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**BRADLEY TODD
COURTRIGHT GILMORE**
OCT. 29, 1966 - NOV. 30, 2017

ings in Oregon including Bay Area Hospital, clinics, libraries, Marshfield High School, banks and more. Brad loved fishing, music and playing guitar with his father and sons.

He is survived by his sons, Tony, Nathan, and Jeremy Gilmore; their mother, Melissa Slay Gilmore; daughters, Sarah Luck and Ashley Sharp; grandchildren, Aiden, Willow, Conner, Caleb, Carter and Alyssa; father-in-law, Mel Slay; mother-in-law, Melynn Slay; sister, Mindy Walker and her daughter, Lily Walker; stepmother, Katy Courtright; stepbrother, Steven Baxter; best friends, Kris and Zack Henriksen and Michael Prickett; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He will be very missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bradley Jon "Nubbs" Courtright; and mother, Kathleen May Olsen Gilmore.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made at www.gofundme.com/bradley-gilmores-funeral-funds

Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory in Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Ave., 541-267-3131.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the on-line guest book, share photos and send condolences at www.coosbayareafunerals.com or www.theworldlink.com

A celebration of life will be announced and held at a later date for Bradley Todd Courtright Gilmore, 51, of North Bend.

Brad was born Oct. 29, 1966 in North Bend. He died Nov. 30, 2017 in North Bend due to pancreatic cancer.

He grew up in California and moved to Coos Bay in 1984. Brad and Melissa Slay were married in 1987. He was a carpenter by trade for 30-plus years and helped construct and remodel numerous commercial build-



CHERRI LYNN CORDOVA
JULY 12, 1960 – DEC. 20, 2017

Darrell. The Jones family moved to Coquille where Cherri went to school. Cherri met the love of her life, Leland "Lee" Cordova after he returned from service in Sept. of 1977. They married within a year, on June 25, 1978 and quickly began a family, welcoming three children, Jason, Chasity and Daniel into their loving home. Cherri stayed at home raising the family, while Lee worked in logging. They eventually made their home in Coos Bay.

Cherri had a passion for gardening, with beautiful plants all around the home. She also loved family camping trips, hunting with Lee, outdoor activities, and to be surrounded by friends and family.

Cherri is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Leland Cordova of Coos Bay; son, Jason Cordova of Coos Bay; Daughter and son-in-law, Chasity and Richard Denton of Coos Bay; son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Lori Cordova of North Bend; and five grandchildren, Braden, Carter, Victoria, Ivan and Kendall; and numerous extended family members.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com and www.theworldlink.com. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

At her request, no public services will be held for Cherri Lynn Cordova, 57, of Coos Bay. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Cherri was born on July 12, 1960 in White City, to Clyde R. Jones and Gladys (Avery) Jones. She passed away in her home on Dec. 20, 2017 in Coos Bay, with her husband by her side.

Cherri was the middle of three children that included sister, Jeannie, and brother,



FRANK HENRY AMATISTO
DEC. 28, 1936 – DEC. 17, 2017

diately following the funeral Mass. A graveside committal will follow at Ocean View Memory Gardens Cemetery, 1525 Ocean Blvd., in Coos Bay. A public visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the North Bend Chapel, 2014 McPherson Ave.

Frank was born Dec. 28, 1936 in Lowell, Mass., to Enrico Amatisto and Marianna (Milinazzo) Amatisto. He passed away Dec. 17, 2017 in Modesto, Calif., with his family at his side.

Frank graduated from Downey High School in Downey, Calif., Class of 1954. He married Mary Strada June 2, 1956. In 1963 they moved to North Bend. Frank was self-employed and owned North Bend Towing for 31 years. In 2004 his daughter, Tina Amatisto and son-in-law, Imran Ali took over the family business.

Frank was a longtime member of the BPOE Elks Lodge No. 1160 and was past Oregon president from 1993-1994. He

was a longtime member of the Lions Club, North Bend Booster and Senior Center. He helped in getting the bingo started at the North Bend Senior Center. He served two terms as a city councilman in North Bend. He was a longtime member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus (4th degree). Frank loved to do the spaghetti feeds at the junior high school and cook pizza. Frank and his wife Mary also loved to house foreign exchange students as well. He loved to play cards with his family, especially pinochle, and he loved his politics.

Frank is survived by his children; son, Frank Amatisto Jr. and his wife, Melody Moon-Amatisto of Vancouver, Wash.; daughter, Linda Jordan and grandson, Mason Jordan of Turlock, Calif.; daughter, Tina Amatisto and son-in-law, Imran Ali and grandchildren Isabella Amatisto-Ali and Imran Amatisto-Ali, all of North Bend; son, Gino Amatisto of

Eugene; also, foreign exchange student, Roberto Ruscello and family of Turin, Italy.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Enrico and Marianna Amatisto; his four siblings; and his wife, Mary Amatisto in 2011.

Memorial contributions may be made in Frank's honor to the Elks National Foundation c/o Coos Bay Elks Lodge, 265 Central Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

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A funeral Mass will be held for Frank Henry Amatisto, 80, of North Bend, at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2250 16 St., in North Bend, with Father Henry Rufo presiding. A recitation of the Rosary will precede the Mass at 10:30 a.m. A reception will take place in the Parish Hall imme-



KAREN ANN ASHCRAFT
FEB. 20, 1957 - NOV. 29, 2017

A celebration of life for Karen Ann Ashcraft, 60, of Coos Bay, will be held from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 in the family dining room at The Coney Station in Coos Bay

Karen was born Feb. 20, 1957 in Illinois to Bill and Joanne Weiland. She passed away Nov. 29, 2017 at her brother, Steven Weiland's house, surrounded by loved ones, in Wilsonville.

At the age of 18 Karen moved from her parents home in New Jersey to Durango, Colo., where she met her loving husband of 37 years William Keith Ashcraft. Keith and Karen's travels led them to settle in Coos Bay where they raised their three children: Devin, Jesse, and Audra Ashcraft. At the age of 28 Karen returned to school, graduating from the University of Oregon with her teaching degree. She worked for the Coos Bay School District for 30 years. First at Madison Elementary and then Milicoma Intermediate School. She had a passion to shape young minds and a love for math as well as her fellow educators. Karen lived to make many happy memories for many people. She lived for laughter and joy, and nothing brought her more joy than her four grandchildren, Riley Rayne, Freja Anna-Lotta, Kyler Keith, and Uni Ann Ashcraft. She will be missed by many and remembered by all. To know Karen was to love Karen.

Leave a loving comment on the online obituary.



DORIS MAE CASTOR
JAN. 7, 1933 – DEC. 12, 2017

Doris grew up in Pixley, Calif. If you blink while driving past it on the 99 freeway, you just might miss it. It was the kind of town where everyone knew everyone. Kids were safe to roam the neighborhood, playing and having fun. One of Doris' fondest childhood memories was playing outside with friends, being pulled around in a little wagon. One friend in particular, a boy named Rebert, left quite an impression on Doris. He pulled her up and down the streets outside his family store. Years went by and that friendship formed into much more. They grew up, got married and had four boys whom they raised in that small town. They were married 61 years, until Rebert passed away in 2011.

Doris had a knack for baking. If someone gave her lemons she quickly turned them into lemon meringue pie. Her meringue making skills were impeccable. But it wasn't her lemon pies that she was famous for. She made the best chocolate cream pies, beautifully detailed pies. Down to the tasty and visually appealing graded Hershey bar garnishing the top. In addition to her baking skills, Doris was a master pickler. Her beets, pickles and peppers were a delicious culinary art form. One that would literally tickle your taste buds. She was best known

for her sweet and hot peppers. Her recipes were unique and she kept them heavily guarded.

