

Congratulations...

Anderson-Picton Engagement



Lisa and Rick Hood of Vernonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kahli Anderson of Yokosuka-shi, Kanagawa, Japan to Mr. Patrick Picton, also of Yokosuka-shi, Kanagawa, Japan.

Ms. Anderson is serving in the US Navy and works as a Hospital Corpsman, Labor and Delivery. Mr. Picton is also serving in the US Navy and also works as a Hospital Corpsman.

Mr. Picton is the son of Catherine Picton of Yuba City, CA. His stepfather is Jack Means, also of Yuma City.

A Spring 2015 wedding is being planned in Oregon.

Ms. Anderson is a Vernonia High School graduate, class of 2009. Mr. Picton is a Yuba City High School graduate, class of 2008. They met during

Basic Training at Great Lakes Naval Base. After graduation they attended corpsman school in San Antonio, TX where they officially began dating. Then they were off to Japan for their first duty station. They will have their next duty station stateside next fall.



In Memory of...

Retha Mae John

July 15, 1926-February 9, 2014



Retha Mae John, 87, of Sweet Home, Oregon passed away Sunday, February 9, 2014. She was born in

In Memory of...

Vernonia, Oregon, the daughter of the late Oscar Arthur and Ora Belle (Lee) Smith.

Rete enjoyed camping with her family, crocheting, quilting, and playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved children and if there was a baby around it wouldn't be long until it was in her arms. She was always smiling, joking, or harmlessly teasing someone.

Rete will be forever missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

She is survived by: her daughter-in-law Lee Ann (Babcock) John and honorary son-in-law Gary Adams, both of Sweet Home; brother Ronald Smith of Vernonia; grandson Mark John and his wife Suzanne of Salem; granddaughter Rebecca and her husband John Keeler of Tillamook; seven great-grandchildren, Nickolas and Alexander Whitmore of Lebanon, Kendall John of Hubbard, William and Owen John of Salem, and Hunter and Justen Keeler of Tillamook; and great-great-grandson Gavin Spencer of Sweet Home.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; her husband Milo John; son Duane John; brothers Delbert, Clifford, Wayne, Roscoe "Doc", Garlyn "Sam", Kenneth "Spud", Raymond, and Donald "Bob"; sisters Mildred Hult, Maxine Smejkal, Beryl Cota, and Ruby McDonald.

Viewing was Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Sweet Home Funeral Chapel. A funeral service was planned for 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 14, 2014 at River of Life Fellowship. Final burial will be at Lewis Cemetery.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.



Stephen J. "Steve" Zolner, IV



Stephen J. "Steve" Zolner, IV, 75, a resident of the Vernonia community, died Saturday morning, February 1, 2014 at his home.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at the Vernonia Scout Cabin, 901 Park Drive in Vernonia. Full Military Honors will follow under the direction of the American Veterans Honor Guard. A reception will follow.

STEPHEN JOHN "STEVE" ZOLNER, IV was born on June 21, 1938 in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of the late Stephen J. Zolner, III and Julia (Sirbu) Zolner. As a young boy, he moved with his family to Los Angeles, California, where his father owned and operated a restaurant. Stephen was raised and received his education in Los Angeles, having graduated from high school with the Class of 1955. He attended college at the New York Institute of Photography.

He was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict having joined the United States Marine Corp on November 8, 1955 in Los Angeles, California. He served one enlistment until receiving his Honorable Discharge on November 7, 1959 in

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