

OBITUARIES



Elsi Maria Holland

Jan. 25, 1932 — Feb. 10, 2018

Elsi passed away Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at Salem Hospital.

Elsi loved working in her garden tending her roses, eating spaghetti and spending time with her family.

She will be missed by her family: Diana (Steve) Mills, Pamela (Monty) Ball, Mary Ann Holland, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday, Feb. 19, at Unger Funeral Chapel.



Florence Pajdak

Nov. 11, 1915 — Jan. 17, 2018

It is with great sadness we inform you, our beloved mother has passed at 102 years young. On Jan. 17, 2018, Florence passed during the night. She had lived a long and interesting life.

Her life began in Seattle in 1915 and was the start of many great and also frightening events. Navigating her way out of post Nazi Germany with her daughter, Suzanne, was an act of bravery. Starting from scratch in the U.S. after the war had its challenges, which she met head on. Hard work and dedication was her strength as she settled in Redwood City, California, and built the family home with her husband. Florence moved to beautiful Silverton in 2004 to be close to her family. She loved it and lived independently until she was 100 years old. She often told her daughters she had never been happier in her life than the years she spent in Oregon. Florence loved the easier pace, spectacular seasons and abundant natural beauty. We have always been grateful for the peace she felt in her later years.

She had frequently, in past years, expressed her feelings that she was ready to move on. It was not her time until recently. Up to the end, she enjoyed reading, visiting with family, keeping up with current events, socializing at meal-times, playing games and going for a walk in nature in her wheelchair. Her quality of life was comfortable towards the end, and then a tragic fall led to her rapid decline.

She will be missed deeply and remembered frequently when the skies are blue, the sun is warm and the gardens are blooming. Many memories will remain in our hearts forever.

Florence is survived by her daughters, Joanne Price and Suzanne Adams, and her grandchildren, Evan Wallace, Christian Park, Callan Christman, Charlotte Ehresman and Eric Pajdak.

Donna J. King

Feb. 7, 1930 — Feb. 10, 2018

Donna J. King of Mt. Angel died Feb. 10, 2018. She was 88 years old.

Donna was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on Feb. 7, 1930. She married Robert J. King in March 1965 and they moved to

Molalla with their six children later that month.

Besides raising children and sheep, Donna and Bob were active members of the Molalla Saddle Club and enjoyed many trail rides.

Helping others was very important to Donna and she gave many hours of service to the Molalla Food Bank. When she moved to Silverton, the Silverton Hospital Care Van benefited from her dedicated service for many years. Volunteering to coordinate the annual Giving Tree at Trinity Lutheran was one of her favorite ways to help others.

She attended Grace Lutheran Church in Molalla until her move to Silverton, where she was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Following her move to Mt. Angel, she attended Trinity Lutheran Church.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. King; son David Brock; grandson Andrew Barth; and parents Victor and Allie Mae Wishert.

She is survived by Gail Barth of Molalla; Dell and Patti King of Beavercreek; Ken and Karen Brock of Silverton; Willy and Ida Cochel of Hermiston; Jerry King of Plant City, Florida; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Angel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church for their outreach programs.

Irene Evelyn Steffen

Aug. 6, 1926 — Feb. 11, 2018

Irene Steffen of Silverton was carried into the loving arms of Jesus on Feb. 11, 2018. She died peacefully in her sleep at home.

She was born Aug. 6, 1926, to John and Evelyn Lahners in Grantsburg, Wisconsin. Her family moved to Silverton, where she graduated from Bethany Elementary before later moving back to Grantsburg. At 19, Irene met Don Steffen on a blind date April 4, 1946, and they were married on June 29, 1946. They were blessed with 65 years before his passing in 2011. Per Irene at their 50th anniversary, "Riches were never necessary or expected. We love each other completely, God is always in control." Irene was a homemaker to their six children as well as working as row boss in the berry fields teaching her children the value of working hard and doing a good job. Family was most important to Irene and she delighted in serving both her biological family and her church family.

Irene was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Silverton, rarely missing a Sunday, and was president of Ruth Circle, her Bible study group for decades as well as sewing hundreds of quilts with the church quilting ladies to be given to those in need.

She is survived by her sister, Louise Westrom Klawitter; children Jerald (Cheri) Steffen, Sheryl (Ralph) Amstutz, Bob Steffen, Dan (Donna) Steffen, Kathy (Rob) Barnes, Debbie (Dan) Satern and

foster daughter in love, Debbie Sardo; 13 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; brothers Willie and Clarence; grandchild Loren; and great-grandchild Arrow.

An interment service for the family was held Feb. 16 at Valley View Ceme-

tery in Silverton followed by a memorial celebration service at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Silverton.

Memorial gifts may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Union Gospel Mission or Willamette Valley Hospice.

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