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LEONIA SVOBODA

NOV. 23, 1918 - FEB. 9, 2017

After high school graduation while she was still 17, she moved from the family farm into Stillwater, Okla., to work and earn funds to attend college. She worked three years as a nanny, grocery store clerk, in a cleaner and as a clerk in Penney's Department Store so she could attend Oklahoma State College for one year.

She married a fellow college student, Alfred Garcia Nov. 4, 1939. Their son, James Allen, was born Jan. 10, 1941. Alfred died as an U.S. Air Force pilot in World War II in November 1943.

As a widow her complete focus was to care and provide for her son. She worked for Ingham Lumber Company as a book-keeper.

In 1945 she became reacquainted with a longtime family friend, John Svoboda. He had come back to visit family in Oklahoma after working one year in Oregon as a logger. It was pretty much "love at first sight" for John and Jim. After a year of correspondence and John's visits from Oregon back to Oklahoma they decided to become a new family of three. Leonia and Jim packed up and traveled by train to Oregon. On April 28, 1947 Leonia and Jim married John and lived in Reedsport in the new EK Woods company housing. On March 4, 1948, their daughter, Donna, was born. In 1959 they had the first all-electric home in

Reedsport built. She remained living in that home until two months ago.

Leonia went from working out of the home as the provider in Oklahoma to a homemaker and volunteer in the community in Oregon. She gave great effort to make her home a peaceful refuge. She loved being a wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of the Highland Baptist Church from 1955 to 1965. In 1965 when the Reedsport Christian Church was being formed she joined the congregation and worshiped there until December 2016. She was so happy to attend the celebration of their 50th anniversary.

Leonia was preceded in death in 2010 by Johnny, her husband of 63 years; her parents and all of her brothers and sisters, Melvin, Gertrude, Wesley, Earlie, Riena, Pearl, Victoria, Ora, Clara Emma and Faunetta; and her dear granddaughter, Nicole Svoboda.

She is survived by her son, Jim and Linda Svoboda; daughter, Donna and Mike Train; grandchildren, Marchauna (Svoboda) Rodgers, Tammie (Svoboda) Kranick, Connie (Train) Waggoner, Ron Train, Jon Train; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dunes Memorial Chapel, 541-271-2822.

JAMES HAMMACK

SEPT. 22, 1934 - FEB. 9, 2017

James Dale "Jim" Hammack passed away Feb. 9, 2017 in Bandon, with family members beside him at the age of 82.

He was born Sept. 22, 1934, in Myrtle Point, to parents Emmett Hammack and Perna (Barklow) Hammack.

He is survived by brother, Marvin Hammack; sister, Shirley Jones; daughters, Gale Putnam, Lori Vanderzanden, and Jamie Cunningham; sons, Darren Hammack, and Brian Hammack; grandchildren, Kyle Putnam, Shawn Vanderzanden, Sarah Vanderzanden, Erica Shaw, Brandon Shaw and Megan Hammack; and great-grandchildren, Emma Putnam, Riverly Truax and Oakley Shafer.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Amling/Schroeder Myrtle Point Chapel, 404 Seventh St., in Myrtle Point. No graveside or other official gatherings to follow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service, Myrtle Point Chapel.



RICHARD PETTITT

APRIL 20, 1933 - NOV. 29, 2016

ing eyes, and loved helping the helpless.

Achieving many trophies, medals, and honors for academics, baseball, livestock judging, and team work during his years in school and in the United States Army, Joe was a gifted and quiet man, always thinking of others before himself, and humble about his many achievements. He graduated from the University of California at Davis with a bachelor's degree in agriculture, and then went on to earn his PhD as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1963.

After graduating, Dr. Richard "Joe" Pettitt was a valuable employee at Midway Veterinary Clinic in Caldwell, Idaho as well as Hermiston Veterinary Hospital in Hermiston, Ore. He started his own practice in Bandon, Ore., in 1966, practicing there until his retirement at age 61 in 1994.

While in practice, Dr. Pettitt touched many lives along the Oregon coast as he cared for and doctored animals. He was deeply loved, and a blessing to many, preferring to do business with a hand shake

and his word. He often sat quietly with grieving pet owners, sometimes giving them a smile or a hug instead of a bill.

After retiring in 1994, Joe treasured time spent with his wife, children, and church family as well as the many hours spent in his garden and with his animals. He prayed daily for those he knew and loved. If he knew your name, you were special to him. One of his greatest joys was growing enough fruit and vegetables to share with friends and neighbors, and enough carrots to lovingly share with his horses all winter long.

His life was gentle with a sweet and quiet depth. He saw good in everything and, as his health declined, he looked forward to a new life in Heaven with no more pain.

He went home to be with the Lord Nov. 29, 2016 in Richland, Wash. He was 83 years old and is survived by his wife and best friend of 34 years, Donna Pettitt of Richland, Wash.; daughters and sons who he cherished: Karen Pettitt Shaw of Pendleton, Ore., Amy Pettitt-Delia of

West Linn, Ore., Molly Smith Bemetz of Bandon, Ore., Thomas Pettitt of Goldendale, Wash., Steven Pettitt of Pullman, Wash., Matthew Pettitt of Corvallis, Ore., Zachary Pettitt of Los Angeles, Calif., Jamerson Simpson (fka Jeffrey Pettitt) of Lebanon, Ore., Brian B. Cashatt (fka Benjamin Pettitt of Troutdale, Ore.); his beloved brother, David Pettitt of Poway, Calif., and half-brother, Dan Weston of Portland, Ore.; 18 precious grandchildren, Tyler Holst, Ryan Holst, Maryssa Smith, K'myn Pettitt-Delia, Alanna Smith, Jonathan Shaw, Elisabeth Shaw, Lyndzie Meeds, Rebekah Shaw, David Shaw, Riley Pettitt, Reece Pettitt, Rachel Shaw, Savannah Simpson, Adeline Shaw, Jozlyn Simpson, Aunalee Simpson, Carter Fredericksen; and numerous nieces and nephews who he loved very much.

Memorial contributions can be made in Dr. Richard J. Pettitt's name to Vic Kondo, International Outreach Ministries, P.O. Box 2140, McComb, MS 39649.



SHARON E. DUDLEY

AUG. 30, 1938 – FEB. 3, 2017

Sharon grew up in Washington state, as well as Langlois, graduating from high school there with the Class of 1956. During high school she took on her stepfather's last name of Groleau. She married Fred Robbins the day after graduation and together they had a son, Randy, in 1957 in Canyonville. Sharon would later marry Daniel Cooper and they had a daughter, Kelly, in 1964. They later moved to the Coos Bay area and subsequently to Reedsport in 1969. She married Paul Dudley in 1989.

Sharon enjoyed living in Reedsport. She had numerous friends, as well as family members who lived in Reedsport during the 1970's, 80's and 90's. Her passion was her family, being a homemaker and her faith in Jesus Christ. She was a faithful and devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. She would never forget a birthday and was very giving to anyone in need. During her years in Reedsport, she took many exercise classes, enjoyed attending church, bowled on leagues with her husband and enjoyed drives to Winchester Bay to see the ocean. She was involved in dance classes during her childhood and carried that love throughout her life. Sharon was

an avid country music fan and always kept up on current country music videos. She attended many concerts, but Keith Urban and Elvis Presley were her favorites. Her favorite season was Fall and she loved daffodils. Sharon was friendly and kind to everyone until the very end. She had a sweetness that made all who knew her feel better. She will be greatly missed.

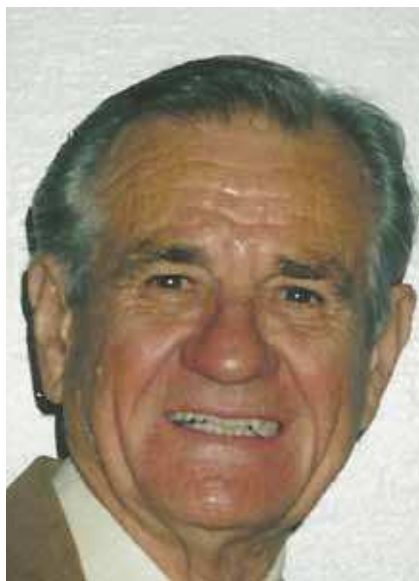
Sharon is survived by her son, Randy Cooper of Springfield; daughter, Kelly Kroeger and her husband, Rich, of Nampa, Idaho; grandsons, Brandon and Derek Cooper, Kyle and Tyler Kroeger; granddaughters, Tasha Duty and Krysta Virgin; as well as 11 great-grandchildren. Sharon was very close to her brother, Stan Groleau and his wife, Connie of Newberg; and sister, Delora Bunce, of Newberg; sisters, Lawana Reid of Keizer, Kaye Bloomquist of Salem, Rhonda Beach of Wenatchee, Wash.; and all of their children.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Bertha Decker; husband, Paul J. Dudley; as well as her sister, Dixie Matson; brother, Rod Groleau; and first great-grandchild, Broden.

