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— OBITUARIES —

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Sid Ziegler

Richland, 1926-2017

At OSU Sid met Donna Lee Hayden. They later married and moved to Yreka, CA, where he worked as a timber cruiser for Fruit Growers Timber Co. in Hilt and then Pine Mountain Lumber Co. in Yreka. While there, the young couple was blessed with three children, Scott and twin daughters- Jan and Jill.

In 1964 Sid moved his family to Lincoln City, OR after he took a job working for Fort Hill Lumber Co. in Valley Junction as a log buyer. He worked there many years, providing well for his family. He finished his career working for Hampton Lumber Co. of Willamina after they bought out Fort Hill.

Donna Lee died in 1988. Later, Sid married Beverly Hinrichsen, of Seattle. They enjoyed their short time together until she was taken by cancer. In 1993 he married Elma Williams of Richland, OR. They enjoyed 24 years of marriage and she remained by his side, caring for him, all the way to the end.

Sid loved working in the woods and had many hobbies, including hunting, fishing, rock hounding, silversmithing/jewelry making, and gardening. He had a remarkable ability of setting goals and then reaching them. He was a man of his word. He was full of purpose and he loved his family and providing for them. He is dearly missed.

Sid is survived by his wife Elma, son Scott (Marie), daughter Jill (Bob), step-daughter Penny (Bill), eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents, sister Carol, his first two wives Donna Lee and Beverly, his daughter Jan, and step-daughter Sherry.

A remembrance will be held at a later date on the coast, when the weather is a little easier to travel in. For those who would like to make a memorial

donation in memory of Sid, the family suggests the Eagle Valley EMT Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Julie Marie Sallquist

Baker City, 1949-2017

Julie Marie Sallquist, 68, of Baker City died Monday, January 1, 2018 at Settler's Park Assisted Living.

A visitation was held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel. The funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018 at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel with Pastor Brad Phillips officiating. A reception will follow at Coles Tribute Center located at 1950 Place Street, Baker City, OR 97814.

Julie was born on May 4, 1949 in Silverton, Oregon to Lewis and Holly (Woodward) Paulson. She attended and graduated from Woodburn High School.

In 1970, Julie graduated from the University of Oregon.

She married Jon Sallquist on June 8, 1996 in Tualatin, Oregon. She worked as an administrative assistant at Linda Zimmerman Real Estate for 10 years and retired in 2010.

Julie loved rock climbing, hiking, skiing, mountain biking, traveling, working out at the gym and playing piano. She was a member of Harvest Church and Peterson's Bible Study.

Julie is survived by her husband, Jon Sallquist of Baker City, Oregon; her daughter, Holly Ferris of Gresham, Oregon; her son, John "JJ" DeClerck of Portland, Oregon; and her daughter, Brianna Cervana of Portland, Oregon. She is also survived by six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis "Ole" Paulson and Holly Paulson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Har-

vest Church General Fund through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Julie, or to leave a condolence for the family, please visit: www.grayswestco.com.

Jeanie McClaughy

Baker City, Died 2017

Jeanie McClaughy, 61, of Baker City, Oregon died Tuesday December 19, 2017 at her home in Baker City, Oregon. As per her request, there will be no funeral service.

Jeanie was loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a sister of 10 siblings and was termed a "identical mirror twin" as well.

Jeanie lived a beautiful life. She enjoyed surfing in her younger days while living in Newport, Oregon. Jeanie always made new friends as she was an outgoing person. She especially loved living in Eastern Oregon and always enjoyed going to the lakes, ponds and reservoirs to go fishing. Christmas was one of her favorite holidays.

She treasured decorating her Christmas tree making it fancy and beautiful and spending time with her family. Halloween was another favorite holiday that she shared with her twin Joanie, the two delighted in making their own costumes and entering costume contests every year.

Most of her working life, she worked as a bartender. One bar in particular where she worked was at the Longbranch in La Grande. Jeanie adored spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she loved them very much. They truly lit up her life and she was always talking about them.

Jeanie was loved by many family and friends and will be sorely missed. Her beautiful smile and laugh will forever be in our hearts.