Doris was a very hardworking woman who worked her entire life, not always out of necessity. She spoke of jobs being a way to keep her occupied. Even after retiring and moving to Coos Bay in 1997, she couldn't just sit idle. She decided she needed excitement in her life so she got a job at The Mill Casino. She worked at the casino up until she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was stubborn but strong. Her cancer was only a momentary setback; one she fought several times. In the end, it was not what took her life. She was 84 and other ailments had started creeping up.

Doris is survived by her sons, Michael F. Castor of Coos Bay and Mark B. Castor of Coos Bay; brother, Floyd Smith of Coos Bay; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 1 great great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband Rebert, she was preceded in death by her sons, Ronald N. Castor and Craig S. Castor.

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RICHARD "DICK" ALLEN PARSONS
SEPT. 9, 1931 - NOV. 4, 2017

In October 1949 Dick joined the U.S. Army driving trucks and performing construction, returning home in December 1952.

In 1955 Dick met a waitress in Cottage Grove named Alyce M. Hartgrave. On March 4, 1956 Dick and Alyce were married in Cottage Grove. They had four children Leo, Kevin, Teresa, and Karmen; all born in Cottage Grove.

Dick worked in the meat industry for many years in Drain, Eugene, Portland, Coquille, Myrtle Point. In 1974 Dick moved his family to Coquille. He worked at Coquille Pack for several years as a butcher, then in 1977 Dick and his wife Alyce opened Arago Custom Meats, a family ran meat processing business. In 1982 Alyce ran the business with their son Leo, while Dick went to fall trees.

Dick traveled several states falling timber while living in his fifth wheel, with his dog Hobo, working along side his brother, Jim. Dick loved falling timber and being in the woods! The last trees Dick fell was at 79

years old in his grandsons yard!

Dick enjoyed fishing, reading, keeping busy, educating his grandsons on hard work, and spending time with his family and friends. He was very proud of his kids and grandkids. The great-grandchildren were his love and delight!

Dick is survived by his children, Leo D. Parsons of Bend, Teresa M. Fjeld and Karmen C. Albertson both of Coquille; grandchildren, Joshua, Matthew, Michael, Dusty of Coquille, and Ty of Bend; great-grandchildren, Chase (3 years old), Whitney (4 years old), Karson (2 years old), and Aubrey (2 weeks old); sisters, Mary Jo and Vicki both of Aberdeen, Wash., Patty of Coos Bay; brother, Mikal of Cottage Grove.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alyce M. Parsons; second born son, Kevin D. Parsons; father, Rufus Parsons; mother, Arline B. Parsons; brothers, Rufus, Max, Lawrence, Jim, and Walt Parsons.

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RICHARD GUENTHER
APRIL 13, 1948 - SEPT. 20, 2017

years, he was an outstanding athlete for Coos Catholic Grade School and Marshfield High School, where he held several school records.

After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Alaska, a state he came to love. Upon completing his years of service, he became an engineer conducting porosity surveys for oil platforms in the Cook Inlet. It was in Kenai, Alaska that he met his German wife, Ingrid. He returned to Coos Bay where they were married and began a family, but he did not remain in the area, instead, he and his young family moved to Germany where he and his wife founded a successful marketing agency. He became an advocate for educational freedom in Europe, co-founding a legal organization in Germany as well as a Christian high school in Basel, Switzerland and supporting human rights causes around the world, traveling extensively.

Our beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, and uncle, Richard Joseph Guenther, 69, died in Maui, Hawaii, Sept. 20, 2017. He was born April 13, 1948 in North Bend, Ore., to John Emmel and Geraldine Clara Delsman Guenther, the sixth of 14 children. He grew up on the bay in Glasgow and enjoyed the outdoor life. In his early

He returned to the U.S., touring all 50 states with his family. He settled in New Mexico and then in Colorado, where he was diagnosed with colon cancer. The fight against cancer was a long and hard one. The last six months of his life he enjoyed in Maui with his wife and two of their sons, where the couple had taken their honeymoon. He died peacefully at his home in Maui surrounded by family. He was buried in the Maui Veterans Cemetery in the foothills of Haleakala, overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Throughout his life, his Christian faith was ever his central focus and he wrote several theological works, with a particular focus on understanding and applying the Trinitarian Doctrine of Christ (Heb 6:1,2). He was able to complete his writings less than two weeks before his death.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Ingrid; his five children, Klaus with his wife, Heidi and their daughter, Clara,



Minka, Hans, Josef, and Elke; as well as seven sisters and three brothers, and more than one hundred nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three of his brothers. We, his survivors, loved him very much and miss him terribly.

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CHARLOTTE W. JENNINGS
FEB. 27, 1936 – NOV. 13, 2017

with her family on a ranch near Center Point, Texas. She loved riding her horse, Double Grand, and caring for orphaned or injured animals on the property. She was a gifted student, and a fierce competitor at high school basketball. She attended Mary Baldwin University and Incarnate Word College; graduating in just three years with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. She later went to work for Celanese Corporation as a chemist.

Charlotte met Bob Jennings on a blind date in 1955, and spent many happy weekends that summer, dancing and honky-tonking in Bandera, Texas. She was his yellow rose of Texas. They later married, and flew to Germany where he was serving as an U.S. Army pilot. They were stationed all over the United States for the next 20 years, moving 21 times as part of life in the military. Charlotte was a loving, nurturing mother to three. She also opened her home and heart to her children's friends. Those needing a little

TLC or a shoulder to lean on could be found at the kitchen table with mom. Her legacy was her time spent making delicious meals, helping with homework, and cheering on her kids at school and sporting events. Later in life, she became a talented stained glass artist, making beautiful pieces for the family as well as commissioned works for others. She and Bob returned to Center Point, Texas after he retired from the military to help care for her aging parents. They ranched for a few years, raising a small herd of cattle and working a large garden.

Charlotte loved the Oregon coast, having discovered it while she and Bob traveled in their RV in later years. Her favorite activity was to watch the waves and pelicans, eat fresh Dungeness crab with a cold glass of Pinot Gris, followed by a rich chocolate dessert. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her, but especially by her husband, Bob of 60 years; her three children, Bob,



Alane and William; her younger sister, Kate; and her grandchildren, Jackson, Brittany, Ben and Aiden.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coos-bayareafunerals.com and www.theworldlink.com. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

A private family graveside service was held at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Coos Bay to celebrate the life of Charlotte W. Jennings, 81, of Bandon. She passed away peacefully on Nov. 13, 2017 in Coos Bay, with her family at her side.

Charlotte was born in El Paso, Texas to parents, Helen and George Walker. She spent most of her childhood working



JAYNE L. IRVIN JOHNSON
JUNE 16, 1960 – DEC. 1, 2017

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date to celebrate the life of Jayne L. Johnson, 57, of North Bend. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Jayne was born June 16, 1960, North Bend, to James L. Johnson and Madeline "Jackie" (Fellows) Johnson. She passed away at her home in North Bend Dec. 1, 2017.

Jayne graduated from North Bend High School, class of 1978. While attending NBHS she was a dedicated and competitive tennis player. She won many awards and placed at the state championships several years in a row.

Jayne married Roger Irvin in 1984, they later divorced. She worked for Merrill Lynch for several years. She returned in 1997 to the coast, where she and her long-time partner, Steve Ansbro, resided until her passing.

Jayne was an avid reader of biographies; she also loved to travel. She had a very gentle soul and a very special connection with animals, especially her four dogs.

