

John Henry Oberlitner, 85

John Henry Oberlitner, 85, died on Aug. 27, 2019, in Kallispell from complications of Parkinson's disease.

He was born Sept. 11, 1933, to Edwin and Florence Oberlitner. An Ohio farm boy with two ponies, a cart and raccoons to hunt in a remnant patch of woodland, he fancied himself in the Old West amongst the likes of cowboys, trappers and explorers.

In 1953 he married Idella Sandy and was drafted into the Army. Upon completion of his military duty he returned to college, graduating from Findlay College in 1958 with a degree and teaching certificate in mathematics. Aspiring to life in the West, he moved his young family to Polson where he taught for 40 years. Heartened by students returning to tell him that he had been a valued teacher in the course of their education, he was also honored with the Montana Council of Mathematics Teacher of the Year award in 1981 for innovation and introduction of computers, and the Polson High School John Oberlitner/Theiler Family Scholarship, est. in 2011.

For many years he led family and friends with horse and burro into the Mission Mountains and Bob Marshall Wilderness, always envisioning that mountain man of old.



Inspired to a lifelong passion for snow skiing. An environmentalist, he worked with Polson Outdoor Inc., the Confederated Salish/Kootenai Tribe, and

Intrigued by alpine snow sports, John pioneered the OberMill Ski Hill in Polson and the Polson High School Ski Club. Many enthusiasts were

the Montana Wildlife Federation to protect Montana's lands and waters for all.

He and Idella divorced in 1971 whereupon he married Faye Sorenson. Snowbirds to Florida after retirement, he and Faye returned to Montana, he, homesick for the mountains.

He is survived by wife, Faye Oberlitner; daughter, R. Ann Oberlitner (Mark Dickson); sons, David (Gisele Lanjus) Oberlitner and Tom (Brenda) Oberlitner; grandchildren, Holly Dickson, Aaron and Austin Oberlitner; step-

son, Perry Sorenson (Sandy); brother, Clarence (Joan) Oberlitner; and sister, Ruth Schwartz (Dick).

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Gene and Donald Oberlitner; and stepchildren, Calvin Sorenson and Christine Sorenson Morken.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Polson High School auditorium.

Memorial donations may be made to the Polson High School John Oberlitner/Theiler Family scholarship fund (PSEF, P.O. Box 741, Polson).

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LoHua M. Odekirk, 84

LoHua Odekirk crossed over to the other side on March 22, 2019.

She was born on April 28, 1934, in Myton, Utah, the daughter of Lawrence and Esther Odekirk. She was the seventh of eight children, and always walked her own path.

LoHua was a free spirit, a seeker, a talented gardener, a tireless worker, a healer, and a student of life. She was the mother of nine children: Kathy, Joe, Patti, Steve, Jeff, Jillian, Sarah, Tarom and Kele.

She is survived by two brothers, all of her children, 16 grandchil-



dren, four great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

LoHua was a

master astrologer. She touched the lives of many, even those who met her only once. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

A celebration of life will be held on April 28, her 85th birthday, at Rainbow Zen Tea House and Organic Cafe in Hot Springs, from 2 p.m. 'til sunset (and beyond).

Donna Marilyn O'Brien, 83

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Donna Marilyn O'Brien, 83, of Iowa City, Iowa, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, at her home after a brief illness. The family is grateful for the assistance provided by Hospice Care during her final days, and to her special friends in Iowa City for their support in her later years.

Donna was born Nov. 12, 1935, in Massillon, Ohio, the daughter of William and Pearl (Giffin) O'Brien. She graduated from high school in Oak Park, Illinois, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, and her master's degree in education from the University of Iowa. During college Donna worked during summers

at Rocky Mountain National Park. She taught school in Illinois, Arizona, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Iowa City and continued to volunteer in primary schools well into her retirement. Her Spanish language ability was a valuable asset as many of the children she tutored were primarily Spanish speakers.

Donna was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Iowa City and she volunteered for several charities. Although she never had children of her own, she cherished her opportunity to sponsor over 40 Central American families through Plan/International.

