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### William N. Miller

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drove his camper van solo for 8,000 miles around the U.S.

Born in the Utica, N.Y. area, the son of Marion (Gurley) and Henry F. Miller, he was a long-time friend of Bill W. He was predeceased by a brother Henry and a son, Gregg, and leaves his remaining son, Gary N. Miller, 64, a well-known Sisters IT professional, musician, photographer and skier; Gary's wife, Beckie Zimmerman; an "adopted" son John Connors of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother (and best friend), Richard Miller, of South Orleans, Mass.; a sister, Marion (Babs) Hinton, of Vestal, N.Y.; plus numerous loving nephews, nieces, great and great-great grandchildren and untold friends scattered around the world. Each will always remember Bill Miller as the Most Interesting Man they have known and a life-time hero.

There will be no service per se but a celebration will be planned for a yet-to-be-determined date. Memorial donations may be made in Bill's memory to Sisters Habitat for Humanity.

### Roberta Jeanne Beach

July 8, 1918 – March 18, 2016

Roberta Jeanne Beach, beloved mother and mother-in-law, 97, passed from this life to eternal life on March 18, 2016, in Salem.

Roberta was born July 8, 1918, in Jackson, Michigan, to Fern Hammond Moore and John T. Moore. The family moved West and she attended schools in Washington and Oregon, graduating from Queen Anne High School in Seattle.

During a return visit to Jackson, she met the love of her life, the late Harold L. Beach, and they were married August 30, 1936, in Trinity Episcopal Church, a union that endured 68 years until his death in 2004. Three sons were born to them – Byron, the late Douglas, and Gerald.

The family's best memories are of those times they spent on the Metolius River in Camp Sherman beginning in the 1950s, when the five miles of road from Highway 20 to the river were unpaved red cinder. A mobile home at Black Butte Resort became the site of many family gatherings, with Roberta cooking for the family and

Harold sharing his expertise at fly fishing.

She worked many years at Meier and Frank's wine and deli department in Portland, grew beautiful flowers and knitted, crocheted and sewed for family, for the Union Gospel Mission and many other organizations, especially those serving children. Reading her Bible was a daily and integral part of her life.

She is survived by sons Byron Beach (Lee) of Klamath Falls; Denise Beach of Goodyear, Arizona; and Gerald (Shirley) Beach of Ferndale, Wash.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Special thanks for the loving care provided by her caregiver team, including Georgia Litsey, Mike and Gwen, and Hospice, and to Assistance League, which through its program of delivering books to shut-ins, gave her many enjoyable hours of reading. A private family service will be held on the Metolius.

Any memorial in her name can be directed to Union Gospel Mission, 745 Commercial Street N.E., Salem, OR 97301.

## Sheriff investigates captain's missing file

BEND (AP) — An Oregon sheriff's office is investigating the apparent disappearance of a background file on an officer who has been indicted on federal charges.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office could not find the pre-employment background check of former Capt. Scott Beard, reported *The Bulletin*. Beard was fired from his position as head of the detectives division after his February indictment on charges that he stole public money, passport fraud and money laundering. He has pleaded not guilty.

"We believe the background investigation was removed from the Human Resources File Room," Sheriff Shane Nelson wrote in an email Thursday. "The time period in which it was removed and who removed it also continues to be under investigation."

The missing file is part of a larger internal investigation. The federal indictment claims Beard took more than \$200,000 in public

funds intended for investigative purposes between January 2014 and September 2015.

According to the indictment, Beard used the money to buy vacations, cosmetic surgery and a motorcycle for a woman he was having an affair with. She is a former employee of the office.

Beard was hired full-time in 2002 and became captain—one rank below sheriff—by 2012.

Internal investigators learned in January that the background check was missing from Beard's personnel file, said Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Legal Counsel Darryl Nakahira.

"It is highly unlikely that background investigations were not done," Nelson wrote. "There are other relevant confidential documents which would indicate there was an investigation."

He also wrote that, as of Thursday, there was no credible evidence pointing to the location of the background file.

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