

OBITUARIES

Alice Gelston Migliore

October 7, 1938 - April 3, 2018

Alice Migliore was born in Torrance, Pennsylvania, the youngest of five siblings. As a child, Alice was bright and an instigator at her multi-grade one-room schoolhouse. She graduated from Derry Area High School, where she was a drum major.

Alice started college at Indiana State Teacher's College in Pennsylvania but had to leave after publishing, as editor of the school newspaper, a critical article concerning teacher training. She pursued further education at Temple University and subsequently received a degree from University of Pittsburgh in creative writing. She then served in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. She married her husband, Joseph, in 1966 in St. Louis and moved to Boston to start her family. They had two children. While in Boston, she got an MA in geography from Boston University.

During her life, Alice and her family lived in Houston, Texas; Hershey, Pennsylvania; Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Laguna Beach, California; and Rochester, New Hampshire. She and her husband moved to Ruch, Oregon, in 2010 following the birth of her two grandchildren. The Migliores lived across the road from her daughter.

Alice loved to travel and encouraged that love in all her friends and family. During her life, she made trips to six of the seven continents and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. She loved cooking, reading, weaving, writing (particularly long letters to friends and family), and taking care of others. She looked forward to trips to the local casinos with her sister, Rita.

"Grandma Alice" loved spending time with children and served as a surrogate grandmother to countless local kids. Until she passed, she was working with children as a nanny and crafts-room instructor



at local libraries and children's museums teaching children to be independent and troublemakers. She loved hosting her grandchildren's parties and sleepovers and was involved in all aspects of their lives. Both grandchildren considered her their best friend and closest confidante.

Recently Alice completed and published a novel, *The*

Legacy of Kathleen Angel.

She was a joy to everyone she met. Her generosity was unmatched. She never judged but welcomed people with open arms into her ever-growing circle of friends and family. She made everyone she loved feel extremely special.

Alice died unexpectedly on April 3, 2018, while recovering from a surgery. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Migliore; two children, Alissa Weaver and Joseph Migliore; grandchildren Ruby and Grayson Weaver; and her siblings, Karl Gelston and Rita Mines, as well as countless nieces, nephews, and extended family with whom she remained in frequent contact.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of life to be held on June 16. For more information, please contact Alice's granddaughter, Ruby Weaver, at 541-890-0681.

Alice's ashes are buried in Logtown Cemetery in Ruch. Those wishing to make a donation in her memory can donate to the Friends of the Ruch Library in Jacksonville, Oregon.

Ed. note: I worked with Alice Migliore when she submitted her poems for possible inclusion in our book, From the Heart of the Applegate. She was a joy to work with. Three of her poems, A Stylish Folk, Gourmet Coffee, and Remembering Bobby were selected and published and worth the read, if you haven't already enjoyed them.

**Welcome to the *Applegater*,
Lisa Baldwin!**

The *Applegater* Board of Directors is pleased to announce a new member of our board, Lisa Baldwin, who is serving as secretary, among other duties she readily took on.

Lisa is a fifth-generation native Oregonian and has lived in the Lower Applegate community of Jerome Prairie since 1966. She was educated in Josephine County schools (Jerome Prairie Elementary, Lincoln Savage Junior High, Hidden Valley High) and earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Oregon University. Lisa taught English in Grants Pass for 30 years, serving 14 years at North Middle

School and 16 years at Grants Pass High School, retiring in 2015. Currently, she works as a poet and freelance writer and is an active member of several writing groups—Applegate Poets, Pagan Warrior Poets, Rogue Valley unit of Oregon Poetry Association—and serves as president of the Oregon Poetry Association.

Our thanks to outgoing board members, Don and Debbie Tollefson, who made substantial contributions over their five years of volunteer service, and Shelley Manning, who served two years.

Rosalind Helene Macy

May 22, 1930 - April 16, 2018

Rosalind (Roz) Macy lived in the Applegate for many years where she enjoyed raising goats, making cheese, baking bread, and gardening organically. She and her husband, Hal, were early and long-time supporters of the *Applegater*.

Roz is survived by Hal; daughters Lynn, Margie, and Mary; stepchildren Marty, Richard, Ray, and Sue, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 10, at 2 pm at Cantrall Buckley Park, Pavilion A, in Ruch. Parking is \$4 per vehicle. Please bring a food dish to share. And if you have any stories to share, the family would love to hear them.



Roz and Hal Macy were involved with the *Applegater* from the very beginning, back when the post office directed us to fold thousands of papers in thirds and staple each one.

Hal brought some of Roz's homemade cheese to one of the first folding sessions. While working the stapler and developing carpal tunnel, I sampled some of this cheese and thought, "My god, is this

good!" I asked Hal what kind of cheese it was. "Goat cheese," he said. I told him "no way," that I disliked goat cheese intensely!

But, after eating Roz's cheese, I always hoped that Roz or Hal would bring her immensely delicious cheese—the only goat cheese that I have ever loved—to more *Applegater* mailings. And they did.

J.D. Rogers
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~ In Memoriam ~

Porscha Schiller

October 2, 1950 - March 9, 2018

Franklyn Wise

July 21, 1931 - January 21, 2018

**Thalia Truesdell wins
Oregon library award**

Thalia Truesdell, branch manager of the Ruch Branch of the Jackson County Library District, was honored on April 18, 2018, at the Oregon Library Association (OLA) Annual Conference with the coveted Pearl Award. The Pearl is annually given to an Oregon Library employee who has worked tirelessly from the inside and demonstrated excellence, like a pearl honed into a gem over time.

Thalia, through great energy and kindness, brings consensus and cooperation to the Applegate Valley community served by the Ruch Library. During times of dissent and disagreement, when loggers and environmentalists were at



Thalia Truesdell with her Pearl Award.
Photo: Liz Hampton.

odds, Thalia was one of those who helped to facilitate conversation. Thalia was also instrumental in gaining community support to build the Ruch Library. Known for her openness to new ideas and opportunities, she has been one of the strongest community partners for the

Stories of Southern Oregon project, convening conversations and bringing people together to tell stories and strengthen the town.

Thalia said, "I am so honored to receive the Pearl award. It used to be called the Ole award because it reflected the recipients' efforts to 'take the bull by the horns' and get the job done. That's me!"