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

A celebration of life will be held at a later time this summer for Sharon E. Dudley, 78, of Salem, formerly of Reedsport. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Sharon was born Aug. 30, 1938, in Sandpoint, Idaho to Lee Decker and Bertha (Roos) Decker. She passed away peacefully Feb. 3, 2017, in Salem.



WAVE YOUNG

APRIL 6, 1923 - FEB. 16, 2017

served as senior class president, to go to Detroit to drive cars back to Tennessee from the brother-in-law who inspired him.

He went to work for DuPont right out of high school and transferred from Alabama to Hanford, Wash., where he and co-workers all "failed" their World War II draft notice physicals. They were needed for a very secretive war related project. He remembered when General Groves, who was head of the Manhattan Project, told a select group of employees that once their project was operational the war would be over - and it was. Japan unconditionally surrendered.

After the war, assisted by beloved younger brother, Henry, he started used car lots in the Tri-Cities, Wash., area. On April 30, 1948, he married Fredda Ratliff and his "favorite daughter": and only child was born a year later. Patricia Armbrust of Scio, her son Chad and Chad's two sons survive Wave. The young family moved to

Newport, Wash., and at the age of 26 Wave had his first new automobile franchise. It was while there he started a lifelong commitment to the children of the world by becoming a member of Kiwanis. He also noted that flying was a faster mode of transportation and learned to fly his first airplane.

Leaving the snow at Newport he moved to North Bend in 1954 and built the Young's Pontiac building which is located behind what is now Wendy's in Coos Bay. He later built the first car dealership on Ocean Boulevard where he had the Oldsmobile/Cadillac/Mazda/Jeep franchises until selling them in 1986. Over the years he had earned his multi-engine pilot's rating and co-owned Coos Aviation. In 1968 he was elected governor of the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis, covering the area from Northern California to the panhandle in Idaho as well as British Columbia, Alaska and the Yukon. Keeping his commitment to serving the less fortunate and espe-

cially the youngsters, he also was a longtime supporter of the Salvation Army and at the time of his death was the Coos Chapter's Advisory Board's Life Member. He planned to never retire and kept his hand in business ventures until shortly before his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, all of his siblings, his wife and a huge number of lifelong friends. In addition to his daughter and her family he is especially mourned by his sister-in-law, Margie Howard; and two longtime buddies, Polaris Simones and Charlotte Koepke; as well as close to his heart relatives in the South with whom he kept in phone contact all these years.

Cremation and arrangements conducted by Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary. Please bring your memories to Wave to his celebration of life at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at the Salvation Army Fellowship Center, 1155 Flanagan Ave., Coos Bay.

JOHN HENSLEY

AUG. 6, 1934 - FEB. 8, 2017

A funeral service for John Hensley, 82, of Coquille, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the Coquille Chapel of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service, 94105 Rink Creek Lane in Coquille, with Pastor Tom Osborne officiating. Viewing will be from 9 a.m. until service time on Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Coos Bay.

John was born Aug. 6, 1934, in Blackwood, Virginia to Hobert and Mary (Stipes) Hensley. He died Feb. 8, 2017, at his home in Coquille.

He moved to Coquille in 1962 from Blackwood, Va., and went to work at the Georgia-Pacific mill in Coquille. He worked there for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He loved his family and the Lord and he also enjoyed watching Jimmy Swaggart and "Days of Our Lives."

John is survived by his sisters; Annetia Justice of Coquille, Loretta Church and her husband, Darrell of North Bend; brother, Robert Hensley and his wife, Kelli of Walton; he also had numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service - Coquille Chapel, 541-396-3846.



TUCKER SHERMAN JULY 31, 1996 – JAN. 28, 2017

for the outdoors. His favorite places to be were out in the dunes and up in the hills, hunting and shooting. Tucker had an outspoken, sarcastic wit and loved to make people laugh. He enjoyed being on the go and socializing. Tucker never met a stranger and he loved any opportunity to spend time with family and friends. He was a caring person who impacted a lot of people's lives. His big blue eyes and smile will be missed; he was deeply loved.

He is survived by his parents, as well as sisters, Parker and Rhenner Stocker of Coos Bay; sister, Hallie Sherman of Coos Bay; grandparents, Bert and Linda Beaver of North Bend; grandparents, Clint and Sallie Haynes of Coos Bay; grandparents, Pete and Janet Sherman of Myrtle Point; grandparents, Ed and Lanette Stocker of Coos Bay; as well as a large extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, who loved him dearly. He had a special place in his heart for Nakayla Green.

A celebration of Tucker's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway Ave., in North Bend. Bring photos and memories to share, and favorite side dish welcomed, not required.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 541-267-4216.

Tucker Kobe-Joseph "Tucker Joe" Sherman was the dearly-loved son of Joe Sherman of Prineville and Kristi and Brison Stocker of Coos Bay, born July 31, 1996, in Coos Bay. He died Jan. 28, 2017, in North Bend.

As a child, Tucker loved riding his bicycle and motorcycle, and playing sports. He was raised and educated in Coos Bay, graduating high school in 2014. He was employed with L.A. Logging as a choker setter, a job that he truly enjoyed because of his deep appreciation

ELAINE PARRISH 1927 - 2016

A celebration of life for Elaine Parrish will be held 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan 8 in the Myrtle Wood Room of Coos Bay Library.

She was born in Ohio in 1927. She "climbed the celestial stairs" Nov. 24, 2016, after a brief illness. Mrs. Parrish is survived by Luke, Jed, and Jocelyn Parrish, and four grandchildren.

JUNE KORENKO JUNE 9, 1926 - JAN. 27, 2017

A memorial service for June Korenko, 90, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the First Presbyterian in Bandon, where she was a member for 59 years.

June is survived by her sister and best friend, Barbara Dodrill; daughter, Susie Jones and husband, Stan; son, Billy Korenko and wife, Cindy; nephew, Walt Dodrill and wife, Sue; niece, Nona Scott and husband, Jerry Calame; grandchildren, Ashley

Newell and husband, Brandon, Rocky Jones and wife, Jessica, Shelby Jones, Kim Korenko, Alan Korenko and David McMahon; great-grandchildren, Jayvin and Logan Newell, Tatum and Remi Jones; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Bill Korenko.

Donations in June's memory may be made to the Presbyterian Educational Gift Fund.



VIRGINIA CHRISTENSEN FEB. 3, 1928 — JAN. 21, 2017

Park. The elder Thompsons were mountaineers and avid campers, and they led their five children on many a hike and climb in Oregon and Washington.

In 1944 the family moved to Iowa City, Iowa, where her father taught navigation to U.S. Navy pilots in training. Virginia graduated from University High School in Iowa City in 1946. She returned to Oregon after graduation and worked as a shorthand-typist in the Eugene office of the higher education chancellor.

She entered the University of Oregon in 1947. She majored in English and roomed in University House, where she became friends with a girl from Coos Bay named Eunice Peterson. During their summers Virginia and Eunice worked as singing waitresses at Paradise Lodge on Mount Rainier. On her days off, Virginia donned hiking boots and rambled all over the mountain.

Eunice introduced Virginia to her handsome brother, Bert Peterson, who was building several sawmills in Coos and Curry counties. Soon Bert was driving regularly from Coos Bay to Eugene (and, during summers, all the way to Mount Rainier) to visit his sister and his sweetheart.

Virginia graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. In 1951 she and Bert Peterson

were married. They moved to Coos Bay, into a house Bert built for her. While he tended his sawmills, she cared for their first three daughters, Gail, Melinda, and Lauren. Daughter number four, Leslie, came along after the family moved to Port Orford in 1957. The Petersons returned to Coos Bay in 1959. Virginia played the organ at Emmanuel Episcopal Church and took her girls to many musical and cultural events. They also enjoyed hiking, camping, and picnics at the beach.

The family moved to Ukiah, Calif., in 1965. She and Bert divorced soon after, and Virginia began her career as a social worker. In 1968 she moved with her daughters to Vancouver, Wash., and earned a master's in social work from Portland State College in 1970. She worked in Oregon's adult and family services agency in Salem, and then opened a private practice helping elderly and disabled clients. On weekends she took the girls hiking and backpacking. She climbed Mount Rainier with her brother Paul when they were both well into middle age.

