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**DORENE R. HESS**  
MARCH 21, 1929 – NOV. 23, 2017

Dorene R. Hess, 88, passed away peacefully in Coos Bay, Nov. 23, 2017. She was born March 21, 1929 to Frank and Dora Moore in Portland. She spent a great deal of her youth traveling from city to city as her father, Frank, was a mechanic and traveled to wherever the work took him. Dorene went to high school and graduated from Bandon High school. She worked for the Western World in Bandon. She met her husband, Jay and they were married July 10, 1949. They were married for 66 years before his passing in 2015.

Dorene was a homemaker whose great loves were fishing and painting. In the mid 60's, she and Jay purchased the cranberry bogs in Bandon and retired as growers in 1979.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay L. Hess in 2015. She is survived by her sons, Stuart L. Hess and wife, Luanne of Culver, Ore., Jeffrey J. Hess and wife, Glenna of North Bend; daughter, Lindsay L. Barlow and husband, Patrick of Vancouver, Wash. as well as nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017 at the IOOF cemetery on Hwy 42 in Bandon.

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

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com) and [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).

**VIRGINIA L. SLANEY**  
MARCH 1, 1927 - NOV. 18, 2017

A memorial service for Virginia "Jinnie" Lou Slaney, 90, of Coos Bay will be held 11:00 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017 at Greenacres Community Church 93512 Greenacres Lane with Pastor Tom Stroud officiating. Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay.

Virginia was born March 1, 1927 in Chicago, IL the daughter of Harold Francis and Rose Marguerite (Witt) Slaney. She died November 18, 2017 in Coos Bay.

In her childhood, she lived in Chicago, Ill., Portland and Milwaukie, Ore. She graduated from Milwaukie Union High School in 1945 and from the University of Oregon in 1949. Virginia attended Oregon College of Education for three summers, and took graduation

courses at Multnomah School of the Bible. She taught in several Oregon public schools including, Butte Falls High School, Dayton Grade School, Myrtle Creek-Tri City School and high school, Portland public schools and Coos Bay schools. For about five years she taught missionary kids in the Philippines for Wycliffe Bible Translator. She was a member of Greenacres Community Church and Headles and Treadles weavers guild.

She is survived by her close friends and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Beverly J. Nelson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. Condolences may be made at [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com) and [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).

**JOSEPHINE M. FOWKES**  
JUNE 10, 1939 – OCT. 28, 2017

A Memorial service will be held for Josephine M. Fowkes, 78, of Coquille, at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017 at the Coquille Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2405 Shelley Road, Coquille. Inurnment will be at a later date at the Lakeside Cemetery in Lakeside.

Josephine was born June 10, 1939 in Kent County, New Brunswick, Canada to Enery and Lina (Babino) Goguen. She passed away Oct. 28, 2017 in Coquille. She was raised and educated in New Brunswick and moved to New Jersey when she was 28 years old. She drove bus for Trailways for many years on a route between New Jersey and New York. She was married to Willis "Bill" Fowkes in Washington where he served in the U.S. Navy, after he

retired they moved to Yuma, Ariz. where they lived until Bill passed away. Josephine moved to Lakeside where she was living when she met Garry Squires, they were married July 27, 2016 in Coquille.

Josephine had many interests and hobbies and was really enjoyed doing work around the house making it a more inviting place to live.

She is survived by her husband, Garry Squires of Coquille; step-son Patrick and Sam Braunecker of Klamath Falls; sister-in-law, Karen and Dick Panabaker of Hayden, Idaho, and a step-daughter in Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541-267-4216.

**SUSAN RAE AKERS**  
AUG. 20, 1975 - OCT. 25, 2017

Private burial rites were held for Susan Rae Akers, 42, of Chiloquin, (formerly of North Bend) at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary.

Susan was born Aug. 20, 1975 and passed away Oct. 25, 2017 in Coos Bay after a three year struggle with cancer. She was raised and educated along the southern Oregon coast. She attended schools in Port Orford, Langlois, and Bandon. She became licensed as a dog groomer and worked at Bubbles and Bows and later for Noah's Ark. She was married to Steve Hester and to this union was born their daughter, Rebecca. They later divorced. Susan met and married Steven Akers. They

had two children, Lanora and Chance. Steve passed away in 2005.

Susan and the children moved to Chiloquin where they raised sheep, alpacas and horses.

She is survived by her three children; daughters, Rebecca Hester and Lanora Akers, and her son, Chance Akers; parents, Memphis and Donna Hadden; brother, Rick and Julie Kimberly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steven Akers; brothers, Mark Hadden and Randy Kimberly.

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### **CHERI' ELIZABETH WRIGHT** MAY 4, 1959 – NOV. 6, 2017

Cheri' lived in Montana until 1968. At that time, her parents and siblings moved to Oregon. She graduated from Marshfield High School in 1977. She enjoyed many activities in school, especially cheerleading and dance.

Cheri' chose the career path of being a pharmacy technician, where she was employed by Bay Area Hospital and OHSU.

Cheri' is survived by her father, John Wright; sisters, Cynthia Ball, Carolyn Madison and Candice Olson; nine nieces and nephews; six great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Katherine Wright.

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A private inurnment for Cheri' Elizabeth Wright, 58, of Portland, formerly of Coos Bay, will be held at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum in Coos Bay.

Cheri' was born May 4, 1959, in Livingston, Mont. to John and Katherine Wright. She passed away Nov. 6, 2017 in Portland.



### **SYLVIA A. HOUSEMAN** FEB. 14, 1932 – NOV. 12, 2017

married Chuck E. Houseman and was a homemaker and loving mother to six children, two sons and four daughters.

She volunteered at the North Bend Senior Center as a hostess, cook and decorator for six years before her health prevented her from continuing. She was known for her gardening skills, and grew vegetables and fruit on any plot of land she owned. She was a longstanding member of the United Church of God, where she was loved and warmly accepted. She was known for her cooking skills in her congregation and very well appreciated by the members. She will be lovingly remembered and sorely missed by her congregation and by all who knew her and loved her.

She is survived by her son, Bruce W. Houseman; four daughters, Phyllis J. Owens, Bonnie J. Kuhn, Alice A. Blayne-Allard and Amy L. Buckley; brother, Gary McCrary; sister, Donna Fischer; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, whom all loved and adored her.

She was preceded in death by her eldest son, Phil (Phillip G. Houseman).

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A memorial service for Sylvia A. Houseman, 85, of Coos Bay will be held 1:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17 at Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Avenue in Coos Bay. Private inurnment will be held at Sunset Memorial Park in Coos Bay.

