

# Photos

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est are among a collection of never-before-published aerial photographs. The rare images, shot in color slide film and preserved in 2-inch-square cardboard frames arranged in a carousel tray, were put away and forgotten, later presumed lost.

A friend of Short-Nottage's family recently rediscovered the slides, and she is graciously sharing them in advance of the 38th anniversary of the deadliest volcanic eruption in U.S. history.

Fifty-seven people, nearly 7,000 big game animals such as deer and elk, and countless fish and birds died that unforgettable Sunday morning.

The eruption scattered ash across a dozen states, and the lateral blast acted like a giant Etch A Sketch, wiping away the landscape within minutes. The debris avalanche, mudflows, and flooding caused destruction and damage in a 230-square-mile area.

In Short-Nottage's collection of 34 slides, the devastation is juxtaposed with breathtaking beauty.

The volcanic activity at Mount St. Helens, which picked up steam two months before the big blast, was alluring to Lyle Baker.

He studied geology in college and although he wound up taking a different professional path, he never lost interest in the natural processes that change Earth's structure.

"The whole Mount St. Helens thing was like a dream come true, other than the 57 people who died," said Baker, who lives in West Salem with his wife Susan.



**Mount St. Helens.**  
COURTESY OF PEGGY SHORT-NOTTAGE

He was mesmerized when shown aerial images of the mountain all those years ago by Tom Bockelman, Short-Nottage's father who worked as a commercial and portrait photographer in Salem.

He asked for copies of the slides, and Bockelman obliged. Baker was blindsided a few years later when one of Bockelman's daughters contacted him and said their dad wanted the slides back. Bockelman may have mistakenly handed over the originals.

During a recent move, though, his wife was going through boxes of family keepsakes when she came across a carousel tray of color slides.

Wes Baker shared digital images from the slides, with permission from the family. The slides are back in Short-Nottage's possession.

"I was thrilled to get them back when I realized I didn't have them," Short-Nottage said.

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in her Daddy's heart. Mom grew up in Eugene, moving to Salem in 1956. She graduated from South Salem High School in 1963 and was a proud lifelong Saxon.

She met our Dad on a blind date in 1965 and even after spilling orange soda on the new aqua blue carpet in his 1962 Chevrolet two-door hardtop Impala, Dad still asked Mom on a second date and eventual marriage. They were married in February 1966 in Salem. Ken was born in November 1966; a couple years later Jeff was born in October and five years later Nicole was born in August and quickly took the same role as Mom

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## OBITUARIES

### Linda Jane DeSantis

Dec. 1944 — May 1, 2018

Linda, 73, died peacefully May 1, 2018, with her family by her side at home in Silverton, while John Denver was playing in the background.

Linda was born in December 1944 in Salem to parents Kenneth and Marian Barker. She was the baby in the family with two older sisters, Sue Ann Clark and Judith Lundgren. She was the typical youngest in their family, the "princess," and she held a special place

did in her family, Daddy's little princess.

Mom and Dad moved back to Silverton in 1976 to the family home where Dad was raised and lived there until February 2018. During these years, Mom was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother and soon to be great grandmother.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Sue Ann.

She is survived by her husband Tom; her sister Judith (Dick); children Ken (Jodie), Jeff (Christie), Nicole and Sandy (Ray); and grandchildren Beau (Becky), Austin (Hollie), Bailey, Lauren, Emily, Wyatt, Ethan and Sophie; and coming soon, great-granddaughter Audrey.

Memorial Mass was held at St. Paul Catholic Church in Silverton. Arrangements were made with Unger Funeral Chapel.

### Lynn Dale Schaap

Dec. 12, 1940 — April 28, 2018

Lynn Dale Schaap, 77, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2018, at his home in Silverton.

Lynn was born Dec. 12, 1940, in Hubbard to Dean and Katherine Schaap. He



lived his entire life in the Silverton area. He was a graduate of Gervais High School. In May 1968, he married the love of his life, Betty. Together they raised two children and

built a wonderful life on the marionberry farm he loved so much.

Lynn was preceded in death by his wife, Betty. He is survived by his daughter, Michelle Scroggins; son Michael (Heidi) Schaap; sisters Lorraine Schaap and Phyllis (Richard) Klein; and brother, Edgar (Evadene) Schaap. He will be greatly missed by his four grandchildren, Isaac Scroggins and Olivia, Jackson and Sophia Schaap.

Lynn will be remembered by his community and extended family for his kindness, love of farming and faith in Jesus Christ.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at Peoples Church in Salem with burial at Pratum Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to People's Church Missions or YoungLives Salem Oregon.

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