Her retirement was one long adventure. She journeyed to Boston to set foot on ancestral turf—Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor. She spent a year in Chengdu, China, teaching English to university students. She

saw Paris, Tahiti, Moscow, Uzbekistan, Tibet, Denali, Australia. She traveled the blue highways of the West in her little red camper, Rosebud.

In 2001, back in Iowa City for a high school reunion, she got reacquainted with Marvin Christensen—they'd both sung in a school production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Iolanthe. They were married and lived in Marvin's lake house in northern Minnesota in the summers and wintered in Texas. They moved to Oregon in 2005, settling finally in Ashland. Marvin died in 2013.

Virginia is survived by her sister, Ann (Thompson) Neuman; sister-in-law, Eunice Peterson; daughters, Gail (Peterson) Wells, Melinda Peterson, Lauren (Peterson) Chilson and Leslie (Peterson) Stone; stepdaughter, Barbara Christensen Kamp; stepson, Steve Christensen; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She lived boldly, loved deeply, held her opinions fiercely, and always cherished a good debate. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 717 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland. Please send condolences, memories and happy thoughts to Leslie Stone, 700 Windemar, Ashland OR.

Virginia Christensen, 88, of Ashland, Ore., died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017.

She was born Virginia Thompson in Portland, Ore., to Matthew Roy and Helen King Thompson. The family lived in Portland, then Ashland, Prairie City, Salem, Sweet Home, and finally Monmouth, where her father was principal of the high school. She had fond early memories of Ashland, where as a small child she rode her tricycle down Church Street to the fountain in Lithia

DONALD PIERCE

JAN. 6, 1935 – FEB. 16, 2017

At his request, no public services will be held for Donald "Don" Wayne Pierce, 82, of Coos Bay. Private cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay. The family will travel to Paulina Peak to scatter his ashes this summer, as per his wish.

Don was born Jan. 6, 1935, to Harvey and Viviane Pierce. They lived in Kinzua (near Fossil, Ore.), a lumber company town that no longer exists. He died peacefully at home in Coos Bay, Feb. 16, 2017, attended by his dear friend and companion, Jean Carpenter.

Don served in the United States Air Force and graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in forestry.

He married Henrietta Tate in 1960 and together with their three children ran the Paulina Lake Lodge in central Oregon. He would later remark that the years at Paulina Lake were some of his favorites.

In 1986, Don married Janet Long, a longtime Coos Bay school teacher. During the summer, they would run the Will-O-Winn Lodge on Trembleur Lake, British Columbia, where Don fine-tuned his skills as a chef; catering meals for the guests. Don and Janet became great wine

aficionados and loved to visit vineyards along the West Coast. They also raised and showed English bulldogs and were active in the local dog clubs.

Don was an accomplished bead artist. His designs were featured in bead industry magazines and he often traveled to teach workshops around the world. Don also designed and manufactured a professional beader's loom and wrote two books on the subject. Don and his talent will be missed by the many friends he made all over the world.

Don is survived by his children, Christopher Pierce of Ft. Myers, Fla., Kelly (Pierce) Carter of Portland, and Paul Pierce of La Center, Wash.; and stepson, James Long of Bellingham, Wash.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Janet (Long) Pierce; and stepson, David Long.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Pacific Northwest Bulldog Rescue, www.pacificnorthwestbulldogrescue.org; 271 NE HWY 99W No. 156, McMinnville, OR 97128; (971) 267-0744.

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



DARLENE E. LEE

FEB. 19, 1933 – FEB. 17, 2017

three daughters and their husbands, three grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and many other dear friends.

Darlene moved to Oregon in 1952 and lived in Bridge, Remote, and Coos Bay. She loved to dance, listen to country music, can everything especially tuna, bake cookies and banana bread, and sharing jokes and stories.

She wanted everyone to know that she had a special spot in her soul for you.

The family will host a small celebration of life in Coos Bay on March 5. Place and time to be determined.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 541-267-4216.

Darlene E. Lee passed Feb. 17, 2017, two days short of her 84th birthday. She was born in Benson, Minn., to Arthur Ole and Mabel Johanna Amundson. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, five brothers, and many dear friends. She is survived by her husband of nearly 67 years, Albert;



GEORGE BUTTON

FEB. 6, 1919 – FEB. 12, 2017

George was born Feb. 6, 1919, in Aroya, Colo., to Horace Greeley Button and Anna Mae (Cole) Button. He passed away peacefully at his residence in North Bend Feb. 12, 2017.

George moved to Marshfield, Ore., in the fall of 1929, just before the Great Depression. He was the 12th child of 14 children. He graduated from Reedsport High School. He enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937 and was stationed in Reedsport. It was during this time, at a dance, that he met his future wife, Gladys W. Lunden. They were married Sept. 28, 1940 and shared a most remarkable friendship and love which lasted over 67 years until Gladys's death May 12, 2008.

George served honorably with the 10th Mountain Division in Italy during World War II and was awarded a Bronze Star. Following his discharge, he was reunited with Gladys and his son, Phillip. Their twins, Jerry and Judy, arrived in December 1946. George, with his brothers, built the Bunker Hill house which was home for 61 years. Many wonderful and loving memories were created there.

During George's life he worked at Evans Products Company in Coos Bay for 19

years, and then barbered for more than a decade, owning and operating G. B. Barbershop in Coos Bay. He transitioned to real estate and owned and operated G. B. Realty. He was active in real estate into his 90s. During these many years he was involved in the community, especially the Kiwanis.

George became a member of the Church of Christ in 1951 and was a lifelong member. He cherished his church family. He served as a deacon and then an elder for more than 30 years. Many church members provided friendship and fellowship during George's final years at Baycrest Assisted Living. George welcomed and embraced every day he was given. He was genuinely interested in others, was compassionate, and had an unwavering optimism. He and his beloved Gladys found profound joy in their family, faith, in a strong work ethic, and the simple life, be it gardening, clamming, outdoor activities, or traveling in their RV. He would often share, with a wry smile: "Count your blessings. Cut the overhead. Make do." Dad's humor remained with him until his final hour.

George was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

George is survived by his son, Jerry Button and (Jim Fox); daughter, Judy Jendrzewski and (John); daughter-in-law, Judy Ann Button; older brother, Archie Button; sister-in-law, Edna Maxwell; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Horace and Anna Button; wife, Gladys Button; and his oldest son, Phillip K. Button.

George's family would like to extend a special thank you to the devoted and loving caregivers at Baycrest Village who provided competent and compassionate daily care for Dad for over more than three years. The family are also grateful for the expertise and guidance by South Coast Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Children's Outreach Program at the North Bend Church of Christ, 2761 Broadway Ave., North Bend, OR 97459.

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





ANKAR HANSON 1934-2017

his retirement, he enjoyed landscaping, spending time with his children and grandchildren, and watching U of O Sports and NASCAR.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Caroline; his three children Randall and Trish, Russell and Tammie, and Renee and Mark; his grandchildren, Ayla, Christopher and Cheyenne and their daughter, Alaina; his brothers, Roger and William; and his sisters, Mariam, Elena, Jean, and Alyce.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Virgil, Palmer, Charles, and Raymond; one sister, Peggy; his parents; and two sons from his previous marriage.

His graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. March 3, at the Roseburg National Cemetery, 913 NW Garden Valley Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to American Heart Association.

Arrangements entrusted to West Lawn Memorial Funeral Home. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guestbook at musgroves.com and theworldlink.com.

Ankar V. Hanson, 82, passed away Feb. 21, 2017 at Riverbend Hospital in Springfield, surrounded by his children, grandchildren, and extended family. He was born Dec. 30, 1934 in New England, N.D., to William and Irva Hanson.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1958-1962. He was employed by Bob Angell Inc. and Johnson Rock Products, and retired from Bracelin & Yeager. In



JOSEPHINE VIGIL- HULSEY DEC. 15, 1939 – JAN. 31, 2017

with the flight concluding back at the waterfront.

Jo was born Dec. 15, 1939, in Walsenburg, Colo., to Joseph and Ida Cruz. She passed away Jan. 31, 2017, in Coos Bay with her family by her side.

One of Jo's passions was she loved to go flying. Together with her husband, Keith, they traveled to many parts of the country in their airplane; taking in the scenery. Jo was loved by many and will be missed.

She is survived by her loving husband, Keith Hulsey of Coos Bay; daughter, Marsha Gannon of Laguna Beach, Calif.; and son, Michael Jeffery Vigil of Palm Desert, Calif.

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

A celebration of life memorial flight for Josephine "Jo" Vigil-Hulsey, 77, of Coos Bay, will start at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Coos Bay boardwalk waterfront with a flight path over Redwood Avenue in Coos Bay, then west to Cape Arago Lighthouse where Jo's cremains will be scattered over the Pacific Ocean,



DELORES ROSS OCT. 27, 1928 - FEB. 17, 2017

Her first husband, Clayton Smith, better known as "Pug" also a graduate from North Bend, served in World War II in the OSS (Office of Strategic Services), in China and worked at Conrad Lumber. Her second husband, Larry Ross, who owned a petroleum service company, served as a Marine in five major operations in the Pacific during World War II. She had a lively and hectic life raising three boys, Alan (deceased), Gary and Darrell Smith. In her time, she lived in a vibrant county of more than 15 working saw mills, fishing fleets and a port renowned for its large Douglas fir timbers shipped throughout the world.

She belonged to many organizations the Garden Club, Red Cross, PTA and in later years the Red Hats and of course the Pony Village Morning Coffee Club. One of her favorite things to do was paint and fire ceramics and she gifted those craft pieces far and wide. In her evenings she crocheted countless gifts for others. If you saw her she was probably with Ben, her dog, or maybe walking the beach or at

least watching the waves roll in. She camped with Larry at Sunset, Bandon and Bastendorff parks and on some occasions they were the camp stewards. I think she liked Sunset the best because it brought back the days of the Regatta when she was crowned queen and the cavemen from Reedsport tried to shanghai the court. Her garden parties, barbecues and card parties were always moments to dodge for us kids, but she did love doing them. She always was a hoot around Christmas and having to have the tree up and the many ceramic Christmas figures on the nick knock shelves and in the alcoves. Not only the placement of nick knacks, but later on trying to remember how many cards to send out to the family.

Eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren made for interesting debates at her dining table. She never really had a lack of entertainment family wise due to her brother's children and the many friends and participants in her life in North Bend and Coos Bay. Kenny's

daughter Marcie, who raced sled dogs in Alaska, brought some by to his son Kurt who has a beautiful restaurant in Florence. Brad, Gary's son, looked in on Mom and of course you would see Gary, her brother, stopping by. He also was a contractor like Kenny. Tina, my brother's wife, was a constant friend and helper to her and helped and managed her life as it became more difficult. Randy Hargens, Bob's son and one of five, is a software engineer and programmer and he and his wife, Mary Jane, always seemed to check on her when they were down from the Portland area. Carol, mom's very close friend, watched over her like a daughter she never had. Mom seemed to know everyone in town as she worked at the Hub in Coos Bay and the White House in North Bend. There was Dee's at Pony Village where she partnered in a clothing store. I have told you these things about my mother so that you can understand how sad her passing is. Not so much for us as we know she is with the Father, but for the last year and half she could not remember it. How sad.

Delores Ross, better known as "Dee", passed away in her sleep Feb. 17, 2017. She was born Oct. 27, 1928.

Delores grew up, lived, married, had children and died in Coos County. She graduated from North Bend High School along with her brothers Ken, Bob and Gary Hargens, who precede her in death. She lived in a time of historic and eventful change.



BARBARA OLSON

SEPT. 19, 1939 – JAN. 31, 2017

After attending San Jose Bible College for one year she married George Caldwell of Napa, Calif., and they had three sons. They divorced in 1965 and she met and married Jerome Olson. Barbara and Jerry settled in the Portland area, along with George, where they raised the boys. George remained in Napa until his death in 1988.

Barbara worked for several years as a bank manager for US Bank before returning to school in mid-life to complete an associate degree in horticulture at Mt. Hood Community College, a bachelor's degree in business at Marylhurst University and a master's degree in counseling psychology at Lewis and Clark College. In 1994, she relocated to North Bend where she worked for the Coos County Mental Health department until her retirement.

Barbara had a gift for making things grow and one of her greatest pleasures was cultivating her yard and garden wherever she lived. She also loved the ocean and spent many hours walking

on the beach with family and friends. A fan of several different sports and musical theater, "Gramma B" made many trips to Portland and California to cheer on her grandkids at their football and softball games and attend "the theatre" with the kids. She was an avid reader and a great cook - her carrot cake is legendary! - and she always remembered and celebrated everyone's birthday.

Barbara is survived by her three sons, their spouses, and five grandchildren, Bryce Caldwell, wife Lisa, and their daughter Devin, of Napa, Calif.; Brent Caldwell, wife Michele, and their sons, Chris and Ben, of Tigard; Bryan Caldwell and his daughters Megan and Lyndsey of Portland; and her sisters and brothers, Oshi of Coos Bay, Woody Woodard of Klamath Falls, Jim Woodard of Springfield and Susan (Rhendi Zahn) of Eugene.

A family celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Friends of Shore Acres or the North Bend Public Library.

Barbara (Duke Woodard) Olson, 77, of North Bend passed away Jan. 31, 2017, at Hopewell House Hospice in Portland, with family surrounding her.

She was born Sept. 19, 1939 in Carlisle, Pa., to Dr. Ray Duke and Mary Eleanor (Mills) Duke Woodard. A 1957 graduate of Cottage Grove High School, Barbara made many fond memories spending summers visiting relatives in North Bend and Coos Bay.



ANNE MARIE HASKINS

AUG. 24, 1963 – FEB. 14, 2017

Haskins. She received her angel wings and much needed peace, Feb. 14, 2017, in Myrtle Point.

Anne graduated from Mt. Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, Vt., Class of 1981. She married William John Ambrose near Lake Champlain in Pantton, Vt., Dec. 31, 1987. Alongside her children, Anne moved to Powers in 1988.

By her family and friends, Anne was known for her unconditional love and caring ways; she always took people in when they needed help. She loved poetry and reading books. She was a great narrator and storyteller and was known to be very comical. Anne loved rock n' roll, had a humanitarian soul, and always willed the New England Patriots (especially Tom Brady) to the Super Bowl. She loved her family and was the glue that held everyone together when things weren't easy. Her family will always remember her cheeky smile, usually found underneath the

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

Anne is survived by her sons, Reuben Haskins of North Carolina, and William Ambrose Jr. of North Bend; daughters, Rebecca and Sarah Ambrose of Coos Bay and Elizabeth Ambrose of North Bend; mother, Elaine Haskins of Powers; sisters, Crissandra Loyer of Powers and Kimberly Foote of Klamath Falls; brothers, Daniel Haskins and Joseph Haskins Jr. of Bennington, Vt., John Haskins of Colchester, Vt., and David Haskins of Williston, Vt.; and grandchildren, Andrew Hermann, Robert Field III, Tamisha Werst, Jadrienne Lemmer, Keagen Ambrose, and Neveah Ambrose all of Coos Bay and North Bend.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Haskins Sr.; brother, Leslie Haskins; and sister, Debra Haskins.

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

A celebration of life for Anne Marie Haskins, 53, of Coos Bay, formerly of Powers, will be announced at a later date. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Anne was born Aug. 24, 1963, in Burlington, Vt., to Joseph Leonard Haskins and Elaine Joyce (Clark)



DOROTHY SPINNING

JULY 20, 1921 - JAN. 29, 2017

Dorothy May (Bender) Haga Spinning, 95, of North Bend passed away peacefully Jan. 29, 2017, at LifeCare, with family surrounding her.

She was born July 20, 1921 in Norway, Ore., to August "Gus" Bender and Ada E. (Schroeder) Bender.

She married Warren "Pete" Haga in 1941 and they had three children. They divorced in 1976. She then married Walter A. Spinning in 1976. Warren died in 1991 and Walter died in 2000.

Dorothy's ancestors were some of the early pioneers of Coos County.

Cremation rights have been held at Amling Schroeder Funeral Home and she will be interred at the Hermann Family Cemetery in Broadbent. A family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Dorothy was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She was loved by everyone who knew her and leaves precious memories. She enjoyed reading, writing, visiting, walking, and spending time with family and friends. In earlier days she was an accomplished piano player.

She is survived by three children and their spouses, Sheri and Warren Thompson of North Bend, Larry Haga of North Bend, and Linda and Dan Backman of Brookings; six grandchildren, Angela Thompson Armstrong, Tami Thompson Haagen, Darren Thompson, Jacob Haga, Jeffrey and Brian Backman; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two great-grandchildren.

JANET TOWNSEND-REAB

DEC. 3, 1948 - FEB. 13, 2017

Janet was born in Rock Springs, Wyo., to Clyde and Miriam Townsend, both teachers. The family moved to Oregon in 1952, when Clyde was offered a position at Coquille High School.

