lives that, like Gordon, have the ability to change the course of our lives for the better. Make the most of it!”

Gordon is survived by his wife Jessie, his children Fraiser, Ellie and Marshall, all of Portland, his brother Craig of Eagan, Minnesota, and sister Roberta of Waconia, Minnesota.

A celebration of Gordon's life will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. June 3 in the Glacier Room of Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Foundation for Metabolic Therapies, 3213 West Main St., Rapid City, S.D. 57702. All donations will go directly to fund low-cost metabolic therapies for cancer.

Austin Funeral & Cremation Services in Whitefish is caring for the family.

Richard Ott, 86

Richard "Dick" Ott of Kalispell passed away on Aug. 3, 2018, at Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell with his family at his side.

Richard was born on Sept. 8, 1931, in Bemidji, Minnesota, to Elsie and Emil Ott, the seventh of 10 children.

Richard was married to Barbara Friske on Jan. 23, 1954, in Columbia Falls and they've been married for 64 years.

He attended school and grew up in Bemidji, moving to Columbia Falls in 1948. He worked for Plum Creek Lumber and in 1950 joined the Army as a combat engineer serving in the Occupation of Japan and then the Korean War from 1951 until October 1952. He was awarded the Occupation of Japan Medal, Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge and was very proud of his service to his country.

Upon his return from the service he went to work at Anaconda Aluminum Company until 1961 and then owned and operated the Columbia Falls Chevron Service until 1977. He then went to work at Columbia Falls School District 6 at the maintenance department and worked there until he retired in 1993.

Richard enjoyed fishing, camping and golfing



at Village Greens with his lunch buddies. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandsons whenever he could.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and four brothers and his grandson Josh.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, sister Judy Campbell, brothers Glenn Ott (Jane) and Emil Jr. Ott and daughter Dianne (Bitney), Kalispell, and a son Michael Ott of Denver; grandchildren Kyle Bitney, Cory (Lucy) Bitney, Brandon Ott; and great-granddaughter Olivia Ott. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home with a reception to follow. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Aug. 11 at Woodlawn Cemetery with military honors by Montana Army National Guard, funeral honors and United Veterans of the Flathead Valley.

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Charlotte Audrey Osler, 81

Charlotte Audrey "Toots" Osler, of Missoula, "went home to be with her dear Lord Jesus Christ" on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, due to complications of influenza A.

She was born Nov. 11, 1936, in Great Falls to Harry and Lillian (Thompson) Roedel. Her fondest memories of childhood were growing up in Stryker.

She later married John L. Osler on Aug. 18, 1952, in Polson. They moved to Bass Lake in Eureka and later moved across from the Osler Brothers' Lumber Mill. She was a great mother of two sons and a daughter. Later in 1977 she divorced and lived in Whitefish, Kalispell, Las Vegas, Victor, Montana, and Brookdale Assisted Living in Missoula. One of her favorite jobs was transporting firefighters for the U.S. Forest Service.

One of her greatest passions was playing the piano and organ. The Big Band era and boogie-woogies would light up her fingers at the Community Hall at Trego for dances. For 20-plus years she played for Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka and Trego. She began her close relationship with the Lord and contin-



ued her Christian life unto death.

"She is now rejoicing with the Lord in heaven. Praise the Lord!"

A beloved and blessed one, she cared for

her family, church, friends, and AA (Alcohol Anonymous) acquaintances throughout her life. Survivors include David and (Jeanne) Osler in Eureka; and Gay and (Ronald) Cook in Potomac. Grandchildren include Jason Osler in North Dakota, Tamara and (Wade) Bellon in Gillette, Wyoming, and Tavis and (Kelly) Osler in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Her great-grandchildren include Peyton and Kendall Bellon, and Adam Joel and Shaylee Osler.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son Gary Osler.

In honor of Mom, we will announce a picnic this summer when everyone can be home. Condolences may be left at www.gardencityfh.com.

Faye Eliane (Holter) Ouldhouse, 73

Faye Eliane (Holter) Ouldhouse passed away March 3, 2018, in Kalispell.

She was born March 24, 1944, in Kenmare, North Dakota.

Faye married Darold Hagerud. Of that union were three children, Dallas, Duane and Cynthia Hagerud.

Faye later married John Ouldhouse on May

31, 1980. They went from North Dakota and then later resided in Montana.

Faye is survived by her children, Cynthia and Charlie Storkson, Deb and Dallas Hagerud, and Jory Ouldhouse; grandchildren, Anthony Sundh, Dustin Hagerud, Darin Hagerud, Amanda Westlake, Shyla Storkson and Elijha Ouldhouse; great-grandchildren who

she loved and enjoyed playing games and spending time with; brothers, Lloyd and Mariea Holter, Clifford and Johanna Holter; sister, Hazel Gleave; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Gean and Marion Knoll, Gary Ouldhouse, Jim and Michael Ouldhouse, Lucillie Larid, Margert Drager and Ann Gider; and mother-and father-

in-law, Lou and Chuck Ouldhouse.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ouldhouse; son, Duane Hagerud; parents, Ethel and Helmer Holter; brothers, Howard and Emil Holter; and stepson, Ron Ouldhouse.

