

Obituaries

Anita "Kathie" Helser

April 24, 1945 – June 22, 2016

Kathie was born in Portland on April 24, 1945 to Joseph Marvin and CeReatha Mae Fought. She attended Wallace Park Elementary School and graduated from Sunset High School in 1964. In 1988 she graduated from Marylhurst University with a Bachelor of Arts in Art.

Kathie worked as an airline stewardess (as they were called back then) for Eastern Airlines in her early 20s. She married her first husband, Charles Hoyt, in 1969. They moved to Camp Sherman in 1975 with their two young children. Soon after, they moved to Sisters and Kathie

helped Chuck start the family business, Hoyt's Hardware & Building Supply.

Kathie married Richard Helsler, from Portland, in 1988. Sisters was her home and she wasn't about to be relocated to Portland even for love, so Dick and Kathie spent a lot of time going back and forth between their two homes in Portland and Sisters. Kathie and Dick shared their passion for travel, and spent lots of time traveling the world.

Kathie was one of the early members of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce where she volunteered many hours. She had lots of different jobs over the years including full-time mother, part-time

bookkeeper, and waitress at the Hotel Sisters. She worked as a sales person at Common Threads for several years. She put her creativity to use and started an interior design business called Helsler Design. After Dick retired, they bought Cascade Fitness, which they operated together for seven years. Recently, she spent five years volunteering as the coordinator for the SMART reading program at Sisters Elementary School.

Kathie was very active and athletic. She enjoyed skiing, hiking and bicycling Sisters Country. Kathie was a passionate and creative photographer. She mastered the fine art of black and white photography. She spent lots of time in

the darkroom she built in her home. She also enjoyed printmaking, watercolor painting and quilting. She had a heart for rock-and-roll and loved to attend concerts. Van Morrison and Eric Clapton were her favorite musicians.

Kathie lived life to the fullest with passion and exhilaration as told by her radiant smile that expressed the love she had for everyone dear to her. She is survived by her husband, Richard Helsler, daughter Chelsie Hoyt-Gloeckner, son Tyler Hoyt, stepson Max Helsler and stepdaughter Berit Pement, six grandchildren, two new great-grandbabies and countless friends.

Next time you are in the



Sisters Saloon, make sure to check out the lady in red on the back wall. That's Kathie doing the can-can with her buddies.

A celebration of Kathie's life will be held at the Camp Sherman Community Hall at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 16.

Joanne Marie Carlson

January 11, 1929 – June 25, 2016

Joanne Marie Carlson, a resident of Sisters, died June 25, 2016. She was 87.

A celebration of her life will be held sometime later. No other services will be held.

Joanne was born January 11, 1929, in Eugene. Her parents were Thor Frydenlund and Marie (Saari) Frydenlund. She attended Eugene public schools, graduating from Eugene High School in 1946.

As a student at the University of Oregon, Joanne was a member of Alpha Phi sorority, mortar board senior women's honorary, and Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in

journalism in 1950.

In 1952 she married Charles Kitchel, with whom she had two children, a daughter and a son. They were later divorced. She married Richard Carlson in Eugene in 1973.

Joanne worked at the University of Oregon for 23 years, holding several administrative positions, including editor of a national research center in the College of Education, and then as director of the University's Office of Federal Relations. Her last position from 1981-86 was in the central administration of the university where she served as a vice provost. She chaired the university committee appointed in 1976 to administer the evaluation of the university's compliance

with Federal Title IX legislation, which banned discrimination in educational and athletic programs.

Appointed by President Gerald Ford, she served a two-year term, 1975-77, on the Congressionally authorized National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs. She served earlier on the Oregon Manpower Planning Council and on the Pacific Northwest Manpower Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Labor.

In 1988 she and her husband retired. She did volunteer work for the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store, and for the Visitors Center at the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. She also served on the Friends of the Sisters

Library Board of Directors. From 1990-92 she worked as a correspondent for *The Nugget Newspaper*.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, in Sisters; her daughter, Jenness Roth (Jeff) in Memphis, Tennessee; her son, Dirk Kitchel (Cheryl) in Valdosta, Georgia; two grandsons, Nathan and Samuel Roth; a granddaughter, Savannah Kitchel; three stepchildren, Aenne Carver, Lakeside, California, David Carlson, Ottawa, Canada, and Jane Lewis, Lowell, Oregon; and eight step-grandchildren.

Remembrances may be



made in her name as contributions to the Sisters Library or to Sisters Habitat for Humanity, or to the National Wildlife Federation, Reston, VA 20190-5362.

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