In addition to her longtime partner, Steve Ansbro, Jayne also is survived by her brother, Randy Johnson and his wife, Cindy; two sisters, Tammy Andrews of Creswell and Karen Franklin of North Bend; numerous nieces and nephews; and extended family members.

Jayne was preceded in death by her parents, James Johnson and Madeline "Jackie" Rosenquist.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coos-bayareafunerals.com and www.theworld-link.com. Arrangements are pending with North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

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CHARLES JOHN LEIBELT
NOV. 7, 1939 – NOV. 25, 2017

County Wisconsin to James A. Leibelt and Norma H. (Schjoneman) Leibelt. He passed away Nov. 25, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center Roseburg, Ore., after a brief battle with cancer; surrounded by his wife and children who love and miss him dearly.

Chuck moved with his family from Wisconsin to Coos Bay/North Bend area in 1950. He attended St. Monica's School through eighth grade, then attended Marshfield High School. He graduated in 1957, then to Oregon State University from 1957-1959.

He returned to the Coos Bay area and began his longshore career in 1959 with the ILWU Local 12 Union. Where he was a longshoreman for 38 years until his retirement in 1997 from the waterfront.

Chuck married Virginia Nulf Oct. 31, 1959 and they had two children, Russ and Lyn D.. They lived at the Norway Ranch where Chuck long shored and ran cattle ranches in both Norway and Myrtle Point for approximately 40 years.

He moved to Myrtle Creek in 2007 and married Margaret (Peg) Krieschel March 13, 2010.

Chuck enjoyed woodworking in his shop, hunting, fishing, traveling and working on his railroad project. Travel highlights

included trips to Europe, Alaska, Arizona and fishing on the Rogue River.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Peg of Myrtle Creek; son, Russ and wife of Myrtle Point; Daughter, Lyn D. and husband Tracy of Coos Bay; grandchildren, Rachel Leibelt Farmer, Erika Leibelt, Courtney Paris and Sean Paris; great grand-daughters, Taelyn and Alivia farmer; brother, Richard "Dick" (Sue) Leibelt of Redmond; sister, Sandra (David) Larsen of Sweet Home; sister-in-law, Cindy Leibelt of Myrtle Point; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Norma Leibelt; brother, Boyd Leibelt; and grandson, Craig Leibelt.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to the Craig Leibelt Myrtle Point High School Basketball Memorial Scholarship fund at Umpqua Bank. The account is under the name Ann Leibelt.

Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with the family at www.westrumfuneralservice.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Services-Myrtle Point Chapel, 541-572-2524

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PHILLIP "MIKE" MICHAEL NOORLANDER
JAN. 15, 1938 - DEC. 15, 2017

worked for 33 years in the paper industry as a caustic operator and later as a pulp mill operator in Gardiner. He had various jobs throughout his life; plywood worker, dairy farmer, fuller brush salesman, construction worker, and temporary postal worker. He graduated from Reedsport High School in Reedsport and then attended one year at Brigham Young University in Utah.

Mike held various callings in the church, Sunday school counselor, and teacher. Elder's quorum president twice, home teacher, Sunday school president of gospel doctrine class, and branch president in Christmas Valley. He enjoyed taking his family fishing and spending time with them. He loved being a patron in the temple and would go twice a week until he was no longer able to. He lived in various places throughout his life until moving to Manti 13 1/2 years ago.

He married his sweetheart in the

Manti Temple July 1, 1960.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie of Manti; five children, Sandra Dawn and Lonnie Vella Peterson of Logan, Utah, Margaret Ann and Terry Bruning of Dumfries, Va., David Michael and Michelle of Reedsport, Susan Kim and Dean Cook of Junction City, and Steven Eric presently of Manti, Utah.

He leaves 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren with two more expected; siblings, Linda and Pete Mickelson of Manti, Utah, Steven and Carol Noorlander of North Bend, Judith and Robert Pulver of Layton, Utah; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents.

He was cremated and will be buried in the Manti Cemetery at a later date in the spring.

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Lois Ann (Leach) Dickson, surrounded by her family, went home to be with the Lord Dec. 1, 2017 at the age of 85. She was born Oct. 26, 1932 at McAuley Hospital in Marshfield, Ore., to Granville Leach and Thelma (DeLunay) Leach.

Lois is survived by her husband of 67 years, Bill Dickson; their children, Bill Dickson of Columbia City, Debbie Schade of North Bend, and Bob Dickson of Graham, Wash., Anne Gates of Fort Rock; and her sister, Mary Leach Newport of Reedsport. Lois and Bill have eight grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren scattered throughout the northwest, several nieces and nephews, and uncountable people whose life she touched with her love and friendship.

LOIS ANN (LEACH) DICKSON

OCT. 26, 1932 - DEC. 1, 2017

Lois spent nearly all of her life in Reedsport. When she was in sixth grade at Pioneer School she met the love of her life, Bill Dickson. She and Bill started their married life as a military couple while Bill served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, including being stationed in the Philippines. Bill and Lois returned to Reedsport with three small children, where they settled in to raise their family. During Lois's years working at Reedsport Union High School they met, and came to love Annie, who was added to the family.

Lois worked a few years as a secretary at Reedsport High School however, her career was primarily in the banking industry. She began working while in high school at Umpqua National Bank in downtown Reedsport as a teller. Through the years she continued to excel in banking, attended night school, and was in the first class to graduate from Southwestern Oregon Community College with her associate's degree, something she worked very hard to achieve while raising her family. She was part of NABW and eventually was promoted as the branch manager of the Reedsport branch of Bank of America. She and Bill also were longtime members of the United Presbyterian Church

in Reedsport, where she served on many committees and outreach programs

Her work was important to her and she touched many lives through her banking associations, and her church affiliations. But above all Lois loved doing things with her growing family and with her friends, including, camping, hunting, clam digging, fishing, and blackberry picking. After retirement Lois enjoyed more time on the golf course and traveling with Bill and many friends. Family gatherings were always a favorite for her. She saw the good in everyone she met. There isn't a person whose life was not blessed by knowing her.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions made in her name to the Wounded Warrior Project (Wounded Warrior Project, .PO. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517 or online at support.woundedwarriorproject.org)

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in Winchester Bay at the Harbor Baptist Church.

Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayarea-funerals.com and www.theworldlink.com.



DORIS MARY CLARKE

SEP. 3, 1923 - NOV. 28, 2017

A Funeral service for Doris Mary Clarke, 94, of Coos Bay, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 at Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave, Coos Bay. Pastor Don Berney will officiate. Interment will follow at Ocean View Memory Gardens. A Visitation will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary.

Doris was born Sep. 3, 1923 in Chipley, Fla., the daughter of Seth and Ida (Pleas) Spears. She passed away Nov. 28, 2017 in Coos Bay. Doris was raised and educated in Chipley, Fla. and moved with her family to southern California in the early 1940's. She was married to Harry D. Clarke and they made their home in southern California for many years before moving to Brookings for twenty years and then to Coos Bay in 1988.

Doris was a loving wife and mother. She belonged to several local garden clubs through the years and she loved to go dancing several times a week at the senior center.

She is survived by her son, Lynn D. Clarke of Coos Bay; daughter, Connie and Johnny Samarzich of West Bloomfield, Mich., and a sister-in-law, Diane Spears of Bridge.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry in 1990; her brothers, Charles Spears and Aubrey Bentley.

Contributions in her memory may be made to South Coast Hospice, 1620 Thompson Road, Coos Bay, Oregon, 97420, to whom the family would like to give many thanks.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216. Leave a loving comment at www.theworldlink.com.



MARY L. MILLER

JULY 21, 1942 - NOV. 30, 2017

Harold and Pearl (Southers) Brice, in Iconium, Mo. The family moved to Oregon in the late 1940s, settling in the Coos Bay-North Bend area. As a young child she had polio and was in the children's hospital in Kansas City, Mo. That was the era that the family of polio patients were quarantined for a period of time.

Mary attended Marshfield High School, married Aaron Fuller, they made their home in Florence, Ore., before settling in North Bend. Three children were born to this union. They later divorced and Mary returned to school attending Southwestern Oregon Community College to become a legal secretary. She then married Donald Miller and lived for a while, in Texas where she worked for a district attorney. Mary and Donald enjoyed many years of traveling, square dancing, and playing card and board games, until Donald died in 2007.

She was baptized at the Coquille Community Christian Church accepting Jesus as her savior.

She was a member of Bay Area Unit 34, American Legion Auxiliary joining in 1998.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Pearl Brice; their infant son, Bobbie Jack; Mary's infant son, Aaron; and spouse Donald Miller.

She is survived by her son, Ward Fuller daughter, Marci Ponto; grandson, David, Brandon, Justin and Jamie; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Leona Barnett of Salem, Ore., Rebecca Fields, Coos Bay Ore., Judith Critchfield, Kansas City, Mo., and Ramona Rohrs, of Milington, Tenn; brother, Harold Brice Jr. of Coquille; and many nieces and nephews.

The family thanks the staff of Bayside Terrace Memory Care for the loving care she received.

Contributions in her memory may be sent to one of her favorite charities, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to a charity of your choice.

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A graveside service will be held for Mary Louise Miller at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay followed by a memorial service at 1pm at first Christian Church, 2420 Sherman Ave., in North Bend.

Mary was born July 21, 1942. She passed away Nov. 30, 2017 in Coos Bay after a lengthy illness.

Mary was the fourth child born to



DIANE M. WILSKEY
SEPT. 2, 1960 - AUG. 26, 2017

Diane M. Wilskey, 56, of Coos Bay, passed away Aug. 26, 2017, six months after being diagnosed with cancer, with her loving family by her side in Salem. She is interred at Sunset Memorial Park in Coos Bay.

Diane was born in Seattle, Wash., to Jack and Joanne Wilskey. She moved to Oregon at the age of 10. She attended Marshfield High School and graduated in 1979.

She held jobs in the retail and restaurant industry when she could. She fought schizophrenia with every fiber in her body from the age of 15. Anyone who took the time to get to know her knew that she had a loving and forgiving heart.

Diane is survived by her mother, Joanne; brothers, Mike, Ron, Peter, and David; along with four nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Wilskey in 2001.

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GAYLE MARIE (SANDINE) HARGROVE

OCT. 24, 1937 - DEC. 9, 2017

Gayle attended the Oregon School for the Blind, in Salem, from age 5 through the 9th grade. She graduated in 1955 from North Bend High School in North Bend, and was active in choir and debate.

Gayle grew up sharing in everyday childhood life and adventures with her two older sisters, Jean and Leslyn. She was always very musical and was especially gifted with a beautiful voice. Gayle played the piano and autoharp. Her avocation was to share her talents; she performed in libraries, schools, churches, nursing homes, and special occasions. She wrote poetry and composed music for children, choirs, and for her husband. Gayle loved opera music and listened weekly her entire life. She was a consummate baseball fan, particularly of the Dodgers. She enjoyed a collection of bells. Gayle was very bright, an independent thinker and all did enjoy her sense of humor.

Three golden retriever guide dogs, from the Guide Dogs for the Blind (Rafael, Calif.), worked with Gayle and were part of her

family, Luster, Nifty, and Penny, plus Charlie, a pet dog.

Gayle graduated from Willamette University in Salem, with a bachelor's degree; she spoke French and Latin. She was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. She obtained her master's degree in speech from the University of Oregon, in Eugene.

In December, 1976, Gayle married Harold "Hal" Hargrove and they shared 41 years together. They lived in Oregon, California, Idaho and Washington. Both were involved in their church and Christian ministries.

Surviving family include her husband, Harold "Hal" E Hargrove of Salem; two sisters, Jean S. Monsebroten and Leslyn S. Danielson both of North Bend; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins; also a brother-in-law, Russel; and a sister-in-law, Dolores, and families.

The family suggests memorials can be dedicated to the ministry of their choice.

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JAMES "KEITH" OTT
MAY 19, 1923-DEC. 11, 2017

A graveside service will be held for James "Keith" Ott, 94, of Brookings, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Coos Bay.

James "Keith" Ott, known as Keith by his family and friends passed away in Brookings, Dec. 11, 2017. Keith was born on May 19, 1923 somewhere between Allegany and Coos Bay, on the launch of the Coos River. His father Jess Ott, who piloted the boat, stopped at a farm and picked up the wife of a farmer to act as midwife.

The only mode of transportation between Allegany and Marshfield (now Coos Bay) was by boat. His father Jess Ott owned a series of boats that carried passengers, milk cans from the many dairy farmers along the river, and anything that needed to be transferred to town. The boaters picked up shopping lists from the farmer's wives and did their shopping when they docked in Marshfield. Jess Ott, Keith's dad also had the mail contract and carried the mail to and from Allegany and Marshfield. The boat captains would drop off mail and shopping orders along the river and to the post office in Allegany.

Keith was an award winning scholar.

His elementary education was in Allegany and his high school was about 10 miles downriver at, Coos River High School. Yes, the children then went to school by boat. Keith remembered many picnics, school and social events that were facilitated by the boats. Some of the boats were steam powered stern wheelers.

After graduation from high school, as the class valedictorian and the third of the "Ott" siblings to win the Johnson Scholarship Cup, Keith started as an apprentice to Loyal Neish, who had a machine shop on the Marshfield water front. He spent one winter in Cleveland, Ohio learning special welding and machining techniques.

When World War II broke out, Keith wanted to join the U.S. Navy Seabees, but couldn't due to his eyesight. He could have joined to carry a rifle but that wasn't what he wanted. He elected to accept an industrial deferment and worked on building ships, The Liberty, Victory and minesweepers for the duration of the war.

On April 17, 1943, Keith married Alice Louise Rourke. Keith built their first house in Millington, Coos Bay on his father-in-

law's property. On Oct. 9, 1946, Keith and Alice welcomed twin sons, James Richard and John Rourke. James Richard passed away three days later.

Keith decided to go to work for Cape Argo Lumber Company to become the head millright. This job paid a few cents more than the job at Loyal Neish. He worked for Cape Arago Lumber for 10 years. He then built his own machine/diesel shop on the same site as the former Loyal Neish shop. This shop opened in the fall of 1960. He later relocated to a site in Charleston, on the Seven Devils Road.

On Sept. 23, 1996 Keith married Lois Seaman in Las Vegas, Nev. and they subsequently moved to Brookings.

Keith is survived by his wife, Lois Seaman-Ott; son, John Ott and wife, Sandy Ott; and numerous nieces, nephews and their progeny.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse James and Florence Edwards Ott; siblings, Harold Ott, Doris Calhoun, Carol Smith, and Joyce Gault; first wife, Alice; and infant son, James Richard.

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Evelyn Carol Madson, 99, passed away Oct. 21, 2017 in North Bend. She was born March 31, 1918, to Edward Kalouner and Mary Stengl in Chicago, Ill. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Buellton, Calif., where she grew up. Evelyn graduated from Santa Ynez High School in 1935 in a class of 21 students.

