

## Obituaries

### Geoffrey Glenn Pepperling

July 22, 1967 – February 29, 2016

On the morning of Monday, February 29, 2016, after battling pancreatic cancer for over a year, Geoff passed away due to complications resulting from the disease. He was 48 years old.

He was born on July 22, 1967 in Bend. He was the middle child of Gary Wayne Pepperling, Sr. and Diana Carrie Pepperling.

Geoff grew up in Sisters and enjoyed the carefree childhood of small-town life. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping in the woods with friends and family.

He remained in Sisters where he could be close to family. He preferred a simple life without the complications of material things. He was a cook at The Gallery, where he took pride in his soups, gravies, and the pizzas he would make for his co-workers.

He had a thirst for knowledge and was known to watch a lot of the History Channel or Discovery Channel, especially if it was a documentary on World War II. He was full of information and was the "go-to" guy if you had a trivia question. He enjoyed having heated debates with people,

mostly about religion.

On December 6, 1994, his daughter Natasha Renee Pepperling was born. She was the light of his life and he strived to be a good father and to make sure she knew how much he loved her.

Because he had chosen a simpler life, he was available to help family when needed. He had time to spend with his daughter, provide child-care for his nephews, be a traveling companion for his mother and help care for his father, who also had pancreatic cancer.

He enjoyed wildlife and road trips. Due to the generosity and support of the community, he was able to go on a 10-day road trip to Yellowstone, Colorado, and Utah with his family while he was still strong. He was always amazed by — and grateful to — all the people who encouraged him through his battle.

His father, Gary Wayne Pepperling, precedes him in death.

Geoff is survived by his daughter, Natasha; his



mother, Diana; his brother, Gary Wayne Pepperling Jr.; Gary's wife, Cathy Pepperling, and their children, Anna Michelle, Nicholas Michael and his wife, Kristen, Aubrey Jean and her children Delayne and Aria Gillan; his sister Diedre Diane Jones and her children Michael Tyler Voorhies and Christopher Ramone Voorhies.

A celebration of life and potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, April 2, at 4:30 p.m. at The Pines Clubhouse, 612 Brooks Camp Rd., Sisters.

### Florence "Shirley" Beck

February 21, 1930 – February 16, 2016

Shirley Beck, 85, died February 16 at her home in Sublimity.

She was born in Swea City, Iowa, to Merle and Dorothy Robinson and lived in Minnesota as a child, graduating from Brookston High School as valedictorian. She married William "Bill" Beck on March 15, 1952, in Duluth, Minnesota.

Shirley worked as an accounting clerk at an insurance company and at California State University, Northridge. Shirley was a very devoted mother and grandmother and enjoyed sending cards for birthdays, holidays, and anniversaries with significant words or phrases underlined.

She also enjoyed camping, horses, dogs, and anything done with her family. She was a wonderful cook (especially banana

nut bread), entertainer, and loved hosting her family and friends. Shirley and Bill moved to their beloved log home outside of Sisters in 1989 (heaven on earth) until moving to Sublimity in 2015.

She is survived by her husband, William H. of Sublimity; children, Robin (Gary) Hedrick of Grants Pass and William J. Beck (Sharon) of Stayton; four grandchildren: Scott (Val) Hedrick of Klamath Falls, William C. Beck (Corinne) of Houston, Texas, Laura Murray of Keizer and Karen (Elliott) Ramos of Tualatin; great-grandchildren: Katelyn and Eli Hedrick, Julie Murray, and baby Beck due at the end of May.

Shirley was preceded in death by three brothers. Private family services have been held.

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**27** Easter Service 10am  
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