Janet was always a determined and outspoken youth. Miriam told a story about taking her to buy new shoes, saddle shoes which she hated, and during checkout the sales woman gave her a penny bank, Miriam said "What do you say Janet?" Janet replied, "Got a nickle." Determined to be an equestrian, Janet started saving for a horse at an early age. By her teens she had saved enough for a brood mare and was scouring the papers for her horse. Clyde finally broke down and bought her a quarter horse, enrolling her in 4-H and volunteering himself. Janet excelled in Western pleasure and barrels, competing in rodeos through high school.

Later, as a young stay-at-home mother, she befriended an elderly neighbor woman who collected

antiques. They spent many week-ends picking garage sales together. Janet had a new passion, finding the bargain and being the early bird at the sales. She continued to pick for more than 40 years, eventually owning her own shop in Coquille. There she was able to sell her finds, but more importantly, visit with her friends who would stop in daily.

Janet was diagnosed with lung cancer in February 2016. She passed Feb. 13, 2017, surrounded by family.

Janet is survived by her son, Jeffrey McKenzie; daughter, Jennifer Stanton and wife, Corliss Stanton; daughter, Juliana Curran and partner, Tim Ford; grandchildren, Gabriel Reab, Zoë Stanton, Logan Curran, and Angela Curran; and lifelong best friend, Joanne Thompson.

No services will be held per her request. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 541-267-4216.



ROBERTA JEAN DAVIES

JULY 2, 1944 - FEB. 13, 2017

Buxton. She passed away Feb. 13, 2017, in Coos Bay.

Bertie worked at Star of Hope until she retired. She worked the looms, sewing, making rugs, and shredder. Some of her favorite things in life were ketchup, popcorn, music and cutting and folding paper, but above all, Bertie loved people; she never met a stranger!

She was a Down syndrome child and fooled everyone by living 'til the ripe old age of 72 years, 7 months, and 11 days.

Roberta is survived by sisters, Emma Beth Hubbell and Frances Bascom; nieces, Susan Stiennon, Samantha (Erik) Jones, Nancy (Roger) Burton and their children; nephew, Gavin Young; her caretakers; and many other friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, James R. Davies; mother, Nettie (Griffith) Buxton; stepfather, Harvey A. Buxton; sister, Orpha Stiennon Heckman; and brother, James R. Davies.

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

A celebration of life for Roberta Jean "Bertie" Davies, 72, of Coos Bay will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Black Market Gourmet, 495 Central Ave., in Coos Bay with pastor Don Berney, of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, officiating. A private interment was held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Roberta was born July 2, 1944, to James Davies and Nettie (Griffith)



ELEANOR HELEN GABEL

MARCH 21, 1927 - FEB. 14, 2017

Knoll Dreiling. She was raised and educated there until her family moved to Denver, Colo.

She met Virgil L. Gabel, the love of her life, and they were married Nov. 12, 1945 in Denver, Colo. They moved to the Oregon coast where they settled in Gardiner and celebrated 68 years of life together before he preceded her in death in 2013.

Ella was a busy wife, mother and homemaker for many years. She also worked at the WF Jewett School in Gardiner and at the Flower Shop in Reedsport.

Among her personal interests she loved sewing, crocheting and crafts, she was a member of the senior bowling leagues until just a few years ago. She loved canning fruit and vegetables from her own garden.

She was a long time member of the St. John Catholic Church where she was active in the Alter Society.

She is survived by her son, Ronald Gabel; daughter, Leslie Gabel; and two granddaughters, Dana and Danielle Gabel.

Ella was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one brother and six sisters.

The family suggests remembrances may be contributions made to St. John The Apostle Church, Reedsport, in her memory.

Services entrusted to Dunes Memorial Chapel, 541-271-2822.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for Eleanor Helen Gabel, 89 of Gardiner at 11 a.m. Thursday Feb. 23, at St. John The Apostle Catholic Church, 12, St. John's Way in Reedsport with the Rev. Paneer Selvam as celebrant. A reception will follow at the Parish Hall. Inurnment will be held at Dunes Memorial Mausoleum, 2300 Frontage Road later that afternoon.

Eleanor died Feb. 14, 2017 at Lower Umpqua Hospital in Reedsport. She was born March 21, 1927 in St. Peter, Kan., to Jacob and Katherine



MARIE MURRAY

JUNE 16, 1926 - FEB. 14, 2017

of a stroke. She had family at her side, holding her hand as she left this earth.

The Such family, three girls and three boys, moved to Oregon when the twins were 11 years old.

Marie met Elvin Murray and they were married in 1944. Together they had four children. Elvin and Marie were married 54 years when he passed away in 1998. Marie continued living in their "rainbow" house for a total of 66 years.

Marie is survived by her twin sister, Marcella Peterson and older brother, John Such both of Myrtle Point; sons, Victor Murray and wife, Phyllis of Grants Pass and John Murray and wife, Linda of Myrtle Point; daughter, Judy Silveus and husband, Kirby of Dillard; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by her oldest son, Melvin; sister, Eleanor; and brothers, James and Joe.

Arrangements are under the directory of Taylor's Family Mortuary, 541-679-6983.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, at Saints Ann and Michael Catholic Church in Myrtle Point with Father John McGuire officiating for Marie Nellie Murray, 90 of Myrtle Point. A reception will follow the service.

Nellie and her twin sister, Marcella, were born June 16, 1926 to James and Anna Such. She passed away Feb. 14, 2017 in Roseburg from complications



MARSHA MURPHY
APRIL 15, 1940 - FEB. 6, 2017

of Ray and Geneva Sims. She passed away peacefully with family by her side Feb. 6, 2017.

She grew up in the Torrance, Calif., area and moved to Oregon in the early 1970's.

She was a loving daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her sons, Bill, Charlie, Paul, and Fred Murphy; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her brothers, Fred Sims and Mark Sims.

Marsha is preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Geneva Sims; and by her brother, Bill Sims.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 541-267-4216.

A memorial service will be held for Marsha Ray Murphy, 76, of Powers, at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., in Coos Bay.

She was born in Broken Bow, Okla., April 15, 1940, the daughter



GAYLENE CARRILLO
SEPT. 7, 1937 - JAN. 29, 2017

will be held at Coos River Cemetery

Gaylene was born Sept. 7, 1937 in Los Angeles, Calif., to parents, Chester Alfred and Myrtice Alva (Cawley) Collver. She passed away Jan. 29, 2017 in Portland.

Gaylene worked for Adult and Family Services. She helped so many people in the community and touched the hearts of everyone around her. Gaylene will be sorely missed by all those who knew her.

She is survived by her sons, Michael and David Carrillo of Coos Bay; daughters, Toni Artis Lewis and Gaylene Artis of Los Angeles, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made at Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420.

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

A memorial service for Gaylene "Mom" Carrillo, 79, of Coos Bay will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Madison Street Community Church, 417 Madison St., in Coos Bay. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory in Coos Bay. Inurnment



JUDY SMITH
JUNE 11, 1952 - FEB. 7, 2017

Oswego High School. She went on to work for Precision Cast Parts for 18 years. In 1984 she married Leon Smith. They moved back to Coos County in 1994 settling in Charleston until moving to Myrtle Point in 2009. She loved gardening and was an Oregon State University master gardener active in the Coos County Chapter, she also had her own greenhouse and loved raising orchids.

Judy is survived by her husband, Leon Smith of Myrtle Point; son, Jason Smith of Beaverton; and sister, Cheryl Barger of Portland. She also had numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions are suggested to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

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

At her request there will be no services for Judy Ann Smith, 64, of Myrtle Point.

She was born June 11, 1952, in Coos Bay to Edward and Vivian (Peterson) Yocum. She died Feb. 7, 2017, in Coos Bay.

Judy moved to Portland at a very young age and graduate from Lake



FERNANDO MEDINA
JAN. 25, 1998 - FEB. 5, 2017

He attended Marshfield High School and later went on to work with his father in the logging business.

Nando had a great passion for cars and enjoyed spending his time learning to work on engines. He was an adventurous young man. "Live today; die tomorrow." Nando's fun and edgy ways as well as his contagious smile will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

Nando is survived by his parents, David and Janet Medina; grandparents, Don and Birdie Underhill; brothers and sisters, David and Amber Medina, Bobby and Melisa Wingert, and Monica and Juan Acosta; as well as his many nieces and nephews.

Nando will remain forever in the hearts of the many people who loved him.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 541-267-4216.

A celebration of life will be held for Fernando "Nando" Medina, 19, of Coos Bay, at noon Saturday, Feb. 11, at the main gym at Marshfield High School. A potluck meal will follow the service.

Nando was born Jan. 25, 1998 as the youngest son to David and Janet Medina in Coos Bay. He passed away unexpectedly Feb. 5, 2017 in a car accident.