EVELYN MADSON

MARCH 31, 1918 - OCT. 21, 2017

In 1938 Evelyn married Benjamin Lupton, a petroleum geologist, and they moved to San Gabriel and later San Marino, Calif., where they raised two children, John and Mary Lou. When Ben Lupton died in 1964, Evelyn moved back to her roots in Buellton, Calif., and later built a house and moved to nearby Solvang. In 1975 Evelyn married Frank Giorgi, a cattle rancher who she had known since childhood. They moved to Little Shasta, near Yreka, Calif., where they bought a cattle ranch and lived a rural life for more than 20 years. When Frank Giorgi, died in 1999, Evelyn moved in to town in Yreka, Calif. In 2000, Evelyn married Don Madson, and they lived in a suburb of Yreka. After Don Madson died in 2008, Evelyn moved to Roseburg, and lived in a duplex with her daughter, Mary Lou. In 2014 Evelyn moved into a retirement facility in North Bend, where she lived until her passing in 2017.

Evelyn had an amazing life-force

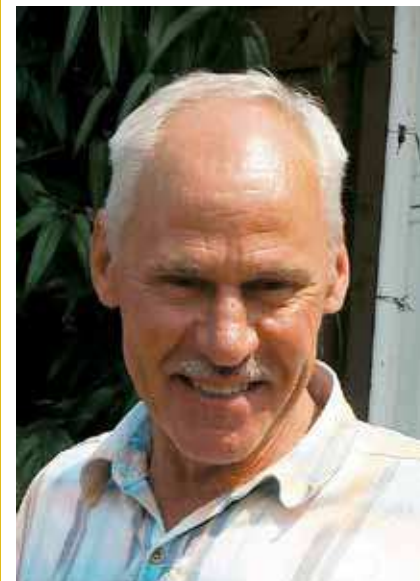
and enjoyed reasonably good health well into her 90's. She loved the outdoors, animals, horseback riding, gardening, and sewing. She was an avid reader, mainly of mysteries. She had a wonderful dry sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Mary Kalouner; her brothers, Calvin and Gerald Kalouner; and husbands, Benjamin Lupton, Frank Giorgi, and Donald Madson.

She is survived by her son, John Lupton; daughter, Mary Lou Dunn; grandchildren, D'nece Webster and husband, Greg, Tanya Costales and husband, Forrest, and Daniel Dunn and wife, Katie; and great-grandchildren, Alex and Jolene Webster, Cader and Levi Costales and Lyla Dunn.

No memorial service is planned. Her family plans to hold a graveside remembrance in the spring when her ashes will be interred at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Ballard, California.

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CHRIS STEVEN JACOBSON

NOV. 1, 1956 - NOV. 15, 2017

Chris Steven Jacobson, 61, passed away Nov. 15, 2017 at Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital in Vancouver, Wash. Chris was born in Coos Bay, on Oregon November 1, 1956 to Dolores Fincher and Clarence Jacobson.

Chris was raised up the Coos River. He attended Marshfield High School and Portland Community College where he studied diesel mechanics. He held various jobs throughout his lifetime. He worked as a truck driver, equipment operator and maintenance expert. His work ethic was valued by everyone who knew him. He gave every job he did 150 percent.

Chris was a gentle soul who wished no one any harm. He loved his children immensely and he was very proud of them. Chris especially enjoyed all the time he spent with his family. He loved being outside in nature and enjoyed going to the beach with his dogs.

Chris struggled with depression most of his life. He tried to understand it and fought it with everything he had. He will be greatly missed and always loved.

He is survived by both his parents, Clarence Jacobson and Dolores Fincher; stepmother, Barb Hoy and Kelly; stepsister, Cindy George and Mike; son, Matt Jacobson and Jessica; son, Jesse Jacobson and Jennifer; daughter, Christa Hentges and Teri and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Mike Jacobson; and sister, Kelly Jacobson Works.

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There is no planned service.



FRANCIS GROVE

DEC. 19, 1926 - NOV. 30, 2017

1926 in Myrtle Point, the fourth of eight children. He was raised in the nearby town of Powers, where he was a member of the 1944 state champion basketball team, earning first team all-tournament recognition for his play.

Frank graduated from Powers High School in 1944, after which he joined the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving from 1944 to 1946. After returning from the war, Frank attended Lewis & Clark University and the Oregon College of Education, competing in basketball and track and field at each school.

Frank married his sweetheart Mary Lou Wyland of Powers Sept. 2, 1950 at the Myrtle Point Catholic Church. The couple raised three sons Daniel, Stanley, and Henry in Myrtle Point.

Frank began a long, fruitful career as a teacher at the Bridge School in Coos County, followed by a two-year stint coaching basketball at Central Linn High School. He then became a fixture at Myrtle Point High School for 21 years as a history, math, and

geography teacher. In addition, he served for many years as high school principal and head coach for the basketball and track and field teams.

As coach, Frank led the basketball team to the state tournament five times, placing third in 1969. He was inducted into the Myrtle Point High School Hall of Fame in 2009 for his coaching excellence.

An avid outdoorsman, Frank enjoying hunting and fishing with his sons across Coos County. He also volunteered for many years at the Coos County Logging Museum, where he loved sharing stories of the early days of the timber industry in the area.

Frank is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; sons, Dan and Henry; brother, John; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, six of his siblings, and his son, Stanley.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Frank Grove Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made at Umpqua Bank in Myrtle Point

A memorial service will be held Francis "Frank" Kennedy Grove, beloved husband, father, educator, and coach Saturday, Dec 9, at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Myrtle Point. Frank passed away peacefully Nov. 30, 2017 at 90 years of age.

The son of Francis and Mary Agnes Grove, Frank (also known to his friends as Buckshot) was born Dec. 19,



**LEILA PATRICIA
BROWNSON**

JAN. 23, 1935 - DEC. 7, 2017

A memorial service for Leila Patricia Brownson, 82, of North Bend will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 at the North Bend Church of Christ, 2761 Broadway Ave., with Pastor Bryan Johnston, officiating. A potluck will follow in the church fellowship hall. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Leila was born Jan. 23, 1935 in Wheeler, Mont., to Paul Charles and Madge Rose (Morris) Holliday. She passed away at her home in North Bend, Dec. 7, 2017.

Leila is survived by her son, Clifford Brownson of North Bend; daughter, Leila "Diane Brownson of Spanaway, Wash.; sons, Darrel Brownson, and Rowdy Brownson, of North Bend; daughters, Kelli Brownson of North Bend, and Traci Ringle of Wichita, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Wallace Brownson.

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ELMER LLOYD DENNIS
JULY 11, 1937 – DEC. 10, 2017

Lloyd moved to Oregon with his brother James in 1958, where he worked at a Gyppo Sawmill in Deadwood. He was drafted into the U.S. Army September of 1960 and was stationed in Ft. Lewis, Washington, as a private (E-1) and then as a field communications crewman SP4 (E-4). On May 22, 1962 Lloyd married Margaret Ann Thrasher in Tacoma, Washington, where they met. He was honorably discharged four months later in September of 1962.

Lloyd and Marge moved to Coos Bay in 1962, where he started working for Weyerhaeuser as a fitter, benchman, and filer for many years. In 1972, he accepted a head filer position with US Plywood and moved the family to McCloud, Calif. then to Dunsmuir, Calif. due to lack of housing in McCloud. The mill shut down in 1980 and Lloyd moved on to work in various sawmills in Oregon, until he started

his own saw-filing business "Dennis Saw Shop" in 1989.

He loved to collect old cars and could often be found at car shows. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

Lloyd is survived by the children he raised, Mike Hougardy of Coquille, Alan Hougardy of Algon, Wash., Jim Dennis, Cheryl Dennis and Chris Dennis of Coos Bay; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; granddaughter, Lacey Rutheford, and great-granddaughter, Madason Rutheford.

