

OBITUARIES

Leslie Winston Conley

Aug. 14, 1947 — Jan. 29, 2017



Leslie Winston Conley passed away in Salem on Jan. 29, 2017. He was 69. Les was born on Aug. 14, 1947, in Silverton to Brunk and Elva Conley. Along the way, he gained additional parents Florence Conley and Bill Partch.

In 1968, Les married Elaine Aho, and they welcomed daughters Melissa and Sarah. The couple later amicably divorced. In 1981, Les married Kathy Questad, adding another daughter Sarah to his family. They later welcomed their son, Russell.

Les was a mailman in Salem and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He served in the Army in Vietnam. Les coached high school track in Stayton, Silverton, and Mt. Angel, and he was a state champion sprinter himself in 1964 and 1965. He loved watching girls' basketball, tinkering around the house, golfing, crosswords, reading, news/politics and cheering on the OSU Beavers. He had a big heart and was always lending a hand to friends and family in need.

Les is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Leon and Bill, and his nephew Michael.

He is survived by wife Kathy; his four children: Melissa, Sarah (Greg), Sarah (Jesse), and Russell; grandchildren Jake, Maddy, Abby, and Tucker; brothers Butch and Steve (Linda); sisters Susie (Brad) and Shelley; cousin-like-a-brother Pat (Marcel); and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life was held Feb. 6 at the Silverton Assembly of God. Arrangements were by Unger Funeral Chapel and he was interred at Valley View Cemetery, Silverton.

Doris Helen Kreiger

Oct. 1, 1918 — Jan. 26, 2017



Kreiger



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Doris Helen Kreiger passed peacefully from this world at Heritage House in Woodburn on Jan. 26, 2017, in the loving presence of her family and caregivers. She was 98.

Doris was born Oct. 1, 1918, in Osawatomie, Kansas, the second of the five children to Ori F. and Mabel Bachman Neuenschwander. Growing up in the town of her birth, Doris attended Osawatomie High School, where she played basketball and became GAA (Girls Athletic Association) president. During the Great Depression, she later recalled, her family was sustained largely on the strength of her father's stable employment with the railroad.

She married Lester H. Liegerot in 1937, and together they had six children — four daughters and two sons — during their 27 years together.

Her marriage marked the end of remaining geographically "planted." She enjoyed living in many different states, and in the course of her long life would visit nearly every state in the continental U.S. But her heart always remained in Kansas, and she was proud to be from the Sunflower State, never losing the distinctive accent that often revealed her origin from America's Heartland.

She married Marvin "Bud" Kreiger in 1972, and together they drove from coast to coast buying antiques, which they enjoyed collecting and selling as owners of antique shops in Missouri and California.

Doris had many other loves and hobbies. Her interests ranged from gardening to gospel music, and she had both a keen eye and a ready hand for appreciating and maintaining a beautiful, well-ordered home. She always called herself a "plain" cook, but her homemade cloverleaf rolls, and many other family favor-

ites, were often featured at large holiday meals.

Although it was nothing she boasted of — regarding it as a simple matter of patriotic duty — she also contributed, together with many other women of the period who remained "on the home front," to the victory of the Allied cause in World War II by laboring in the manufacture of weaponry. She wanted her fellow Americans to never forget the sacrifice rendered by citizens of this country in the war effort.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Lester (1980) and Bud (2013); daughter Jeanne LaNell; son Kenneth Liegerot; granddaughter Katherine Quigg Blake; grandsons Joel Liegerot and Bryan Taylor; great-granddaughter Charlene Neal; sisters Thelma Neuenschwander, Maxine Long, and Betty Neuenschwander (infant); and brother Kenneth Neuenschwander.

She is survived by daughter Charlene (Jose) Magana of Hilo, Hawaii, and their son, Norman Quigg, and daughters Kimberly Quigg, Tami Cline, and Tracy Arambula; son Larry (Theresa) Liegerot of Salem, and their son Marc Shahbazian; daughter Janet (Curtis) Smith, and Janet's son, Robert Palmer, of San Diego, California; daughter Jill (Ferren) Taylor of Silverton, and their sons, Kevin and Adam Taylor, and daughter, Jacquelyn Taylor; grandsons Mark Basso and Jason Liegerot; granddaughters Lisa Basso and Branda Corey; twenty-three great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Her interment took place at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Salem. A memorial celebration of her life will be held in the spring.