Sylvia was born Feb. 14, 1932 (a valentine baby) to Don and Isabelle McCrary in Coos Bay. She passed away Nov. 12, 2017 in Coos Bay.

Sylvia attended Marshfield High School, graduating in 1950. After graduation, she

### **ANGEL RAE GIORGIS WILLIAMS** OCT. 26, 1961- NOV. 4, 2017



Angel was born Oct. 26, 1961 in McAuley hospital, Coos Bay, the daughter of Richard J Giorgis and Mary Jo Marie (Sawtelle) Giorgis. Angel passed Nov. 4, 2017, at her Grants Pass home with her husband, Kevin by her side, following a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Angel attended Coos Catholic Grade School in Coos Bay, and graduated from Marshfield High School in 1979. Both during and after high school Angel worked as a dishwasher, soon becoming a waitress at the old Courtel (now Red Lion) restaurant in Coos Bay, leading up to a lifelong career in the hospitality industry. Angel later left the Courtel to work for the Portside Restaurant in Charleston. After her high school years Angel, chose vacations traveling mostly around the West Coast, including Hawaii. Angel then decided to pursue what she jokingly referred to a real job and decided to go back to school.

Angel pursued a college degree from Southern Oregon State College, graduating with dual Bachelor's Degrees in Psychology and Business Management in 1986. It is during her college days, where Angel first

met her husband, Kevin Williams.

After college, Angel rejoined Red Lion in Elko, Nev. as a cocktail waitress. Angel loved both the desert and the alpine country. Angel was especially fond of the Elko and Ely Nevada areas. In the early 1990's, Angel moved to Arizona taking on a hospitality management position at the Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson. In 2004 Angel married her best friend, Kevin, settling in Milwaukie, Ore., before moving to Grants Pass.

Angel loved her life. She enjoyed traveling (46 of 50 states), was an avid reader, including a good ghost story occasionally. She loved trying to solve murder mysteries and exploring paranormal events. She was also a devoted animal lover, especially dogs. She could often be found spending time enjoying her second best friend, Lucas Fonzarelli, a loving terrier/schnauzer mix. She also loved to open her home to family and friends, cooking delicious meals, and making them all feel the loving embrace of hearth and home.

Angel is survived by her husband of 13 years, Kevin Williams of Grants Pass; father,

Richard Giorgis of Coos Bay; brother and sister-in-law, Stephen and Kimberley, of Coos Bay; stepchildren, Missy Smith and John Williams of Portland; nieces and nephews, Jordan and Teresa Torst of Reedsport, Gabrielle Giorgis of North Bend, Victoria Giorgis of Bremerton, Wash., Gatlon Giorgis and Emily Foster and baby, Elizabeth Lynn of Coos Bay; aunts, Carole Shaw and Lynn Boudreau, both of Grants Pass; cousins, Sharon and Gary Costa of Coos Bay, Brent Smith of Coos Bay, Krista Smith Snook of Eugene, Deanna Janick, Randi Ritsch, Kathy Mahr, Courtney Clark, all of Grants Pass, and Don Don Williams of Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Angel is also survived by her very special friend and college roommate, Elizabeth Macdonald of Vancouver, Wash.

Angel was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Dianne Williams in 2009; mother, Mary Jo Giorgis in 2011, and niece; Brittney Torst in 2005.

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A recitation of the Holy Rosary for Angel Rae Giorgis Williams will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday Nov. 18, 2017, followed by a Memorial Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2250 16th St. in North Bend, with Father Karl Schray, officiating. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Private cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay, with interment to be held after the reception.





## **CURTIS J. PETERSDORF** SEPT. 6, 1926 - OCT. 15, 2017

International Paper Co. until his retirement. In his younger years, he was a member of the Gardiner Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed building and was instrumental in the building of his son's and daughter's homes. He enjoyed working on endless projects for children and neighbors.

Curtis was preceded in death by his son, Donald in 2002; wife of 61 years, Rose, who passed away in 2010; four brothers, Charley, Willie, Hershel and Ron; two sisters, Louise and Eunice. He is survived by daughters, Judith Petersdorf and partner, Hank McChesney of Reedsport; Linda and David Brandon of Scottsburg; Deanna and Emery Morgan of Reedsport; sisters, Elmeda Newman of Cohasset, Minn., Carol and Walt Holm of Wis. and Faye Burud of Hamilton, Mont.; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was known for his helping hand, generosity and will be missed by family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Cremation arrangements were under the direction of North Bend Chapel Cremation and Funeral Services of North Bend.

Curtis J. Petersdorf, 91, of Gardiner, passed away Oct. 15, 2017. He was born in Pine County, Minn., Sept. 6, 1926 to Herman and Adah Petersdorf. As a young child, he grew up on a farm. In 1944, he joined the U.S. Navy and served his country proudly until 1946. He married Rose Wittner, Sept. 5, 1949 in Cass Lake, Minn.

In the mid 1950s, Curtis moved his family to Gardiner where he was employed at



## **GEORGIA YORK O'DEA** OCT. 25, 1920 - OCT. 29, 2017

She moved from back east, across the country, to make a better life for her family. She loved Oregon and always dreamed of building a log cabin. She always put her friends and family first and never missed a birthday or a holiday. She included and encouraged everyone. She loved to show us she could still dance a jig at age 97! She was loved by all!

Georgia is survived by her daughter, Judy Morris and husband, Tom Morris of North Bend; grandchildren, Dr. Bill and Kelly King of Coos Bay, Kim and Rick Abbott of North Bend, Loren and Michelle Jones of Los Angeles, Calif., Kirk and Brandy Jones of Idleyd Park and Michelle Patrick of Idaho; 26 great grandchildren and 27 great-great grandchildren. She loved to get five generation pictures of each family when they came to visit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen E. O'Dea and her infant son Stephen O'Dea.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service Bay Area, 541-269-2851 and private cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory.

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Best known as "LITTLE GRAMMIE", Georgia York O'Dea, 97, was born in Somerville, Mass. and passed away peacefully at home with her family in North Bend.

A survivor of the depression and wife of a World War II veteran, she learned never to waste and worked hard all of her life. She would sew and mend clothes for the family. She made beautiful prom dresses and outfits for us. She loved gardening and making us sprout sandwiches and carrot juice, teaching us all to eat healthy.



## **GEORGE EVERETT ECKHOLM** DEC. 4, 1926 - NOV. 7, 2017

Growing up in Coaledo, his parents raised several hundred chickens and his mother, Aina, was busy with that and milking cows. His father, Sigurd, worked for the railroad. Aina would tie George to a tree to keep him from running into Hwy 101. George had fond memories of playing in Beaver Slough in an old bathtub during flooding and the fact that he couldn't swim didn't bother him. Due to the shortage of men during World War II, George ran a railroad crew on Southern Pacific Railroad and drove school bus at the age of 16. In the middle of his senior year, he left to join the U.S. Merchant Marines.