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EMMA E. (BALLER) SMITH
OCT. 14, 1936 – DEC. 9, 2017

Emma was born Oct. 14, 1936 in North Bend, Ore., to James F. Baller and Mable M. (Govier) Baller. She passed away Dec. 9, 2017 in Coos Bay.

Emma was raised in Empire where she attended Empire Grade School. She graduated from North Bend High School, Class of 1954 and soon afterward attended Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, where she met her first husband, Samuel Ghattas. She traveled extensively with Samuel to Texas and New York, as well as overseas to Lebanon, Egypt, Canada, and ultimately returning back to North Bend with her children.

Emma owned and operated Em & M's Upholstery, serving the Coos Bay/North Bend area for more than 30 years. In 1986, Emma married her grade school classmate, Walter Smith, and they resided on the family farm until Walter's passing in 2016. Emma served as a volunteer and also as volunteer training coordinator at Bay Area

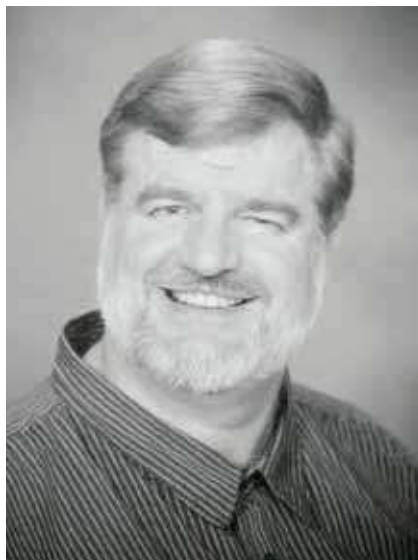
Hospital. Walter and Emma regularly attended the Bay Area Church of the Nazarene in North Bend.

Emma is survived by her son, Maurice Ghattas and his wife, Shelly; daughter, Mona Donalson and her husband, Bradley; stepdaughter, Marion Margalit and her husband, Ori; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Emma was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Smith; daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Mark Thompson of Stayton; her parents, James and Mable Baller of Broken Bow, Neb.; and brother and sister-in-law, William and Debra Baller of Broken Bow, Neb.

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ROBERT "BOB" PAUL BOWER
 JAN. 26, 1947 – NOV. 28, 2017

lowing a courageous battle with renal cancer. Bob earned a Masters of Arts degree in literature and taught at SWOCC from 1971 until the mid 1990's when he became Associate Dean of Transfer Credit. His true professional love was teaching. He was involved in the ACLU and OPB. He enjoyed playing cards, water exercise, genealogy and getting together with friends. He married Cynthia Solomon June 12, 1991.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cynthia Solomon of North Bend; son, Jared Bower Solomon of North Bend; daughter, Nora Bower of Vancouver, Wash.; brother, James Bower Sr., and his wife, Cindy Mengle of Trout Run, Pa.; brother, Richard Bower and his wife, Charmain Bower of Kingston, Pa.; sister, Joan Kennedy of Montoursville, Pa.; brother, Joseph Bower Jr. and his wife, Judy Bower of Pottsville, Pa.; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph William Bower Sr. and Dorothy Bower Strouse; and son, Adam Bower.

Bob touched many lives during his years as a teacher and advisor. In lieu of contributions, please share a story or memory at the service and online at www.coosbayareafunerals.com and www.theworldlink.com.

Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

A celebration of life gathering of family and friends will be held for Robert "Bob" P. Bower, 70, of North Bend, Saturday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. at Empire Hall, Lakeview Rooms E, F, and G, on the Southwestern Oregon Community College campus, 1988 Newmark Ave., in Coos Bay. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Bob was born Jan. 26, 1947 in Williamsport, Pa., to Joseph Bower and Dorothy (Saar) Bower. He passed away peacefully at his home in North Bend, with family at his side, Nov. 28, 2017, fol-



LLOYD ELROY BECHTEL
 MARCH 23, 1932 – DEC. 10, 2017

Gold Beach and Myrtle Point where he moved with his family in the fourth grade. He was married to Imogene Davis on Feb. 16, 1952 and they celebrated their 65th anniversary this year.

Lloyd worked in the woods as a young man, as a "whistlepunk" and a choker setter and later worked in the mills for Evans Wood Products in Gold Beach and 20 years for Weyerhaeuser in Coos Bay. He owned and operated a portable sawmill cutting myrtlewood and making clock faces and gun stocks.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, gardening, woodworking, playing the guitar, and most of all, spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by son, Randall; daughter, Kathleen; brother, Arthur; and infant brother, Edward.

He is survived by wife, Imogene Bechtel of Coos Bay; son, Kenneth Bechtel and Linda Rempelos of Coos Bay; son, Gary and Billie Bechtel of Mesa, Ariz.; son, Donald and Becky Bechtel of Cottage Grove; daughter, Diana Aimone of Bend; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending with Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, 541-267-4216.

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A funeral service will be held for Lloyd Elroy Bechtel, 85, of Coos Bay, 1 p.m. Saturday Dec. 16, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3355 Virginia Ave, North Bend. Interment will be at Ocean View Memory Gardens, Coos Bay.

Lloyd was born March 23, 1932 in Gold Beach, the son of Thomas and Mira (Miller) Bechtel. He passed away Dec. 10, 2017 in Coos Bay. He was raised and educated in

ROBERT LEE COOK
 MARCH 24, 1929 – DECEMBER 3, 2017

A potluck celebration of life for Robert Lee Cook, 88, of Greenacres will be held at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the family home, 93514 Upper Loop Ln., Coos Bay. A private burial will be at Myrtle Crest Memorial Gardens in Coquille.

Robert was born March 24, 1929 in Benton, Mo., to Lilburn and Mary Ruth (Henson) Cook. He died Dec. 3, 2017 at his Greenacres home.

He moved with his family to Coos Bay as a young child. He attended Coos Bay schools and graduated from Marshfield High School. He went to Chicago for a year to attend trade school and returned back to Coos Bay, working for Hansen Electric for 38 years as an electric motor winder. When Hansen sold he started Bob's Motor shop which he operated for another 10 years until he retired in 1991. Robert married Sharon McFarlane on Nov. 6, 1964 at the Greenacres Church.

Robert loved fishing and hunting. He also loved hunting for agates, watching birds, gardening and tending to his yard.

Robert is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sharon of Greenacres; son, Scott Cook and his fiancée, Linda Andrews of Coos Bay; brothers, Ed Cook and his wife, Judy of Myrtle Point, Ken Cook and his wife, Bonnie of Greenacres, Richard Cook and his wife, Louise of Creswell; sisters, Mary Ann Howell of Roseburg and Patsy Larsen and her husband, Gary of Silverton; grandson, Connor Cook and his wife, Kassie; and granddaughters, Erin Crooks and her husband, Justin, Jennifer Turnipseed and her husband, John. He also leaves six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Randy Cook; two brothers and one sister.

Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with the family at www.westrumfuneralservice.com

Arrangements are pending with Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service, 541-396-3846.

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JOSEPH "JOEY" STEVEN KNIGHT
 MAY 20, 1981 - DEC. 17, 2017

A celebration of the life of Bandon resident, Joseph Steven "Joey" Knight, will be held at a later time and date to be announced.

Joey was born May 20, 1981 in Norfolk, Va., the son of Larry Steven and Elizabeth Christine (Stausbaugh) Knight. He died Dec. 17, 2017 in Bandon at the age of 36.

He moved from Virginia to Medford as a child with his family. He was raised and educated in Medford.

In 2004, he moved to Bandon where he worked as a cook at the Station Restaurant. He had been working as a carpenter in home construction until the time of his death.