Donna's honors included Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board

and a Foster Parent of the Year award. Donna found great joy in teaching children in Iowa City and other schools and sponsoring children/families she didn't even know!

Her family includes her brother William "Bill" O'Brien and his wife Beverly, and her nephews, Tim and Mat O'Brien of Kalispell. She also leaves to mourn her many friends in Iowa, Illinois and Arizona. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Donna's memory.

No services are being planned; Gay and Ciha Funeral and Cremation Services of Iowa City are taking care of Donna's arrangements.

Leo Edward O'Brien, 95

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Leo passed away peacefully to his heavenly home on Friday, May 31, 2019.

He was the fourth child born to Lorenzo Dow and Blanche (Baillargon) O'Brien. Leo was born on Oct. 16, 1923, on his mother's birthday. He attended school at Black Lake and two years at Lincoln County High School.

In 1943, Leo enlisted into the U.S. Army and did his basic training in Kentucky and Arkansas. He served in the U.S. Army 3rd Armoured Division under the leadership of Gen. George Patton. Leo received three battle stars, one of which was for the Battle of the Bulge. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

After his return from



the service, he met Shirley Stark and they married on

June 10, 1952. Together they built their first home in Rexford and had two daughters. Leo was employed with J. Neils Lumber Company where he continued on with St. Regis and Champion Lumber until his retirement in 1981 after 35 years.

Leo enjoyed snowmobiling, antiques and traveling with his family. He loved looking at new cars, which he bought many of throughout the years. What Leo loved most, was his family and spending time with them. His fami-

ly was everything to him and he was everything to us.

Leo was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran churches. He lived in the Rexford and Eureka area all of his life until moving to Kalispell in 2015.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents, Lorenzo and Blanche O'Brien; his sister, Leona Benefield; and his brothers Fred, Frank, Louie and Richard O'Brien.

Leo is survived by his wife of 66 years, Shirley O'Brien; two daughters, Debra (Andrew) Faulstich of Sunland, California, and Paula (James) D'Arcy of Kalispell; grandson, Jason (Ruby) Thorp and great-granddaugh-

ter, Charlotte Thorp of Renton, Washington, Jared (Tina) Thorp of Portland, and granddaughter, Andie Rae Faulstich of Sunland.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 8, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Interment will be Tobacco Valley Cemetery, with military rites.

In lieu of flowers we ask that you make a donation to the charity of your choice in remembrance of Leo.

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

Betty Olson, 91

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Betty Olson passed away Dec. 1, 2018.

Betty was born on Sept. 16, 1927, to Herman and Helen Redmer at Bowbells, North Dakota, one of nine siblings raised on the farm.

She and Robert met at a skating rink in 1946. They were married in November of 1946.

They were blessed with two sons, James and Ronald. James and his wife, Terri, had four



children, Jeff, Alan, Tracey and Brenda. Son Ronald and his wife Jeanette had one son, Brandon. Their family expanded with five dearly loved grandchildren.

Betty and Robert were active and busy throughout their married life,

from square dancing, to owning various businesses, to finally purchasing the Polebridge Mercantile up the North Fork of the Flathead River.

They happily utilized the countless benefits of their incredible surroundings — fishing, hunting, rafting and running the Mercantile, making lifelong friends.

Betty was known for her gardening prowess, which provided the fam-

ily and neighbors with delicious veggies.

Sadly, Betty was preceded in death by her sons, James in 1991, and Ronald in 2002.

Betty will be forever remembered for her sweetness and generosity and her incredibly beautiful needlepoint works of art, as well as the hard work she cheerfully shared with Robert over the 72 years of their marriage.

Edwin 'Ed' Olson, 63

Edwin "Ed" Olson, 63, died at his home in Whitefish Friday, Sept. 27, 2019.

He is survived by his wife RaeAnn Olson, and daughters Trina Simpson and Tawnia

Williamson.

At his request no services are planned.

