



Victor Leeroy Doolittle
1922-2017

Victor Leeroy Doolittle, 94, of Dorena, Ore. passed away Jan. 18, 2017.

He was born at Woodard Camp A near Cottage Grove on Oct. 13, 1922 to Judd and Metta (Mayben) Doolittle.

Victor attended school through the eighth grade, then served in the U.S. Navy.

On July 27, 1945 in Los Angeles, Calif., he and Bertha Adalynne Reynolds were married.

He worked as a logger and in commercial fishing.

He enjoyed gunsmithing, custom stocks, hunting, fishing, woodworking and boat building.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia McNally of Dorena, Ore. and Kathy (Jim) Arvan of Goldendale, Wash., two sons, Ray (Joy) Doolittle of Lakeside, Ore. and Leslie Doolittle of Cottage Grove, a sister, Donna Callahan of Colorado Springs, Colo., a brother, Harold Doolittle of North Carolina, 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and two sons, Ronald Doolittle and Gary Doolittle.

No services are planned. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Milton Bedortha
1929-2017

Milton peacefully passed away in Yuma at the age of 88 years. He was an active member of the Moose, Elks, Eagles, VFW and the Masons. He enjoyed his many friends in all of these organizations, as well as the music and camaraderie. He spent many years working in the forests of Oregon, logging and operating heavy equipment. He was a winter visitor in Yuma for over 30 years.

He had four children: Joe, whom he worked shoulder to shoulder with, Angela, Cindy and Michael, as well as step children and many nieces and nephews who will miss his gentle, quiet manner and his knowledge on so many levels. He was always willing to lend a hand on any project, for anyone. His special bond with Patti was cherished by him.

A memorial service will be held at a future date in his home town of Cottage Grove, Oregon.



Shirley Marie Carpenter
1938-2017

Shirley Marie Carpenter, 78, of Cottage Grove died Jan. 13, 2017 at the age of 78.

She was born May 29, 1938 in Lafayette, Ore. to Louis and Lola (Porth) Pritchett.

She earned a Master's Degree, and was a teacher at Lincoln Middle School in Cottage Grove. Shirley enjoyed fishing, walking her dog, and loved the outdoors. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Cottage Grove. She was also involved with Rachel's Vineyard, a non-profit organization that helps women heal from the pain of abortion.

Shirley is survived by her son, Louie (wife Grainne) Carpenter of Cork, Ireland; daughter, Ruby (husband Mike) Bayless of Cabool, Mo., and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Kenneth Bayless.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 1025 N. 19th St., in Cottage Grove. A private burial will be in Fir Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, 808 N. Henderson, Suite 210,



Randy Scott Turpin
1970-2017

Randy Scott Turpin, 47, passed away Jan. 17, 2017 from a seizure-stroke. Randy suffered from a 2015 ostomy condition.

He was born Dec. 11, 1970 to Ron and Karen Turpin of Dorena, Oregon.

Randy attended school in Culp Creek and later went to Cottage Grove High School where he was on the wrestling team. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and mushroom picking.

Survivors include his parents of Dorena and a sister, Brenda Anderson of Eugene, Oregon.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. at Andreason's Funeral Home, 320 N. 6th St., in Springfield. A reception will follow at the Dorena Community Church in Dorena.

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Ida Thomason
1920-2017

Ida R. Thomason, 97 of Cottage Grove, passed away Jan. 13, 2017.

She was born Jan. 7, 1920 in Richland Center, Wisc. to Maximillion and Edith (Jones) Schlafer.

On Dec. 14, 1936 in Hilbert, Wisc., she and Henry Stenklyft were married. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Ida had a love of nursing, working as a certified nurse's aide for 35 years at Cottage Grove Hospital. It was deeply meaningful for her to help women bond with their babies.