When George returned from the Merchant Marines, he met the love of his life, Jeanne, at a big band dance in July of 1948 and they were married following May. They were blessed with a daughter, Barbara, and a son, David. When Jeanne passed in 2009, they had been married for 59 years.

George worked at Southwestern Motors, Thornton's Tire and United Electric Service until he and his wife, Jeanne, purchased North Bend Auto Parts in 1976. They owned and operated North Bend Auto Parts for 16 years.

George participated in several organizations and community services which included, Coquille Christian Community Church where he served as Chairman of the Board, Elder, Deacon and Trustee. George served from 1949-1979 with the Coquille Fire Department, retiring as Assistant Fire Chief. He was passionate about serving the Lord and he was active with Coos County Gideons visiting many churches sharing the message of Jesus and spent hundreds of hours handing out bibles at schools. He participated in Coos County Radio Club (W7VPF), Coos County RACES and Southwestern Oregon Rental Owners Association. He was also a lifelong Mason.

George is survived by his daughter, Barbara Foord and husband, Ralph of Coquille; son, David Eckholm of Coquille; sister-in-law, LaVelle Cole of Parker, Colo.; granddaughter, Koren Evans of Junction City; grandson, Kyle Evans and wife, Julie of Junction City; granddaughter-in-law, Danette Foord of Coquille; great-grandchildren, Madisyn Evans of Junction City, McKenzie, Colby, Kendra and Peyton Evans of Junction City; great-grandson, Geoffrey Felker of Coquille; nieces Linda

Markham of Coquille, Carlene Eckholm Howard of Lake Havasu, Ariz., Sigrid Huston and husband, Pat of Portland, Karen Gough of Vancouver, Wash.; and numerous nieces, nephews and many special friends and caregivers, Michelle and Liane.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Eckholm; sister Margaret Southmayd and husband Ellis; brothers, Oke and wife, Marge, Carl and wife, LaReine; brother-in-law, Wally Cole; nephews, David Scott Cole and Eric Eckholm; nieces, Diane Procter and Kris Bolkan and grandson Rick Foord.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Gideons, Coos County Camp, P.O. Box 622, Coquille, OR 97423, Coquille Christian Community Church, 625 E. 10th St., Coquille, OR 97423 or Coos County Radio Club, P.O. Box 698, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Online Condolences and remembrances may be shared with the family at [www.westrumfuneralservice.com](http://www.westrumfuneralservice.com) and [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).

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

A celebration of life will be held for George Everett Eckholm, 90, of Coquille, at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017, at the Coquille Christian Community Church, 625 E. 10th St. Pastor Bruce Russell will officiate. Interment was at Myrtle Crest Memorial Gardens.

George was born Dec. 4, 1926, in Marshfield, to Sigurd and Aina Widlund Eckholm. He died Nov. 7, 2017 in Coos Bay.





**CHARLES P. JAMES JR.**  
AUG. 26, 1943 – OCT. 18, 2017

Charles “Charlie” James Jr. was born Aug. 26, 1943 in Welch, Ok. to Beulah and Charles “Pres” James. He went home to His heavenly Father Oct. 18, 2017, after he lost his fight with metastatic cancer and passed away peacefully in Coquille.

Charlie moved with his family to Coos Bay in 1951 where he spent his childhood and graduated from Marshfield High School. He met and married Evangeline Gaines and had three children, they later divorced. Charlie studied engineering at Oregon State University and made his home in Salem, where he worked as a Civil Engineer for the Oregon Department of Transportation and later retired.

He was a talented musician and played frequently at his church and for friends and family. As a master gardener, he spent his retirement plant-

ing fruit trees on his property in Myrtle Point where he was his happiest. He was well loved by friends and his family, and will be greatly missed.

Charlie is survived by his sons, Christopher James and wife, Sandi, Robert James and wife, Serrae; daughter, Aliza Bach (James) and husband, Terry; sisters, Betty Fredrickson (James) and husband, John, Dixie Wright (James) and husband, Jake, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be greatly missed by his seven grandchildren, Cameron, Cailin, Cohan, Logan, Ian, Aaron, and Lauren and his beloved pup, Chloe.

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A memorial service will be held at a later date for Charles “Charlie” P. James Jr., 74, of Myrtle Point. Per his wishes, private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay. An inurnment will be held at a later date at Sunset Memorial Park in Coos Bay, where Charles will be laid to rest near his parents.



**LORETTA “LORI”  
BEATRICE RYMER**

MAY 5, 1940 - NOV. 26, 2017

Services will be held for Loretta “Lori” Beatrice Rymer, 77, of Coos Bay at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at College Park Community Church in North Bend. Richard LaMar will officiate.

Lori was born May 5, 1940 to parents Emma Loretta Brauckman and Albert Santoro. She passed away Nov. 26, 2017 in Portland.

Lori is survived by her husband, David Rymer; mother, Emma Loretta Brauckman; brother, Richard Santoro; daughters, Karen Perrone, and Amy Rymer; sons, David Rymer, Steve Rymer, Tim Rymer, Tim Gardner, John Rymer, and Daniel Rymer; many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Leave a loving comment on the online obituary.



**HERBERT “HERB” ETHAN ALLEN**  
SEPT. 24, 1925 - OCT. 9, 2017

Leonard Jr., developing a love of life, family and sense of adventure. He enjoyed playing basketball in his high school years and worked at a variety of odd jobs in his youth to help his family. He answered his country's call to arms by enlisting in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, in April 1943. He proudly served onboard Navy vessels in the Pacific theater during many of the major sea battles of World War II.

After his honorable discharge, May 1946, he met the love of his life, Helen Ernestine Yates at a dance. It was “love at first sight” and they were united in marriage April 2, 1948. They resided in Coos Bay for the 69 years they shared together and raised a family.

Herb was extremely loving and proud of his four daughters; Joyce Aleksa of Gresham, Nancy Horner (Gary) of Coos Bay, Cynthia LeClerc of Coos Bay and Diane Nelson (Chuck) of North Bend, whom will all greatly miss his loving care. Herb is survived by his wife and forever love, “Ernie”; his four daughters; his brother, Ethan of Salem; six grandsons, Jason Aleksa, Jake Horner, Brandon LeClerc, Cody LeClerc, Jesse LeClerc and Ben Nelson; five granddaughters, Jamie Christensen, Jana Lehn, Traci Howerton, Wendi VanDitto and Sara Nelson; as well as many loving great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and extended family. He was

preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two of his great grandsons.

