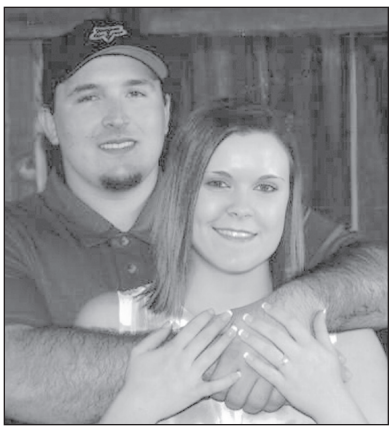


Meier, Bomar to wed

Nicole Meier and John Bomar, Jr., both of Cottage Grove, announce their upcoming wedding on August 29, 2015 at Hayworth Vineyard Estate in Coburg, Oregon. The bride is the daughter of Rebecca Meier of Cottage Grove and Rick Meier. The groom is the son of Dawn Fields of Lebanon, Oregon and John Bomar, Sr. of Cottage Grove. The couple, high school sweethearts, both graduated from Cottage Grove High School, Nicole in 2010 and John in 2008.



John works as a tree trimmer for Tree's Inc. The couple plans to continue living in Cottage Grove with their five year old son, Braeden Bomar. They plan a Caribbean vacation sometime next year.

BIRTHS

April 22, 2015

To Samantha Dawn Cook/Bryant of Cottage Grove, a son.

April 24, 2015

To Brandi and Quentin Watne of Cottage Grove, a son.

April 25, 2015

To Adrien and James Wayne of Creswell, a son.

April 26, 2015

To Jessica and Adam Pelatt of Creswell, twins, a son and daughter.

April 27, 2015

To Rachele Hamilton and Lance Patterson of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

April 29, 2015

To Tiffany Howell and Kevin Dunnavin of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

IN MEMORIAM

Arvid Paul Nyleen 1921-2015

Arvid Paul Nyleen, 93, of Cottage Grove passed away April 22, 2015 from age-related causes.

He was born April 23, 1921 in Clearbrook, Minn. to Paul and Amelia (Kihlstadius) Nyleen.

He graduated from Clearbrook High School and served in the U.S. Navy.

On Sept. 13, 1942 in Leonard, Minn., he and Wilma Christina Lundmark were married.

Arvid worked as a logging shovel operator in the timber industry.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, racing cars and boats, golfing and fixing golf carts, and bowling. He was a member of the BPOE 1904 Cottage Grove Elks Club and was Honorary Commander of the Port of Stockton.



Survivors include four daughters: Sharon Marie Shenk of Willamina, Ore., Alair Anne McCarty, of Cottage Grove, Loretta Jeanne Bishop of McMinnville, Ore., and Ardelle Carol Carlton of La Pine, Ore., two brothers: Cliff Nyleen of Sutherlin and Rodney Nyleen of Creswell, 20 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a son, Gordon Leroy Nyleen.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 9 from 1-3 p.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel. A memorial will be the same day at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove with a reception following at the Cottage Grove Elks Lodge. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

2015.

She was born April 30, 1942 in San Bernardino, Calif. to Raymond and Martha (Hammond) Ruggles.

She attended high school and some college.

She loved to travel, especially trips to the coast, spending time with her family, shopping, sewing, fishing, bowling, bargain hunting, garage sales, gardening, indoor plants and crafts.

Survivors include a son, Bill Ruggles of Vermont, a daughter, Valerie Jones and husband David of Oregon, a sister, Ellen Carper of Oregon, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

No service is planned. Arrangements under the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Eugene.



Rita Ruggles 1942-2015

Rita Ruggles, 72, of Cottage Grove passed away April 15,

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Catherine Anne Smolen (Cathy) Nov. 1, 1960 – April 23, 2015

Catherine Anne Smolen (Cathy) of Salem, OR, died peacefully on April 23, 2015 at the age of 54, after succumbing to complications with several long-term illnesses. Cathy, the daughter of the late Catherine McCaffrey Smolen and Harry Smolen, was born in Salem, Oregon on November 1, 1960.

Cathy grew up one of six children in a close and loving Catholic family. At the age of 5, Cathy was diagnosed with Wilms tumor, a life-threatening childhood cancer. Cathy, through her fighting spirit and support of her family, became a survivor. As a survivor she later battled a 2nd round of cancer, as well as heart disease and kidney disease.

Cathy defied the odds and all medical predictions, by living a life of faith, thoughtfulness and kindness. Her generous spirit and heart were confined only by the limits of her body.

Cathy spent her formative years in Cottage Grove, OR. She also resided in Eugene, OR and Oak Park, CA prior to returning to Salem in 2004.

Cathy was a beloved daughter, sister and aunt, and generously shared all she had with others. She loved music movies, and travel. Cathy was close to her family, and shared an indelible bond with her mother, Catherine, who was at her side as she faced each health challenge. Cathy passed away just 11 days after her mother died at the age of 92 on April 12, 2015.

Cathy is survived by her sisters Mary Therese (Kauffman) of Salem, OR and Margaret Rita (Elehwany) of Annapolis, MD; her brothers Harry Gerard of Dupont, WA and Neil Jude of Portland, OR; and many nieces and nephews. Cathy was predeceased by her brother Michael Patrick of Portland, OR in 2010. She will be remembered for her deep faith, bravery and inner strength. All who knew Cathy were inspired by her unselfish love and beautiful smile.

A recitation of the rosary by Monsignor Huneger was at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service in Salem, OR on May 3rd. A double funeral Mass for Cathy and her mother Catherine was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Salem, OR on May 4th. A graveside service was held at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Portland, OR. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Carmelite Sisters of Oregon, 87609 Green Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402.



