

In Memory of...

Rose M. Cutright

June 19, 1948 - March 19, 2019

Rose Marie Cutright, 70, a member of the Vernonia community, died Tuesday evening, March 19, 2019 at her home. Arrangements pending through Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia.



Leola V. Ruff



Leola V. Ruff, 105, a former resident of the Vernonia and North Plains communities, late of Canby, Oregon, died Wednesday evening, March 27, 2019 at her home.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Bethany Evangelical Church, 450 S. Ivy Street in Canby, Oregon, with Pastor Jeff Jennings and Pastor Dave McElheren officiating. Private Interment was held at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, 2080 Bridge Street in Vernonia.

Family and friends were in-

vited to attend a reception immediately following the church ceremony, at the Gathering Place.

Leola Vale Ruff was born November 8, 1913 in Centralia, Washington, the daughter of the late Charles P. Caldwell and Elfa (Murell) Caldwell. She was raised and received her education in Crescent, Oklahoma.

She was united in marriage to Edwin John Ruff on December 16, 1934 in Dallas, Texas. Following their marriage in 1941, Mr. Ruff went into the ministry, having been involved in Missionary Work having taught flannel graph in public schools in Lamar County, Texas. They later moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma, where they lived until 1950 when they moved to Dallas, Texas. Mr. Ruff attended the Dallas Bible Institute, having graduated and received his certificate in 1954. They then moved to Portland, Oregon, where he and Leola pastored the Grace Bible Church from 1954 to 1959. They then moved to the Vernonia community, where they pastored the Vernonia Bible Church until 1962. They then pastored in Corvallis, Montana until 1967 when they moved to Ellensburg, Washington. They pastored in Ellensburg, until 1970, when they moved to Stevensville, Montana. They pastored in Stevensville for eight years, until 1978 when they retired and returned to Portland. In 1984, they returned to the Vernonia community, where she resided until 1997.

Leola was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Edwin J. Ruff, on

May 6, 1988 in Hillsboro, Oregon, after celebrating over fifty-three years of marriage together.

In 1997, she moved with her daughter Deanna, to the North Plains community, where they lived for eight years. In 2005, they moved to the Canby community, where they have resided since. While living in the North Plains community, Leola was very active at the Senior Center. Since moving to the Canby community, Leola enjoyed attending activities at Thelma's Place.

She was also a longtime member of the Cedar Mill Bible Church.

Among her special interests, she enjoyed walking, sewing, and quilting. Leola also was an accomplished artist, having enjoyed oil painting of sceneries.

Leola was also preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Elfa Caldwell; her two sisters, Velva Decker and Merle Novinger; her brother Lyle Caldwell; and her son Edwin John Ruff, Jr.

Survivors include her three children, (twin) Jerry Ruff of Colville, Washington, (twin) Joyce Copelin of Louisville, Kentucky, and Deanna Callaway of Canby, Oregon.

Also surviving are many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the Moody Bible Institute, 820 N LaSalle Blvd, Chicago, IL 60610 or to Bristol Hospice, 10365 SE Sunnyside Road, Ste 340, Clackamas, OR 97015, in her memory.

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

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia is entrusted with the arrangements.

Col. Robert D. Potts Sr.



Col. Robert D. Potts Sr. was born on May 6, 1929 in Kelso, Washington, and passed away at home on April 20, 2019 in Kelso, Washington, two weeks shy of his 90th birthday.

Born to 'Jack' Newton Potts and Gladys Victoria Johanson, Robert's childhood was spent in Longview, Washington, Empire, Oregon, Vernonia, Oregon, and Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Milwaukie Union High School in May of 1947 where he excelled in English, history, and social science. He studied Political Science at Vanport College before the flood and finished his degree at University of Oregon in 1951.

Robert entered the U.S. Army in August 1952. He did a tour in Korea and served 32 years before retiring as a Colonel. Upon leaving the service, he worked at the Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Center as the Detention Superintendent until 1992.

Robert married his first wife, Leecreta Dykes on March 20, 1954 and together had two beautiful sons, Robert D. Potts Jr. in 1955 and Jefferson Lee Potts in 1974. Robert and Leecreta were married for 42 years.

Robert later married Hazel Gonsler, his elementary school sweetheart, on November 1, 1996 and they made their lives together in Kelso, Washington.

Robert was a long-time member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and held multiple leadership positions within his ward and stake. He was an active church member up until his last days, and was well-loved by his congregation.

Close to passing, Robert said he "had a belly full of satisfaction" of his life. He will be remembered as a loyal, grateful, patriotic, and devoted man.

Robert is survived by his wife Hazel; ex-wife Leecreta; son Jefferson Potts (Nancy); grandchildren Robert Potts, Alexandra Potts, and William Potts; brothers David Potts, Michael Potts (Donna); sister Gale Ullerick; many nieces and nephews; and Hazel's family.

Robert was preceded in death by his son Robert D. Potts Jr.

Graveside services will be held at Longview Memorial Park (Longview, Washington) on Friday, May 10, 2019 at 11:00 am. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Community House on Broadway, PO Box 403, Longview, WA 98632.



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