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

Gary 'Bryce' Olsen, 82

Gary "Bryce" Olsen, 82, of Creswell, Ore., died on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are being made at this time.

Darlington Cremation and Burial is caring for Bryce and his family.

Owen (Bud) Olson, 82

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Owen (Bud) Olson passed away on Nov. 22, 2019 at the age of 82.

He was born and raised in Whitefish. He spent four years in the Army as a paratrooper and was undefeated on the local boxing team.

He got his B.S. degree from Montana State University in Electronic Engineering and his Master's degree from San Francisco University.

Right out of college, he got a job with Lockheed, which moved him all over. After retiring from Lockheed he moved back to his beloved Montana, settling in Columbia Falls.

Bud was very active and loved sports — football, baseball, boxing,



hiking, skiing and especially soccer (playing, coaching and refereeing). He loved to hunt, fish, camp and spend time with his family and play bridge

with his friends.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol, his daughter and her husband, Debbie and Vic Dereito, his son, Mike Olson, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time.

Milton E. Olson, 89

Milton E. Olson, 89, of Ambrose, North Dakota, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019.

Services were held at the Ambrose Lutheran Church, Monday, Oct. 7, 2019, with burial at the Colgan Cemetery.

Milton was born and raised in Ambrose. He married Dorothy Johnson August of 1950. They raised four children in North Dakota, Montana, Alaska, and back to Montana. They later divorced. Milton married Sandra Lawson in 1990. They moved back to Ambrose in 2000 after he retired from Pacific Power and Light.

His interests were many, including photography, cross-country skiing, hockey, golf, cooking, horses, archaeology,



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canoeing, kayaking, fishing and art. He was well traveled, enjoying trips to China, Sweden,

and (Russia with the Crosby, North Dakota, students), Israel and Canada. He organized and led 26 canoe trips down the Missouri River.

Milton started the Nordic Ski Patrol in Essex, Montana, and also spearheaded the organization of the hockey program in Whitefish. Milton played contact hockey until he was 75.

The rib cook off in Crosby was something he looked forward to every fall. Pheasants were a passion of his. Milton and

Butch were always coming up with new ideas of how to raise money for community projects. He was instrumental in improving the Ambrose Park. He supported Blue Line Hockey and the Crosby Country Club.

Milton was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Swanhild Olson; and four sisters, Jean, Shirley, Rita and Kathleen.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; brother, Roy (Marianne); and his four children, JoAnn (Ivan) Jenkins, Joyce (Scott) LeDuc, Jon (Janice) Olson and Jean Evans; seven grandchildren, six great-grand children, two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials will be used to complete Milt's

unfinished projects, which include rewiring the Ambrose City Park building, restoring the Strandberg Cemetery and supporting the Blue Line Hockey Club.

He will be greatly missed "and the like of that."

Stakston-Martin Funeral Home of Crosby, North Dakota, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Dwane Oney, 87

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Harold Dwane Oney, 87, passed away peacefully at the Montana Veterans Home on Sept. 3, 2019.

Harold was born in Pearl, Texas, on Sept. 29, 1931.

He joined the Army in 1952 and was honorably discharged. Harold went back to his career as a carpenter and remained in that profession, retiring as a millwright for Plum Creek.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Creed and Beatrice Oney, his sister Edwina, brothers Jerald and Royce, as well as Harold's only son, Richard Dwane Oney, and longtime love Colleen McNeil.

He is survived by his sister LaRue and sister Meredith (both from Texas), many nieces and nephews, his only namesake and grandson, Caesy Richard Oney,



daughter-in-law, Carie Brady and her husband Marc Brady, granddaughter Tayler Gress, Colleen's children, Shelley

and Pat, and their children.

So many people loved this man, his dry sense of Texas humor and his giant heart under the rough exterior. He will truly be missed by his many friends and most importantly his family.

Graveside services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, at Fairview Cemetery in Columbia Falls.

Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls is caring for the family.

Shirley Opp, 90

Shirley Opp, 90, of Kalispell, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, at Echoview Assisted Living in Kalispell.