She was preceded in death by her parents William Thomas McClaughy and Virginia Aue; brother David McClaughy; her twin sister Joanie McClaughy.

Jeanie is survived by her daughter Brandi and her husband John Loeb-

LaMiller of Union, Oregon; son Jamie McClaughy of Baker City, Oregon; grandchildren Tyrone Jackson and his wife Tiffany Knepper of La Grande, Oregon; Haley Still of Union, Oregon, two great-grandchildren Isaiah and Aaliyah Jackson; eight surviving siblings Carol Sivley of Alabama, Kathleen McClaughy of Haines, Oregon, Patricia Culver of Mount Vernon, Oregon, Jeff McClaughy of North Powder, Oregon, Cyndi McClaughy of North Powder, Oregon, Julie Flood of Hood River, Oregon, Jim Durham of Hood River, Oregon, Devaree Milhon of Queens Creek, Arizona; Many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

For those who would like to make donation in memory of Jeanie the family suggests the Union/Baker Special Olympics through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Marguerite the family suggests Heart and Home Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Marguerite the family suggests Heart and Home Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Marguerite Pike

Union, 1939-2017

Marguerite Pike, 78, of Union, Oregon died Tuesday December 20, 2017 at her home in Union with her sister by her side. A Memorial Service was held Friday January 6, 2017, 4 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Cove, Oregon.

Marguerite was born in Manchester, New Hampshire to parents Victor and Hope Pike on March 22, 1939. During her youth, she was educated in New York, Indiana and Wisconsin. She loved photography, especially when it came to taking pictures of wildlife. Marguerite also had an interest in the medical field which she pursued with great zest.

She attained her Registered Nursing degree in Hinsdale, Illinois and received her Masters in Medical Surgical Nursing from the University of Maryland in Baltimore,



Jeanie McClaughy

Maryland.

Marguerite went on to achieve a Doctorate in Medical Science from Loma Linda University in California.

She then worked as a teacher in Maryland, Michigan, Illinois and Oregon.

In 1988 she went to Frontier School of Nursing in Hyden, Kentucky for her Family Nurse Practitioner Degree. Working with people in the hills of Kentucky was considered a great highlight of her life.

As an educator she presented papers at nursing societies in both the USA and Australia.

In 1994, she founded the Family Heath Clinic in Union, Oregon. She was dedicated, loyal, had a strong work ethic, and was truly compassionate.

She leaves behind a sister in Spokane WA, a sister in Gresham OR, a Brother in Woodland, WA and her faithful companion dog Eli whom never left her side.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Marguerite the family suggests Heart and Home Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

James A. Attaway

Baker City, 1921-2017

Lt. Col. James A. Attaway, USAF, Ret., of Baker City, Oregon passed away on December 18, 2017 in Boise, Idaho at the age of 96.

A Graveside Service will be held in Spring 2018 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City, Oregon.

Jim was born on May 29, 1921 in Phoenix, Arizona to Albert and Bessie (McCulley) Attaway.

He attended high school in Bellflower, California and graduated in 1939. He then attended Fullerton Junior College where he received cadet pilot training, graduating in 1941. Jim also obtained pilot training for B-24s and B-17s in the United States Air Force.

Jim married Rosemary Cravens on August 17, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan.

On October 30, 1941, at 20 years old, Jim became

an official United States Air Force pilot. He flew B-17s over Europe. His B-17 was "Black Heart." Jim flew 25 missions in World War II.

On one of his missions, Jim and his crew were to drop bombs on a target. When they got to their target, for some unknown reason, they were alone without backup.

They dropped the bombs, hit their target and headed home. They encountered several German fighter planes and two of their engines were shot out and a waste gunner was killed.

When they landed safely back at the base, they realized how lucky they were to be alive. On examination of the plane Jim realized he had a 20 millimeter shell sitting under his seat, inches from taking his life.

Also, there was an explosive device lodged beneath the plane that failed to explode. Jim's family thanks him for his service and thanks God for protecting him.

Jim retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service. He then worked for the FAA Flight Service at Baker Airport and retired after 20 years.

