

Sherri Dee Wynn-DuMong 1963-2017



Sherri Dee Wynn-DuMong, 53, passed away of an accidental death on April 4, 2017. She was born Oct. 5, 1963.

She is survived by her son, Matthew Wynn, mother, Judy Wynn Toon, father, Archie Wynn, step-father, Glenn Toon, two brothers, Randy and Jim Wynn, a sister, Terri Zancanella, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph N.

Dumong, in 2016.

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 22, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Waldport Seventh-Day Adventist Church, (next to the KOA), 1506 NW Pacific Coast Hwy., Waldport, Oregon 97394. If you have any questions call 541-961-5253. Arrangements under the care of Bateman Funeral Home, Newport.

Val Jean Wesley 1937-2017



Val Jean Wesley, 79, of Creswell died April 9, 2017.

She was born Oct. 15, 1937 in Kane, Penn. to Harvey Willard and Wilda Wave (Caldwell) Birch.

She graduated from Springfield High School in 1955. The family moved from Pennsylvania to Oregon in 1953.

On Dec. 23, 1955, Jean and Nelson Wesley were married. They were married for 61 years.

She enjoyed her early retirement traveling the U.S. visiting family, friends, camping, and fishing.

Jean is survived by her husband, Nelson of Creswell, two sons, Bryan and wife Cheryl of Creswell and Mark and his wife Chana of Creswell, three grandchildren, three brothers, Bill Birch and wife Phyllis of Yuma Arizona, John Birch and wife Jolene of Creswell and Paul Birch and wife Patricia of Creswell, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Wayne (Mitch) Wesley, parents, Harvey and Wilda Birch, and two sisters, Barbara Eubanks and Alice Vaughn.

A Celebration of Life will be held April 22, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Andreason's/Buell Chapel in Springfield, Oregon.

Jeanne Louise Baker 1966, 2017

Jeanne Louise Baker, 50, passed away Friday, March. 24, 2017.

She was born Sept. 22, 1966, in Eugene, Oregon and was a lifelong area resident. She graduated from Cottage Grove High School, and earned a degree in Early Childhood Development from Lane Community College.

After college, Jeanne was employed as a Nanny in Philadelphia, Penn., and later worked as an aid at a senior care facility. She also worked as a freelance web designer, then later as a sales and support representative for Dell Computers. Jeanne enjoyed horseback riding, and, in her youth, competed in show horse competitions. She also spent several years competing, along with her brothers, with the Bohemia Swimming Association and the Cottage Grove High School swim team. Later, she enjoyed working with her mother in her Pomeranian breeding business.

She took most pride in being a loving and attentive mom to her two children.

She had a knack for connecting kindly with children, and was a gifted baker – the family prized her snickerdoodles and wealth of baked goods and candies she produced every Christmas. She was an excellent horsewoman and a natural at caring for animals of all kinds.

She is survived by her mother, Sandra Baker of Cottage Grove; her son Caleb Adair of Seattle, Wash.; daughter Courtney Adair of Cottage Grove; two brothers, Kenneth Baker of McMinnville and Richard Baker of Clayton, N.C.; two nieces and two nephews.

Private services were held Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 1 p.m. with close family and friends. Arrangements under the direction of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.



Russell Dean Harris 1946-2017



Russell Dean Harris, 71, of Poulsbo, Wash. passed away March 23, 2017.

He was born Jan. 16, 1946 in Cottage Grove to Dale and Dorothy (Wittekind) Harris.

He was a Boy Scout, going through all the ranks, attended a National Jamboree and earned the Eagle Scout. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1964, then attended Oregon State University and Southern Oregon College achieving a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Russell served in the US Navy, which included time aboard the USS King during Vietnam, as well as being stationed in Ireland. His active duty was followed by 13 years in the National Guard, retiring with 21 years of military service.

Russell spent 14 years working at Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., and spent many years as a volunteer fire fighter in Cottage Grove before moving to Poulsbo, Wash. There, he worked for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for 18 years.

Russell enjoyed talking to anyone and everyone, watching sports and volunteering with Special Olympics, among other things.

He is survived by his wife, Dorla (Rose) Harris, of Poulsbo; son, Brandon (Elizabeth) Harris of Cottage Grove; daughters, Tiffani Harris and Suzanne (Rudy) Zinter of Poulsbo, Wash.; four grandchildren; brothers, Stanley Harris of California, Kenneth Harris of Oregon, and George Harris of Oregon; sister Wanda Woody of Cottage Grove; as well as many more family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Dorothy Harris.

A Celebration of Life will be held April 30 at 2 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Armory. 628 E, Washington Ave. In memory of Russell's baby blue eyes, please wear blue to the service.