He enjoyed fishing and spending time with friends and family. He was very friendly, outgoing and generous with his time.

He is survived by his daughter, Makayla Knight; father, and step-mother, Larry and Terry Knight; sister, Katrina Knight; and his nephew, Logan France.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Chris Hand.

Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Bandon.

Friends may sign the guestbook at westrumfuneralservice.com.

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TRACIE ANN PALMER
JUNE 29, 1979 – DEC. 12, 2017

A graveside service for Tracie Ann Palmer, 38, of Coos Bay, will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Masonic Cemetery in Coquille, across from the high school. A gathering will follow at the Coquille Community Center, 105 N. Birch St. in Coquille. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Tracie was born June 29, 1979 in Coos Bay. She passed away peacefully in her sleep Dec. 12, 2017 in Coos Bay.

She lived in Coos Bay for the last 10 years. Prior to that, Tracie lived in Salem for 22 years. She graduated from the Mt. Angell Job Corps and worked at ESD with special need kids. After that, she went to work independently, also with

special need kids, and in addition, she also had some special need cats.

Tracie was an amazing “friend-mentor” to special need kids and animals. She truly had a special gift for them. Her whole life, she always brought home stray animals and kids. She had a very positive effect on people and will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her father, Jack Palmer from Coos Bay; and three brothers, David Palmer and Kurt Palmer, both from Salem, and Jack Jr. from Sacramento, Calif.

Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131.

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NATHAN WENDELL SMITH
APRIL 23, 1952- NOV. 25, 2017

Nathan “Wendell” Smith passed away at home Nov. 25, 2017 after a long battle with congestive heart failure. Wendell was surrounded with love from his spouse, children and their spouses, and his grandkids. Most of his life Wendell worked for Donald W. Thompson Construction and later worked part-time for North Pacific Security. After a debilitating accident in August 1991, his focus became his grandchildren. Babysitting and spoiling his grandchildren became his full time job.

Wendell is survived by his wife, Bonnie of Izee; son and daughter-in-law, Aaron and Sarah Smith of Philomath; daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Mike Holmgren of Lund, Nev.; and daughter and son-

in law, Karen and Joe Spencer of Izee; ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; brothers, Teddie and Danny Smith of Coos Bay; sister and brother-in-law, Marcey and Charlie Fullerton of Coos Bay; mother-in-law, Dorothy Parrish of Myrtle Point and step-father, Don Brandon of Coos Bay. He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Brandon and father, Ted Smith.

A celebration barbecue will be held in Myrtle Point in the spring per his request. Wendell loved hunting for deer and elk with his hounds. His dogs, Lightfoot, Kizzy, Sadie and Liz, will be waiting for him to go on a hunt again. We love you dad, papa and husband. Feel no more pain! Leave a loving comment at www.theworldlink.com.



ROBERT W. GRANT
FEB. 1, 1925 – DEC. 24, 2017

served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a crew chief from 1943 to 1945 in Iwo Jima and Guam. He was awarded two Bronze Stars. Robert returned to school to study forestry at Michigan State College, returning to the Air Force for two more years, then finished his schooling at Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Robert and Alice (Palmer) Grant were married in Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1954. He enjoyed working as a Boy Scout executive, commercial photographer and volunteered as secretary-treasurer for 17 years for the Rotary Club of Pendleton. He enjoyed his fellow workers and all the very special people he met along the way. He and Alice loved traveling, nature, history, exploring, camping, fishing, birding, Elderhostel adventures, Rainbow Bus Tours and their life and friends at Inland Point Estates.

Robert is survived by his wife, Alice M. Grant.

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PATRICIA (GAULT) CURTIS
JAN. 20, 1947 – DEC. 15, 2017

from Marshfield High School and attended Northwest Nazarene College in Napa, Idaho, before returning to Coos Bay.

She worked at Georgia-Pacific in Coos Bay, where she met her husband, George Curtis. They were married Oct. 2, 1976.

Patty was a long standing member of the Family Worship Center. She was actively involved and spent many hours helping others.

Although Patty did not have any children of her own, she loved her nieces and nephews and later her great-nieces and great-nephews.

Patty was preceded in death by her parents, Ava and Charles Gault; and husband, George Curtis.

She is survived by her sister, Pamela Gatzke; brothers, Duane Gault and Les Gault; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131.

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A private graveside service for Patricia Curtis, 70, of Coos Bay was held Dec. 19, 2017 at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Patty was born Jan. 20, 1947 in Turlock, Calif., to Ava and Charles Gault. She passed away Dec. 15, 2017 at her home in Coos Bay.

Patty's family moved to Coos Bay when she was 7 years old. She graduated



WILLIAM "BILL" C. GIBBONS
1929-2017

Bill was a University Of Oregon graduate, where he met his first wife, Diane. He was president of his fraternity, U.S. Air Force officer, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He married his second wife, Connie of Florence and they later divorced. Then he met his third wife, Betty, who he shared his life with up until recent passing. For the past 30 years or so, Bill owned and operated a successful real estate firm in Reedsport, assisting countless people with their real estate needs. Before moving to Reedsport, in 1972, he was in the car business in Eugene, achieving many top salesman awards. His life passion was boating and the water, and loved catching salmon out of Winchester Bay and the Umpqua River.

A memorial service will be held for Bill Gibbons, of Reedsport, formerly of Eugene, at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Reedsport Foursquare Church, 2900 Frontage Rd, Reedsport. He passed away peacefully at his home Dec. 18, 2017. He was surrounded by family, he departed knowing he was loved and blessed.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Susan Winnett of The Dalles; two sons, Jim Gibbons and Kent Gibbons both of Eugene; 12 grandchildren, and



many great-grandkids.

Bill was preceded in death by his loving wife, Betty; eldest son, Ted; and first wife, Diane "Virginia" of Eugene.

He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

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TERESA "TERRI" JOY KINNAIRD
NOV. 15, 1957 - DEC. 12, 2017

Services will be held for Teresa "Terri" Joy Kinnaird, 60, of Coquille, 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017 at Blossom Gulch Elementary School. She went to be with her Lord Dec. 12, 2017. Terri was born in Miami, Florida Nov. 15, 1957 to Robert and Jane Ashley, however, she grew up in Oregon and graduated from Crow High School in 1975.

Terri was energetic and articulate and always had a passion for childhood education. Prior to obtaining her Oregon Teacher's Certificate and Master's in Education, she worked in childcare and foster care. When she finished college, she began working as a second-grade teacher at Blossom Gulch Elementary and worked there up until her passing.

Terri had a love of travel. She had been to more than 46 states and Canada in her lifetime. She loved visiting national parks and had a book to stamp for all the parks she had visited. She was planning on getting a stamp for them all in the future. One of her best vacations was the summer of 2016 when she was able to visit 13 states with her husband, Mike.

Terri was preceded in death by her father, Robert Ashley. She will be forever remembered and survived by her mother, Jane Ashley; husband, Mike Kinnaird; children, Kenneth and Elana Volner; granddaughter, Alexa Joy Pederson; stepchildren, Marshall, Taylor, and Megan Kinnaird; and her siblings, Rachel Wagner and Anthony Ashley. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and students.

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DOROTHEA BELLE WHITELINE YANTIS
MARCH 7, 1929 - DEC. 14, 2017

and extended family. She married Robert Addison Yantis, June 28, 1947 in Klamath Falls. They attend Oregon State University in Corvallis together, where Robert earned his college degree. Three daughters were born to the family, Aletta Elizabeth Yantis, Kathleen "Taffy" Edna Yantis, and Terri Lee Yantis. The family moved to Coos Bay in 1953.

