

Obituaries

William (Bill) A. Hughes

January 19, 1939 – February 1, 2016

Bill passed away after a long struggle with strokes, surrounded by family and friends.

Bill was born in Greeley, Colorado, to Charles and Gladys Hughes.

He is a graduate of Franklin High School in Portland and Portland State University obtaining a bachelor's degree in science from the School of Business. He served with the Oregon Army National Guard.

Bill was employed by the City of Portland as an operations supervisor, in charge of planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of 53,000 street lights for the city. He was a member of Illuminating Engineering Society of

North America (IESNA), working on roadway lighting, light sources and obtrusive-light committees.

He was a member of the Sisters Rodeo Association, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters, was an avid fly fisherman, and loved to travel. His favorite fishing spot was the Metolius River.

He is survived by his wife, Adrienne Brown, Sisters; daughters Laura Dickson (Doug) and Julie Aguilar (Chris); grandchildren Greg (Brittney), Ryan, Tyler, Nick, Danielle, Costner, Emily, Ethan and Annabelle. Bill is also survived by his brother, Charles (Chuck); and his nieces Melony Baker (Dusty) and



Brandy Dunn.

The Celebration of Life for Bill will be at 11 a.m., February 27, at the Sisters Rodeo Grounds Clubhouse. A light lunch will be served. Friends and family are invited to wear colorful and/or Western wear to the celebration.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Oregon Humane Society of Bend.

Carolyn Ann Nielsen-Smith

February 27, 1936 – August 29, 2015

Carol was born in Brooklyn, New York, the youngest of three girls born to James and Della McGuigan. The family moved to Portland in the 1940s. Graduating from St. Mary's Academy in Portland, she received her master's degree from Portland State University and taught for 25 years at Shaver Elementary School.

Carolyn and Jim retired to Sisters in 1995 where she pursued hiking, skiing, biking and tennis. They returned to live in Portland in 2015. She loved to travel with family and friends. She

was active in church music, playing both the guitar and mandolin. Among her goals reached was running in eight marathons including the New York Marathon, plus biking the San Juan Islands, Cycle Oregon and Holland. Most enduring was her wit, humor, and always sincerely caring about the people with whom she worked and played.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; son, Tim (Leslie); daughter Mary; sister Mary; four granddaughters, Amanda, Abby, Erinn and Briana; one grandson, Lance; and



three great-granddaughters, Ester, Isabel, and Amelia.

Carolyn is interred in Portland in the Willamette National Cemetery.

Donations may be made in her name to St. Mary's Academy.

Erhard K. Dortmund

January 11, 1929 – February 10, 2016

Erhard K. Dortmund, of Camp Sherman, teacher and journalist, died on February 10. He was 87 years old.

Erhard was born on January 11, 1929, in Omaha, Nebraska, the son of Walter and Wilma Dortmund. He grew up in Denver, Colorado, and then struck out on his own by joining the U.S. Army at the age of 17. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in history, and later obtained a master's degree at the University of California at Berkeley. He married Elke Peters in San Francisco, California, in 1958.

Erhard began his professional career as a teacher,

first in high school, then as a professor of history at what is now Western Oregon University. In 1998, he and Elke moved to Camp Sherman to be closer to the mountains they loved.

Erhard lived a life of the mind and had a broad range of interests including history, film, sports, and politics. Throughout his life, he wrote extensively for several Northwest newspapers. His contributions consisted of book reviews, commentary pieces, editorials, and feature stories. He loved the outdoors, and he and Elke spent many years traveling and hiking throughout the West.

Erhard leaves behind his wife, Elke, and their three



children: Inge (Michael) Wells of Camp Sherman, Brigitte (Justin) Ting, of Portland, and Larry (Rebekah) Dortmund, of Portland. He is also survived by his three grandchildren: Daniel, Allison, and Oliver.

Memorial contributions may be made to Deschutes Land Trust.

Elder abuse: It could be your mom, dad, friend

By Kyle Spurr

The Daily Astorian

ASTORIA (AP) — An elderly woman with dementia in a Lake Oswego assisted-living facility had no idea her only living relative, a niece in Seaside, was stealing \$350,000 from her.

Instead of making payments to the assisted-living facility and pharmacies, the niece, who controlled her aunt's finances, used the money on her own home improvements and to purchase a Mercedes-Benz sports car. The niece told investigators the purchases were what her aunt would have wanted. By the time a police investigation began, the aunt had died.

Investigators had to pore over financial records with help from the aunt's friends to successfully prosecute the niece, who is now on probation and required to pay back

the money.

"There are many cases I've reviewed that I haven't been able to take to prosecution," Clatsop County Deputy District Attorney Dawn Buzzard said. "This one, it was obvious she was only supposed to use the money for her aunt's good."

With elder abuse cases, law enforcement and social service workers face major hurdles that are not often seen in other crimes. Victims, such as the elderly Lake Oswego woman, die or have cognitive issues that make them unaware of the abuse. Records that might help prove financial abuse are not always easily released from banks. Most of all, victims may not want to report a family member or their only caregiver.

For every one case reported, authorities say, five

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