

# Obituaries

## Mark Halley

December 4, 1949 – April 10, 2019

Mark Halley (age 69) was born in Baker City, Oregon, in 1949 to Ronald & Grace Margaret Halley. He was the youngest of three boys. Mark grew up in Richland, Oregon, working on the family's farm. When he was finished with his chores, he loved to spend time hunting, fishing and riding horses with his older brothers and best friends.

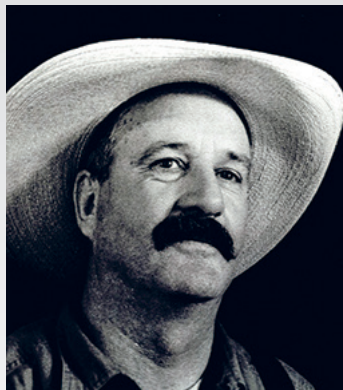
Mark attended elementary school in Richland and graduated from Pine Eagle High School in 1968. After high school, Mark attended Oregon State University. In 1971, he took a break from college when he was drafted by the U.S. Army and sent to Berlin, Germany. He married Gail, his high school sweetheart, while stationed in Berlin. After the Army, he returned to OSU and earned his BS in forest engineering. They started a family and moved to Canada where he worked as a forestry manager for 13 years. In 1989, Mark and his family returned to Richland to start a ranch. In 1996, he

and Gail relocated to Sisters, however, Mark continued to work in Cornucopia for Wilderness Outfitters.

Mark loved horseback riding and being outdoors. As far as he was concerned, anything could be fixed with a horseback ride in the mountains or a day spent working cattle. Sometimes those days didn't go according to plan, but he usually escaped unscathed and had a hilarious story to share. As an avid Oregon history buff, he enjoyed exploring and reading about forgotten towns and areas. Mark was hard-working with a great sense of humor. He will be remembered for his friendliness and amiability.

Mark is preceded in death by his beloved son Matthew; his parents Ronald and Grace Margaret; and his two older brothers, Ronnie and Greg.

Mark is survived by his wife, Gail; daughter Miranda (Kyle) Iwamoto; and his three grandchildren, Grace, Cole, and Bryce;



sister-in-law June Halley; brother-in-law Steve (Gerri) Brooks; his nephews and nieces; and his dog, Bear.

Unfortunately, Mark used up the last of his nine lives (battling cancer) on April 10. May he find peace on his new trail.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Friday, May 17, at 11 a.m. at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland, Oregon. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Mark, the family suggests the Eagle Valley Ambulance defibrillator fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

## Amanda Mae Kessel

July 22, 1985 – April 30, 2019

We need to believe that our loved ones never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared, and the love they brought into our lives. One such bright spot has left this place a better place because of the bright light she was.

Amanda was born here in Central Oregon. She attended school here in Sisters; kindergarten through high school. She graduated in 2003 and started her independence. She lived for a time in Bend, Portland, and Seattle, before returning again to Bend. She worked hard and had attended a local beauty school, with only a couple of classes remaining to complete. In recent years she had developed a fondness for bird hunting and was becoming quite proficient at tromping around swamps and other bird habitat to hunt. Also becoming quite a cook with her hunting bounty.

Amanda leaves behind her daughter, Lillian Mae Stahlberg of Boise; her sister, Sara Krake of Bend; her parents, Jeff and Denise Kessel of Sisters; her many cousins and extended family from

around the state, plus an overwhelming community of friends who will all miss her greatly.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, May 19 at 1 p.m. at 10 Barrel Brewing Co. - Eastside located at 62950 NE 18th St., Bend. Please see [www.gofundme.com/amandakessel-memorial-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/amandakessel-memorial-fund) for



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## Gary Clinton Barnett

November 26, 1934 – April 24, 2019

Gary Clinton Barnett of Sisters passed away at his home, with family, on April 24, 2019. He was 84. Gary was the only son of Claude Barnett and Georgia (Bourland) Barnett. He was born in Oceanside, California, where he grew up and graduated from Oceanside High School.

He then joined the U.S. Navy and served on two destroyers, the USS Osborne and the USS Rogers, during the Korean War as an electronics technician. He went to San Diego State College earning a BS in physics.

Gary met Barbara Ann (Connolly) Barnett while in college and they were married on March 21, 1959. They have remained faithfully devoted to each other for over 60 years. He worked for Visibility Laboratories at Scripps Institute of Oceanography with the first astronauts, among other projects. In 1969, he joined Santa Barbara Research Center as a reliability engineer and retired as project manager in 1995.

Gary was very active; he was an avid backpacker, sharing his love of the Sierras with his family and friends. He was a pilot for most of his adult life, racing sailplanes and owning several powered aircraft, flying regularly until he was 82. He rode motorcycles all over the West with several of his engineering friends. He volunteered his time, both to the Boy Scouts and to the EAA, mentoring Young Eagles sharing his love of flying.

Gary is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann Barnett; son Erick Clinton Barnett; daughter Lee Ann Barnett (husband John Boyd); and his granddaughter, Meredith Amelia Boyd.

Memorial contributions in Gary's name may be made to St. Charles Hospice, Bend.

Private family services will be held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California.

Condolences may be conveyed to the family at [deschutesmemorialchapel.com](http://deschutesmemorialchapel.com).

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