

Siletz Loses Its Eldest Member

Mabel Grace Langton, 95, passed away May 29, 2004, due to complications from Alzheimer's disease.

Mabel Grace was born on April 28, 1909, in Crescent City, Calif. She was the eighth of 12 children born to Minnie Hughes (Van Pelt) and Edward Hughes.

She met and married Froman Chambers in 1928 in San Diego while he was serving in the Navy. In 1929, they had a son, Ernest, and in 1931 a daughter, Ernestine.

In 1939, Ernestine passed away as a result of complications from a fractured skull sustained in a fall. After losing her daughter so suddenly, Mabel Grace decided to have another child and in December 1940 gave birth to a son, Dennis.

Dennis and his wife, Rebecca, currently reside in Oceanside, Calif. Her husband, Froman Chambers, passed away in 1959 from cancer. In 1975, Mabel Grace married Adelbert Langton, but they divorced in 1987.

Her daughter, Ernestine Chambers; son, Ernest Chambers; and grandson, David Chambers, also preceded Mabel Grace in death. Besides her son, Dennis, she is survived by two sisters – Lois Thudium of Oceanside and Sally Engstrom of Boise, Idaho.

She also is survived by seven grandchildren – Deborah Botts and Sally Van Bemmelen of La Mesa, Calif.; William Chambers of El Cajon, Calif.; Brian Chambers and Jennifer Chambers of New York City; Sheri Hoover of Eugene, Ore.; and Joilinn Craig of Yakima, Wash; eight great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mabel Grace wasn't even 5 feet tall, but she was the rock of her family. She asked for nothing, but gave everything in return. To her son, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, she was an incredible role model and hero. She rarely raised her voice because there was no need. Everyone respected her opinion and advice and accepted both eagerly.

Mabel Grace never failed to be there for her family. She was the most unselfish and giving person anyone could ever hope to meet. She will be remembered for her mental strength and stability, and love for life. She loved to dance and was always able to do it better than almost anyone else.

Throughout her adult life, she suffered from rheumatoid arthritis. To compensate for the pain, she would



Mabel Grace Langton

indulge in a generous shot of Jack Daniels, Black Label, without ice. At her "celebration of life" memorial on June 27, her family toasted her with a shot of Jack Daniels, Black Label, without ice, of course!

She was famous for making the best tacos and eating her fair share of them. After her "celebration of life" service, a Mexican lunch was served, consisting mostly of tacos. Her family gave her what she would have enjoyed and that's why the memorial service was a celebration of her life at Mission Bay in San Diego – a spot where she had enjoyed many family gatherings. It was very special and her spirit was there.

Mabel Grace was an incredible woman who had an impact on many lives and her family will miss her. Her memories are beautiful ones and they will be with her family forever.

Portland Youth Visit Ropes Course

by Katy Kaady

In July, youth from Portland had the great opportunity to participate in the "Ropes Challenge Course" in Siletz.

Our facilitators were tribal employees Delina John, Crista Whittington, and George Nagel. We received a brief explanation of the course and the underlying principles – honesty and kindness.

We then moved outdoors to play games, where we learned to set group goals and how we could work together to reach the goals we set. We did better than we ever expected.

We also learned how to be spotters, effectively helping our teammates out while they crossed the ropes, so they could count on us. The youth were actively learning to work together to reach their



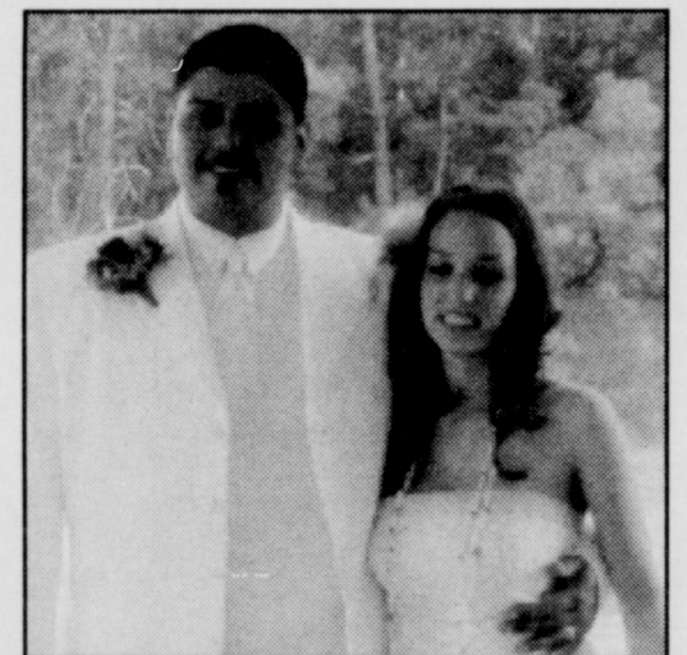
Back row: Coaches Leon Metcalf and Joe Dockins, Brett Lane Jr., Tristan Metcalf, Josh Sutherland, Zak Bremner, and coaches Brett Lane and Wazzy Case. Front row: Chris Garza, Kyle Retherford, Austin Lancaster, Taylor Karnes, Casee Case, Matt Dockins, and Trevor Duncan.

Siletz Majors Place in Tournaments

The Siletz Majors tournament team would like to thank the following sponsors for their support this season: Chinook Winds Casino Resort – Charitable Contributions and Ad-Hoc Committee; Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon – Siletz Clinic, Youth Programs, and Housing Department; and SET Little League.

The Siletz Majors participated in four tournaments in July: Florence, second place with five wins and one loss; Newport, second place with two wins and two losses; North Bend, third

place with three wins and one loss; and Siletz, fourth place with three wins and one loss, and a Sportsmanship Trophy.



Andrew Jay Foote and Michelle Ann Runyan

Runyan Marries in Montana

Andrew Jay Foote (Northern Cheyenne) and Michelle Ann Runyan (Siletz) were united in marriage July 31, 2004, in Ashland, Mont.

Michelle is the daughter of Dirk and Teresa (Lundy) Ueland of Corvallis, Mont., and Charles Runyan of Thompson Falls, Mont. Andrew is the son Patricia Tallbull and Adrian Foote of Lame Deer, Mont.



George Nagel, Gary Butler, and Jared Billmyre