

Congratulations... In Memory of...

Sears/Barklow Wedding



Denetta Sears and Chuck Barklow are pleased to announce their wedding on June 18, 2017 at the Arago Community Church.

Parents of the bride are Rene and Nena Sears of Myrtle Point, Oregon. Parents of the groom are Wayne and Sondra Wood, also of Myrtle Point, Oregon.

Maid of Honor was Dawn Padgett. Best Man was Jeffrey Praeger.

Denetta works at the McMenamins Grand Lodge. Chuck is a contract timber faller.

The couple honeymooned in Mexico. They will make their home in Vernonia, Oregon.

"We make everyday Valentine's Day. Our life is a honeymoon no matter where we are."



In Memory of...

Helen Marie Hiveley



Helen Marie Hiveley, 82, died peacefully and surrounded by family on Sunday, July 23, 2017 in her new apartment at lovely Deerfield Village in Milwaukie, Oregon. Many family and friends visited her there from near and far, and in her recent stays at Tuality Hospital and Avamere Hillsboro as well

as in her cherished home in Vernonia.

Helen Marie Vaughn was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma August 11, 1934, to parents Newell and Opal Vaughn.

At the age of 3, the family left their farm and traveled west to California where Helen worked alongside her family on area produce farms. She received her education in Southern California and graduated from Indio High School, with a semester at Biola Bible College, Los Angeles. Helen's dear cousin Roger Kaye introduced his Navy shipmate to her in San Diego and the sparks did fly. Months of sweetheart letters crossed the Pacific Ocean and charted their course of future plans for a home and family of their own. Helen married Virgil Duane Hiveley on January 2, 1955 in Los Angeles, California where they began a new life together, raising four children with many family and friends in and out of each other's homes. Virgil's lifelong desire to return to Oregon brought them to Vernonia in 1974, with other family and friends to become part of their home. "Sweet Home Vernonia" it was and is.

Helen retired from bookkeeping at West Oregon Electric in Vernonia in 1992, with previous accounting work for ABC Unified School District and Pepsi Cola Corporation in California.

Crossword puzzles were always a favorite, plus sewing, reading and staying up on news and current events. Previous recreational activities included golf and jazzercise in Vernonia, arts and crafts classes in Vernonia and California, scorekeeping for her children's ball games, Little League newsletters, card games with family and friends, plus in their early married years, square dancing and bowling leagues with her husband Virgil. As a young girl Helen enjoyed softball, dancing, and church choir. She loved the Lord and held a lifelong faith in him.

The wife of a U.S. Navy Military Veteran and heart strong patriot of the U.S.A., Helen encouraged the responsibility of citizens to exercise their voting privilege.

Helen was preceded in death by parents Opal and Newell Vaughn, daughter Sheri Wilson, brother Jack Vaughn, sisters Florence Fowler, Judy Verner, and half-sister Virginia Vaughn.

She is survived by loved ones, daughter Robin Leone of Seattle, Washington and husband Steve, and grandchildren Hannah and Jared; daughter Dana Hyde of Vernonia and husband Tony, granddaughter Kirsten Risko and

husband Dustin, and great grandchildren Huck and Hadley, and granddaughter Kortni Papineau and husband Joe, and great grandchildren Augustus, Quincy, and Georgia; son Michael Hiveley of Milwaukie, Oregon and wife Rhonda, and grandchildren Claire, Tessa and Isaac; son-in-law Micheal Wilson and his wife Karen, and grandchildren Gabriel, Leah, and great grandchild Callen.

Helen's family extends heartfelt thanks to her many caregivers in Vernonia and Hillsboro, medical and health rehabilitation teams, friends, and Hospice support and nurses in Milwaukie. Special thanks to the caring and knowledgeable staff at Deerfield Village who welcomed Helen and her family to their community with strong open arms.

Our dear Helen, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, will be missed beyond measure. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and never tired of their adventures, laughter, and hugs. Helen loved her family and many friends and their families with true appreciation for the times together.

A memorial celebration for Helen's life will be shared with family and friends at Grace Family Fellowship Church in Vernonia, Oregon on Saturday, August 5 at 1:00 pm. Helen's ashes will be placed alongside her beloved husband Virgil at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

Remembrances in lieu of flowers are suggested for the Vernonia High School "Sisters Scholarship Fund" c/o Vernonia High School, 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064, or the Vernonia Cares Food Bank, 627 Adams Avenue, PO Box 126, Vernonia, OR 97064



Lyle Eugene Barker



Lyle Eugene Barker, age 74, passed away unexpectedly at his home in LaPine, Oregon, on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 of natural causes due to complications of diabetes.

Born March 13, 1943, in Yakima, Washington, to Agnes and Ben Barker. At the age of 4, he moved with his parents to Vernonia, Oregon where he attended the Vernonia schools graduating from Vernonia High School in 1961. Lyle served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Sergeant E4. On October 1, 1967, he married Carolyn "Carol" Sue Lyda in Forest Grove, Oregon.

Lyle resided in Vernonia until 2005. He and Carolyn moved to LaPine, Oregon after he retired from Georgia Pacific Wauna Mill, working 18 years as a Machine Operator.

During his time in Vernonia he was an active member of the Vernonia Volunteer Fire Department, Vernonia Rural Fire Board, Vernonia Police Department Reserves and the Vernonia

Ambulance, serving several years as an officer, a fireman, and fire chief. While devoting 40 years of volunteer service to his community he received several awards, including Citizen of the Year in 1990 and was instrumental in securing the funding for the construction of the fire department building, still being used today.

While attending high school he worked at Sam's Food Store. Then in 1965 he was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving his 'stint' in Germany. Upon his honorable discharge in March 1967 he went to work for Olympic Forest Products in Mist, Oregon, before starting his 20 year career as a logger for both Serafin Logging and Sword Logging in Vernonia. In 1987 he went to work at the paper mill at Wauna.

Lyle enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting, camping and outdoor activities. He was an avid wood worker making several pieces of oak furniture that are cherished by his close friends and family. He spent evenings playing cards and board games with friends and family through the years, his most recent favorite being dominos.

He will be especially remembered for his 'tell it like it is' advice, his gruff exterior but tender heart, and his willingness to help anyone who was in need.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 50 years; daughter Carlene Bales and son-in-law Dave Bales; son Steven Barker; and two grandchildren Kendra and Austin Barker. He is also survived by 'honorary' son Steve Weller and his wife Pam. Lyle leaves behind several cousins, nieces, nephews and many cherished friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Henry Rassmussen, Earle Rassmussen and Dorothy Watkins.

At his request no services will be held.

Memorial contributions can be made directly to CAN Cancer (Central Oregon), www.cancancer.org or the LaPine Rural Fire Protection District, PO Box 10, LaPine, Oregon, 97739 www.lapinefire.org.



Margaret "Jeanette" Dass



Margaret "Jeanette" Dass, 76, a longtime resident of the Vernonia community, died Wednesday morning, July 19, 2017 at the Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland.

Services have been held.

Margaret "Jeanette" Dass was born July 7, 1941 in Piave, Mississippi, the daughter of the late Carl Axel Olson and Erlene (James) Olson. At the age of five years old she moved with her family to Oregon, settling in the Vernonia community, where she was raised and re-

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