Herb was employed by Georgia Pacific for most of his working years. He had many pastimes he enjoyed such as training his dogs, CB radio time, riding motorcycles with friends and competing in motor cross races, dancing, playing pool, Sunday cribbage games and going for walks. He loved the outdoors and engineered many picnic and camping trips with extended family, sharing lively campfire discussions, cribbage and horseshoe games, swimming and much laughter. He liked watching birds and spent many hours in his garage using his wood crafting skills to build birdhouses and share them with those he loved. An avid Oregon Duck fan, he believed that if things were not going well, he could bring the team luck by turning his hat around.

His sense of humor, strength of character and his love for his family will be greatly missed. In his honor hug a dog, smile at a loved one, tell a story, go outside, listen to the birds, swim in a river, share a game of cards, or dance the night away. Let the challenges you face strengthen you. Follow his lead and make the most of the life you have been given.

A special “thank you” to those at the Fresenius Center in Coos Bay, who gave such loving care to him throughout his 12 years of dialysis, it was greatly appreciated.

A service with military honors to celebrate the life of Herbert “Herb” Ethan Allen, 92, was held at Sturdivant park in Coquille, Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, along the river he swam with his brothers as a child. He was born in Coquille, Sep. 24, 1925, the second born son of Leonard Jesse and Laura Katherine (Cornwell) Allen. He passed away peacefully in his sleep, Oct. 9, 2017 in Coos Bay.

Herb grew up exploring the Coquille area with his three brothers, Louis, Ethan and





### **EDWARD STUART TILLIS** AUG. 5, 1928 - OCT. 15, 2017

Edward Stuart Tillis, 89, passed away on Oct. 15, 2017 at Peace Harbor Medical Center in Florence.

Edward was born Aug. 5, 1928, in Wheaton Ill. to J.L. and Grace (Lake) Tillis. Edward attended school in Wheaton, Wheaton College, Western Montana College in Dillon, Mont. and San Jose State College. Edward met and eventually married Dolores A. Davis, they were married Aug. 12, 1950 in Dillon Mont. The couple eventually settled in Reedsport where Edward taught school for a number of years for the Reedsport School District.

Edward enjoyed reading and volunteering within the community. He held memberships and participated in Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Patriarchs Militant Oregon, Encampment, AARP food pantry, Lower Umpqua Senior Center, United Presbyterian Church and the Covenant United Methodist Church. He also served and was discharged honorably from the Illinois and Montana National Guard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores and grandson Peter Schaaf.

He is survived by daughter, Geane Rickels (Lynn); son, Joseph Tillis (Leanna); grandchildren, Andrew, Victoria, and Rebekah Schaaf and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Lower Umpqua Hospital Foundation, 600 Ranch Road, Reedsport, Ore. 97467 or Oregon IOOF Educational Foundation, 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland Ore. 97202-3458.

A memorial service is planned for Dec. 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the United Presbyterian Church, 2360 Longwood Drive, Reedsport. Private family inurnment will follow at Reedsport Masonic Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dunes Memorial Chapel. Leave a loving comment at [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).



Lonas "Lonnie" Ray Van Elsberg was born in Marshfield (now Coos Bay) April 19, 1931, to Marcelle and Ellen (Emerson) Van Elsberg. He passed away Nov. 11, 2017, Veteran's Day, in North Bend.

After attending Marshfield High School, Lonnie was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. Upon returning home from the U.S. Army,

### **LONAS "LONNIE" RAY VAN ELSBERG**

APRIL 19, 1931 – NOV. 11, 2017

Lonnie returned to Coos Bay where he began working for Menasha Corp. for a time before moving on to become County Road-master and County Surveyor. He also served as County Commissioner for Coos County until his retirement in 1975, when he began a new career in real estate. With his wife Sheri, he started Van Elsberg Real Estate, where they worked together for over 35 years before retiring in 2013.

Lonnie was an active member of the community. He was a member of the Coos Bay Volunteer Fire Department, Coos Bay Lion's Club, and Commander of the VFW Post 4441. He was also a member of the National Association of Realtors and Forest Hills Country Club. He loved golfing and had a passion for gardening. He took great pride in his flower garden and his yard was beautifully landscaped, always full of delightful flowers.

Lonnie was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will truly be missed.

Lonnie is survived by his wife, Sheri; two sons, Larry Van Elsberg and wife,

Lily, and Brian Van Elsberg; two daughters; Kim Espy and husband, John, and Jill Robertson and husband, Bruce; stepson John Good and wife, Bobbett; brother, George Van Elsberg and wife, Sharon; two sisters; Yvonne Brock and, husband Louie, and Luella Hedges and husband, Bill; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Carlos and Gayland Van Elsberg.

At his request, no public service will be held. A private graveside service will be held at IOOF Cemetery in Bandon.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Friends of Coos County Animals (FOCCAS), PO Box 911, Coos Bay, Ore. 97420, or to the Coos County Animal Shelter, 92960 South Port Road, Coos Bay, Ore. 97420.

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### **SUSAN D. (VICKERS) DOWNER**

MARCH 30, 1946 - NOV. 15, 2017

Susan was very active in high school as a member of the rally squad, sang in the choir and was the secretary of her senior class. Outside of school she was a member of Job's Daughters where she rose through the ranks to the position of Queen. She also found time for tap dancing and ballet. Her love of dancing spilled over to participating at the Runeberg Hall where traditional Scandinavian dances were taught. Little did she know this is where she would meet her future husband when in the 7th grade. Later, when a sophomore in high school, she started dating Ken Downer and they became high school sweethearts, eventually marrying in 1964. This relationship lasted 53 years until her death.

Susan worked in several different occupations as a secretary at Oregon State University, as a legal secretary, and finally as executive administrative assistant at Hewlett Packard. She retired from HP in 2002.

Retirement allowed Susan to pursue her personal interests. She enjoyed decorating her house and yard around special days and holidays. She also enjoyed traveling and RV'ing with her husband Ken. She continued her love of dancing by taking classes in line dancing and Zumba. She was an excellent cook and loved to entertain.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents; brother, James Vickers and sister, Dorothy Leply. Surviving her are husband, Ken of Corvallis; son, Brian of Albany; brother-in-law, Jerol (Shirley) of Gig Harbor, Wash.; sister, Anne (Duane) Anderson of Tualatin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a date and place yet to be determined.

Online condolences for the family may be posted at [www.mchenryfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchenryfuneralhome.com) and [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).





## DOROTHY LOU FOSS

FEB. 1, 1930 – OCT. 28, 2017

Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., completing her State Certificate Course for teaching in 1950. Dorothy married her hometown sweetheart, John T. Foss June 15, 1951 in Canton, S.D. They shared 56 years of marriage together until John's death in 2008.