She loved and spoiled many pets over the years. She enjoyed baking, yard work and growing

her prize winning tomatoes. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Ida is survived by her daughter, Judy Binder of Springfield, Ore.; son, James Stenklyft of Coburg, Ore.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Graveside Inurnment will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 at Fir Grove Cemetery in Cottage Grove. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

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Barbara Lou Moss
1947-2017

Barbara Lou Moss, 69 of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away January 5, 2017. She was born December 17, 1947, in Coalinga, CA to Richard and Bobbie (West) Harrell. Barbara was an advocate for Grandparents Rights with the state capital and helped pass grandparents rights law and was a bus driver for special education. She was #1 at being a grandmother and a wonderful mother of three children. Barbara enjoyed spending time with her family, crocheting doll dresses and crossword puzzles. She was recognized with a Good Samaritan Award. Barbara married Ronald Moss on May 7, 1963, in Earlimart, CA. She is survived by her husband Ronald Moss, Cottage Grove, OR, son Ronald (Shana) Moss, Marcola, OR, daughter Jaylynnne (Doug) Metcalf, Redmond, OR, daughter Angelique Harper, Cottage Grove, OR, grandchildren; Robert and Casey Runion, Sundriya and Mickel Jones, Britnea and Talia Hagen, Jacob and Joshua Reece, Dale Harper, Kadra Bandey, Merrick Luellen and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter Amber Moss. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM on January 16, 2017, at Fir Grove Cemetery, Cottage Grove, OR. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424.



Lois Adelle Rice
1918-2017

Lois Adelle Rice was born November 5, 1918, to Norval and Jessie (Warner) Rice in Holley, Oregon, a few miles down the Calapooia River from her great-grandparents' donation land claim. She grew up in Sweet Home and Amity with three brothers, Norman (Bud), Dale and Warren (Corky). Dale had one son, Richard.

Lois graduated from Amity Union High School in 1937. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1941 from Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, where she waited tables in a café and worked in the kitchen of her dormitory. Lois received a Master of Science in Secondary Education from the University of Southern California in 1951.

Miss Rice taught high school social studies in Nyssa, Oregon; Bend, Oregon; El Segundo, California, and Cottage Grove, Oregon, where she was head of the Social Science Department and Senior Class Advisor. Lois was ready for a new challenge when she accepted a position at John Adams High School in Portland, Oregon. Adams presented a newly developed and experimental approach to secondary education, and Lois wanted to be involved. She wound up her career at Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis, Oregon, another new school, where she managed the career center. Lois loved her profession and stayed in contact with a number of former students. She retired from teaching in 1984.

Aside from investments in her quest for the perfectly comfortable and serviceable shoe, Lois was frugal and lived simply, saving her money for retirement. After she retired, she was free to splurge on travel. Some of her favorite adventures were the Orient Express route to the Silk Road, a seven seas cruise and a road trip to Alaska. Lois' family has her travel diaries with daily entries written in tiny script, and dozens of slide carousels.

Like others in her family, Lois was hard working, no-nonsense, organized, and quietly accomplished. She did not strive to attract attention to herself, she simply worked hard and did the right thing. Lois was an excellent source of family information. She chronicled her life and family history in photo albums and books of family stories. Lois had a generous sense of humor and enjoyed travel and dinners with friends and family reunions. She will be remembered for her practical, calm, sensible and nonjudgmental nature, her excellent memory, and for her appreciation of comfortable footwear. She could be counted on to remember to bring tissues to a funeral and large pots of tea to a family dinner. "Cousin Lois" was a well-loved and much respected member of her family. She will be missed by all of us.

Lois passed away on January 11, 2017. She was 98 years old and was predeceased by her parents, three brothers, and her nephew. She is survived by a group of cousins too numerous to list. A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis on February 2, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. The family plans to gather for a graveside service in Amity this summer. We would like to thank the folks that were so kind to Lois in her last few years -- her caregivers at West Hills Assisted Living, Willamette Springs Memory Care Community, Benton Hospice Service, and the Presbyterian flower ladies.

Donations can be made to Benton Hospice Service. Please feel free to share thoughts of Lois on the tribute wall at: <http://www.demossdurdan.com>.

Carlton Woodard
1924-2017

Carlton Woodard, a remarkable businessman, entrepreneur, philanthropist, husband, father and grandfather, died Friday, January 13, 2017 in Eugene of age related causes. He was 92.

Carlton — or Cart as he was known to all — lived most of his life in Cottage Grove, raising a family, building and running wood products and real estate companies, and giving generously to the communities that were his home.

