

Joseph Richard Oliver Sr.

ST. IGNATIUS — Joseph Richard "Dick" Oliver Sr., 53, of St. Ignatius, died Monday, Aug. 3, at Mission Valley Hospital after a long illness with heart disease.

He was born Dec. 1, 1933, in St. Ignatius to Stanley and Josephine Oliver. He attended the Ursuline Academy, public schools in St. Ignatius and Missoula, and graduated from Ronan High School.

On July 4, 1953, he married Wava D. Parrish in Missoula.

Mr. Oliver was employed for several years as a parts man at Mincoff's in Missoula. He later lived in Ketchikan, Alaska, and attended Ketchikan Community College, majoring in business administration. He owned and operated D & B Auto Parts in Ketchikan. In 1979 he returned to the St. Ignatius area for health reasons.

Mr. Oliver was very active in the St. Ignatius Catholic Church and served as a Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Survivors include his wife, Wava, St. Ignatius; two sons, Joseph R. Oliver Jr., Spanaway, Wash., and David L. Oliver, Missoula; two daughters, Katheryn M. Oliver, St. Ignatius, and Carol A. Oliver, Missoula; his father, Stanley Oliver, Dixon; his mother and stepfather, Josephine and Richard Smith, Missoula; five brothers, Stanley; Hollywood, Fla.; Robert, St. Ignatius; Douglas, Spanaway; Tony, Missoula; and Edward, Scotts Mills, Ore.; seven sisters, Mickey Jensen, St. Maries, Idaho; Barbara Roullier and Lora Powell, St. Ignatius; Judy Oliver, Alberton; Linda Courville, Pablo; Jody Webb, Reubens, Idaho; and Georgeanna Oliver, Scotts Mills; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth A. Oliver, in 1959.

Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Fearon Chapel in St. Ignatius. Mass of the Resurrection will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe Retzl as celebrant. Burial will be in the St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery.