

## Louis Obradovich, 94

Louis Obradovich entered this world on Dec. 11, 1927, born to Croatian immigrants, Luka and Alice Obradovich. He left this world on Friday, April 29, 2022, cradled in the arms of his loving wife, Janet, and arrived at his eternal home in heaven.

Lou's young life was spent in Englewood, California, where he enjoyed riding bikes in the orange groves, playing on the beach and swimming in the ocean. He also enjoyed many memorable festivities at the St. Anthony's Croatian Church he attended with his parents and brothers, Steve and Bob.

He attended Horace Mann Junior High and Manual Arts High School where he excelled in workshop typesetting class which would pave the path to a very successful career and business ownership.

Immediately after high school, he was drafted into the military as World War II was in its last stages. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard (then part of the Navy). He thought he would see a bit of the world but instead, because of his skills, he was placed in charge of the Coast Guard printing office at Los Alamos. When that

shop closed, he was sent to Pensacola, Florida, to serve on a buoy tender. He finished his tour out of Wilmington, Delaware, as a lead seaman on the ship.

Upon discharge, he returned to the printing industry with Pacific Press as a typesetting apprentice working on large publications such as Time, Newsweek and Petersen Publishing among others. At that time, he was the youngest journeyman typesetter in the United States at the age of 23.

In 1959, he started his own business — the first computerized typesetting service in the United States. It grew into one of the largest typesetting companies in the nation, doing work for publications such as Business Week, Los Angeles magazine, Architectural Digest, Airline Inplane magazines, Petersen Publishing, many car publications, as well as college textbooks. At the age of 54 he made the decision to sell, which he did — to U.S. News & World Report. That decision enabled him to enter the commercial real estate business and he still owns an office building in Burbank, California.

Lou loved life and people! He was an avid golfer,

playing 10 times in the Bob Hope Classic, three times in the ProAm in Orlando (winning once), and winning in the LPGA ProAm with Nance Lopez as his partner. He was a member of four golf clubs: Indian Wells Country Club, Eagle Bend Golf Club in Bigfork, and Rancho Santa Fe and Oakmont Country Club in Glendale, California, where he served on the board.

In 1988 he married the love of his life, Janet Jacobs VanNote. They were blessed with 34 years of a loving and fun partnership. They enjoyed traveling abroad as well as touring Canada and the United States in their motorhome before settling in a summer home in Bigfork. There they entertained on their boat or in their home and enjoyed the cool summer golf.

This marriage included becoming part of Lou's most cherished accomplishment — his family of four very successful children, Micheal (Karen), John (Betty), Sally Hazen (Michael) and Michele O'Brien (Michael).



As a young father, his time was spent coaching baseball and football and spending endless days water skiing on Canyon Lake. There are also nine grandchildren, Jason (Wendy), Tina Obradovich, John (Vanessa), Jennifer Anderson (Kyle), Daniel (Jane), Ryan Jones (Heather); Trevor Jones (Jeannine); Chris Hazen (Charlene); and Michele Peschelt (John). There are also 19 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. As a proud grandpa he loved hearing about his grandchildren's plans and their accomplishments, as well as coaching them about life.

The above have all survived his death. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Steve and Robert, and a great-grand-baby boy, Wyatt.

Lou and his wife attended Southwest Church regularly, which was part of his life, and enjoying Sunday breakfast at Louise's with friends. He also supported several valley charities — Salvation Army, Mama's House, Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.

We cannot measure how much he will be missed nor how thankful we are to know he is with his Lord and Savior.

## Maxine J. O'Brien, 87

Maxine J. O'Brien passed away on Oct. 20, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center with her family at her bedside. She was 87 years old.

She was born on Flag Day, June 14, 1935, in Hinsdale, Montana, the second daughter of Bob and Alice McElvain. She attended both grade school and high school in Hinsdale.

In high school she participated in a variety of school activities. She played both basketball and volleyball. She was a member of the 4-H Club and high school band. During her senior year she played the leading role in her senior class play. She graduated from high school in May of 1953 as salutatorian of her graduating class.

In the fall of 1953, she enrolled at Montana State University, majoring in elementary education she was a member of the AOM Sorority where she met many lifelong friends.

In September 1956 she married Ken O'Brien, her high school sweetheart. They were married for 66 years.

In the fall of 1956, she transferred to the University of Montana where her husband was attending Law School. She graduated in the spring of 1957 with a degree in elementary education. Upon graduation she accepted a position as a fourth grade teacher in the Missoula school system. She taught for two



years while her husband completed Law School.

When her husband completed Law School he entered the Air Force and was stationed at Naha Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan. She accompanied her husband to Okinawa where they were stationed for a period of 30 months while her husband completed his tour of duty. Their first son Jeff was born in Okinawa in October of 1960. The family relocated from Okinawa in February of 1962 and moved to Helena where Ken worked as a legal assistant in the governor's office.

In the spring of 1963 Ken accepted a position in the law firm of Roglien and Hash, and the family moved to Kalispell.

In November of 1965 they welcomed their second son Mitch into the family.

Maxine possessed a deep faith and love of the Lord. She was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School in Hinsdale while attending high school. Upon her arrival in Kalispell, she immediately became immersed in the activities of the Epworth United Methodist Church. At one time or another she taught on every church

board or committee. She was also a youth leader. In addition, she served the church at the conference and jurisdictional level. She continued her involvement in the church until she passed away. She loved her church family.

She enjoyed camping with her family. For many years her family and members of the Epworth family camped at Holland Lake over the Labor Day weekend. She enjoyed traveling. Her adventures took her to England, Scotland, Wales, Japan, Hong Kong, Canada and Mexico. She also traveled extensively in the U.S., visiting every state but one. Many of her trips were with other members of her Epworth family. One of her most memorable trips was a tour of the Hawaiian Islands with three other church couples. She was an active member of the local P.E.O. chapter.

Maxine was one of the most loving, kind and generous individuals who ever graced the face of the earth. She was always one of the first to offer assistance in time of need and solace in times of grief. It is difficult to find words to describe her as a person, and those who knew her personally will understand. She was simply one of the very best.

She had two primary goals in life, one was to make her family happy, and the other was to serve her Lord. She succeeded triumphantly at both.

It was appropriate that she was born on Flag Day because she had a deep love for her country and those who defended its freedom held a special place in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Alice McElvain, a brother bud, and two sisters Marlys and Sharon.

Maxine is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ken, sons Jeff and Mitch, daughter-in-law Mollie and granddaughters, Catherine, Abigail and her husband Stellan.

She will be missed by all of those who knew her.

Her granddaughter Catherine summed it up best by saying "She was the glue that kept this family bonded together. She was taken far too soon from cancer, but she lived her 87 years to the fullest. She was the greatest wife, mother and grandma that anyone would have been lucky to know. If you were lucky to know her you were truly blessed beyond words."

"No one will ever replace this hole in my heart because you're never leaving it. See you later alligator, I will love you forever."

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

### Vicki Lee (Hagen) Offerdahl, 74

As the train to the afterlife departed Kalispell on May 13, 2022, a new passenger, Vicki Lee (Hagen) Offerdahl, 74, had been warmly welcomed aboard.

Born to proud parents James and Marjorie (Thorp) Hagen, Vicki grew up in Clinton and Evaro, with railroads an ever-present part of her childhood. Living next to the railway helped anchor a vivid memory of exploring the wreckage from a derailment in Clinton that had thundered into the family's front yard.

Vicki was a lifetime resident of Montana. After meeting and marrying husband Einar Offerdahl Jr., they embarked on a journey of raising four children. Stops along their route included various locations in western Montana, with Kalispell being the final stop.

Temporarily suspending operations on the public workforce track to concentrate on raising her children, she resumed service in the early 1990s as a part-time receptionist for Northwest Montana Human Resources.

