

## Obituaries

### Jean Ann Engstrom

Jean Ann Engstrom passed away on Sunday, February 15, of natural causes, surrounded by her family who loved her dearly. She was 86 years old.

Jean was the only child of Richard and Mildred Martin, and was born in Orange, NJ. She graduated from Newark State Teachers College and taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Jean married Frank Engstrom on June 7, 1947, and had four children: Jill, Richard, Roger and Amy.

Jean and Frank traveled often and moved to Oregon around 1981. They were always faithful supporters of their Episcopal church, particularly the



Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Sisters, which they helped build. Jean's strong faith has been an inspiration, and is a lasting legacy to her children and grandchildren. She is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Donations in memory of Jean can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or The Bethlehem Inn in Bend.

### Thomas Glen Renken

September 21, 1963 – February 4, 2015

Thomas Renken of Eugene died on Wednesday, February 4, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Springfield to Glen and Cheril Renken. He graduated from Redmond High School in 1982, and spent many years working in the family trade of residential construction, both in Deschutes and Lane counties. Tom also worked for the U.S. Forest Service and volunteered with the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD for a number of years.

For the last three years, he worked as an outfitter at Cabela's in Springfield.

Tom is survived by his spouse of 27 years, Leslie, and daughter Emily, both of Eugene; father Glen Renken of Eugene; and sister Jane Knowlton of Oakland. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, February



7, at 1 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Eugene.

## Arruda will play for George Fox

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Cassandra Arruda has been playing competitive soccer since she was in kindergarten, and after eight years of hard work she's going to take her skills to the next level. Arruda has committed to play for the George Fox Bruins, a Division 3 school located in Newberg.

Arruda was a high school varsity-starter for four years and also played for the FC Timbers. From fifth to eighth grade, Cassandra traveled almost every weekend with the Timbers to Portland for tournaments. In high school, the Timbers attended many out-of-state tournaments and showcase events, including Arizona, Las Vegas, Idaho, Colorado, Washington, and California.

The summer between her sophomore and junior year the FC Timbers won Regionals, which was held in Seattle, and qualified for Nationals in Denver. Arruda started to get noticed by college coaches from Seattle Pacific, Colorado State, Gonzaga, and Clairemont.

While playing with the FC Timbers at a tournament in Portland last summer, Arruda took the time to look at some other colleges, and happened upon George Fox.

"I decided to email the coach and I told him I was

playing in Portland that night and I asked him to come and watch me play," said Arruda. "It was pretty late notice and I didn't know if he'd come or not."

Arruda found out later that one of the coaches did come, watched her play, and liked what he saw. Cassandra kept in close contact and was asked to come for a visit in September 2014. Arruda made the trip, stayed with one of the soccer players, met with the team, was shown the campus, and got to sit in on a couple of classes."

Arruda told *The Nugget* she absolutely loved the university and was full of reasons why.

"It was the perfect fit for me," said Arruda. "I liked that it was a smaller school of about 3,700 students, I liked the religious aspect, and they have a great medical program which is what I'm interested in."

"I also liked the coach, Cory Hand, and his focus and goals for the program. It's in a great location. It's small and reminds me of Sisters, and it's close to Portland and only one hour from the coast," added Arruda.

Arruda received one of the Bruins' highest academic scholarships, and told *The Nugget* she's likely to receive additional funds.

Cassandra noted the ones who have supported her



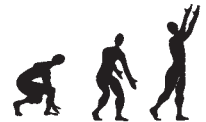
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Cassandra Arruda is set to become a George Fox Bruin.

throughout her soccer journey.

"I'm really thankful for my parents and family who've supported me and taken me to all the tournaments and games," said Arruda. "Without them I wouldn't be where I am today. And, thanks to my coaches and teammates who taught me what I needed to know, pushed me to be my best, and kept me determined."

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