

OBITUARIES

Harold Nielsen

Harold "Hal" Nielsen of Silverton left this earth Dec. 23 after a six-week effort to recover from a stroke. He was 87 years of age.

Hal is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters Mina, Christina and Rebecca; son Eric; three grandsons; his sister, Lily; as well as he and Carol's beloved extended family. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Katherine; sister Marie; and brother Arnold.

Hal was born in 1930 and raised in Fortuna, California. He attended Oregon State University for three years and, after serving in the Army during the Korean War, graduated from California State University, Chico. He then taught high-school Industrial Arts, Drafting, and Algebra for thirty years while living in Auburn, California, where he raised his family. His first wife, Kathy, passed away in 2002. A devout Lutheran, Hal lived true to his faith and its teachings, serving others and helping those in need whenever he could. As an accomplished pianist and organist, he often shared his musical gifts in churches and

convalescent homes. Hal and his wife, Carol, enjoyed 14½ years together, making their home in Silverton.

Hal was a good, honorable man. A loving husband, father and grandfather. A caring son, brother, uncle and friend. A devoted teacher and mentor. A skilled gardener and craftsman, and a gifted musician. A man of steadfast faith. We will remember him for these things, and know that his was a life well lived.

A local Remembrance Service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Silverton First Baptist Church, 229 Westfield St.

Arrangements by Unger Funeral Chapel of Silverton.

Ann Davenport Vasconi

July 23, 1939 — Jan. 3, 2018

Ann Davenport Vasconi passed away on Jan. 3, 2018. Ann was born on July 23, 1939, to Henry and Eloise Davenport of Silverton. She spent her early years on the family farm, raising and showing livestock and participating in 4-H. She began teaching in the early 1960s. In 1965, she



Ann Vasconi

was offered a teaching position at Tom Thumb Montessori School in Anchorage, Alaska, which began her Alaskan adventure. There she met and married her husband, Samuel Vasconi, in 1969. While working and raising a family, she completed her education degree, which she received in 1971. She worked at Tom Thumb Montessori School until her retirement, enriching the lives of many children.

Ann and her husband retired and returned to Oregon in 1983. After retiring, Ann developed a deep interest in family history. She joined the Mormon Family History Center in Corvallis in order to help others learn how to research their family history.

She moved in 2014 to the Mt. Angel Towers, where she helped in the library and mini shop and served as President on the Resident Council. She loved to read and to travel, seeing many places during her lifetime.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel, and her brother, John Davenport III.

Ann is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Todd Clark and Sandra and Patrick Morin; her grandchildren Kathryn, Sarah and Makayla; her brother and sister-in-law Ken and

Sharon Davenport; brother Earl Davenport; nieces Tanya Kahn and Bobbi Tryon; and great nephews Alex and Tanner.

She was a blessing to us all and will be missed greatly. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a favorite charity in her name.

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Adelene Bochsler Hammelman

June 9, 1923 — Jan. 7, 2018

Services were held Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mt. Angel.

Adelene was born June 9, 1923, in St. Paul and died Jan. 7, 2018, in Mt. Angel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Hammelman, and her daughters, Marylee Schaeffer and Diane Sowa.

She was survived by her sons and their spouses, Fr. William Hammelman, Richard and Marilyn Hammelman, and Dan and Bernadette Hammelman; her sons-in-law, Joe Schaeffer and Bob Sowa; 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

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The annual Wurstfest Run is set for Feb. 10. PHOTO COURTESY OF KAY SCHACHER

Mt. Angel Wurstfest run is open for registration

Christena Brooks
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Once again, Mt. Angel Wurstfest, set for Feb. 9-10, is accompanied by a pair of fun runs.

Runners can now register for 5K and 10K races, scheduled for the second day of the indoor festival, participants run through the streets of Mt. Angel and the

surrounding countryside. Both races start at 9:30 a.m.

The 5K race is open to runners and walkers; the 10K is for runners only. Registration is \$30 and includes a pint glass, complimentary beverage and entrance into the festival.

The top three male and female finishers in each age group will receive prizes. For more information, go to www.racenorthwest.com/wurst.

First Citizen Banquet to take place Feb. 3

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce holds its annual First Citizen banquet Feb. 3.

Members of the public are invited to come to the Oregon Garden Pavilion to honor the community's outstanding volunteers, including First Citizen Andy Bellando, Distinguished Service Award Sue Roessler, Business of the Year Les Schwab Tire Center, Judy Schmidt Lifetime Achievement Award Bob Holowati and a Future First Citizen.

The Silver Falls School District will recognize teachers and classified employees of the year, and local service organizations will honor their top volunteers.

Tickets are \$40 each and are available at the chamber office, 426 S. Water Street.

Registration and online ticket pur-



Andy Bellando will be honored during the First Citizen banquet Feb. 3. PHOTO COURTESY OF SILVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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