Services are being planned for a later date.

Inurnment will be at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Darlington Cremation and Burial Service is caring for the family.

Jeanne (Hatten) O'Neil, 78

Jeanne (Hatten) O'Neil of Columbia Falls, 78, passed away into God's loving arms on March 19, 2019, in the presence of her husband, Jerry O'Neil. Jerry's children were blessed to adopt her into their family on Sept. 6, 2000, when she and Jerry were married in Dallas, Texas.

Jeanne was one of 11 children. She was born in Stewart, Minnesota, on Sept. 4, 1940, to Marion and Frieda Hatten. Jeanne was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart, Minnesota, and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson in 1953. She was a 1958 graduate of Hutchinson High School in Minnesota. She moved to Montana in 1981.

Jeanne was a wonderful lady, full of grace and compassion, and a charming hostess. Nothing made her happier than having company, and she always enjoyed hosting pinochle parties at her home in Columbia Falls. Jeanne was a beloved wife, stepmother, grandmother, sister, and friend, and was adored by many.

She was involved for many years in the puppet ministries in the Lutheran churches which she attended, directing puppet plays for Christmas and Easter to tell the children and adults the story of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In March 1994 she directed the first puppet theater show on Trinity Lutheran Church's brand new stage. Her young puppeteers also performed at the Church of Creston-Lutheran and at nursing homes in the area. Working with her puppeteer cast over the years brought much joy to her life and blessed the special children who worked with her.

Jeanne enjoyed regularly taking unchurched children to church with her and established relationships with them and their parents. She stated, "These children are so



dear to me — they have a special place in my heart always."

She loved animals and always doted on her many pets.

Jeanne was a Mary Kay con-

sultant since 1983, winning the "Queen of Sales" and the "Queen of Recruiting" awards in her group. She also had a love of art and enjoyed painting. She adored her husband and worked tirelessly alongside him going door to door campaigning for his bids for state senator and state representative.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry O'Neil; stepchildren, David O'Neil, Wendy O'Neil, Laura (Larry) Schulte, Sara (Joe) Strain, and Maria (Matt) Axtman; grandchildren, Megan, Samantha, Tyler, Aine, Joseph, Anthony, Brigid, Mary, Benedict, Cecilia, Nicholas, Jessica, Alyssa and Emma; her siblings, Earl Hatten, Joyce (Fred) Kuehl, Roger Hatten, Russ (Nancy) Hatten, and Judy (Jim) Sondergaard; and her many nieces and nephews and extended family who she loved very much.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Frieda Hatten; brothers, Alvin Hatten (in infancy), Cyril (Teresa) Hatten, Donald Hatten (in infancy), Lowell (Theresa) Hatten and Jim Hatten; sisters-in-law, Charlene Hatten and Sandra Hatten; one niece and two nephews; and a husband, Steve Kraig.

A memorial service to celebrate Jeanne's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, at the Lutheran Church of Creston (5447 MT Hwy. 35, Kalispell).

Loren James O'Neil, 65

Loren James O'Neil, 65, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Grace Jean Sindt Orr, 87

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Grace Jean Sindt Orr, 87, went to be with the Lord on May 28, 2019, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.



Jean enjoyed different kinds of crafts, baking, canning and reading. Mom was a super seamstress.

Jean is survived by three daughters, Louise Keith, Marlene Sevesind (Bill), and Ellen Rowe (Jim); son, Paul P. Orr Jr.; son-in-law, Bill Landsidel; also nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Jean will join her husband Paul Sr., daughter Darlene Landsidel, two grandsons, Robert Keith and Bill Wallace, her parents, four brothers, five sisters and many family members.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. July 5 in the chapel at the Darlington Cremation and Burial Service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics or Hospice.

Neil W. Orr, 72

Neil W. Orr, 72, of Hamilton, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, at Community Medical Center in Missoula. He had worked in construction in the Flathead Valley. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Hamilton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment with military honors presented by the U.S. Marine Corps will take place at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton. Daly Leach Memorial Chapel in Hamilton is handling arrangements.