In 1956, Dorothy and John moved to Oregon to pursue John's legal career. She attended Oregon College of Education in Monmouth and earned her Oregon State teaching credentials. They moved to Coos Bay in 1957. Dorothy taught First Grade at Bunker Hill Elementary for two years. She left teaching to raise their three children, Steven, David, and Sara.

From Boy Scouts to 4-H, class parties to sporting events, Dorothy was very involved in her children's activities. She was also active in many local civic and social groups, including P.E.O., Progress Club, and Friends of the Coos Bay Library, for which she baked countless dozens of cookies over the years.

Dorothy's lifelong faith journey began in her childhood at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Inwood, Iowa. Shortly after moving to Coos Bay, She and John joined Trinity Lutheran Church. They were among the founding members of Gloria Dei when it was formed in 1958 by the merger of Trinity and

First Lutheran of North Bend. Through the years, Dorothy was engaged in and contributed to so many facets of Gloria Dei. She was a stalwart in faith and in her church community.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dorothy's name may be made to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1290 Thompson Rd, Coos Bay, Ore. 97420, or to the International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood <https://donations.peointernational.org/> or to the Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon, P.O. Box 1082, Coos Bay, Ore. 97420.

Dorothy is survived by her brother, Dave Sivesind and Tammie of Naperville, Ill.; her sons, Steven J. Foss of Coos Bay, David J. Foss and Kimberley of Kent, Wash.; her daughter, Sara L. Carmichael and Todd of Bellevue, Wash.; her grandchildren, Brian, Michael, and Daniel Foss, and Davis and Torin Carmichael.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her brother, Donald Sivesind and her sister, Doris Abts.

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

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## GRACE IRENE FORD

MARCH 22, 1943 - NOV. 1, 2017

A celebration of life for Grace Irene Ford, 74, of North Bend, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 at Shoreline Community Church, 1251 Clark Street in North Bend, with pastor Mike Barnard, officiating.

Grace was born March 22, 1943 in Bell, Calif. to Herman Clyde Flowers and Gerane (Bradshaw) Flowers. She passed away Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 in Coos Bay.

Grace graduated from Sonora High School 1961. She married William James Ford in Torrance, Calif. April 28, 1962. They moved from Los Angeles, Calif. to Cascadia in 1965 and a couple years later moved into Sweet Home. Grace retired from Weyerhaeuser after 20 years in 2005.

After her husband's death, Grace moved to North Bend in 2010.

She was a member of Shoreline Community Church since 2011 and of Sweet Home Community Chapel for several years before moving to North Bend.

She was an active member of TOPS group 300 of North Bend and the Red Hats Society. Grace was an avid golfer most of her adult life. She also played softball and was on the bowling league in Sweet Home. She loved to watch her kids in all their sporting events and loved the sport of baseball. Grace loved to play cards and games and spend time with friends and family.

Grace is survived by sons, Charlie Ford of Vancouver, Wash. and David Ford of Sweet Home; daughter, Kelly Conrad and son-in-law, John Conrad of North Bend; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson, and sister, Elsie Lomeli of California.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Grace Ford's name to Life Change Church mission fund, 200 Ackerman Ave. Coos Bay, Oregon 97420.

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## BERNICE RIFFE (COLEMAN) MOLTHU

JAN. 19, 1917 - OCT. 9, 2017

Chehalis). She attended the Methodist Church in Coquille. She was married to O.E. (Auggie) Molthu in 1935 for 42 years. She and her husband moved to Coos County Oregon in 1937. Her home has been in Coquille for most of those years.

She worked for Coquille Gas & Power Co/Gas Appliance Co, Southwestern Motors, Bay Motors in Coos Bay and Lawton & Joann Verger. She became the office manager & remained in that position until she retired. For a short time she worked for Honda World.

Bernice enjoyed traveling, reading, painting, and once compiled a book, called AMONG MY SOUVENIRS of anecdotes, clippings, & some of her own poetry & writings. Feeling that she owed the area something for the good life she had experienced here, she joined Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary where she worked at the first floor information desk, family waiting room, did blood pressures, Red Cross Bloodmobile and held the positions of Chairman of Records, President Elect, President & Secretary of the Auxiliary & served on the board as Member At Large. She served on the State Board of the Oregon Hospital Auxiliary for 3 years. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi

Sorority of Coquille and Junior Women's & Toastmistress.

Bernice was very proud of her children. She loved them dearly and often said they were her life. She loved her friends with a deep Christian love and they were always there for her. She always tried to "Think Positive" and her motto was "Keep Smiling" which she proudly wore at her big 100th birthday celebration Jan. 2017.

She is survived by their children, Robert E. Molthu and Nadine E. Brandsma, of Vancouver, Wash. and Linda A. Sanders and her husband, Darrell of Roseburg. She had five grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great grandchildren plus several nieces and nephews.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and four sisters.

Memorial services will be held for Bernice C Molthu on Nov. 18 at 2:00 at Coquille Christian Community Church 625 E 10th St, Coquille, Ore. 97423. Donations may be made in her name to Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary Memorial Fund, 1775 Thompson Rd, Coos Bay, Ore. 97420 or to the charity of your choice.

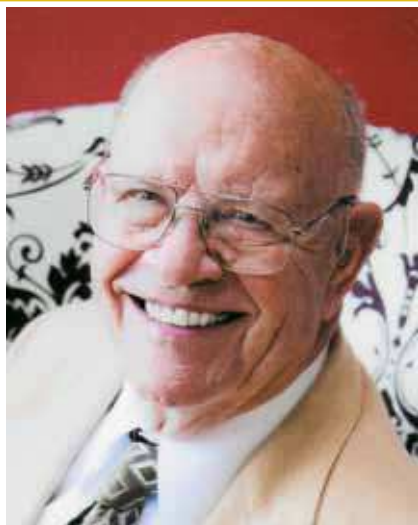
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Bernice Riffe (Coleman) Molthu was born Jan. 19, 1917 to I.F. and Rosa (Riffe) Coleman at Riffe, Lewis County, WA and died Oct. 9, 2017 in Vancouver, Wash.

She graduated from Mossyrock High School in Mossyrock, Wash. and Centralia Business College majoring in Business management and accounting. She later took Cost Accounting in Coos Bay.