Larry Ryan England January 16, 1970 - April 22, 2015

Larry Ryan England, 45, passed away as a result of a car accident on April 22. He was born in Cottage Grove, OR on Jan. 16, 1970 to Norm England and Zetta McDaniel. He joined big sister Debbie and big brother Brad as the baby of the family.

He attended Cottage Grove schools, where he met many of the friends he would count among his closest for the rest of his life. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1988.

After graduation, he spent time working at his sister and brother-in-law's wrecking yard. He enjoyed being outdoors with the parts and the grease, but didn't like dealing with customers at all. However, his brother-in-law Andy eventually made him work the counter, and a natural salesman was born. After the wrecking yard, Larry gave the remainder of his career (19 years) to Les Schwab.

When Larry was 20, he became the proud daddy of Shaela. He and Shaela's mom divorced when Shaela was a teenager; they had moved to Florence from Cottage Grove some years before, so he and his "kiddo," as he called Shaela, enjoyed everything about Florence... they spent their time together riding the dunes, fishing, boating, camping and going to Traveler's Cove. Larry had a deep love for Florence that would endure for the rest of his life.

While there, he met the love of his life, Jayme, through close mutual friends. Jayme also happened to be from Florence originally, so they had lots in common; and it didn't take long until Jayme and Larry were inseparable. Larry transferred his job to be closer to Jayme and daughters Stephanie and Jessica, and moved in with them in Albany. He remained there until his death.

Larry loved hunting and fishing and was a consummate outdoorsman from a VERY young age...many of his friends describe him as the strongest and best hunter they'd ever met. As great as Larry was at hunting and fishing, he was even better at teaching what he knew. He spent the happiest years of his life sharing all of his experiences with Jayme, Steph and Jess. They all learned from him how to ride the dunes, hunt, and fish...and he delighted in sharing all of those moments with them. With any catch or kill, he got as excited about their success as if it had been his own.

Larry spent his life with a dog by his side...Labradors in particular...which were the perfect companions for his passion for the outdoors. His Labs Colton, Ruger and Gunner were like his own kids.

He amassed friends wherever he went, enjoying many lifelong friendships. He was a great "bs-er," a patient teacher of all things outdoors, and had a tremendous sense of humor. If Larry picked on you, and found an embarrassing nickname for you...you knew he really liked you. Larry truly relished life -- he milked every drop out of every day that he had on this Earth. His favorite sayings that he shared with literally everyone were, "It's a GREAT day!" and "Life's too short."

Larry was preceded in death by his mom Zetta, and his beloved dogs Colton and Ruger. His legacy is a large and loving family and many friends who will miss him dearly. He is survived by his fiancée Jayme; his daughter Shaela and daughters of his heart, Stephanie and Jessica; two grandsons Kolbe and Landon; his sister Debbie and brother Brad; nieces and nephew Alisha, Cassie, Amanda, Melissa, Jennifer and Chase as well as seven great nieces and nephews who knew him as "the fun uncle"; very close cousins Darrel and Julie Fosback, and many others.

A memorial service will be held in Florence on May 9th at 11 a.m. in the Event Center of Three Rivers Casino.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Bohemia Foundation, dedicated to the creation of Bohemia Park, a 14-acre heritage park being built in the heart of downtown Cottage Grove on the site of a former railway storage yard. Contributors can select trees to be planted in Larry's memory. Send donations to:

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Catherine McCaffrey Smolen (Cay) Dec. 16, 1922 – April 12, 2015

Catherine McCaffrey Smolen (Cay) of Salem, OR, died peacefully on April 12, 2015 at the age of 92. Catherine, the daughter of the late Mary Campbell and Patrick McCaffrey, was born in Cleveland, OH, on December 16, 1922.

Catherine grew up one of ten children in a close and loving Irish Catholic emigrant family. She became an accomplished tap dancer at a young age and maintained her love of dance her entire life. She attended Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, OH. Later, during WWII, Catherine worked for Jack & Heintz, Inc., the premier designer and manufacturer of airplane starters and automatic pilots for the U.S. air fleet.

In the years following WWII, Catherine worked at Lake Arrowhead Resort in Southern California where she met Harry Smolen. In 1948, Catherine married Harry in South Pasadena, CA. In 1949, Catherine and Harry moved to Oregon where they lived in The Dalles and Salem prior to moving to Cottage Grove in 1958. Catherine and Harry shared over 47 years of marriage before his death in 1995. Catherine also resided in Oak Park, CA before returning to Salem in 2004.

Catherine was the loving mother of six children. She instilled her Catholic faith and love of learning in each. Catherine devotedly cared for all her children, especially her daughter, Cathy, who was stricken with cancer at the age of five. Cathy survived a 2nd round of cancer, as well as heart disease and kidney disease through the strength and support of her mother, Catherine. The two had an indelible bond forged by a mother's love. Eleven days after Catherine's death, Cathy also passed due to failing health.

Catherine was predeceased by her son Michael Patrick in 2010. Catherine is survived by her brother Michael McCaffrey of Salem, OR; her children, Mary Therese (Kauffman) of Salem, OR, Harry Gerard of Dupont, WA, Neil Jude of Portland, OR, and Margaret Rita (Elehwany) of Annapolis, MD; and twelve grandchildren. She will be remembered for her deep faith, wit, and her love of poetry, politics, and her Irish heritage.

A recitation of the rosary by Monsignor Huneger was at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service in Salem, OR on May 3rd. A double funeral Mass for Catherine and her daughter Cathy was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Salem, OR on May 4th. A graveside service followed mass at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, OR. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Carmelite Sisters of Oregon, 87609 Green Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402.



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