Cart was born March 21, 1924, in Eugene to Dutee and Arthur Ely. Although his biological father was Arthur Ely he was raised from a very early age by Dutee and Walter Woodard, always considering Walter his father. He spent his young life in the London area near Cottage Grove, where he attended local schools including London Grade School and Cottage Grove High School, before graduating from Menlo High School, located in California, in 1941.

He later attended Menlo Junior College prior to moving back to Cottage Grove at which time he enrolled and attended classes at the University of Oregon for one year. In 1942, with World War II raging, Cart joined the U.S. Marine Corps. While training in California, he met Joy Miller at the University of Southern California. She became the love of his life. They married on Nov. 30, 1944, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Cart was then stationed in Hawaii, to prepare for the invasion of the Japanese home islands, which was avoided with the surrender of Japan.

Cart proceeded to earn a degree in Business Administration from USC in 1947 and earned his final rank of First Lieutenant before his discharge from the Corps. He and Joy then moved to Oregon and settled in Cottage Grove.

From 1947 to 1957, Cart worked with his step-father, Walter Woodard, commonly referred to as W.A., at the Cottage Grove lumber mill (Woodard Lumber Co.) founded by W.A. In 1957 W.A. sold the mill to Weyerhaeuser Corp., which continues to operate to this day and is recognized as one of the nation's most efficient producers of dimensional lumber. W.A. had previously established Kimwood Machinery Company as a repair shop primarily dedicated to providing repairs necessary to the equipment at the lumber mill. Kimwood Machinery Company was incorporated in 1951 with Cart overseeing the operation for 40 years prior to turning it over to his sons. Kimwood remains in business under Woodard family ownership in Cottage Grove.

Cart and his family built the Village Green Motor Hotel in Cottage Grove in 1960 and the Valley River Inn in Eugene in 1973. Several other hotel developments followed outside the state of Oregon.

In addition to business and his family, Cart loved travel and sports. With his wife and family, he travelled to more than 100 countries.

Although his business degree was from USC, Cart considered himself a lifelong Duck. He loved college sports, particularly anything involving University of Oregon football, basketball and track. He was a Duck football season ticket holder from 1951 until 2011 and a basketball season ticket holder to the time of his death. He was also an ardent supporter of Cottage Grove High School athletic programs, and was a Lions season ticket holder well into his late 80s.

Cart was drawn to civic affairs and public service. In addition to being a member of the Woodard Family Foundation from its inception in 1952, Cart served as a Cottage Grove City Councilor from 1958 to 1960; Chair of the Cottage Grove Hospital Board from 1972 to 1975; member of the board of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce from 1971 to 1978; member of the Oregon Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America Council from 1983 to 1993 and its President from 1980 through 1982; board member of the Lane Community College Foundation between 1985 and 2000; and was a member on the corporate boards of Far West Federal Savings, 1971-78; US Bank of Oregon, 1979-96; and NW Natural Gas Co. 1979-1996.

He received numerous awards. Those he was most proud of were the Distinguished Service Award (1958) from the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce; the University of Oregon Pioneer Award (1979); and the University of Oregon College of Business Administration Dean's Award (1980).

Cart loved the community of Cottage Grove, where he and wife Joy, lived from 1947 until 2012, when they moved to Eugene.

Cart is survived by Joy, his wife of 72 years; three sons, Kim (Rebecca) of Tucson, AZ, Kris (Paige) and Casey (Cyd), of Eugene; grandchildren Dena McCoy, Andrew Woodard, Joy Bridgens, Tyson Woodard, Tia Woodard and Julie Woodard; and great-grandchildren Kade, Ava, Bret, Cameron, Emma and Oceanna.

The Woodard family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, thoughts and shared memories. Cart's hope was that if anyone should wish to acknowledge him that they do so in a way that will help young boys by contributing to the Oregon Trail Council – Boy Scouts of America. His strong desire to help young boys started at a young age when he attended the first Boy Scout Jamboree in 1937 held in Washington D.C. One of Cart's fondest memories was this cross country train trip with fellow Cottage Grove scouts to attend this Jamboree.

At Cart's request, no service is planned and as Cart noted "those who knew me, know of my interests and accomplishments". Cart's obituary and guestbook can be found at www.musgroves.com.