Kathleen Marie Rasmussen
1943-2017

Kathleen Marie Rasmussen, 73 of Creswell, OR passed away on Palm Sunday April 9, 2017. She was born on November 4, 1943 in San Diego, CA to Velta Helms and Betty Jean (Roberts) Hopkins. Kathleen had a longtime career as a school bus driver, and in her spare time she enjoyed crafts, gardening, and sewing. She loved spending time with her grandsons and enjoyed watching them play sports. She was also a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help church. On February 26, 1967 she married Ronald Lee Rasmussen in Portland, OR. They were married for 4 years. Ronald preceded Kathleen in death. Kathleen is survived by her son and daughter In-law Randy and Cindi Rasmussen of Creswell, OR; her brother Michael Hopkins; and 2 grandchildren; (Ren and Roman Rasmussen). A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 10:00AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1025 N. 19th Street, Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

Roy Edward Smith
1926-2017

Former Arkansas resident, Roy Edward Smith, 90, passed away Tuesday April 11, 2017, at his youngest son's home in Eugene, Oregon. A visitation will be held Friday April 21, 2017 at 5PM at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Service and Reception will be held at Smith Lund Mills funeral home in Cottage Grove, Oregon on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 10:30 AM.

Roy was born May 15, 1926, in Wickes, Arkansas to Owen Edward and Cora Bell Smith. Roy was known as "Junior" to most of his friends and family growing up. Roy served in the US Navy during World War II.

Roy was married to Syble Irene Smith (Marcum) on January 20, 1946 in Tulsa, OK; they were married for 52 years.

Roy worked for and retired from Weyerhaeuser at the age of 55. Roy enjoyed his early retirement by fishing, hunting and most importantly, dancing. Roy loved to dance and spend time with his grandchildren.

Roy is survived by his three children, Roy W. Smith and his wife Ludy, Danny R. Smith, Michael E. Smith and his wife Margie; his 9 grandchildren Wayne, Anya, Tina, Tommie, Dirk, Mike, Melanie, Shawn and Mandy; his 9 great grandchildren and the rest of his relatives and friends. Roy is preceded in death by his parents and his wife; as well as his 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for Roy over the last 2 years.

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Charles Ralph “Chuck” Conklin
1934-2017

Charles Ralph “Chuck” Conklin of Cottage Grove died on April 15, 2017 at the age of 82. He was born on December 28, 1934 in Ava, Missouri, to parents Ralph and Eva (Stewart) Conklin. He graduated from high school and college. He served in the U.S. Navy. He married Frances Green on August 18, 1957 in Creswell, OR. Chuck worked for 15 years for Weyerhaeuser, and owned Chuck’s Downtown Barbershop for 57 years.

He enjoyed poker, cards, and especially his grandkids. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Frances Pauline Conklin of Cottage Grove; son, Ralph (wife Lori) Conklin of Cottage Grove; son, Richard (wife Brenda) Conklin of Cottage Grove; grandkids, Mike, Jeff, Heather, April, Matt and Kori; and 6 great-grandkids. No service is planned. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

RUSSELL CARY THOMS
1958-2017

After a courageous fight against cancer, Russell Thoms, 58, passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday morning, April 2, 2017. He was born on November 10, 1958 in Eugene, Oregon, as the son of Emil (Bud) and Delores Thoms, growing up in the Cottage Grove area.

Russ graduated from Cottage Grove High School and also attended Blue Mountain Community College on a golf scholarship. Russ first worked in the lumber industry along with his father and brother. After a number of years, he decided to make a career change that eventually proved to be his passion. Working as a construction contractor was the right move, as he loved his work from the foundation to the roof and everything in between, starting his own business, Investor’s Choice Construction. He later decided that finish carpentry was his true passion and sunk his heart into it. The quality of his craftsmanship, work ethic and leadership skills were recognized by all who knew him.

Although his real pride and joy came from being a father and husband of 37 years to Carrie Strebe, Russ also loved the game of golf. He was an accomplished golfer, earning Club Champion at Emerald Valley Golf Club and won many two-man tournaments with his brother, known as the Thoms Boys. Being competitive in nature, Russ always enjoyed playing poker, pinochle, Yahtzee and croquet with family and sharing good food and fine wine with both family and friends.

We will always remember Russ as being quick witted, funny, talented and creative. He was a loving member of our family, always willing to help and share his knowledge with others. He was an avid Duck fan and hosted many “Duck Parties” to watch his favorite team. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Carrie, their sons Vincent, Kyle (wife Hannah), and Cameron, two grandchildren, his mother Delores Thoms, brother Randy Thoms (wife Lisa) and sisters Ronda Cranmer (husband Fred) and Rochelle Miller. He is preceded in death by his father Bud Thoms.

A summer memorial will be planned for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his name to Cascade Health Solutions, Hospice Care.