L. Jane Nelson-Ott, 79

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On Oct. 7, 2019, L. Jane Nelson-Ott, 79, crossed the Rainbow Bridge to collect her dogs that had passed and reunite them all in their forever home with her and other special friends and family.



and joy, though, was working as treasurer for the first dog park in

Jane was born Jan. 29, 1940, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Clarence and Betty (Bursch) Nelson and reluctantly accepted by older sister, Kathryn.

Railroad jobs transferred the family to Fargo, N.D., then on to Whitefish where Jane graduated in 1957. After graduation, she made her way back to Minnesota where she went on to secretarial school at the University of Minnesota for two years. This led to office work with various employers including the Department of Defense-Navy; Norman Stewart (legal secretary); and Allen Arthur Company and Architecture Technology Corporation (ATC) as the office manager. In each of these positions, she always gave 110% into each one, loving the staff as well as the work.

In 1968, Gene and Jane Anderson welcomed their only child, Julie Lynne into the world. In the 1990s they parted ways and Jane reconnected with her high school sweetheart, Glenn Ott. They married on June 20, 1998, and were happily married for 21 years. They have wonderful memories of fishing trips and travels to various locations, including Alaska, Michigan, Paris, England, Ireland and Mexico.

After working for ATC for over 20 years, she retired only to jump right into volunteer work. She made quilts for Veterans at the VA home and the Flathead Quilters Guild Outreach Distribution Program and was part of the Women Who Wine Group. Her pride

Kalispell, Paws To Play. As treasurer, she put forth substantial effort in Paws To Play becoming a 501c3 public charity.

She is survived by her loving husband, Glenn Ott, Kalispell; daughters, Julie Anderson, Fullerton, Calif., Tami Filipek (Mike) of Dayton and Bobbi Rounds (Jerry), Dayton; sister, Kathryn Nelson, of Federal Way, Wash.; grandchildren, Devon Mullenbach (Derrick Barnes), Hanna Schilling, Tyler Rounds, Kari Rounds, Brandon Ryerson (Jessie), Elizabeth DeMarais (Jade) and Molly Hartong (Dustin); great-grandchildren, Charly, Maya, Mykah, Coral, Aubree, Jade Jr. and Rook; nieces, Lynn Hudson and Kim Irwin; nephew David Hudson; and cousins Jerry Bernard, Judy Cedar and Sherri Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Betty Nelson, several beloved cousins and, of course, all of her dogs that she looks forward to joining in heaven.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 14, at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, she prefers donations to Paws to Play Dog Park, P.O. Box 3571, Kalispell, MT 59903.

Final internment will be held at a later date at Greenwood Methodist Cemetery in Loretto, Minn.

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.

Rita Mae Otten, 70

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The angels came and took Rita Mae Otten on Aug. 31, 2019.

A beloved mom, Nanna, sister and aunt, Rita was born Nov. 28, 1948, at Kalispell General Hospital to Raymond and Elizabeth Otten.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Harvey Otten.

She left behind her daughters, Nuggett Carmalt and Lori Peterson; grandchildren, Talli, Trey, Alex and Ty; brothers, Donald, Robert and Arthur Otten, of Kalispell; and a sister, Rachel, of Billings; several nieces and nephews; and sisters-in-law, Cheryl Otten and Cindy Vance.



Rita was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at the young age of 30 and battled MS for 41 years. She was a fighter to the end.

Rita's family was her everything, and her grandchildren were her life.

She had many talents, from memorizing bingo cards and cake decorating to Sudoku puzzles. She was a very intelligent, strong woman.

A celebration of Rita's life will be held later.

Memorials can be sent to Nuggett Carmalt, 1925 Church Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Alex Richard 'Rich' Ottwell, 73

Alex Richard "Rich" Ottwell, 73, of Whitefish, died May 2, 2019, at a care center in Bigfork.

He is survived by his wife Judith Ann Ottwell, and daughters Kate Riggles and Paula Pomeroy.