GLORIA REYNOLDS
MAY 1, 1961 - FEB. 14, 2017

Gloria Reynolds, beloved wife, mother, and friend passed away Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 at the age of 55. She was a woman who everyone loved whether they knew her well or not. Gloria lived in Coos Bay from August 1999 to her passing this week. There was nowhere else she wanted to be and she passed with her best friend, Nickie and the love of her life, Bill beside her. We are happy that she is no longer in pain, but a journey of learning to live without her light has just begun. She will be missed so much, words cannot express even a part of it. Rest in peace Momma, we all love you.

LILLIE SPADY
JUNE 9, 1925 - FEB. 15, 2017

A memorial service will be held for Lillie Spady, loving wife of Myron for 72 years and three months, at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the First Presbyterian Church, 592 Edison Ave. SW in Bandon.

She was active in Cub Scouts as a den mother. One of her favorite activities was reading twice a week to grade school students; she also taught the children's class at Sunday school. Our house

was a beehive of activity with her five kids and many others that she welcomed with open arms.

She is survived by three children, Mike, Marshall and Mark; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Educational Gift Fund of First Presbyterian Church.



ERNEST HATMAKER
SEPT. 24, 1920 — FEB. 10, 2017

National Monument. Now Ernie had never driven a motor vehicle before joining the CCC, which offered a Wee Drivers course and Ernie took the course and passed, he then had to pass a road test in a truck. He passed the road tests and became a truck driver. He also learned to drive a semi while in the CCC. The CCC had an open house in May 1941 and that is where Ernie first met Inez Tucker, the woman he would marry.

In July 1941 Reuben Tucker of Selma hired Ernie to drive lumber truck. Reuben's daughter, Inez, also was a driver. Ernie said he and Inez wanted to be together all the time so they married. They bought 40 or so acres that had a small cabin on it and some furnishings. They talked of raising a family and Ernie wanted Inez to quit driving truck and raise the kids, which she did. While driving truck a cow ran in front of his truck and Ernie wrecked and the truck burned up. But a man, Bob Frost, owned a sawmill and he asked Ernie to run carriage for him, Ernie had never worked in a sawmill, but he learned to operate the carriage. In June 1945 Reuben Tucker was killed in an accident, so Ernie quit working in the mill and went back to driving truck, this time for his mother-in-law, Barbara Tucker. He bought a logging truck and in 1949 he hauled logs. Later he sold his logging truck and bought a lumber truck and hauled lum-

ber. While he was hauling logs and lumber he built a two-story house using a hammer, handsaw, level and a square. There was no electricity so it was built by hand and as soon as it was finished enough to live in he and his family moved in. In 1956 a lot of the mills bought trucks and hauled their own lumber, it was hard for a trucker with just one truck to get enough loads to raise a family.

It was at this time that RD "Dick" Tucker came to Selma and asked Ernie if he would come to Langlois and be the sawyer in Dick's mill. Ernie asked him how long the job would last. Dick told him as long as he wanted to work so Ernie sold his place in Selma and moved to Langlois. He worked as a sawyer until he retired. He said he never asked for a job, never drew an unemployment check, never joined a union and never asked for a raise, but he supported his wife and raised seven children.

Ernie was active in the church he loved his family, he played the guitar and sang, his kids sang with him and even the neighbor kids loved to hear him play and sing, he played games with his kids, he loved the little children and said there was nothing any better than a baby's smile. He loved people and loved to help people. While working for Dick Tucker he took an electrical correspondence course and passed the test for a license to be the electrician for

the mill. Also while working at the mill, he built the house on Bono Road he lived in until his death Friday, Feb. 10, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Inez; son, David Hatmaker; a daughter, Rosalie Perkins; granddaughter, Pam Connell-Ruffing; great-granddaughter, Joycelyn Rusconi; a great-grandson, Ethan Connell; three brothers, Paris, Clayton and Owen Hatmaker; and four sisters, Esta Prater, Eva Miller, Ermine Dagley and Katy Wilson.

He is survived by daughter, Ruby and Brice Wagner of Port Orford; son, Jim and Pat Hatmaker of Meridian, Idaho; daughter, Laneeta Wright of Langlois; son, Bill and Char Hatmaker of Vancouver, Wash.; daughter-in-law, Cheri Hatmaker of Beaverton; son, John and Jean Hatmaker of Wilderville; brother, Hasque of LaFollette, Tenn.; Lora Miller of Oliver Springs, Tenn., Cora and Robert Nelson of Lenoir City, Tenn.; 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and many, many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He loved everyone and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A funeral and burial will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Baptist Church in Selma with interment at Deer Creek Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. March 11, at the Langlois Community Church.

Ernest "Ernie" Hatmaker was born Sept. 24, 1920, east of LaFollette, Tenn. He was the seventh child of 11 having three older brothers and three older sisters, and one brother and three sisters younger.

His parents owned a farm so he grew up farming. He had an eighth-grade education. He learned to work at a young age. In 1941 at the age of 20 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC). He signed up for 6 months thinking he could survive anywhere away from home for 6 months. He arrived in Grants Pass, by train, in January and they loaded into a canvas covered truck and were taken to the Oregon Caves Camp just down the mountain from the Oregon Caves



LINDA PALMER
APRIL 7, 1949 – FEB. 11, 2017

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Linda A. Palmer, 67, of Coos Bay, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Hauser Community Church, 69411 Wildwood Road in Hauser, with Pastor Russ Wayland presiding. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay, with a private inurnment to take place at a later date in Coquille.

Linda was born April 7, 1949 in Vernonia, Ore., to Frank Aspinall and Ruby (Lines) Aspinall. She passed away peacefully at her home in Coos Bay with her husband by her side following a courageous battle with cirrhosis.

Linda graduated from Marshfield High School, Class of 1967. The following December she married some "jerk from the sticks" named Jack Palmer ("I married better than my wife did" he exclaimed). She went to Skelton Beauty School in Coos Bay and worked as a beautician. She also worked as an activity director in a nursing home for many years. She worked for ESD when she retired. She was a member of the Hauser Community Church and a member of the Bells and Beaux.

Linda enjoyed arts and crafts, singing and cooking, but gardening was at the top of her list....right behind spending time with her grandkids.

Linda was deeply loved and will always hold a special place in the hearts of all who knew her.

Linda is survived by her husband of 49 years, Jack Leon Palmer; son, David Wayne Palmer; son, Kurt Nathan Palmer; daughter, Tracie Ann Palmer; son, Jack Leon Palmer Jr.; two granddaughters; and three grandsons.

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



Christine Elaine Stallard, 67, devoted mother, loving grandma, and a dear friend to all, passed away Feb. 5, 2017 at her home in Coquille. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2008, and never once lost her fighting spirit.

Christine, "Chris" to those that knew her best, was born in Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 28, 1949. Shortly after her birth, a loving couple, Dexter and Louise Ranta, adopted Chris and raised her in Powers

alongside her sister, Peggy Meyers, who has passed away. She graduated from Powers High School in 1967, married her husband of 47 years Marty Stallard, and began her life's purpose of raising a family. In 1985, the family moved to Myrtle Point, where Chris would eventually work as an instructional assistant at Maple Elementary School. She poured her heart and soul into not only taking care of her own four children, but investing into the hearts of so many children in the community as well. She spent her last couple of years living in a charming little house in Coquille she loved dearly.

Alongside her best friend Sandy, Chris was a dedicated shopper, and a woman of great style and taste. She was passionate about spending time with family and friends at their lakeside cabin, camping at Winchester Bay, loving on her sweet dog Macie, and making lifelong memories with her kids and grandkids. She also was a beautiful writer and loved to read. Chris sought to instill in her children a zest for life, and is best remembered by them for her fun spirit, and deep love of music. Their fondest memories are of Chris driving their van with the music turned high, laughing together by doing cookies

CHRISTINE STALLARD
OCT. 28, 1949 - FEB. 5, 2017

in the store parking lot, and dancing around their living room at home to her favorite songs. She would listen to music with them while cooking dinner, baking cookies, cleaning, or whenever the opportunity arose. Chris was an amazing mother and she loved life. She had a special way of making simple moments with her kids into long lasting memories they would forever keep near to their hearts.

Chris is survived by her four children and their spouses, Paul and Gina Stallard of Reedsport, Lysie and Matt Nelson of Coquille, Scott and Chelsea Stallard of Bend, and Martina and Mike Leep of Coquille. She also lives on through her grandchildren, Joel Owens of Tigard, Christi Stallard of Reedsport, Mattilyn and Brielle Nelson of Coquille, Emersyn and Grayson Stallard of Bend, and Kyndall, Peyton, and Paisley Leep of Coquille.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Coquille Church of the Nazarene, 997 W. Central Blvd.

