

OBITUARIES

GLOVER—Geoffrey Glover, 61, passed away of an acute illness May 29, 2015, in Portland, Ore.

Geoff was a rare soul who had a beautiful ability to bring out the best of the many people he gathered in his life.

He was a friend and a father to many and his life was enriched by everyone who was dear to him.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Judy and Bob Glover; his brother, Greg Glover; and his dear friend, Kenneth M. Morrison.

He leaves behind three loving children: Jennifer, Joelle and Sam Glover; and his brother, Ric Glover.

Send donations to one of Geoff's favorite charities: Heifers International or Operation Smile.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

His ashes will be returned to the Pacific Ocean, to become a part of his beloved Oregon Coast forever.

DONALDSON—Charles (Don) Gilbert (Flanigan) Donaldson, 87, of Florence, passed away June 6, 2015, after struggling with Alzheimer's for 10 years.

He was born in Rosedale, Kan., on Aug. 15, 1927.

He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1943 because he was not old enough to enlist in the Navy. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1946 and was discharged in 1950 as an operating room technician.

In the 1950s, he started San Jose Medical Supply, which he sold in the late 1960s before moving to Anderson Calif., then Redding, Calif., where he worked as the purchasing agent for Mercy Medical Center until 1973.

He then sold real estate, becoming a broker in 1985 before eventually retiring and moving to Florence in 1994.

He loved to play golf and enjoyed ballroom dancing.

He is survived by his wife,

Barbara; his son, Mike; his daughter, Kathi; his youngest son, Christopher; his youngest daughter, Kathy; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

MARTENSEN—James C. Martensen, 87, of Florence, died June 7, 2015.

James was born April 22, 1928, to Clara Pearl Martensen and Joseph Henry Martensen.

He married Hazel Elma Sisson.

He was self-employed in the construction industry for more than 30 years before retiring in 2010.

He was a resident of Florence for more than 60 years after moving to Florence from Tillamook, Ore.

While in Tillamook, James was a schoolbus driver for 10 years. After moving to Florence, he worked at the Canary Sawmill for 10 years.

He was a train enthusiast and enjoyed polka dancing and was a Jehovah's Witness.

He is survived by his children: Carol Massey and Merry Berg; grandchildren: Shane Massey, Elizabeth Mill, Gabe Berg and James Berg.

Services will be held at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on July 4, beginning at 1 p.m.

SHEPHERD—Janet L. Shepherd, 74, formerly of Florence and most recently of Salem, Ore., passed away June 14, 2015, surrounded by her loving family.

Janet was born in Eugene on March 14, 1942, to Leroy Inman and Iris Barker Inman and was the eldest of four children.

She grew up in Roseburg, graduating from Roseburg High School in 1960.

She attended the University of Oregon and graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary school education.

During college, she met

Ron Crandall of Eugene and in 1963 they were married.

Janet worked for five years as a teacher until her daughters were born.

In 1975, she moved to Florence and, some years later, following a divorce, married Dave Shepherd.

They made their home in Florence for many years.

In 2010, Jan and Dave moved to Salem to be near her daughters after she suffered a stroke. Her husband of 26 years passed away in 2013.

Jan pursued many interests throughout her life. She was very musical and sang in school and community choirs.

She was an accomplished organist and also played piano and guitar. She loved languages and spoke Spanish and French. She was an avid reader and lover of classical music.

She was always a "do-it-yourselfer" and loved gardening and canning, quilting and sewing, kept bees and chickens, crafted furniture, restored antiques and made anything she could by hand.

As an adult, she began taking ballet for fun and exercise and danced for several years.

Jan was employed in various trades at different points in her life, working as an elementary teacher, community college instructor, seamstress, church organist and real-estate agent.

She also owned a sewing shop and managed a rhododendron nursery along with her husband.

Jan and Dave were very involved in the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society for more than 35 years. Jan served a term as chapter president and also as Western Regional Conference Chairwoman for the ARS.

They were well-known throughout Florence due to their active involvement in the community.

Janet was preceded in death by her sister, Laurel Everett; her mother, Iris; her father, Leroy; and her husband, Dave.

She is survived by her brother, Larry Inman, of Livermore, Calif.; her sister, Kathe Cartmell, of Tualatin; her daughters: Elizabeth Gaupo and Deborah Walsh, both of Salem; her stepchildren: Darryl Shepherd and

Debra Murray; and seven grandchildren: Holden,

Isabela, Marah, Toby, Kyan, Ronan and Merek.

She was well-loved and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held in Salem today, June 20, at 1 p.m., at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 3295 Ladd Ave. NE.

A private interment will be held at a later date at Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Donations may be made to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Music Fund, P.O. Box 7416, Salem, OR, 97303.

Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

LARSEN—Earl H. Larsen, 95, of Florence, died June 17, 2015.

He was born Aug. 7, 1919.

He was a member of the Elks, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans and was a charter member of the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum.

There will be no services.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Burns' Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Geoffrey Glover



James Martensen



Earl Larsen



Charles Donaldson



Janet Shepherd

Local artist launches nationwide awareness campaign

Florence artist and owner of The River Gallery Jan Jagoe, has launched a nationwide project awarding \$1,000 scholarships to high school art students to raise awareness of endangered species.

The project targeted all endangered species, with one animal chosen to represent each state.

Paris Meyers, from Crescent Valley High School in Albany, Ore., received a scholarship in December for her watercolor of a humpback whale.

Jordan Merz of Bonners Ferry High School in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, received a scholarship in May for her graphite and charcoal drawing of a woodland caribou.

Winning artwork and information about the project can

be found at www.bethewhale.com, on Facebook and at The River Gallery in Old Town.

Promotional items are available on the website and at the gallery, along with prints of the winning entries.

A portion of all proceeds will be donated to various endangered species projects across the country.

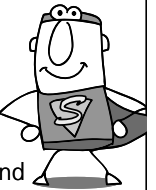
The "BE the Whale" project will continue as additional funding becomes available.

Donations to help support this program can be made through www.gofundme.com/donate-online and at Oregon Pacific Bank, 1355 Highway 101, P.O. Box 22,000, Florence, OR 97439.

Checks should be addressed to the "BE the Whale" donation fund.

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You're Invited

Western Lane Ambulance District
Meet & Greet the candidates for
Executive Director, Western Lane Ambulance District.

Sand Pines Golf Resort Lounge
June 24th, from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm

Finalists contending for the position of Executive Director,
Western Lane Ambulance District will be there to meet community members.

No host bar, appetizers, coffee and punch will be served.



Summer registration begins for LCC classes

The Lane Community College Florence Center summer schedule is out and registration has begun for both credit and noncredit community education classes.

The term runs from June 23 through Aug. 13.

For more information, call Lane Community College at 541-997-8444, or stop by the Florence Center at 3149 Oak St. and pick up a schedule or visit online at www.lanecollege.edu/florence.

Summer term office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Take advantage of onsite classes, online classes and cooperative education.

Fitness, dance, art, photography, opera, Outward Ventures and pet workshops are also being offered.

LCC Florence director Russ Pierson is also teaching a seven-week sustainability course, "Reconnecting with Earth."

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