Bernice was a member of Primitive Baptist Church in Riffe, Wash. (now of





**DR. RICKARD WILLIAM MCLEAN**  
APRIL 8, 1923 - OCT. 8, 2017

Rickard William McLean, 94, M.D. passed away at Redwood Heights Assisted Living Facility in Salem Oct. 8, 2017. Rickard was born, with his twin brother Richard Leroy, April 8, 1923 in Winthrop, Wash. to Arnetta Louise Ziegler and Chauncey Leroy McLean. Rickard married Marjorie Jean Dimm July 20, 1947 at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church in Portland. After completing premedical studies at Whitman College in Washington, Rickard completed his medical school training at University of Oregon Medical School (now Oregon Health and Science University) in 1948. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1947. While studying for his psychiatric residency in Pueblo, Colo., he returned to the Navy to serve the Marine Corps as a physician during the Korean War. He was again honorably discharged in 1952. He has two children, Mark Thomas McLean and Victoria Lynne McLean and three grandchildren.

Dr. McLean settled in Reedsport with his family and remained in the community as a respected and loved physician until he retired in 1993. In 2007, he moved to Salem to be closer to family. He practiced as a physician and surgeon until he became certified as a Family Practice Physician in 1978. He was awarded Oregon Family Practice Physician of the year in 1989 by the American Academy of Family Physicians. In 1973, he took a sabbatical to complete a surgical residency at Providence Hospital in Portland. He was an integral part of the community, the church and in the world by taking his skill as a healer to other continents and cultures including Bolivia and Swaziland. He was an active member of the United Presbyterian Church in Reedsport. He loved gardening, the outdoors, photography, travel and his family home in the North Cascades. He was the father who said, "Let's climb that mountain!" or, "Let's visit China." He returned home with his family every year to back-pack or cross-country ski in the North Cascades that he loved so well.

Rickard is survived by his children, Mark McLean and Vicki McLean; his brother, Lynn McLean; his sister, Florence Templeman and three grandchildren.

Services will be held at Reedsport United Presbyterian Church, 10:00 a.m. Nov. 18. Interment will be in May, 2018 when the sunflowers are blooming on the hillsides in the Methow Valley at Sullivan Cemetery where his wife precedes him. Donations can be made in his memory to United Presbyterian Church in Reedsport; Reedsport Rotary Scholarship Foundation; or, Family Practice Department, Oregon Health Science and University.



A Chapel funeral service to celebrate the life of Elaine Parrish, 89, of North Bend, will be held on 1:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24th at the North Bend Chapel, 2014 McPherson Avenue, with Steve Watson officiating. A private family graveside committal will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Coos Bay.

Elaine was born on Feb. 10, 1928 in Verona, Miss. to Zollie Johnson and Irene

## **ELAINE PARRISH** FEB. 10, 1928 - NOV. 18, 2017

(Priest) Johnson. She passed away peacefully in the presence of her family at the Avemere Care facility in Coos Bay in the evening of Nov. 18, 2017.

Elaine is survived by her son, Grady Frank Johnson, of Coos Bay; daughter, Nancy Plunkett and her husband, Jon Opfell, of Sonoma, Calif.; daughter, Joyce Palmer and her husband, Don Palmer of Mammoth Creek, Utah; daughter, Hollie Rudder of Utah; Elaine shared a uniquely special relationship with her sister, JoNell Oaks, and her husband, Wes Oaks, of North Bend, that defined the sisterly bond of love, compassion and eternal love. Elaine is also survived by her brother, Clyde Johnson and his wife, Claudette Johnson; grandchildren, Elizabeth Hammon, Sarah Iverson, Christopher Hall and Grady Johnson; seven great-grandchildren; devoted niece, Sherry Oaks; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, Irene and Zollie Johnson; brother, Harold Johnson; granddaughter, Heidi Johnson; and nephew, Curtis Bohannon.

Elaine will be lovingly remembered as a wonderful mother and matriarch of her family, cherished were her exceptional culi-



nary skills, usually which was inclusive of items gleaned from her vegetable garden.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Elaine's dear daughter, Joyce, for the love and care given in her final days.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at [www.coosbayarea-funerals.com](http://www.coosbayarea-funerals.com) and [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com). Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.



A celebration of life for Ronald Irwin Oerding, 56, of Coquille, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19 at Coquille Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1051 N Cedar Point Road in Coquille.

Ronald was born Nov. 23, 1960 in Coos Bay, to Robert Irwin Oerding and Lela Jane (Kelley) Oerding. He passed away Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 in Riverbend Hospital in Springfield with his loving wife, Loreena, by his side. As a young adult he developed cancer and went

## **RONALD IRWIN OERDING** NOV. 23, 1960 - NOV. 1, 2017

through experimental chemotherapy. He went into remission and the doctors didn't expect him to live more than five years. He was a medical miracle but the treatments left him with many health issues to which he eventually succumbed.

Ron is survived by his mother, Lela Oerding of Charleston; wife, Loreena Oerding of Coquille; daughters, Sonja Zastrow and son-in-law, Tom Zastrow of Fairbanks, Alaska; Raleen Fisher and son-in-law Austin Fisher of Coquille; grandsons, Nathan Huffman of Coquille and Ford Fisher of Coquille; granddaughter, Asha Huffman of Coquille; sister, Judy Greenway and brother-in-law Phil Greenway of Coquille; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Oerding.

Ron graduated from Coquille Valley High School in 1979.

While in high school he studied for his Real Estate license and upon graduating he worked with his uncle, George Oerding, as an agent. He was a jack-of-all-trades and grew up in the myrtle wood factory learning the woodworking trade from his father. He worked for Gittings Boatworks in Charleston, cleaning and painting boats in his early 20's. He did automotive body work and engine repair throughout his life. He built and remodeled numerous houses. He was a caretaker and owner of the Oerding

Manor Retirement Residence.

He is the fourth generation of wood workers at the Myrtle Burl myrtlewood factory, which later became the Oerding Manor Retirement Residence. He built a cabin on Tenmile Lake with his family, using the experience to teach his 'kids' how to build a house. He loved to ride his street bike (Harley motorcycle) and rode it to the Sturgis Bike Rally. He loved to ride four-wheelers at the sand dunes. He taught all his 'kids' how to ride a motorcycle, run heavy equipment or build a house. Anything he knew how to do, he was willing to teach. The lake was his favorite place and loved to take his kids tubing and wakeboarding. He loved having animals, like chickens, goats and bunnies. He was always game for a road trip and checking out new things with family and friends. He never turned down a ride at the dunes! Along with his sense of humor and adventure, he had a loving and supportive nature and was always there for no matter what you needed. He welcomed anyone along for the ride - "the more the merrier"

Ron was passionate about spending time with family and friends. He loved to travel and experience new adventures. He was a selfless person, who would give anything to see his family and friends smile. He was a loving husband, a generous papa, a patient father, and a friend to so many. He is missed.