In remembrance of Chris, the family asks that you live life to the fullest, spend time with your families, and go "make a memory!"



Longtime Sixes resident, Bernice Melvina (Gilman) Dwire, passed away Jan. 28, 2017 at the age of 95 years, 11 months, and 1 day. She was born Feb. 27, 1921 in Potomac, Mont., to Albert W. and Edna Janette (Kay) Gilman. When Bernice was 2 years old, she, her mother, brother, Edward and sisters, Margie and Dorothy moved to Bandon. At age 6 they moved to a large vegetable farm near Glenwood Springs, Colo., where her mother married George

Washington Wolverton.

Bernice graduated from high school in New Castle, Colo., and in 1940 married Elton Dwire. They had four children, George Thomas, Edward Ellsworth "Eddie", Ivy Kay "Suzy" and Mabel Jean "Jeanie". In 1945 Bernice, Elton, George and Eddie moved to Bandon, adding daughter, Suzy to the family. In 1949 the family moved to a ranch at the mouth of the Sixes River and added another daughter, Jeanie, to the family. In 1953 the family moved from the ranch to a home on Airport Road where Bernice lived the rest of her life.

Bernice was a stay-at-home mother, busy sewing her children's clothes, keeping the cookie jar full of fresh-baked cookies and making fresh bread and ice cream for her family. She was known for the handmade chocolates she made and gave at Christmas to friends. She also baked and decorated wedding and birthday cakes. She kept her freezer full of homemade pies to give to whomever wanted them. She was a cooking and sewing 4-H leader for 25 years. When her family was starting to leave the nest she took a job at Bartlett's Café in Port Orford, washing dishes and making pie crust for their fresh

BERNICE DWIRE
FEB. 27, 1921 - JAN. 28, 2017

baked pies. Later she worked for the Port Orford-Langlois School District as a dishwasher and served hot lunches at Pacific High School and later became the baker. She was called "Grandma" by most of the students and loved her time with them. In 2002, at 81 years of age, she retired after 26 years of service. Bernice loved to cook and sew and made beautiful quilts long after her retirement.

Bernice is survived by son, George and Gladus Dwire of Salem; son, Eddie and Marilyn Dwire of Coos Bay; daughter, Suzy and Juston Potter of Sixes; and daughter, Jeanie and Les Glenn of North Bend; as well as 20 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren. She loved the holidays and through the years she has proudly remembered all 75 family members at Christmas time.

Her greatest love in life was her family and she was the foundation to her family. Our family has been so blessed to have a mother/grandmother who loved us unconditionally and she will be forever in our heart and soul.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Bandon Chapel.



LA VADA HARDMAN

JUNE 13, 1925 – FEB. 13, 2017

later to California.

She met Walter S. Hardman while working at National Supply in Torrance, Calif., and they were married Aug. 20, 1944, in Yuma, Ariz., in a double wedding with her sister, Freda Johns, and her then-fiancé, Floyd Stevens. They moved to Bridge in 1948.

LaVada was a great cook and was known for her homemade pies and potato salad. These were highly requested at the Bridge Grange booth at the Coos County Fair, where she worked every year. She won the apple pie contest at the fair in 1974. She also won two contests for her pies from Coos Curry Electric.

LaVada loved working in her beautiful yard, flowerbeds and huge garden. She hosted family get-togethers for the holidays at her home until she was no longer able to.

She was an active member of Bridge Community Church, Bridge Grange, the Bridge Election Board, Bridge TPO, a 4-H leader, and cook at Bridge School. She was very social, and loved

being outdoors, gardening, canning, and traveling with her family.

LaVada is survived by her son, Walter W. Hardman and wife, Linda, of North Bend; daughter, Gloria Marone of Coquille; daughter, Debra L. Bryant and husband, Michael, of Myrtle Point; brother, Norman Johns and wife, Evelyn, of Lakewood, Calif.; granddaughters, Felicia Bryant of Kelso, Wash., Laurie Lakey of Coquille, and Amanda Rubrecht of Eugene; grandsons, Tony Marone of Coquille, Jason Ray of Salem, and Walter J. Hardman of Coquille; and numerous nieces, nephews, great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Walter; sisters, Freda and Myrtle Johns; brother, Clinton Johns; and aunt, Hedy Walker.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Myrtle Point Ambulance and South Coast Hospice.

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

AUSTIN LEE LARSON

JULY 3, 1998 – FEB. 5, 2017

A celebration of life will be held for Austin Lee Larson, 18, of Coos Bay, will be held at noon Saturday Feb. 11, at the main gym, Marshfield High School. A potluck meal will follow the service.

Austin was born July 3, 1998 in Coos Bay, the son of Joshua Lee and Dawn Michelle (Rogers) Larson. He passed away Feb. 5, 2017 from injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was raised and educated in Coos County, attending schools in North Bend, Coos Bay, Coquille and Bandon. Austin loved the outdoors; he enjoyed hunting, camping, and swimming. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, he was much loved and was known for his warm heart and big smile.

He is survived by his parents, Joshua and Dawn Larson of Coos Bay; brother, Tyler Larson of Coos Bay; brother, Wyatt Larson of Coos Bay; grandparents Richard and Judy Rogers of Coos Bay; grandparents, Jerry and Angela Larson of Coos Bay; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 541-267-4216.



DONALD WATTS

1936-2017

the age of 15 his family made their way to Camas, Wash., by way of Arizona. It was in Camas where he was taken in by the Bob Hitchcock family who honed his confidence and provided a job as a farm hand to meet the needs of his three sisters and mom. He moved to Portland two years later where he graduated from Gresham High School.

Upon graduation Don was employed by Crown Zellerbach Paper Company. Dad would meet and then marry his lovely bride of 57 years March 29, 1958. Janice Colleen Noyer and Don started a wonderful family; one daughter, Stephanie Karcher, and two sons, Brian Watts and Larry Watts. Don moved the family in 1964 to Reedsport where he would eventually retire as an employee of International Paper in 1991.

Don made being a dad look easy most of the time. He was a man of his word. There was always a quiet sense of confidence he exuded...he wasn't the first one to always speak nor the loudest, but when he did, you listened. Even with his quiet demeanor, he loved to laugh!

Whether it be watching "Blazing Saddles" or some other comedy show... it was unique and contagious. Don thoroughly enjoyed his years working with so many wonderful people in the paper industry. Many of his longtime friends are those who worked side by side at International Paper Co.

Dad was the consummate provider. There were not too many days go by where his love and passion for Jan wouldn't be a priority. He was an amazing caregiver for his family and not once ever put himself first. Don continued his gift of giving after all the kids moved out to focus on his seven grandchildren. Everyone always enjoyed being with Dad - he loved authenticity. Dad enjoyed working with his hands and always welcomed a challenge whether he was building a home, toys, refurbishing antique cars, making furniture from myrtlewood, falling trees, or teaching one of his children how to cut rafters or a thousand other skills. Don enjoyed competing on the cribbage board, on the hardwood, the links, the slate, or a ping

pong duel. He loved coaching and watching his kids and others compete on the field, court or course. It didn't matter, but any opportunity to watch or play with his kids wasn't something he would've passed up on. In his later years Dad enjoyed his garden and growing tomatoes to share with friends and neighbors. He especially enjoyed Mom's homegrown raspberry jelly. He spent hours volunteering at the Sister's Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Janice in 1915; and a brother Sammy Watts of Shirley, Ark.

He is survived by his three children and his seven grandchildren, Caitlin Karcher, Madeline Watts, Jameson Watts, Olivia Watts, Andrew Watts, Alexandra Watts and Nicholas Watts.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at The Harbor Baptist Church in Winchester Bay, 715 Broadway.

Donations in his honor may be directed to South Coast Hospice and the Reedsport Food Bank.

Our dad, Donald Watts, passed away at the age of 80 peacefully Jan. 27, 2017, at home surrounded by his family. He was born at home June 15, 1936, in Arlberg, Ark., to Troy and Leda Watts. He grew up in the Ozarks of southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. While in the mountains his grandpa and farm living imprinted the framework that would shape this man of character. At



JOSEPH JOHNSON JR. AUG. 16, 1933 – FEB. 14, 2017

job with the Oregon State Highway Department bridge crew demanded frequent moves to various job sites in southwest Oregon. Joe started first grade in the old Central school in Marshfield, Ore. In his first five grades he also attended school in Portland, Canyonville, Camas Valley, Roseburg, Sixes, Dillard, Drain, Florence, Myrtle Point, and Gold Beach.