He loved golf and played with the guys twice per week until he was 90 years old. He was a member of the Nazarene Church, Elks, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Cathy Blankenship of Baker City, Oregon; son, John Attaway of Boise, Idaho; and daughter, Susan Cassidy of Baker City, Oregon.

He is also survived by six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Bessie Attaway; his wife, Rosemary C. Attaway; and his son, Danny S. Attaway.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rachel Pregnancy Center-Baker City through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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Chaves

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Chaves said, "Their reason was that the work remaining to be done had to do with eligibility services for the Oregon Health Plan..." which includes receiving calls from OHP applicants, and then determining what their eligibility is, a function Chaves said he was informed needs to be performed by State employees.

His response to that was, "In the one-year contract we had before, that's exactly what were doing. So, we did it before, and now, it has to be done by State employees. On top of that, they said not to worry, because they were still going to take care of economic development in rural Oregon (Governor Kate Brown stated as much herself), by putting State union employees in some of the rural DHS offices, as call center people."

Chaves said that the down side is that one State employee in that position costs twice as much as one of his performing the same job here.

He said, "Our efficiency was consistently significantly higher...Financially, it doesn't make sense. From an effectiveness perspective, is it better to have 60 people in five different offices, or, all in one group? And, we have a proven track record."

For the first seven of the ten years Chaves provided call center services for the State, his company, which he operates with his wife, Kathleen, was the premium billing agent for OHP, which means that Chaves sent out the bills, received the premiums, deposited those in the State's account, etc.

With the execution of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," and former Governor John Kitzhaber's involvement, Chaves said, that function ended, since the premiums were no longer required,

and OHA was then formed.

During the last Oregon Legislative session, Chaves said, lawmakers made the decision to have DHS start performing many of the functions that were normally handled by OHA, including call center services.

This, coupled with major changes in key State management personnel, contributed to the disorganization, and the ensuing issues, Chaves said.

"I'm comfortable with saying that the key decision makers all understood what they were doing—as far as the dollar costs, our effectiveness—in fact, even on the call where they said they weren't going to continue (with the contract), they said, 'Everybody around here knows you guys did a great job.' The question is, if we're doing a great job, and cost half as much, why aren't we continuing?"

Chaves said that, even with the possibility of the call center services now being performed by several

hundred union employees in the Salem-based facility (he didn't confirm the number), "Give us something else—that's not all those people are doing... There are many things the call center responds to, besides eligibility."

Chaves said he plans to pursue contracts in the private sector now, since he believes there's more stability there, though he will assess the possibility of a government contract, if the opportunity arises. "I think that merit, efficiency, and cost are factors in the government world, but, I don't think they're the primary factors, in Salem, right now. Whether it (the call center work) goes west, or stays east, it's a union thing now."

Chaves now has 20 employees, with above-minimum wages and full benefits—down from a previous total of 80—involved in work such as elections reports in five different states, and software applications services for small- and medium-

size City and County governments in Oregon. Chaves Consulting is the prime contractor for the Oregon Records Management Solution, and the managing general partner and half-owner of Synergy Data Center & Services, in the Baker Tower building, Chaves said.

Whether this issue surfaces as a political one or not in the future, he's been in regular contact with legislators, including Congressman Greg Walden, who strongly supports Chaves' project, Chaves said (Walden had met in-person here with Chaves to discuss the issue).

He said that this is the first issue he's encountered of this type.

The end to the contract means there is a far-reaching effect on the local economy, Chaves said, since the loss could be multiplied many times.

Chaves said, "We weren't doing this for the profit—our profit margin on the call center was pretty low. We were doing

it to create jobs here, and to give people a chance to prove themselves, and to excel."

He pointed to two signs attached to the front of his desk.

Within a blue circle, one reads "Kindness Patience Accuracy," and the other one, within a red, prohibition sign-type circle, reads "Drama Gossip Blame."

He said, "That kind of work environment is what motivated these people to excel."

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"If they want to have an impact anywhere in rural Oregon, they should take all of the call centers they have with every State agency, and put them into the private sector, around rural Oregon.

"That would make a bigger difference in economic development than anything else I can think of," he concluded.