

Obituary

Patricia Lee Hall-Toll

August 13, 1947 – March 2016

Patricia Lee Hall-Toll passed away unexpectedly last week in the midst of doing what she loves. She was amongst friends and family socializing and generally enjoying the familiar conversations of close company when a heart attack struck her. Quickly and quietly she slipped away with no apparent pain before those that she loved. She was 68.

Patty was born on August 13, 1947, in Sisters, to Milton and Dona Hammack. She was the eldest daughter amongst eight siblings: Dick, John, Jack, Jim, Lyle, Denise and Becky. The Hammacks were known to all in Sisters as a family of roughneck-loggers and rodeo cowboys. Patty broke into the rodeo world in 1963 as a Sisters Rodeo Princess, but finally took her place in the family rodeo legacy when she married Charles Blaylock, a bullfighter from back in the day when they were called rodeo clowns. As his wife, she became the first female rodeo clown in the Pacific Northwest and possibly the world, fighting bulls from inside the barrel and stealing the show in between events during their clown acts. Patty had two boys with Chuck before they separated, John Wesley and Ron Earnest.

In the early 1970s, Patty met Thomas Gordon Hall, who Patty would later describe as the greatest love of her life. The couple married on March 25, 1974 at which time Tom adopted John and Ron. Tom and Patty had one more son together in 1977, Jay Dean Hall. Tom and Patty built their life together in Redmond, but really raised their boys on the rodeo trail. The family spent most weekends traveling and competing in rodeos in the Pacific Northwest and as far as South Dakota and Wyoming. By then, Patty was a fixture in the rodeo-stands cheering on her boys with a fiercely encouraging temperament. Mostly, to her friends and family she was known as a good listener and a loyal and compassionate counselor.

In her later years she spent a good deal of time with her sister Denise, her mother Dona and Dona’s sister, her Aunt Gladyce, helping to organize family pow-wows and compiling ancestral information about her family’s roots with the



Chinook Indian tribe and those French-Canadian fur trappers that helped tame the West. She is also known as quite a collector of Indian artifacts and mid-century cowboy collectibles.

Patty was preceded in her death by both of her parents, Milton Hammack, a World War II Army Veteran and his wife Dona Hammack, one helluva whisky drinking tough-gal; her husband Tom Hall, who passed in 2010; her sister Becky; her brother Lyle Hammack, a United States Marine Veteran from the Vietnam-era; and her brother John Hammack, a logger and wild-land fire-fighter that died near the base of Mount Washington in 2013 while fighting a fire just 10 miles shy of destroying Sisters, Oregon, their childhood home.

Patty is survived by her three sons, John, Ron and Jay; her brothers Jack and Jim; her sister Denise; her 10 grandchildren; and her last husband and companion of the final four years of her life, Leonard Toll.

She enjoyed her twilight years with Leonard, traveling in their recreational vehicle, visiting relatives and generally spending time with friends and family. Patty was the warm fire that her family gathered around for comfort and conciliation, and she will be greatly missed.

A viewing will take place at the Redmond Memorial Chapel on Thursday, March 10, at noon, followed by a graveside service at Camp Polk Cemetery with a final celebration of life at 6:30 p.m., at the Redmond VFW Hall. A potluck dinner will follow. Please join us for anything you can and sign our guestbook at www.redmondmemorial.com.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Brown shade
 - 4 Deep hole
 - 9 Illegal way to make money
 - 13 Nights before big holidays
 - 15 Feel about blindly
 - 16 Word following Morse or zip
 - 17 Student’s table
 - 18 Severity
 - 19 Highway
 - 20 Deadlock
 - 22 Charitable gift
 - 23 Nicklaus’ pegs
 - 24 Just purchased
 - 26 Go higher
 - 29 Unnecessary
 - 34 Shadowboxes
 - 35 ___ off; berates
 - 36 ___ 180; change directions
 - 37 His and ___; like matching items for Dad & Mom
 - 38 Fortunate
 - 39 Baby’s eating accessories
 - 40 Cochlea’s place
 - 41 Songbirds
 - 42 Looks directly at
 - 43 Commandeers a plane in flight
 - 45 Larder
 - 46 Next month: abbr.
 - 47 Unconscious state
 - 48 Current letters
 - 51 Competitors
 - 56 Recess for a breakfast table
 - 57 Washington’s Puget ___
 - 58 ___ and crafts
 - 60 Movement of the waves
 - 61 Sudden increase
 - 62 Spinnaker or jib
 - 63 Job opening
 - 64 Mistake
 - 65 Be nosy

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- DOWN**
- 1 ___ Kennedy
 - 2 Pennsylvania and Fifth: abbr.
 - 3 Finch’s home
 - 4 Concurred
 - 5 Teacup edges
 - 6 Meditative exercise
 - 7 Blemish
 - 8 In a calm way
 - 9 Write quickly and awkwardly
 - 10 Chilly
 - 11 Actor ___ West
 - 12 Prescriptions, for short
 - 14 Katarina Witt & Michelle Kwan
 - 21 Part of the eye
 - 25 Ames & Koch
 - 26 Hearth debris
 - 27 Say something
 - 28 Tote; bear
 - 29 Least popular chicken pieces
 - 30 Forest animals
 - 31 King’s decree
 - 32 Not smashed

— Last Week’s Puzzle Solved —

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- 33 Impudent
- 35 Ankara native
- 38 Sport that uses a rubber ball
- 39 Yellow fruits
- 41 Drink like Fido
- 42 Renown
- 44 Windbreaker
- 45 Reflect on
- 47 African nation
- 48 Raid victims
- 49 Bedspring
- 50 Airhead
- 52 Rain heavily
- 53 Cat’s sound
- 54 Pitfall
- 55 Mix in a bowl
- 59 Devious

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