The family of Doris extends its special thanks to the outstanding staff at Heritage House of Woodburn, and Serenity Hospice, for making her final years, and even her final hours, as comfortable as possible.

Although Doris loved flowers, she would be happy if readers sent them to Heritage House or to their own local care home for the enjoyment of the residents there. Another thoughtful option would be to share a talent (music, storytelling, or simply listening) with the aged residents in those homes.

Gilliam

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would end up with a different Republican.

In a statement, House Republican Leader Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte, called Gilliam "a wonderful colleague and an even better friend."

"People like Vic are increasingly rare in this world," McLane said. "While his time in the Legislature has come to a close, I believe his legacy will fill the halls of the Capitol for years to come. He is, and will always be, the embodiment of what it means to be a public servant in Oregon."

House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said it was an honor to serve with Gilliam.

"We entered the Legislature together in 2007, and he has been the model of a statesman and a true public servant ever since," she said in a statement. "He served his community with honesty and integrity, and he is without a doubt the funniest guy in the Capitol."

Gilliam is married and has three grown children. In addition to serving as a state representative, he had a 25-year career as a development executive with non-government organizations including Willamette University, Oregon Health & Science University Foundation, International Youth Foundation and Mercy Corps.

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to 1992 when he other founding members of the society, **Budd Sheesley** and **George and Patti Geddis**, launched the fundraiser.

"I asked **Jeff and Janis Brekas** if they would go out to the bridge and pose (for a period) photo," he said.

The Brekas's late-1920s vintage auto and complementing garb proved to be an ideal photo to illustrate the first flyer the society used.

"**Charles Almqvist** took the picture, and we used this picture on our flyer for the Box Lunch Social," Jim continued. "The community really embraced it. When I think of all the people involved, how everyone in town got involved...It was so much fun."

Norm added that it also funded the Four Freedoms, essentially launching Silverton's mural identity. The photo later became a mural completed by **Lori Webb** in 2000.

Building on that identity, and maintaining it, is a major charge of the society.

"Most people don't realize what it takes to maintain the murals," Jim imparts. "Most of our money goes to that. We're proud to say they are all dressed up and looking as nice as they can."

That's especially delightful when entertaining visitors, such as the recent visit of Florence Mayor **Joe Henry**; the Oregon coastal town is crafting an arts commission and considering its own murals, visiting with Silverton Mural Society to get ideas about the pros and cons of the undertaking.

In addition to maintaining the murals and considering new ones, the society strives to become more accessible, something helped along with its Facebook page: www.facebook.com/silvertonmuralsociety.

"We want to make sure we have a way to put ourselves out there and engage with people," Jim said, noting that he, Norm and fellow society 2017 board members **Marsha Worthen** and **Beth Negrey** have been fielding from 60 to 70 messages a month.

The most salient method of engagement is inherent to the work, and a cruise through Silverton while admiring the sides of buildings is visual proof.

A mural membership meeting, including goal setting, will take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 9, at the Silverton Mobile Home Park club house, 1307 S. Water St. Contact Jim at 503-509-0592 or jdsquires@wavecable.com.

Jim also noted that Canyon View Camp is celebrating a 50-year anniversary, and part of that is the design work for an equestrian-themed mural.

While the murals provide illustrative visions of Silverton's past, Silverton Area Seniors are setting sights to a "Focus on the Future" campaign, in which they intend to explore ways to make the Silverton Senior Center and its activities more friendly and accessible to a broader reach of the community.

The Feb. 4 community volunteer fair, "Giving Back," coincided with that aim, as will other upcoming events and activities.

Dodie said the seniors are examining possible changes, including lowering age restrictions (currently 60) and availing the center's facilities to a broader range of groups. They are also looking at activities, classes and programs that cater to a broader age range.