Dorothea had an outstanding career with Weyerhaeuser Company, retiring in 1994 as regional purchasing manager after 40 years with the company. She then established her own business, Arago Business Systems, and also worked for the Coos Art Museum, retiring again in 2004.

Dorothea was very active in the community. She was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. She and Robert helped build Pacific View Presbyterian Church in what was then called Empire. Other civic organizations of which Mrs. Yantis was a member and officer included ABWA, Soroptimists, Toastmistress, PTA, as well as numerous volunteer activities in the Coos Bay/North Bend community.

Mrs. Yantis was very active in Masonic organizations including Job's Daughters, Amaranth, White Shrine and Eastern Star, in which she held leadership roles. She was grand guardian of Job's Daughters from 1987 to 1988 and was grand secretary Emeritus of

the Order of the Amaranth.

Dorothea also was very active in the Little Theatre on the Bay. She was awarded their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 for her many years of participation on the Board of Directors and in stage production, lighting design, play direction, ticket sales and box office management, recognizing her part in keeping the organization active through the slowdown in the economy.

Other awards given to Dorothea Yantis include Woman of the year and Boss of the Year.

Dorothea was an avid reader, loved gardening, loved the arts, and loved her community. Most of all she loved her family, family activities and family gatherings. She was a brilliant woman, a pioneer in the advancement of respect for all women.

Dorothea is survived by two of her daughters, Kathleen Yantis Potter, and Aletta Yantis Shores; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Little Theater on the Bay, (building fund) P.O. Box 404 North Bend, OR 97459 or to The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation at <http://www.oramaranth.org/philanthropic.html>

Arrangements are under the direction of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service-Bay Area, 541-269-2851

A Masonic memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Dorothea Belle Whiteline Yantis, 88, of Coos Bay, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at the Masonic Lodge, 400 Market Ave., Coos Bay.

Dorothea, passed away near Olympia, Wash., Dec. 14, 2017. She moved to Washington from Coos Bay, in June of 2014 to be near family. She was born March 7, 1929 in Klamath Falls, to James Whiteline and Eva Allison and was raised on the family ranch by her grandmother, Katie Euphemia Whiteline



BETTY JANE MAY
FEB. 5, 1927 – DEC. 22, 2017

vice will be held at noon, Tuesday, Jan. 2 at Roseburg Memorial Gardens, 1056 NW Hicks St., in Roseburg.

Betty was born Feb. 5, 1927 in Missouri, to Jim and Alta Daniels. She passed away Dec. 22, 2017 in Coos Bay.

Betty was a very loving and caring Christian woman. She loved hugs and was loved by everyone that met her.

She is survived by her sons, James Coffman, Gary May, Terry May of Roseburg and Jim May of Las Vegas; daughters, Diane Coffman, Belinda Geyer-Brown of Roseburg, and Barbara Johnson of Las Vegas, Nev.; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George May.

Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com or www.theworldlink.com

A public visitation for Betty Jane May, 90, of North Bend, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, Dec. 29 at Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Ave., in Coos Bay. A funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the Church of God of North Bend, 1067 Newmark St., in North Bend, with pastor Gary Robertson, officiating. A graveside ser-

WILLIAM JOHN COCHRAN
AUG. 17, 1940 - OCT. 30, 2017

William John Cochran passed away Oct. 30, 2017. Bill was born Aug. 17, 1940 to Reanous and Annie Lee Cochran. A native of Coos Bay, he attended Marshfield High School, Class of 1958. Upon graduation, he volunteered for the U.S. Army and spent three years in the service, most of that time in Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1961.

Having never been much of a student, he went to work for the Bureau of Land Management. After battling the cold and poison oak, he decided college was a better alternative. He attended Southwestern Oregon Community College and then finished his bachelor's degree in general social science at the University of Oregon, Class of 1967.

While at U of O, he met Judy Ferguson when he helped her move into the building where he was already a tenant. Their first date at Dunkin' Donuts was a success, and they married in 1968.

A product of the '60s with a desire to serve, Bill spent more than 30 years in various social work positions. He worked

for the elderly, families, and children, mainly in the McMinnville community. He was well-respected among his clients, and received an award in 1990 for intervening in a dangerous situation to save a client, even at risk to his own life.

After retiring in 1998, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Judy (including trips to Hawaii, Paris, Italy, Canada and Greece), visiting different coffee shops, gardening, and especially thrift shopping - his biggest coup being a surprisingly stylish suit purchased for his son's wedding for under \$5.

Bill is survived by his wife of 49 years, Judy Cochran; son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, John, Heather and Arya Cochran; brother and sister-in-law, Reanous and Sandy Cochran of Springfield; and sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Allen Kelley of North Carolina.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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CHARLIE "PA" CREW
MARCH 9, 1922 – NOV. 29, 2017

A celebration of his life will be announced later and will be held this spring or summer for Charlie Hofsess Crew, 95, of Bandon he was born March 9, 1922 in Langlois. Cremation rites have been held. He passed away Nov. 29, 2017 in Coos Bay on Velma's birthday. Charlie married Velma Howard in 1941. They lived in Bandon until retirement, when they moved to their dream property on The Sixes River. Velma passed in 2002. Charlie lived at Pacific View for five years before his death.

Charlie was a proud veteran who fought under General Patton in World War II, serving overseas in the U.S. Army. He was a tank commander and often said that "Patton and I won the war."

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Velma; brother, James Crew; sister, Betty Hanson; and parents, James and Essie Crew.

He is survived by his son and wife, Greg and Jan Crew of North Bend; daughter, Linda and Gary Zacrisson of Veneta; sister, Martha Crew Zwetz of Sixes; many loving grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; many nieces; and many nephews.

We love you, Pa. You will be missed by many!

Arrangements are pending at Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 541-267-4216.

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KATHLEEN ANN DAVIS
APRIL 24, 1942 - NOV. 18, 2017

Long time Coos County resident, Kathleen Ann Davis, passed away Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 from complications of dementia. She spent the last couple of years in Michigan where she was cared for by her daughter, Colleen. She was an active member of Relay for Life in Coos Bay and spent many hours baking and sewing for the cause. She is survived by two sisters, Nancy and Susan, who she enjoyed long talks with every Sunday. She is also survived by her four children. Colleen, who sacrificed many, many hours of personal time to provide care and love that only a daughter could provide. She made sure that her mom did not need anything in her final days and kept her spirits up by showing and filming videos of family that she could enjoy. Her son James, who visited her when he could and called to offer support to his sister while she cared for their mother. Her son Larry, who always loved his mom and had a tough time dealing with her condition. Her son, Jerry, who visited his mom on several occasions and offered support to Colleen and sent many videos to his mom to try and keep her spirits high. Colleen and Jerry worked very hard together to keep Kathy in high spirits all the way until her death.

Kathy worked hard her entire life. She worked as an 8-track repair person, as a cashier at Bandon Bait Shop, and even owned her own antique shop with her husband. Her proudest personal accomplishment was when she got her nursing degree and started working with the elderly and mentally challenged. She really enjoyed being around people who needed help and attention which allowed her "giving heart" to show. Everyone she touched always had kind words to say and always mentioned how hard she worked. In her off-time, Kathy loved crocheting and making quilts. All her kids and close friends have something given to them that Kathy has hand made for them and each one has a special message or meaning.

Kathy loved all her children and sacrificed a lot to make sure that the family never had to do without. She worked long hours and still had time to make sure all the kids had a warm meal after school. She was the mom who would clean her kids' house and fill the refrigerator while they were at work just to make sure they had food and a super clean home to come home to. Kathy will be missed by all. There will not be any services. Her ashes will be spread in Bandon in the spring.

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