Twenty-two-plus years later, she had engineered her high school diploma into an IT network officer for the organization, frequently assisting other agencies across the state with their networks.

A lifelong sewing enthusiast, she crafted treasured quilts for her family, gifting them for graduations, weddings and births. She cherished her chances to travel, with San Carlos, Mexico, securing a special place in her heart after swimming with wild dolphins in the Sea of Cortez.

Unique memories were created by her constant battle with gophers occu-

pying her backyard lawn. Her impatience with nature creating snow outside the official date for winter garnered wide support. The consternation of her shoes causing her to trip always provided fodder for humor within the family.

Vicki is survived by husband Einar Jr., daughters Kristy and Erika, sons Gary and Einar III, nine grandkids, and one great-granddaughter.

The family entrusted Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home with her cremation. Her ashes will be scattered in a private gathering on a future date.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 11:11 a.m., at Glacier Village Greens Community Center, Kalispell. Please bring stories, photos, and memories to share with the family.

### Kenneth Shane Olson, 64

Kenneth Shane Olson passed away Feb. 7, 2022, at Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell.

Ken was born in Kalispell to Ken Olson and Jean Fish Olson on Aug. 30, 1957. He grew up in Columbia Falls and graduated from Columbia Falls High School. He traveled near and far but lived the majority of his life in Columbia Falls. In 1979 he married Melanie Larson, with whom he had three sons. They later divorced.



In 2008, Ken married Mary MacDonald Morrison in South Africa.

With that marriage, he gained three stepsons.

Ken worked at the Plum Creek MDF plant in various capacities for 28 years. He especially enjoyed his time there as a laboratory technician at the MDF lab. He was a self-employed videogra-

pher, filming weddings, horse training/equine events, industrial safety videos, and television commercials.

He was an avid shooter. He enjoyed scuba diving, photography, camping with family in Apgar, and spending time on his boat on Flathead Lake.

Ken is survived by his sons, Kenneth O. Olson, Cy Olson and Dylan Olson, his two grandsons, Carter Olson and Jaxon Olson, his sister and brother-in-law Sharon

and Britt Stratton, his sister and brother-in-law Shelley and Glenn Graham, and three stepsons, James (Heather), John (Breanna), and Josh (Nikki) Morrison. He will also be missed by his nephew, nieces and cousins.

Ken was preceded in death by his beloved wife Mary Olson, his parents, Ken Olson and Jean Fish Olson Mills, and his stepfather Cecil Mills.

No services are planned at this time.

## Anita Marie Orr, 91

Anita Marie Orr, 91, passed from this life on the morning of Nov. 8, 2022, at her residence in Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

Anita was the second child born to Herbert and Beatrice Kester of Wallace, Idaho. She came into the world a few days before Christmas, 1930. Anita spent her childhood in Northern Idaho, Northeastern Oregon and Western Montana. Times were difficult for the family during the Depression. Sometimes her mother had nothing to feed the children but pancakes made from flour and water and the fish they could catch. Anita could run like the wind. She played football with the boys at school. During one game, she ran the wrong way on the field and scored a touchdown for the opposing team!

During the early 1950s, Anita lived and worked as a waitress in Glacier National Park at the original Eddie's Cafe. In her spare time she enjoyed swimming, sunbathing and socializing with handsome park rangers!

Anita met her future husband and the love of her life in Loma Linda, California, when he came roaring up to the diner where she worked on his big, black Vincent motorcycle. Floyd and Anita were married for 58 years and raised their family in Stevensville, Montana.

Anita was an expert fisherman. She also enjoyed camping and horseback riding. She spent as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren, teaching them to fly fish, drive a car, and other important life skills. She



remained a pillar of love and strength throughout their lives. She had a great

sense of humor right up to the end and enjoyed playing practical jokes on unsuspecting people, especially on April Fools' Day!

Anita was very active in the Stevensville Seventh Day Adventist Church, and attended the SDA church in Kalispell during her years there.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Leland, David, and Don, and her husband Floyd.

