

OBITUARIES

Robert James Heist

Jan. 24, 1938 — Oct. 24, 2016

Robert Heist, 78, passed away at Salem Hospital on Monday, Oct. 24, 2016.

Bob was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to Edward and Lila (Anders) Heist, one of four children. Following high school, he joined the Navy and proudly served his country for a time. Bob then attended Penn State and graduated with his bachelor's degree. Throughout Bob's life, he worked for IBM.

While residing in Amarillo, Texas, Bob met his sweetheart, Carol. Together they moved to Silverton in 1998. Bob and Carol were sweethearts for over 33 years. Bob loved to travel, play poker and enjoyed fixing things. He also loved music, and above all else, his family and friends. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Silverton, where he was very active.

Bob is survived by his sweetheart and wife, Carol; stepchildren Dawn (Dan) Page, Perry (Janet) Williams and Annette Shilinsky; grandchildren Jackie, David, Andrew and April; great-grandchildren Levi and Caleb; sisters Katherine Heimbrook, Linda (Fred) Kresge; and brother Ed.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Silverton. In lieu of flowers, memorials

are preferred to the church or Silverton Area Community Aid (SACA). Arrangements with Unger Funeral Chapel.

Jerrilyn Louise Halter

Jan. 7, 1942 — Oct. 21, 2016

Jerrilyn Halter was born in Silverton to Phillip and Bethel (Williams) Gooding, one of six children. Following high school, she met and married James Halter. To this union they had three children. Jerrilyn was active in Mt. Angel and was well known for her work as a bus driver for the school district. She had also worked various jobs throughout her life, including with the state for a time, the White Corner Grocery Store and Traeger's. Together Jerrilyn and Jim grew and harvested a pumpkin patch.

Jerrilyn was an amazing seamstress who had the ability to make and sew bride's dresses. She loved to play bingo and cards. Jerrilyn was an avid walker, coached volleyball and refereed, and volunteered at the Mt. Angel Senior Center. She was named the 2015 Volunteer of the Year for Mt. Angel. She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was a member of the choir for a time, and the Catholic Daughters Association.

She is preceded in death by her father, and her brother, Larry Gooding.

Funeral services were held Oct. 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Arrangements by Unger Funeral Chapel.

ing. Jerri is survived by her mother, Bethel; husband Jim; daughter Tracy Thomas; sons Terry (Vicki) and Troy (Julie); grandchildren Courtney (Cletus) Clapper, Chris Thomas, Cody Thomas, and Phillip Halter; siblings Lynn (Bob) Hair, Jean (John) McClosky, Anne (Richard) Howe, and Ron Gooding.

Funeral services were held Oct. 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Arrangements by Unger Funeral Chapel.

Ruth Marie Obersinner-Cooper

April 8, 1954 — October 14, 2016

Ruth Marie Obersinner-Cooper passed away Friday, Oct. 14, surrounded by family and friends.

Ruth touched many people's lives through her work as a licensed professional counselor, and in her personal life. Ruth deeply appreciated the beauty of nature's oceans and flowers and enjoyed spending time with her loved ones.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer; mother Carol; uncle Fr. Joseph Obersinner; sisters Kathy and Therese; brothers Gene, Steve, and Paul; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday Nov. 5, at Unger Funeral Chapel in Mt. Angel. There will be a gathering at St. Mary's Parish Hall following the memorial service.

"Her insight and energy will be greatly missed."

Duane Dennis Olson

Aug. 21, 1931 — Sept. 2, 2016

Duane Dennis Olson, 85, passed away in Tualatin on Sept. 2, 2016.

Duane was born on Aug. 21, 1931, to Clarence and Bernice (Burwitz) Olson in Yankton, South Dakota. He joined the Air Force and later became a general contractor. Duane married Susan Paulette Plank, who passed away Feb. 11, 2015.

He is survived by his son, David (Jackie) Olson of Rainier; grandchildren Travis and Nichole Olson of Rainier; and brother Robert Olson of Joseph.

A graveside service took place Sept. 10 at Valley View Cemetery in Silverton.

Arrangements by Unger Funeral Chapel, Silverton.

Don Tawney

May 13, 1950 — Oct. 12, 2016

Don was born in Dover, Ohio, on May 13, 1950. He married the love of his life, Sandra Villehay, and together they raised two daughters, Wendy and Amber.

Don was a loving father and grandfather, and a caring and faithful friend to many. He willingly lent a hand to anyone in need and always tried to do what was right. He had a heart of gold and could not have been a better friend. Don had many God-given talents including being a highly skilled machinist, carpenter and electrician. He took good care of his tools believing they would take care of him.

Don especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, visiting

with family and friends, and riding his Harley. And let's not forget the Gummy Bears.

Don is survived by his mother, Loretta Klein; brother Ricky; sister Sherry Grippen; daughters Wendy (Joe) Massey and Amber; nine grandchildren; and one great grandchild. His wife preceded him in death.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at Macleay Grange, with a potluck following.

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Be Thankful for Art: "Be Thankful for Art," a showcase of the range of artwork that each member brings to the co-operative. Also on display in the gallery's loft, "Late Bloomer" includes botanical paintings by Portland artist Musa Jaman, through Nov. 28. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Reception, 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lunaria Gallery, 113 N Water St, Silverton. Free. 503-873-7734, www.Lunariagallery.com

NOVEMBER 4

Borland Gallery: Silverton Art Association Members Show, through Nov. 27. Gallery hours: 9 a.m. to noon Mondays-Fridays; noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Reception, 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 4, all day, Borland Gallery, 303 Coolidge St, Silverton. Free. 503-363-9310, www.Silvertonarts.org

Silvertongues Toastmasters: Develop speaking skills by organizing your thoughts, thinking on your feet and building confidence and leadership skills in a friendly and supportive environment. Guests invited, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Fridays, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Silverton Community Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1159 Oak St, Silverton. 503-873-4198.

Christmas in Historic Silverton: Kickoff of the holiday season. Browse local shops for Christmas gifts, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 4; 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., downtown Silverton, Main Street,

Silverton. 503-873-3891.

First Friday Music: Violinists Stephanie Barth and Marjory Lange: Two fine Salem violinists present a program with music composed by Brahms, Mozart and Christopher Wicks, with Wicks at the piano, 7 to 8 p.m., Silverton United Methodist Church, 203 W Main St, Silverton. Free-will offering. 503-873-3461.

NOVEMBER 5

Bazaar / Auction: Chili/hot dog feed benefits local food banks and bazaar items available for purchase at 5:30 p.m. Oral auction begins at 7 p.m. - variety of hand quilted quilts, embroidered items, home baked goods, crafts, and more. Proceeds benefit many local non-profit organizations, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Marquam United Methodist Church, 36975 S Highway 213, Mount Angel. 503-829-5061.

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