## OLLA BELL L. PLEW

MAY 7, 1934 – NOV. 4, 2017

Celebration of life for Olla Bell L. Plew, 83, of Coquille, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 at Center of Hope Assembly of God, 457 E. 2nd in Coquille, with Pastor Ken Duke officiating. Private burial is at Myrtle Crest Memorial Gardens.

Olla Bell was born May 7, 1934, in Wagoner, Okla. to Rasho and Mary Rozella (Owen) Roberts. She died Nov. 4, 2017, in Coquille.

She moved to Coquille as a young girl. She was married to Elwyn R. "Pete" Plew Jan. 25, 1952 in Coos Bay. She was a very active member of the Center of Hope Assembly of God church. She loved quilting, crocheting and camping. She had worked in the kitchen at Coquille schools, volunteered at the County Clerk's office during election time, and volunteered her time for many years at Senior Meals and the Food Bank. She and Pete, also, loved to travel and camp and was a member of the Good Sam Club.

Olla Bell is survived by her husband; Elwyn R. "Pete" Plew of Coquille; sons, Darrell Ray Plew and his wife, Patty of

Winchester Bay; Larry Allen Plew and his wife Roxanne of Grants Pass; daughters, Brenda Johnson and her husband, Keith of Coquille and Linda Petersen and her husband, Rick of Eagle Point; sisters, Emma Lou Bailey of Austin, Texas, Sharon Bailey of Morris, Okla., Juanita Schmoe of Yakima, Wash. and Birtie Sires of Yakima, Wash.; brother, Hershel Roberts, of Coquille; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Avanelle Johnson and granddaughter Angela Nicole Gregory.

In Lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Benevolence Fund at Center of Hope Assembly of God Church, 457 E. 2nd st, Coquille, OR 97423.

Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with the family at [www.westrumfuneralservice.com](http://www.westrumfuneralservice.com) or [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).

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

## JACQUOLYNN RICHARDS

FEB. 22, 1928 - OCT. 31, 2017

Jacquolynn Richards, 89, of Myrtle Point passed away Oct. 31, 2017 with family and friends at her side.

Jackie was born Feb. 22, 1928 in Colorado Springs, Colo. to John and Bernice Hakes. When she was 17 years old, they moved to Oakland, Calif. where Jackie finished high school.

In 1950, Jackie married Lawrence Westfall, then moved to Bridge, Ore. on lower Rock Creek. There she joined the family business, ranching, logging, and sawing lumber. Neil was born in 1952 and a short time after Lawrence passed away. Jackie endured tough times for a few years as family and friends supported and helped her.

In 1954, she married Leroy Richards and Brian was born in 1955. She raised her family as a wife, mother, and homemaker. She grew a large garden, canning and freezing most of the food for the family. She enjoyed

sowing, knitting, music, and her dogs. She was active in the family business gunning parts, doing books, moving irrigation, haying and any other needed jobs.

Jackie was active in many organizations, such as Bridge Grange, Coquille Emblem Club, Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile. She enjoyed the many friendships she developed while serving the community she loved.

Jackie was preceded in death by Leroy in 1991. She is survived by her sons, Neil Westfall and Brian Richards(Allison); eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Jackie was blessed with many friends and our family thanks them all for the help and support given.

At Jackie's request no services will be held. The family will have a celebration of life for family and friends in the near future. Leave a loving comment at [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).

## BARBARA ELIZABETH FELLOWS LIGGETT

FEB. 12, 1939 – NOV. 24, 2017

A mass of Christian burial for Barbara Elizabeth Fellows Liggett, 78, of Coos Bay, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, Dec. 1, 2017 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2250 16th street in North Bend, with Father Henry Rufo, officiating. A private family burial will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Barbara was born Feb. 12, 1939 in Chiloquin, Ore. to Leroy "Jack" and Louise Denhardt Fellows. She passed away Nov. 24, 2017 in Coos Bay.

The family, which included a sister, Madeline "Jackie" and brother, Roger, lived in Klamath Falls until 1946 when they moved to the Hauser area, to the Devereux Mill Camp at Hauser next to her cousins, the Denhardt family.

In 1955, Barbara met the love of her life, John Charles "Corky" Liggett. Corky and Barbara married Feb. 5, 1955.

Barbara worked for Georgia Pacific Mill in Coos Bay from 1964 to 1978, working both the spreaders and the dryers. In 1978, she developed an allergy to fir dust and was rehabilitated. She attended SWOCC and earned two associate degrees, holding a 4.00 GPA. She was a member of the National Honor Society.

After graduating, Barbara went to work

for Christianson Trucking Company as a legal secretary, retiring in 1980.

Barbara's greatest joy was her six children, seventeen grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, from the moment they took their first breath until she passed from this earth. She learned to become a mediator, a story-teller and so much more. She was a medic on the field with many scrapes and broken bones and on occasion, she removed pellets from children who had pellet guns. You could always find Barbara watching her children perform in school activities, football games, choir performances and so much more.

You always knew if you stopped by the Liggett family home at dinner time, an extra plate would be set for you. Often Barbara prepared seafood brought home by her husband Corky. They always said no one would ever leave their home hungry.

Barbara and Corky took many trips up the coast, a time that Barbara enjoyed so much. Barbara loved to play Bingo, but most of all she enjoyed winning and taking a little money home in her pocket.

Barbara never spoke an ill word about anyone. She loved the door opening and one or more of children or grandchildren stopping by to share a few moments of the

day.

Barbara is survived by her sons, Chuck Liggett of North Bend, Ronald and Stephanie Liggett of Eugene, and Robert and Virginia Liggett of Coos Bay; daughters, Vickie Bull of Lakeside, Dianne Jackson of Coos Bay and Kathleen Robinson of Longview, Wash.; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and brother, Roger of California.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Corky Liggett; her parents, Jack and Louise Fellows; and sister, Madeline "Jackie" Rosenquist.

As the evening falls and if we listen closely, we will hear the laughter of the young girl who spent hours growing up in Hauser, the young bride who said "I do", and the loving mother who raised six children. She leaves us with warm memories that will last a life time. We know now that she is sitting on the edge of a cloud looking down on us. We will feel her watching us in the breath of the wind and the warmth of the sun.

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](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com) and [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).

## CARL LIEN WHITNEY

JUNE 20, 1927 - AUG. 14, 2017

Carl Lien Whitney, 90, of Coos Bay, passed away Aug. 14, 2017.

He enjoyed wood working, fishing and was an excellent welder.

He is survived by his daughter, Sheila A. Simpson and husband, Thomas of Montana; sons, Timothy W. Whitney of Coos Bay, Patrick C. Whitney and wife, Vickey of Coos Bay; as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn R. Whitney.

He will be missed. Leave a loving comment at [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).