She is survived by her sister Ann (Mike) Nickerson Albany, Oregon, son John (Jeanette) Orr Scottsdale, Arizona, daughter Debra (Anders) Engdahl Kalispell, grandson Tony (Stephanie) Orr Poynette, Wisconsin, granddaughter Lisa (Phil) Roux Peoria, Arizona, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Other special people in her life included her best friend Doris Mangold, Pastor Casey and Carmen Higgins, and Roma Ebel.

Anita had a deep and abiding faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and looked forward to his soon coming when she will be reunited with her loved ones.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2023 in Stevensville. Friends are encouraged to visit the website [www.buffalohillfn.com](http://www.buffalohillfn.com) to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Warren Carl Ortman, 99

Warren Carl Ortman passed away April 30, 2022.



Warren was born on Sept. 19, 1922, in Ellensburg, Washington, to Carl and Louisa (Englehorn) Ortman. He grew up with four older sisters. In his

early years, his father and relatives operated a business that included logging and a lumber mill prior to the Great American Depression. After experiencing huge financial losses in the Crash of '29, Warren's father owned and operated Kittitas Lumber Company through the Depression years. After Warren graduated from Ellensburg High School, he trained as a machinist in Yakima, Washington. Following this training, he was accepted as a machinist apprentice at the Keyport Naval Torpedo Station in Poulsbo, Washington, prior to the outbreak of World War II.

While there, he met a young lady from Bigfork, Margie Nelson, who worked supporting the war effort by operating a drill press. Warren married Margie on June 28, 1944, and also received his journeyman machinist rating at about the same time. Warren further supported the war effort by joining the Merchant Marines where his work was to keep the ships running, bringing our servicemen back from overseas.

Warren continued after the war as a machinist at a number of locations, including Kaiser Aluminum Plant in Spokane, on the

Hungry Horse Dam, at the Anaconda Aluminum plant in Columbia Falls and for Boeing in Seattle. Warren and Margie made their home over the years in the Seattle area and the Flathead Valley. He changed occupations in the early 1950s; he began building and selling houses, first in the South Seattle area, then in Kalispell starting in 1971.

Warren and Margie built their own home at Mission View Terrace, near Lakeside. Their hobbies included travel, camping, boating, fishing, gardening and fruit trees. Most of all they loved having the grandchildren out to enjoy the lake. This was home until 2016, when they moved into Prestige Assisted Living. During this time, they also attended Kalispell First Baptist Church and Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. They were both devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Warren and Margie were married 72 years, before Margie passed away Dec. 4, 2016. They had three children, Arlene Roundhill (husband, John), Marvin Ortman (wife, Sharon) and Karen Phillips Mateeff (husband, Mitch). (Karen predeceased her parents in 2015). Warren and Margie had 12 grandchildren and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held for Warren Thursday, May 5, at 2 p.m. at Lone Pine Cemetery in Bigfork.

A celebration of life will take place later this summer.

Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

## Nancy Lou Oshier, 74

Nancy Lou Oshier (nee Westcott), 74, of Bozeman, beloved wife, best friend, partner in life, adventurer, and soul mate for 52 years of Michael Oshier, passed away on July 15, 2022, under the care of her devoted husband, Enhabit Hospice and Qualicare MT after a long and difficult battle with a rare neurological disease.

Nancy was born June 17, 1948 in Massena, New York, to Audrey Reynolds Westcott and William Westcott, the youngest of three girls. She grew up in Massena and Waddington, New York, but her education and employment took her to Brockport New York, Rochester, New York area, Alpharetta, Georgia, and finally retiring with her husband to Montana where they have lived in Big Sky, Columbia Falls and Bozeman but have developed close friendships with families from all corners of the state, especially in southeastern Montana and Paradise Valley.

She was predeceased by her parents and a sister, Mary Westcott McGregor of Oshawa, Ontario.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Oshier, in Massena and Madrid-Waddington, New York; Colleges including SUNY Binghamton, Rochester Institute of Technology, Princeton University School of Engineering and Applied Science, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, SUNY Brockport where she completed both her bachelor's and master's in mathematics and The University of Rochester's Simon School of Business Executive Development Program where she earned her Master of Business Administration degree.

Her professional work career was intertwined with her post baccalaureate education. She began her employment as a computer programmer/statistician at SUNY College at Brockport, moving onto senior mathematician for Xerox Corporation, Advanced Business Concepts Consulting firm as manager of Business Intelligence Support and ending her career at Eastman Kodak Company as manager Consumer Imaging & Business Research until her retirement in June 1998.

Possessing a zest for the outdoors, adventure and athletics her interests included competitive running, fly fishing, canoeing, camping, hiking along



with back country and cross-country skiing. Some of her most cherished adventures included several Smith River floats, a 10-day self-guided fly-fishing float trip down the Goodnews River in Alaska with friends, an expedition to Churchill, Manitoba, to observe polar bears, multi-day fly fishing trips down the Middle Fork of the Flathead River and a month-long road camping trip to Alaska with friends. She also enjoyed the solitude and pristine nature of cross-country skiing in the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. Early in life her outdoor enjoyment came from spending summer vacations at the rustic Oshier/Ricci family cottages on Chandos Lake in Ontario.

In addition to her professional work career Nancy was also, for a short time, a professional runner. She began running at the age of 38 and soon unlocked a hidden talent. Over the next few years

she earned the 10 Mile in New York City for master women twice. Her running career also led to several awards. In 1990 she won the Rochester Press-Radio Club and WVOR-FM100. At-Large Sportswoman Of The Year, in 1992 SY MAH Memorial Award for Excellence in Running along with Induction into the Greater Rochester Track Club Hall of Fame.

In retirement much of her volunteer work involved the outdoors. Other than her indoor work serving on the Big Sky Community Library board, outdoor volunteer work included weekends at the former Yellowstone Institute at the Buffalo Ranch in Yellowstone National Park, Trout Unlimited and the Glacier National Park Volunteer Associates (GNPVA) where she served on the board of directors, along with participating in many volunteer projects in Glacier National Park.

Donations in her name can be made to Team Gleason Foundation, P.O. Box 24493, New Orleans, LA 70184.

As per her wishes, there will be no funeral services or calling hours. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service in Bozeman; www.dokkennelson.com.

## Zonneth Lee Overbey, 80

Zon Overbey, 80, passed away on Nov. 4, 2022.

He was born in Oriando, Florida, raised in Tennessee and California, and retired to Montana. Zon spent his career in education. From teacher to school superintendent, he served the students of California for 30-plus years.

Zon was an outdoorsman. He loved hunting, skiing, fishing, hiking and boating. Cars, boats, motorcycles, dune buggies, and every type of motorized vehicle, magically appeared in the

"family" garage!

Most of all, he loved entertaining. Sometimes, to his wife's dismay, the doorbell would ring and there were guests for one of his impromptu dinners or cocktail parties. He loved his friends and made new ones everywhere he went.

He adored his family, children Brody and Hayden Lamar, wife Nancy, and sister Jan.

He will be sorely missed by many. Rest in peace, Zon. The last years have been difficult for you. We will cherish our time and memories with you.

## David Leonard Owen, 92

On Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, David Owen, loving husband and father of four children, passed away at the age of 92.

David was born in Madison, Wisconsin, in March of 1930 to Gaylord and Frieda Owen. He grew up in Wisconsin and developed a lifelong love of the outdoors including hunting, fishing, working, and playing football.

Following graduation, Dave spent a year in the Army and then moved to Montana, earning his airborne wings as a reservist and, shortly afterward, becoming a smokejumper for the Forest Service out of Missoula. He continued to jump fires during the summers, and on weekends, as he earned a bachelor degree in rangeland management from the University of Montana's School of Forestry.