She said any changes that may surface will come about in April when there's a board vote.

The center-hosted Sweetheart event will feature the Vintage Boys, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the center, 115 Westfield St., and it's open to all ages. Cost is \$5 for singles and \$7 for couples.

Connie is especially enthusiastic about an April event on the slate: "Design Your Own Hawaiian Quilt!" April 17-20.

The background for this special event is seeded in a series of novels Connie and a friend were reading, all of which included Hawaiian quilting in the story themes. Inspired, she attended a quilting retreat in Washington conducted by **Nancy Lee Chong**. Connie learned something about herself in the process.

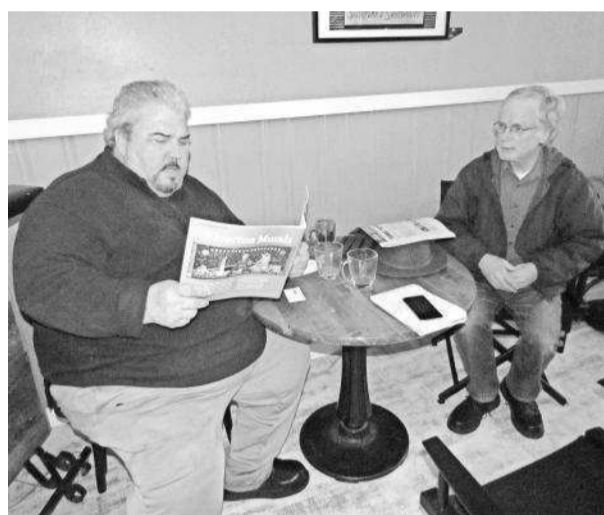
The Silverton resident never regarded herself as particularly artistic, though others in her family have shown talent. The retreat helped change that perception, and the product of that change materialized before her hands with her own quilted creation.

"It's such a high have this, to have some sort of creative ability," she said, while hoisting her creation. "It's been a life changer."

Dodie confirmed: "Her enthusiasm has been contagious." That enthusiasm will be shared at the senior center via the 4-day workshop.

Connie explained that one appeal to her of the Hawaiian quilting approach is that it's especially hands on in that sewing machines are not used. The workshop will include a lecture on the history, traditions and superstitions of Hawaiian quilts.

Other pieces of the week will feature a luau held in cooperation with Silverton High School's culinary



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Jim Squires, left, and Norm English discuss Silverton's murals during a Creekside Chat at Silver Creek Coffee House.

arts students, and ukulele players.

Connie and Dodie feel the timing for this type of event is just right as they noted the Oregon Garden's has previously hosted a quilting event that is no longer held. Connie welcome's anyone who would like to learn more about it to contact her at 503-989-1473 or conbrk12@gmail.com.

The unique April event is a taste of what the Senior Center hopes to host in the future.

"The Senior Center has had a lot of support from the community in so many ways — in donations of money, in donations of time," Dodie said. "The community has given so much to the Senior Center, and the center wants to give something back as it changes with the community."

Keep abreast with Silverton Senior Center activities at silvertonseniorcenter.org or contact 503-873-3093, dodiebreockamp@gmail.com.

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Assault

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relationship" with a fellow employee, who was a minor at the time.

Carroll said Cordy passed a full criminal background check and full reference check before he was hired. He stressed that the

YMCA does not tolerate violation of its standards and will always respond appropriately. YMCA officials learned of Cordy's arrest on Thursday, and they cooperated fully with the investigation.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those involved and their families as we are facing this difficult circumstance," Carroll said in a statement.

The sheriff's office began their investigation into the incident on Tuesday. Baldrige said the YMCA and the Sweet Home School District actively assisted the detectives during its investigation.

Following his arrest, Cordy was taken to Marion County jail and held on \$100,000 bail. He appeared for arraignment Friday at 3 p.m. His next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 14.

Officials asked that anyone with information regarding Cordy call Detective Matt Hagan at 503-316-6605.

For questions, comments and news tips, email reporter Whitney Woodworth at wmwoodwort@statesmanjournal.com, call 503-399-6884 or follow on Twitter @wmwoodworth

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