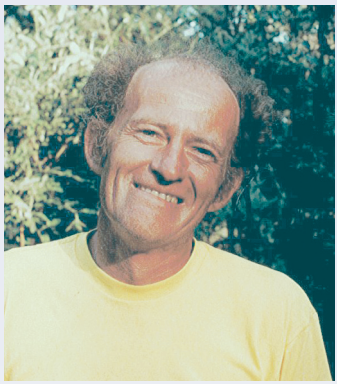


Obituaries



James 'Jim' Concannon

July 8, 1944 – January 15, 2022

Jim passed away peacefully from complications of lung cancer on Saturday, January 15, at St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, to Jim and Levina Concannon and raised in Mason City, Iowa. He was a brother to Mary and Omar, father to three sons, and longtime resident of Sisters, moving here in 1990.

Jim was well-known throughout the Sisters community and had many friends and acquaintances. In his early years, he was employed in the profession of land surveying.

When he moved to Sisters, he worked for local businesses, including Sisters Bakery.

Before retiring, he worked at Lonesome Water Bookstore for his best friend, Tom. In retirement, he could be found volunteering for Habitat ReStore and helping a friend and her children in the community with their needs.

His hobbies included hiking in the mountains and spending time at the Oregon coast camping near the beach. He was an avid photographer, baker, and all-around handyman. He had a gypsy soul and loved the outdoors. His son will spread his ashes at several beautiful places on his way back to Iowa. His family would like to thank his healthcare providers and the St. Charles Family Care Clinic in Sisters for keeping an eye on him.

Although gone, he will be remembered fondly by his friends, family, and community. Be content that he was able to enjoy the beauty of Central Oregon the last three decades of his life.

Don Berry

April 11, 1953 – January 13, 2022

Don Berry crossed over while coming home from a last great-outdoors adventure, crabbing offshore in Newport, Oregon.

Don was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, to Earle and Jean Berry. He was raised on a farm in Michigan, where he learned to fish and hunt, his lifelong passions. Following high school, he attended Adams State University in Colorado and Universidad de las Americas in Mexico.

In 1983, in Denver, where he was a counselor at a county center for the disabled, Don met Barbara Wilhelm, a supervisor at the facility. "He followed me home and never left," according to Barbara. They married in 1985 in Redstone, Colorado.

After four years in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, the couple moved to Santa Fe, where Don became an auto salesman, a career that supported the enthusiastic, friendly man for most of his life. His favorite job, however, was back in Colorado, where he had once been a "hot air balloon chaser" in a summer job.

Four more years found Don and Barbara on the road again to Eugene, Oregon, in an old '73 Winnebago. He wanted to live where he could catch salmon. Another four years passed before the couple uprooted one last time to move to their "cabin in the mountains" in Tollgate, where they have resided since.



As Barbara taught art and painted, Don transferred from cars to recreational vehicle sales in 2000, beginning at Big Country RV and finishing at All Seasons RV and Marine.

His life was filled with fishing and hunting. As a couple, the Berrys were often at a site where Don fished or hunted while his wife sketched and painted landscapes and wildlife. Their huskies were always along. He was a man very proud of his wife's success in her paintings and other artistic endeavors.

Don also easily developed friendships with like-minded hunters and fishermen. His free days were spent on fun adventures with a wide selection of friends, whether or not any game was tagged or bagged. One of these friends, thinking of Don, said, "There's a special place in Heaven for hunters and fishermen."

Don is survived by his wife, Barbara; mother, Jean; brother, Doug; sister, Linda Maycroft; and stepdaughter, Kris Schuler; along with Nikki and Aki, the family dogs.

A celebration of life will be held in April.

Tine Thissen

March 4, 1942 – January 17, 2022

On January 17, 2022, in Maastricht, The Netherlands, our Dutch Cowgirl Tine Thissen quietly rode on her final journey into the sunset.

Born March 4, 1942 in Maastricht, Tine leaves behind her son, Mischa VanDalsen; sister, Karin Prince; grandchildren, Jesse and Renee; as well as countless family, friends, and extended family, both at home and in Sisters.

Her many years in Sisters were among the happiest of her life. She loved her work and felt like she belonged here. The mountains, the lakes, the magnificent Ponderosa trees, the wild-life... and oh, the horses! They filled her heart with joy!

Tine met so many wonderful people; made so many dear, unforgettable friends. She leaves us with loving gratitude for spirited friendships forged, and kindness shared with a



"Dutch Cowgirl."

As a fitting close, with a minor word change, in Camp Tamarack she used to sing this little song at the campfire:

*"I'm a poor lonesome cowgirl,
I'm a long, long ways from home,
And this poor lonesome cowgirl
Has got a long, long ways to go
Over mountains, over valleys,
Until the day is done
My horse and I keep riding
Into the setting sun."*



*There is no use in prolonging your goodbye.
You are not prolonging your presence,
but your departure.*

*Dear family and friends
Thank you for your
love and friendship*

Tine Thissen
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