

In Memory of...

Elmer Morford



Elmer Morford passed away March 30, 2016 at home with his wife and daughters by his side. He was 82.

On October 24th, 1933 Elmer Dale Morford was born to Norma (Wigle) and Dale Morford in Junction City, Oregon. He joined an older brother Floyd. He spent most of his childhood in that area. Elmer married Juanita Allen in 1958. They had two children, Elita and Monty. They moved to Vernonia and bought the Cut and Curl Room Beauty Salon in 1965. Elmer started working for Holce Logging running cat and building roads. He loved the outdoors. He loved elk hunting with his brother and friends.

He also enjoyed deer hunting in Eastern Oregon with Ed and Edith Roediger. He took his family camping, fishing and water skiing at Detroit Lake. He was divorced after 25 years.

He was introduced to LaVonne Bergstrom by mutual friends and they married in June of 1984. Lavonne brought two daughters and one son, all grown with children to the marriage. They made their home in Corvallis where he hauled logs for Thompson Timber. When he retired, they moved to Mist, Oregon to be close to his daughter Elita, son-in-law, and grandsons. Elmer then delivered parts for Peerless and General Trailer. He got to meet some of his old logging friends and made many new ones. He became an avid gardener. They spent many winters in Arizona with friends. They also loved camping and fishing, and spent a lot of time at Detroit Lake.

They moved to Clatskanie for a few years and then to Spring Meadows Assisted Living in St. Helens. There he made many friends and had the best of care. Everyone there loved him. He was always teasing and making them

laugh. They even voted him King on Valentine's Day and LaVonne Queen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a step-daughter, Denise Rands. He is survived by his wife LaVonne in St. Helens, his daughter Elita (Rick) Davis – 2 grandsons and 5 great granddaughters; his son Monty Morford – one granddaughter; his stepdaughter Barbara (David) Anderson – 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; and his stepson Jim (Carlita) Bloodsworth – 5 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; his brother Floyd (Artice) Morford – 3 nephews and 1 niece, and many cousins.

As per his request, there will be no service. A private celebration of life for the family will be this summer at Detroit Lake.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Spring Meadows Assisted Living for the wonderful care that they gave Elmer and his girls. They were compassionate and caring. They provide a great service to their residents.



Darrell McKee



Darrell McKee was born in Brewster, Washington to Ralph and Pauline McKee March 28, 1935. Residing most of his youth in Vernonia, Oregon, he graduated as president of

the class of 1953 from Vernonia High School.

Darrell McKee and Sharon Aldrich were married March 10, 1956, and recently celebrated 60 years together. Darrell and Sharon moved to Alaska in 1957 and soon after purchased a homestead in Soldotna. The family moved back to Vernonia in 1963, purchased a farm and enjoyed farming, boating, camping, hunting, fishing and family gatherings.

In 1967 Darrell began a business, McKee Logging and Trucking which resulted in moving to Longview. The business became very successful and Darrell was highly respected and admired by his friends, employees and others whom he did business with. Darrell operated the business with his son Mark and after more than 30 years of hard work he retired.

Darrell had an extraordinary love for his wife and family. He enjoyed traveling to Mexico with friends, many trips in their motorhome, woodworking and tinkering on Arnold, a 1929 Model A. One of his more recent favorite pastimes was watching the activity and sunsets on the Columbia River from the deck of their home. Darrell created an amazing life leaving no stone unturned.

Darrell is survived by his wife Sharon; a son, Mark McKee of Longview, Washington; three daughters, Lori Stock of Milton, Washington, Dana Montgomery of Portland, and Beth McKee of Lake Oswego, Oregon; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sharron Rockwood of Vernonia, and Peggy McKee of Auburn, Washington.

A memorial service is planned for 2:00 pm May 6 at Steele Chapel at Longview Memorial Park & Crematory, 5050 Mount Solo Road, in Longview.

The family requests donations be made to the Humane Society of Cowlitz County, P.O. Box 172, Longview, WA 98632 in lieu of flowers.

4-H Summer Camp 2016

The annual 4-H Summer Camp will be held June 19-22, 2016 at Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton, Oregon. The 4 day/3 night program includes archery, nature hikes, wildlife programs, field games, crafts, and campfires.

Registration forms have been distributed through the schools and are available at the OSU Extension Service,

505 N Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens. Registration forms are due by May 13, 2016 with the \$95.00 registration fee. To insure the staff's ability to provide quality care for each child, enrollment is limited.

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Public Certification Test and Drop Sites for the General Election to be held Tuesday, May 17, 2016

The Public Certification Test of the counting equipment for the Oregon Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. The testing will begin at 10:00 am in the County Elections Department. The public is welcome to attend.

Ballots must be received by the county clerk no later than 8:00 pm on May 17, 2016 - postmarks do not count. The US Postal Service has stated that ballots could take up to 5-7 days to reach county elections offices once they are put in the mail. It is advised that if you can not put your ballot in the mail before May 12, 2016 you should plan on returning your ballot to a dropsite.

Drop sites for the election will be as follows:

VERNONIA LIBRARY 701 Weed Avenue May 2-16, During Library Hours May 17, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm	12525 Highway 292 May 2-16, During Office Hours May 17, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
RAINIER CITY HALL 106 B Street West May 2-16, During Office Hours May 17, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm	COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTIONS DEPT. 230 Strand Street St. Helens, OR 97051 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Mon. - Thu. May 17, 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
CLATSKANIE LIBRARY 11 Lillich Street May 2-16, During Library Hours May 17, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm	A drive-by drop box is located in the lower parking lot.
SCAPOOSE CITY HALL 33568 E. Columbia Avenue May 2-16, During Office Hours May 17, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm	The county Elections office (230 Strand St., St. Helens, OR. Phone: 503-397-7214) will be open to the public Thursday, May 12, 2016 until 7:00 pm to assist with last minute voter assistance.
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