A funeral service will

be held 11 a.m., Friday, May 10, at the Whitefish Assembly of God. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, with a reception in Olney later in the day.

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

Mark Ouellette, 65

Mark Ouellette, 65, died Friday, June 28, 2019 at North Valley Hospital in Whitefish. Mark was born on March 1, 1954. Services

are currently pending at this time. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

James Howard Oury, 80

Dr. James Howard Oury, 80, died Sunday, June 23, 2019, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

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

Carol Jean Overlie, 76

Carol Jean Overlie, 76, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, at The HealthCenter in Kalispell.

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

prayers during this time, we thank you so much.

Rest in peace, Gary.

You were the best brother, uncle and friend that anyone could ask for. We love you and we will miss you.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held at 11 a.m. on July 21 at the Seelye Lake Community Hall, Seelye Lake.

Family is handling the arrangements, <https://garyoverman57.blogspot.com/>

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

Gary O. Overman, 61

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Shawna (Gil) Varner. He is survived by his

sisters, Patti (George) Welch of Kittitas, Washington, and Judy Olsen of Seattle; one

brother, Doug (Lynette) Overman, of Kalispell; uncle, Larry Bacon, of Seelye Lake; and 15 nieces and nephews that love him.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to all those who were members of Gary's health management team, and the staff at Wel-Life for their attentiveness and loving care. To all the people who stopped by to visit, call, or just kept him in their thoughts and



community. Gary always put others before himself, especially when it came to his family, work and community. He was the glue that kept many of us together; he was known for helping others, and we can't imagine our lives without his thoughtfulness, humor and selflessness.

Gary was preceded in death by his best friend and father, Oliver Orville, mother Shirley Overman, and younger sister.

Gary O. Overman, 61, of Seelye Lake, passed away on May 23, 2019, while surrounded by loved ones, in Kalispell.

He was born in Missoula July 24, 1957, to Oliver Orville and Shirley Overman. Gary graduated from Stevensville High School in 1976. He moved to Seelye Lake to work for Pyramid Mountain Lumber, as a millwright, for 43 years. He was the third of five brothers and sisters. He loved attending Montana Grizzlies football games, hanging with his dogs, Bobcat and Griz, spending time with his family, and visiting with people in his com-

Georgina (Gina) Kay Lanfear Owen, 69

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Gina went to be with the Lord on Aug. 21, 2019, at her home in Kalispell with her husband by her side.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Owen, of 54 years, sons Robert Jr. (Joyce) and granddaughter Nicole from Florence, Montana, Roger (Lisa) and grandsons Baylee and Ryse and granddaughter Meggan from California, brothers Reggie (Cate), Bobby (Lori), Larry (Barbara) Moore from Goldcreek, Montana, Gary Blanton from Seguin, Texas, and sister-in-law Cathy Owen from Kalispell, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sister Connie and brother Robert Lanfear Jr.

Gina was born in Anaconda to Robert and Alice Lanfear on Jan. 18, 1950. The family soon moved to Kalispell. Gina worked throughout her lifetime at various restaurants in the area and co-owned several businesses with husband Bob. Being around Gina was always a joy, including when she was at work. She always smiled, strived to make others



happy and had something good to say about everyone. She enjoyed baking, cooking

and having the family over for a good meal.

Fishing in the Flathead River was her passion. When floating the river, Bob would row the raft while Gina would fish. She had several "favorite" fishing holes including two on the same side of the river. Bob "better not" miss one or he would hear about it. Gina was a wonderful storyteller, remembering interesting and entertaining details about her life's journey. Gina couldn't say no to a stray dog or cat, always having a warm place in her heart for animals. Gina lovingly supported neighborhood children during family crises with a hot meal and warm bed. She never refused to help others in need.

A memorial service to celebrate Gina will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 7 at the Smith Valley Grange, on Highway 2.

Gloria L. Osler, 93

Gloria L. Osler, 93, of Fortine, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Rod, Brad, Scott, Jill and Sandy.

A celebration of life

will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory.