

Obituaries

Judith Carol Ann Fogo

January 10, 1943 – March 24, 2017
Judith Carol Ann Fogo, 74, of Sisters, died March 24, 2017.
Beloved mom, gram, sister and friend, Judy passed away on March 24, 2017.



Judy was born to the late Jack Merritt and late Emily Elizabeth Hanson on January 10, 1943 in Fremantle, Western Australia. Late in 1943 Jack moved his wife and young daughter to Oregon. Upon arrival, they lived with Jack’s parents at their Clackamas-area farm while he continued his naval service abroad. Judy’s brother, the late John Charles Hanson, was born in 1945.

Judy graduated from Tigard High School in 1961, and earned for her associate’s degree at Multnomah College, graduating in June of 1963. Later that same month she married her high school sweetheart, the late James Ellsworth Fogo. They had two daughters together, Elizabeth Ann (Lisa) and Misty Lynn. Judy spent most of her life in the Portland area, with the exception of five years the family spent in Florida. Her husband, Jim, passed away in 2002. Judy retired in 2010 and then moved to Sisters in 2011. The six years Judy spent in Sisters tending her flowers, enjoying the sunshine and watching her younger grandchildren grow were some of her happiest.

Judy will be long remembered for her warmth, compassion and friendly nature. She would go out of her way to help others and was always there to lend a supportive hand to her daughters and grandchildren. Judy had a special affection for Dobermans, who were her constant companions over the last 40 years. She

enjoyed bowling, collecting shells on Sanibel Island, spending time with her family and planting beautiful flowering pots for everyone she loved. Her own yard was a bonanza of color during the spring and summer months.

Daughters Lisa Fogo and Misty Nicklous; sister Lynell Cooper-Joslin; four grandchildren, Paula Williams, Brianne Fogo, Emma and Sam Nicklous; and one great-grandson survive her. She is also survived by her father, Jack’s, wife, Bella Hanson of Virginia, and numerous cousins throughout the United States. Each of us will miss Judy greatly and all the kindness and grace she brought to our lives.

A private interment at Riverview Abbey was held in April. We would like to thank Partners in Care of Bend, and specifically Nurse Chandra for the loving and compassionate care of our mom. Remembrances can be made to Partners in Care, Central Oregon Veterans Outreach or the Humane Society.

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Jim Massey

April 1947 – April 2017
He was a man of many trades. A teacher to those willing and eager to soak up his knowledge, not just about the law, but about life. Right and wrong. A lover of all things covered in butter or chocolate or infused with garlic. A friend — the kind that you stumble upon but a few times in life. A sailor of the seas. Graceful, much too smart for his own good, and stubborn as hell. Of all the things he was, he was a son, a brother, a husband, a father and a grandfather. He had many successes in his lifetime, but he was most proud to be these things. He had magic in his voice; the ability to tell stories that captivated entire rooms, filled with roaring belly giggles and tears of laughter. It was a true gift.

He spent the greater part of his life fighting for people who could not fight for themselves. He had the kind of love and passion that cannot be taught; it is rooted at the heart of one’s being.

He was a fighter. Man did he fight. For justice, hope, peace and his life: with everything in him until the day he gained his wings. “A beacon of light,” as Willie Nelson wrote.

In the grand scheme of it all Jim lived a life most people dream of. He found his soulmate. They raised two wonderful sons, sold unnecessary things and were able to sail the world together for many years. He had a very successful career, and he was

able to watch his grandchildren grow up. As he always said, “I’ve got it made.” He truly believed he was the luckiest man alive.

Jim was born in Portland, graduated with a degree in economics from Stanford University and a law degree from the University of Oregon. He received a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship, which trained young lawyers to go out into the world to fight for justice for the underprivileged. With that training Jim went on to serve as lead counsel in over 50 federal court cases in 18 states and the District of Columbia. He appeared in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits and the U.S. Supreme Court. In response to the farm credit crisis of the 1980s, Jim joined forces with three other attorneys and filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of 230,000 farmers. The federal judge in the case issued an injunction stopping the foreclosures of 160,000 farms.

With financial help from Willie Nelson and Farm Aid, Jim founded Farmers Legal Action Group (FLAG), a national nonprofit law firm with a single mission: help family farmers stay on their land. FLAG is in its 32nd year.

Jim moved to Sisters in 1988 and opened a law office.



In 1999 Jim took a hiatus from the legal profession, and he and his wife, Leslee, took to the sea. Upon their return in 2012 Jim joined Reno & Cavanaugh, a Washington, D.C. law firm.

Jim is predeceased by his parents, James and Eileen Massey, of Eugene.

He is survived by his wife and partner in adventure of 43 years, Leslee Bangs; two fantastic sons and their wives, Chris and Jenny Bangs, of Salem, and Shane and Penni Bangs, of Lake Oswego; sisters Carroll Lee Massey and Mary Massey, both of Eugene; six cherished grandchildren, Logan Beach, Emma Bangs, Erin Bangs, Ryan Bangs, Brisa Bangs and Jake Bangs; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held August 13 on Morton Island, Rainy Lake, Ontario.

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