From sixth grade on, he attended Marshfield, graduating in 1951. During high school and for a short time after graduation, Joe worked in the Coos Bay Safeway store. The Korean War called and Joe enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1953. He attended radar maintenance school at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. After completion he was assigned to a radar site in Morocco and Winnemucca, Nev., serving with the 735th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron.

Upon discharge, Joe spent 27 years maintaining and installing radar and spacecraft tracking systems with a variety of contractors for the Jet Propulsion Lab's (JPL) Deep Space Tracking Network (DPN).

He first worked for Bendix Field Engineering Corporation as a technical representative at

radar sites in Japan, the Phillipines, and Korea. Later Bendix assigned him to work on communications gear for the U.S. Information Agency on a traveling job in Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Rangoon, Saigon, Phnom Penh, Vietaine, and Jakarta.

Joe was assigned, next, to NASA's Gladstone Tracking Station near Barstow, Calif. He was a member of a team installing a tracing station on the Ascension Island. He was able to visit various cities in South America on this assignment.

Later he was assigned to work on a major upgrade of the receiver-exciter subsystems at the stations in Australia and Spain.

Joe worked on a team that installed new digital equipment and upgraded the Spanish air force early warning radar network. Later Bendix assigned him to work at NASA's jet propulsion laboratory as the receiver-exciter subsystem operations engineer for the deep space tracking network.

Joe retired in 1993 and in his free time, he enjoyed hiking and fishing, gardening and canning, traveling, and being a great friend, neighbor, and volunteer. Pickles and dilly beans were one of Pickleman Joe's specialties

and were gifts prized by his family and friends. Joe was a member of the Powers Lion's Club for 20 years and served as a volunteer in many other capacities in Powers. Many late summer afternoon and evening steak outs were enjoyed by neighbors, friends, and visitors at the "Johnson National Forest."

He was surrounded by loving friends at Bay Area Hospital in North Bend when he passed away following complications from a stroke suffered late January. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Dora Johnson. He is survived by his brother, James E. Johnson of Myrtle Point; nieces, Cindy Gisholdt, Fairview and Pamela Hacker of Bellingham, Wash.; and nephews, James and Jeff Rutherford, Salem.

"Neighbor Joe" will be lovingly remembered by neighbors and many, many other friends near and far. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Scholarship Fund at Powers School District, P.O. Box 479, Powers, OR 97466.

Arrangements are under the care of Amling & Schroeder, Myrtle Point.



BARBARA STALCUP PREWITT SEPT. 15, 1930 - DEC. 13, 2016

survived. The following summer they built a cabin of mostly hand-split boards and shakes.

Over the years, they eventually purchased adjoining property and lived there most of Jeannie's growing up years.

Between her junior and senior years at Coos River High School she worked as a legal secretary.

Her favorite sport in high school was tennis and she and a classmate held the Coos County doubles championship for two years.

She was the valedictorian at her graduation in 1948 (something she was very proud of even though there were only nine in the class). Afterward, she went to Eugene to business college for a few months. After returning to Coos Bay, she worked at the city records office.

In August 1949 she married John Stalcup and they purchased a home on Daniels Creek. John was working as a timber faller for Weyerhaeuser when in 1952 he was injured in a hunting accident which resulted in the loss of a leg. After a long period of recuperation, John borrowed the money to purchase a small dump truck. They had sold their property on Daniels Creek and bought a house in North Bend.

During this time Jeannie worked for an accountant and then as payroll clerk for the pulp mill in Empire.

Finally it became obvious that it would be necessary to follow the dump truck business out of town on jobs. They sold their equity in their house for a mobile home and hit the road. Shortly the need arose to diversify. First it was hauling veneer and then when wood chips came into the picture they hauled the first ones in the state. The little dump truck evolved to more than 65 big rigs with more than 100 employees.

In 1960, they were able to adopt their first child and in three years the number had swelled to five. This was an exciting time. Jeannie had left her outside jobs and devoted all her time to keeping books for the growing company and raising the family.

There never was much time or money for entertainment, but come hunting season they somehow managed to get away. The results are numerous trophies earned by both of them on their walls.

In 1968, they purchased property on Stock Slough and, after building what they called the bunkhouse, stables, arena and house, they moved to the country. This was when Jeannie gave up the company books and spent her time with records of the stables along with many trail rides and campfires. Several years were spent helping with 4-H clubs, horse shows, etc. Finally it became more than they could

handle and the stables were closed and the ranch converted to raising beef cattle.

John died suddenly in January 1993. The trucking company remained in existence until the chip market slumped and was sold at auction in December 2000.

Jeannie married a longtime friend Zeral Parnell Prewitt in February 1995. They enjoyed many trips and covered most of the U.S. including Alaska and Hawaii as well as Mexico, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

In her possessions you could find many hand-crocheted keepsakes and numerous word games and puzzle books which were her hobbies.

She is survived by her second husband, Parnell Prewitt; sons, Steven and Carole Stalcup and Rodney Stalcup all of Coos Bay, and Ken Stalcup and Debby of LaCenter, Wash.; stepdaughters, Melody and Vergil Stemmerman of Coos Bay, Nancy Prewitt and Micki Chicwinya of Washington; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Stalcup; son, David Stalcup; daughter, Cheryl Stalcup; and stepdaughter, Dorothy Smith.

Barbara Jean "Jeannie" (Post) Stalcup Prewitt was born Sept. 15, 1930 to Rodney and Sadie (Carpenter) Post in Grand Rapids, Mich. She died Dec. 13, 2016, in Coos Bay.

In 1934 the family came to Coos Bay and took up a homestead on Daniels Creek. Since this was still the Great Depression, times were very hard. The first winter was spent in a lean-to shelter made of poles and hand split shakes. Thanks to the help of neighbors and the picking of moss and chittam bark for staples they

NANCY MITCHELL

MAY 30, 1944 - JAN. 13, 2017

Nancy Ellen Mitchell, 72, of Bandon, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Springfield, after fighting an heroic battle against complications from pneumonia from 2008.

She was born May 30, 1944 in Pittsfield, Mass., the daughter of William and Helen Smith.

She married Robert "Mitch" Mitchell Nov. 29, 1969 in Boston.

Nancy had a long career with the Boston Police Department for more than 30 years.

After Nancy and Mitch retired, they moved to Sedona, Ariz., and then to Bandon. Nancy loved to travel, visiting many countries. She loved traveling in the U.S. in their RV. She loved Oregon and the ocean. She loved life. Nancy was an avid sports fan, especially the

N.Y. Giants and the Boston Red Sox.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 47 years, Robert "Mitch"; two sister-in-laws, Lori and Ann; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and Mae, who she rescued from the Humane Society of Sedona.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, William C, Smith of Southport, N.C.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 355 Oregon Ave., in Bandon with a celebration of life to follow at the Bandon VFW Post No. 3440, 55382 Bates Road at 1 p.m.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Bandon Chapel.



OVIE ROBERT HOLMAN

MAY 11, 1923 - SEPT. 5, 2017

career in North Bend in 1949. Due to vision problems, he retired from his dental practice and relocated to a ranch in Lakeside. After retirement he enjoyed many hobbies including; inventing, flying, building model airplanes, logging, gardening, and the study of nutrition. The size of his home library confirmed his passion for lifelong learning.

He belonged to the Inventors Club and the Oregon Dental Association. He was honored by the state of Oregon for his military service and was part of the National Honor Flight from Oregon to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. He lived alone at home and after a short hospital stay, he passed away peacefully Sept. 5, 2016 in Reedsport Hospital.

Ovie is survived by his children; Judy Holman of Phoenix, Ariz., Doug Holman of Tillamook, Marcia Lee of Anchorage, Alaska, Paul Holman of Portland, Nancy Hines of Homer, Alaska, Leslie Widmer of Vancouver, Wash.: 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sheryl Ann Rodne; and his wife, Catherine R. Holman.

Ovie will be interned at the Portland Veteran's Cemetery.

Leave a loving comment on the online obituary.

Dr. Ovie Robert "Dr. Bob" Holman, of Lakeside, was born May 11, 1923, in Elma, Wash., to Ovie Nelson Holman and Betty Fleenor Holman. His early years were spent in Oakville, Wash., but then attended numerous elementary and high schools while his family moved between Oregon and Washington, following his father's gypo logging operations. After high school he drove logging trucks for his father. At the onset of World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-1946. On his return from overseas, he married Marjorie Ann Widmer. They resided in Forest Grove where he attended Pacific University and the University of Oregon Dental School. Dr. Bob began his dental

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