

In Memory of...

Willie Delbert McGinnis



Willie Delbert "Del" McGinnis crossed over into the Lord's loving arms on April 3, 2017 in Vernonia, Oregon. He was 81 years old. His wife of 62 ½ years, daughter and grand-daughter were all by his side. He fought a long, hard battle with cancer with valiance and courage, like a true warrior.

Del was born in Alturas, California on November 22, 1935, where he attended elementary school. His family later moved to Canyonville, OR where he graduated high school with full honors and scholarships.

He chose an apprenticeship lineman position with Copco, then later with Pacific Power and Light where he climbed the ladder to management. He and Yvonne moved thirty-three times in their marriage as Del progressed in his career. He retired from PP&L in 1990. He did not stay retired long, going to work for International Line Builders before moving to Vernonia in 1993 where he was Operations Manager for West Oregon Electric Co-op, retiring in 1998.

Del was an avid outdoorsman enjoying fishing, hunting and camping. He golfed, bowled and antiques with Yvonne. They had a unique antique store in Pendleton for many years. As a fine craftsman he rebuilt their home several times and crafted furniture for family and friends. He was handy at fixing almost anything and many people came to him for repairs or knowledge. He will be greatly missed.

Del was predeceased by a son Michael, two brothers, Keith and Kenneth, and grandson Logan Hicks.

He is survived by his wife Yvonne; daughter Teresa Hubert and husband Martin; grand-daughters Lacie Miller and husband Kristopher, Lindsie Moore and husband James, Landrie Smith and husband Stacey; grandson

Cody Hubert; nine great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and five sisters-in-laws.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 13 at the Milton Freewater First Christian Church in Milton Freewater, Oregon.



Germaine Marie Woolsey

July 16, 1935 – April 10, 2017

Germaine "Gerry" Marie Boyd was born July 16, 1935 in Portland, Oregon to parents William and Veronica Boyd. Her family resided in Beaverton, Oregon, where Gerry grew up, along with five brothers and one sister. She attended through eighth grade at St. Cecilia's Grade School and graduated high school in 1953 from St. Mary's of the Valley School.

Gerry married Albert Franklin Woolsey. They were together for more than 35 years and raised five children. Early on, they moved to Vernonia, Oregon, Albert's home town, and stayed there until 1977 when they moved to Newport, Oregon. Gerry spent part of her married life as a stay at home mom, but she also held a variety of jobs as her children got older, including in the restaurant, fishing, and hospitality industries. She spent many years working at the Whaler Motel in Newport and, among other positions, attended the front desk.

Upon retirement, Gerry moved next door to her son-in-law and oldest daughter, Robert and Cheryl Lettenmaier, just outside of Toledo, Oregon. She enjoyed craft-making and the "flora and fauna" of the countryside, including the humming birds and deer that frequented her yard. In January 2016, she moved into St. Mary of Bethany Helen Home Care in Gleneden Beach, Oregon, and owned by Cristito Velasco.

Gerry is preceded in death by her former husband, Albert Woolsey; by her parents; and by four brothers: Elmer, Donald, Bernard, and LeRoy Boyd. She is survived by one brother, Mervyn Boyd; Sister Kathleen Boyd, her sister; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Boyd-Decker, all of Beaverton. Along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins, she is also survived by her five children and their families: Cheryl (daughter) and Robert Lettenmaier of Toledo; William "Bill" Woolsey (son) and Elizabeth White of Scappoose; Matthew Woolsey (son) and Jill Anderson of Newport; Tryna (daugh-

ter) and Les Luton of Eugene; and Brenda Woolsey (daughter) of Aloha.

Memorial Service: Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 1:30 pm in The Villa, located directly behind Valley Catholic Early Learning Center at 4450 SW St. Mary's Drive, Beaverton, Oregon.



Linda Joyce Gomez



Linda Joyce Gomez, aged 62, a resident of Vernonia, Oregon, died on Friday, April 21, 2017, in Seguin, Texas, with her daughter and granddaughter by her side. She is survived by her children Christy Tellez, Joshua Gomez, and David Baxter; and six grandchildren; by her long-time companion Kirk Avila and his daughters Tanya Damm and Billi Kohler, and their four children; and by her brother Barry Baxter.

Linda was born on June 16, 1954, in Los Angeles, California, to Deane and Peggy Baxter. Linda was the middle child, between older brother Terry and younger brother Barry. She graduated from San Fernando High School in 1972 and married her high school sweetheart Francisco Gomez, with whom she raised three children: Christy, Joshua, and her nephew David, whom they adopted. As a military family (Air Force) they moved around, spending a few years each in Miami and Sacramento, and longer stints in Lompoc, California and San Antonio. For many years she worked as a stay-at-home mother and later worked in grocery stores decorating cakes, carving meat, and stocking the dairy case.

After a divorce in 1997, she went back to school, earned a degree in electronics, and began a new career at Intel. She made a new home for herself in Vernonia, Oregon with her classmate Kirk, whose daughters Tanya and Billi she also helped raise. Linda and Kirk later started their own business: the garment printing shop KaptansKraft.

Linda enjoyed reading and passed on a love of books to her children. She also enjoyed playing games, listening to music, and finding a good bargain. She was a collector of many things, from antique toys, to ornaments, to pets. She always had a pair of dogs or birds to show her love to, and upon moving to a more rural area she expanded her collection of animals and tried her hand at raising chickens, goats, pigs, and more.

Linda had a kind spirit and an ever-present desire to care for others. She was always ready to take in strays, be they pets or people. Though she gave birth only twice, she was and always will be "Mom" to a greater number. And still more are there whose ailments were healed, whose bodies were nourished, and whose lives were uplifted thanks to Linda's kindness and generosity.

May we each make the world a better place by having a heart as big as Linda's.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to the Lewy Body Dementia Association at <https://lbda.org/donate>. Please share your memories of Linda at: <https://memories-linda.squarespace.com>



Penny Dean

October 31, 1942 - April 30, 2017

Penny Dean, 74, a resident of the Vernonia community, died Sunday, April 30, 2017 at her home. Services are pending through Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia. (503) 429-6611.



Martin Boudreau

June 10, 1945 - April 28, 2017

Martin Boudreau, 71, a resident of the Vernonia community, died Friday, April 28, 2017 at his home. Services are pending through Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia. (503) 429-6611.



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