Cremation has taken place and services will be held at a later date in Kalispell.

Conrad Richard Ovnicek, 74

Con Ovnicek passed away quietly in his sleep in Libby Monday, July 23, 2018. Con was comforted by Vonnie Ovnicek, his wife of 52 years at his side.

Con was born Aug. 13, 1943, to Adolph "Buck" and Cora (Tempero) Ovnicek.

Con was married April 16, 1966, to Mary Yvonne "Vonnice" Klingensmith.

Con was well known as a tremendous and successful horse trainer. He helped and coached horsemanship to thousands of people in his

lifetime. Beyond the impact he left the horse world, his gift was to the people he came into contact with on a daily basis. Con was genuinely interested in you and wanted to brighten your day. He was always positive and happy and would do anything to help you.

Con is survived by his wife, Vonnie; three younger brothers, Gene Ovnicek, Ron Ovnicek and Ed Ovnicek; four sons, Tracey (Angie) Ovnicek, Travis Ovnicek, Bart (Heidi) Ovnicek, and

Bret Ovnicek; two stepdaughters, Cindy Wood and Debbie Kreidler; one stepson, Steven Osmond; 14 grandkids and 11 great-grandkids.

His youngest brother, Terry, preceded him in death.

A gathering will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, to celebrate Con's life at the St. Luke Lutheran Church Multipurpose Room at 9706 N. Division, Spokane, WA 99218. Lunch will be provided.

Vonnie Ovnicek, 78

Vonnie Ovnicek died on Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, in Kalispell.

She was born on March 6, 1940, in Billings to Mike and Rose Klingensmith.

Con, her husband of 52 years, passed away on July 23, 2018, just 56 days earlier. Vonnie was comforted by her children and brother Richard in her last days.

Vonnie's children are Robert Darwin Osmond (deceased), Cindy Lee Osmond Wood, Steven Allen Osmond, Debra Ann Osmond Lopez, Tracy Edward Ovnicek, Travis Daniel Ovnicek, and twins Bart Allen Ovnicek and Bret Richard Ovnicek.

Vonnie's siblings are Richard Klingensmith and Donna Powell (deceased). Vonnie is survived by 14 grandchildren and 11, soon to be 12, great-grandchildren.

Vonnie had the hardest job in the world; she raised eight wonderful kids. She was proud of every one of her children. I remember her touch, always soft and warm. She balanced her home with love and kindness.

A memorial service is being planned for next summer. Please contact me, Bret Ovnicek, for information; bovnice@gmail.com.

Arrangements are by Schnackenberg Funeral Home in Libby.

Raymond Wesley Owens Sr., 79

Raymond Wesley Owens Sr., 79, passed away "to be with the Lord" on Feb. 8, 2018, surrounded by his family and friends.

He was born Jan. 25, 1939, in Eureka and proudly served in the U.S. Navy and Army Reserves.

He was born to Dorothy and Herman Owens and survived by his beloved wife of 21 years, Gail Owens, his younger brother Herman Owens of Kila; four sons, Raymond (Susan) Owens of Las Vegas, Russell Owens of Kalispell, Robert Owens of Ellensburg, Washington, and Timothy Owens of Kalispell; his three daughters, Debbie Tucheck of Las Vegas, Shannon Owens Street of Kalispell, and Brenda Owens of Arizona; and also numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who gave Ray much joy and laughter throughout his living years.



Some of his most memorable and favorite times were spent on camping trips with family and friends at Timber Lake and Pinkham Creek in Eureka. He loved spending time with his many grandkids and great-grandkids weather it was hunting, fishing, gathering at the farm for birthdays and holiday celebrations or even sitting on grandpa's lap riding the hay tractor and riding lawn mower through the farm fields.

Ray had a huge heart for taking care of this family and loved ones and was famous for telling stories around the kitchen table when family gathered.

He was preceded in

death by his parents, Dorothy and Herman Owens, formerly of Eureka, brothers, Clyde Owens, formerly of Vancouver, Washington, and Jerry Owens, formerly of Kalispell; and his son Travis Owens and daughter Teresa Disney, of Kalispell.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 29, at the Nazarene Church of Kalispell. There will be a reception of fellowship following the service with food and drink.

Family and friends are invited to attend Mr. Owens' burial service at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 30, in Eureka at the Tobacco Valley Cemetery. Please join us in a military honors ceremony where Ray Owens will be laid to rest at the feet of both deceased parents.

He will be truly missed by all.