

In Memory of...

Thelma N. Bergerson



Thelma N. Bergerson, 89, a former longtime resident of the Vernonia community, late of Cornelius, died Saturday evening, August 18, 2018 at the Thanksgiving House Adult Foster Care Home in St. Helens, Oregon.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11:00 am at the Grace Family Fellowship, 967 State Avenue in Vernonia, with Pastor Richard E. Osburn officiating. Concluding Rites and Interment followed at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, 2080 Bridge Street in Vernonia.

Family and friends were invited to attend a reception immediately following the cemetery rites in the fellowship room of the church.

Thelma Nevada Bergerson was born June 14, 1929 in Vernonia, Oregon, the daughter of the late Martin Rainwater and Nevada (Huber) Rainwater. She was raised and received her education in the Vernonia community, having been a graduate of the Vernonia High School Class of 1947.

She was united in marriage to Jack Burton Bergerson on December 6, 1947 in Vancouver, Washington. Following their marriage they made their home in the Vernonia community.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, on October 4, 1983 in Portland, Oregon, after celebrating over thirty-five years of marriage together. She continued living in the Vernonia community until 1986 when she moved to the Cornelius community where she had resided since.

She had worked as an assembler at Tektronix, Inc. in Beaverton from 1966 to 1994 until she retired at the age of sixty-five years old.

Thelma was an active member of the Reedville Presbyterian Church.

Among her special interests she was an avid golfer and enjoyed refurbishing antique furniture.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Nevada Rainwater and by her three brothers, Ellis Rainwater; Glen Rainwater, and Virgil Rainwater.

Survivors include her two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim Bergerson of Vernonia, and Craig and Teresa Bergerson of Rainier; and her sister and brother-in-law Bonnie and Don Jackson of Dayton, Washington.

Also surviving are her two grandchildren and their spouses, Katie Bergerson and Amanda Dow Allen of Beaverton, and Grant and Kaylie Bergerson of Rainier; her three great-grandchildren, (twins) Nixon and Riley Bergerson, and Brenna Bergerson; and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the Kindred Hospice, 4500 Kruse Way, Lake

Oswego, Oregon 97035, in her memory.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to www.fuitenrosehoyt.com.



John Edward Blanchard

John Edward Blanchard, 78, a resident of the Vernonia community, died Friday morning, August 10, 2018 at the Forest Grove Rehabilitation & Care Center in Forest Grove.

Private Cremation Rites were held at the Hoyt Crematory in Forest Grove.

John Edward Blanchard was born January 7, 1940 in Albert Lea, Minnesota, the son of the late Berton and Elsie (Nelson) Blanchard. He was raised and received his education in the Seattle, Washington and Portland, Oregon communities.

He was united in marriage to Karen Jean Maves in 1981 at their home in Clackamas, Oregon. They celebrated 10 years of marriage before her passing. Following their marriage they resided in the Portland area until they moved to the Vernonia community where they had resided since.

John worked as a Supervisor for the Water District for 42 years before retiring.

Among his special interests he enjoyed fishing and spending time with his friends and family.

John was preceded in death by his wife Karen Blanchard; his parents Berton and Elsie Blanchard; and by his sister Karen Baker.

Survivors include his daughter Debra Warhurst of the family home in Vernonia; and his two sisters, Betty Johnson of Hampton, Iowa, and Christa Putnam of Portland.

Surviving are her five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to www.tualatinvalleyfa.com.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives in Hillsboro is entrusted with the arrangements.



Stephen Edward Ellis



Stephen "Steve" Edward Ellis passed away at his home in Vernonia, Oregon on August 23, 2018 at the age of 69.

Steve was born August 20, 1949 in Portland, Oregon to Loren and Gloria (Erickson) Ellis. He graduated from Vernonia High School in 1967. Steve earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Pacific University in Forest Grove in 1971. Throughout his grade school, high school, and first

year of college he enjoyed playing basketball – known for his long arms and elbows.

On March 4, 1972 he married Karen Diane Gustafson. Steve never wanted to sit behind a desk as he enjoyed working in the outdoors and taking care of farm animals. He worked in the Ellis family dairy partnership for many years in Vernonia and then in Scappoose, Oregon. In 1984 he left the partnership to pursue his own family farm adventure where he lived the next 34 years.

Steve milked a small herd of Holstein cows and raised Holstein steers that he purchased from valley dairies until he switched to raising Angus beef around 2010 (no more milking day and night, 365 days a year). Many years ago he purchased the old Ellis dairy farm from his parents where he raised the Holstein steers and Angus beef. Elk hunting was on his yearly agenda... he wanted the cows to eat the pasture not the elk.

He was a caring father who enjoyed watching his children participate in sports, 4-H, and church activities. During the 1990s he and his wife hosted two exchange students: Petra from Sweden the first year, and Anne from Finland the second year. He also served on the Vernonia School Board for around 10 years. All his grandchildren had a special place in his heart – they will always remember spending time with him and helping with the farm chores.

Steve is survived by his wife of 46 years, Karen Ellis of Vernonia; his daughter Melody Jones and her husband Steven of Vernonia and their children Harmony, Hannah, Haley, Elijah, Heidi and Heather; his sons, Mark Ellis and his wife Brooke of Vernonia and their sons Noah and Troy, Luke Ellis of Vernonia and his children Joseph, Jordynn, Joshua, and Lucas; as well as his sister Zenda Koch of Oregon City; his brothers Terry Ellis of Warren, Craig and Scott Ellis of Scappoose; his uncles, Gary Ellis of Portland and Lawrence Steinhauer of San Dimas, California; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father and mother Loren and Gloria; and a granddaughter Allison Ellis.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, September 15 at the Nehalem Valley Bible Church, 500 North Street, Vernonia, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that any donation can be made to the Ne-

halem Valley Bible Church at 500 North Street, Vernonia, Oregon 97064.



Crystal Hamby Ritchie

Crystal Hamby Ritchie, 61, a



longtime resident of the Vernonia community, died Wednesday morning, August 15, 2018 of injuries received in a motor vehicle accident.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date in Vernonia.

Crystal Hamby Ritchie was born May 22, 1957 in Angeles, Pampanga, the Philippines, the daughter of Billy J. Hamby and Betty (DuBois) Hamby. She was raised and received her education in Eugene, Oregon, graduating from North Eugene High School in 1975.

She worked as an accountant and IT person for the A.A.R.P. Pharmacy Service for 13 years, and then as a manufacturing technician at Intel Corporation. Later in her career she returned to school, working toward a degree in electrical engineering. She then chose to become a caregiver for her mother and then her husband.

She had many interests including visiting the Oregon Coast, camping, various hobbies, and treasure hunting at resale shops and garage sales. She loved doing thoughtful things for people, sharing corny jokes, and caring for her pets.

Crystal was preceded in death by her parents Billy and Betty Hamby.

She is survived by her husband Nathan Gribner of Vernonia; her daughter and son-in-law Camrin "Camie" and Brandon Eyrrick of Vernonia; her son and fiancée Michael "Mikey" Ritchie and Michelle Dodd of Beaverton; her brother Jeffrey Hamby of Eugene; her sister and brother-in-law Terri and Dan

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