### JOHN LAWRENCE OSBURN, JR.

JAN. 6, 1940 - OCT. 25, 2017

"Larry" was born on Jan. 6, 1940 in Los Angeles, Calif. to John L. and Caroline Louise Osburn. He passed away Oct. 25, 2017, in La Pine, Ore. with his family present. He was 77 years old. John attended school at Anaheim High School, Fullerton Jr. College and Chapman University. While attending college, Larry worked at Disneyland for 9 years to pay for his education. Larry was a teacher, specializing in mathematics. He began his teaching career in Jan. 1970, working in Los Angeles. After moving to Coquille, Ore. in 1974, Larry continued his teaching career in the Coquille School District, beginning August 1974. Upon his retirement, June 2016, Larry had acquired a total of 46 years in teaching. He was a member of the Coquille Seventh-Day Adventist church for over 50 years. He served as the church clerk, as a deacon, and as the church bulletin editor. Larry is survived by his sister, Carol and husband P.R. Vaughn of La Pine, Ore.; niece, Allison Osburn-Corcoran and husband, Matt Corcoran of Anaheim, Calif.; cousin, Gayle Haas of Las Vegas, Nev.; Duane Osburn and wife, Debra of Long Beach, Calif.; Mike and Anna Vaughn of Eagle Point, Ore. as well as many friend and relatives.

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### CATHERIN CONSTANCE COOPER

OCT. 2, 1950 – OCT. 25, 2017

and Josiah Briggs of Portland, and Austin Crabtree of Eugene; siblings, Bo Shindler, Sarah Shindler, Mary Shindler, Will Shindler and Rachel Hernandez. She has four nieces and five nephews. She was preceded in death by both parents and her eldest brother.

She was born in Bandon on Oct. 2, 1950, to Franz and Patricia Shindler. Her grandparents were Otto and Geneva Shindler, and Max "Dugan" and Pauline Harrington, all of Bandon. Catie attended Bandon schools and graduated from Brookings High School. She resided in the Shindler family home creating a space where beauty and art connected with nature.

In the late seventies, she owned "Hand Me Down Kate's", a vintage clothing store located in Bandon. Catie loved to collect antique items and glassware, books and cookbooks. She often took her daughters on trips visiting thrift stores and garage sales. She was an accomplished chef, and cooked

in several restaurants in town, as well as owning, along with her partners, Mamacitas and Los Gringos.

Catie was a multimedia artist. She worked with a variety of mediums including sculpture, drawing and painting. Her greatest talent was weaving; she apprenticed with local Native American tribes and developed lasting relationships with the members. In her retirement, she had many travel adventures with her husband that included cruises, cross country road trips and living in Florida. She took the time to lovingly care for her elders and grandchildren. She had amazing gardens in which she spent her happiest moments. She was an avid reader, collecting and reading books covering a wide range of interests and subjects.

The family will have a private gathering at a later date. Memorial contributions may be sent to Bandon Historical Society Museum, 270 Fillmore Ave. S.E., Bandon, Ore. 97411.



### GEORGE GERALD HUCHENDORF

MAY 29, 1929 - NOV. 25, 2017

the attention. He also had a brother, Ronald and another sister, Bonnie. Jerry graduated from Brookings High School in 1947 and moved with his family to Rapid City, S.D. He worked as an apprentice carpenter until 1949, when he joined the U.S. Navy and served four years as a builder with the Seabees in Adak, Korea, and Guam.

In 1952, he married Eunice Root. They were married for 47 years and raised three children; Bruce, Jeffrey and Diane. After leaving the service, he continued as a builder for three years. He then moved to Rio Dell, Calif. hung up his hammer, and operated a hamburger business called the "The Nutshell" for over twenty years. After moving to McMinnville Ore., he continued as a builder for nearly 20 years then retired and moved to Lakeside.

Eunice passed away in 1999, and Feb. 25, 2001, he married Irma Sanborn. He enjoyed wood carving, hunting, fishing, family time, reading,

puttering in the garage and was also active in his church.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Irma; three children from his first marriage, Bruce and his wife Rita and Diane and Jeffrey; along with two step-daughters, Terry Green, Karen Karner, and her husband Carl.

He also has two surviving sisters, Joan Snyder and June Jolley; three grandchildren, Melissa, Jason, and Sarah; two step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and 14 nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his first wife, Eunice; his parents; his brother, Ronald and his sister, Bonnie.

A Memorial Service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Reedsport. A reception will follow at the church.

Arrangements are being handled under the direction of Dunes Memorial Chapel. Leave a loving comment at [www.theworldlink.com](http://www.theworldlink.com).





**EILEEN PATRICIA BELSER**  
OCT. 2, 1935 - NOV. 1, 2017

Eileen Patricia Belser, 82, went home to be with Jesus, Nov. 1, 2017 in Coos Bay.

She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Oct 2, 1935 to Irene Lucille and Harvey Raymond Blair.

She is preceded in death by her mother, father and her sister, Margaret.

She is survived by her daughter, Robin Marie Belser; sisters, Marian Penney of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Carol Blair-Taheny of Gold Canyon, Ariz. and brother, Raymond Blair and family of Keizer; as well as nieces and nephews.

She will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her, but are comforted in the knowledge that we will all be reunited with our heavenly Father.



**SANDY LEE FOSTER**  
JULY 3, 1949 – NOV. 2, 2017

Sandy was born July 3, 1949 in Newburyport, Mass. to James and Loretta Palm.

Sandy loved family, friends, beach life, painting, yard sales, and real estate... spreading love while enjoying good times.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Robert Foster; sisters, Judy, Tracy, Lois and Lynn; brother, Jimmy; son, Jeff; daughters, Cris and Marci; eight grandchildren; five nieces; one nephew, and a multitude of friends.

She made the world a better place, now the heavens share her grace.

A very special thank you to hospice!

At her request, no public services will be held for Sandy Lee Foster, 68, of Coos Bay. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)



**ELVA A. DIRKSEN**  
NOV. 13, 1925 – OCT. 28, 2017

A Funeral service will be held for Elva A. Dirksen, 91, of Coos Bay, at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 874 S. 7th St., Coos Bay. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park.

Elva was born 1925 in Aberdeen, S. D. and departed Oct. 28, 2017 to where the music she so enjoyed is joyous and majestic.

She was loved by God and loved her Lord. Elva was a homemaker and gardener who enjoyed sharing her produce with family and friends. She was dedicated to her family and church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, John R. Dirksen.

She is survived by her four children, Loren and Barbara Dirksen, Ann and Randall Styx, Janet and Neal Riley, and Kent and Dianna Dirksen; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, 541-267-4216.

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