Following college, Dave began a career in the Forest Service working on several Ranger Districts in Idaho, and in 1958, Dave started his first job as a district ranger on Big Prairie Ranger District (now part of Spotted Bear Ranger District). He would have stayed in that job, in that place, for the rest of his



that Dave's life changed when he met a young biology teacher named Kathryn (or Kay). Dave and Kay started their family at Ninemile and continued to raise them while Dave worked at Superior and then Spotted Bear Ranger Districts.

David's last ranger posting at Spotted Bear Ranger District felt like a homecoming. He had a special connection to the country and thoroughly enjoyed it, and was dedicated to serving the public that loved the South Fork of the Flathead as he did. He also held a deep respect for the knowledge, skills, passion, and experience of the diverse group of people he worked with— including packers, fire and timber managers, archaeologists, wildlife biologists, trail crew

members, wilderness rangers, lookouts, office staff, cooks, farriers, maintenance workers, outfitters, and volunteer groups. Dave's family cherishes the memories they made during summers spent at Spotted Bear.

Following retirement, Dave enjoyed travel with his wife Kathryn. He also enjoyed painting and drawing cartoons and, both Dave and Kay, started downhill skiing again. They enjoyed skiing at Big Mountain and Blacktail Mountain until Dave was into his late 80s. Most of all, though, Dave enjoyed going down to the place in the Swan Valley that he and Kay had bought early in their marriage and where they had moved an old homestead cabin to in the 1960s. Thoughtful management of this forest was one of Dave and Kay's greatest pleasures and legacies. Dave remained active working on the place in the Swan until he reached 90 years of age. The Owen family is very grateful to the many health care providers, professionals, and workers who have helped Dave along his journey these past two years, including

those at Kalispell's Logan Health Medical Center, Woodland Clinic, Brendan House, and the Beehive Home. And finally, the folks from Hospice and Loyal Care who enabled us to bring Dad home for his last month with us. You are heroes. And to our beloved husband, papa, grandpa, and great-grandpa we are eternally grateful to have shared so many years with you and send our love with you as you begin your next adventure.

Dave is survived by his wife Kathryn; daughters Colleen (Pat), Heidi (Scott), Carrie (Chris), and son, Russell (Jill); as well as grandchildren — Haley (Krystal), Maia (Dan), April, Leif, and Stella; and great-grandson, Davey.

A celebration of life will be held at Darlington Funeral Home on Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers kindly make a donation in Dave's name to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation at [bmw.org](http://bmw.org).

A livestream link is available for David's service at <https://my.gather.app/remember/david-owen-2022>

## Jacob Owens, 33

Jacob Lee Sherman Owens, 33, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 in a vehicle accident in Sagle, Idaho. A celebration of life will be held this spring.

Jacob was born on March 10, 1989 in Spokane, Washington to David Owens and Danene (Davis) Thornton. He grew up in Spokane and graduated from University High School in 2007. Jacob served his country in the United States Navy.

Jacob married Colleen Roberts on Dec. 23, 2007. He received his lineman license and was a journeyman sheet metal worker. He also worked construction.

Jacob helped his grandfather, Jack Owens, start the "Big Back In" lawn mower races in Spirit Lake, Idaho. The love of his life was his children and family. He loved music and enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, swimming, playing video games and collecting



old tools, Coca-Cola antiques and Mario Bros.

He is survived by his wife

Colleen Owens of Spokane; his three children Kaylee, Brody and Zayden Owens; his mother Danene Thornton of Bigfork; his father David (Ronnie) Owens of Spirit Lake; his grandmother Lynn Weed of Bigfork; his three sisters Jessica Blodgett of Bigfork, Skylar Owens of Spokane, and Brittney Watkins of Missoula; his good friend Jenna Toole of Columbia Falls and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Lakeview Funeral Home in Sandpoint is handling the arrangements. Please visit Jacob's online memorial at [www.lakeviewfuneral.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneral.com) and sign his guestbook.