



Georgene “George” McAlhany – 1960-2019

The Lord has called a wonderful woman to live in eternity with Him in Heaven. On Dec. 12, 2019, Georgene “George” McAlhany 59, of Albany, Ore., passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Georgene was born in Portland, Ore., to Edward and Arless (West) Collins. She attended Waverly Elementary, Calapooia Middle School and spent her ninth-grade year at South Albany High School. She then moved to Beaufort, S.C., where she graduated from Beaufort High School in 1979.

It was in Beaufort that Georgene met the love of her life, Joseph “Joe” McAlhany. After graduation Georgene returned to Oregon. Shortly after Georgene’s return to Albany, Joe purchased a one-way ticket to visit her and they have been inseparable since then, a true love story. They were married Oct. 10, 1980, where they began making Albany their home and where they lovingly raised their two children, Joe Jr. and Ashley.

No one has loved life or lived life as fully as Georgene. She was always up for an adventure or fun, and Georgene could light up any room or event with her genuine smile. She would enthusiastically either join in or lead whatever was happening.

Trips to Beaufort were often and highlighted by visits with family and old friends. She enjoyed the Lowcountry and all that Beaufort had to offer, Maryland Fried Chicken and The Shrimp Shack being two of her favorites.

Georgene had a love for traveling with friends and family and was blessed to have traveled to many places throughout the world. The highlight of her travels was a spontaneous trip in 2014 when Georgene and Joe traveled to Italy to celebrate Christmas and New Year’s Eve.

While in Rome, Georgene visited Vatican City and it was in St. Peter’s Basilica where she was forever touched by a personal blessing given to her by a cardinal of the church. The cardinal didn’t speak English but he clearly understood the word “cancer.”

On Christmas morning Georgene stood among thousands in St. Peter’s Square, where she listened to Pope Francis deliver his annual Christmas Day address. She celebrated New Year’s Eve in Spello, dancing and singing, undeterred by the fact that all of the songs were being sung in Italian.

To her true Beaufort roots and tradition, Georgene made sure that all who were around her had money in their pockets when the New Year arrived and that black-eyed peas were on the stove ready to be served.

Georgene’s love for Albany was endless. She was dedicated to ensuring that Albany was a special place for others to live and work. She worked for Central Willamette Credit Union for 30 years prior to retiring in 2012. Her time there was influential in her life as it brought her lifelong friends and allowed her to be involved in the community she loved.

It is impossible to list all the ways she contributed to Albany, but a list would include serving on the boards of CASA and Albany General Hospital. She also served on the board of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, which included a term as board chair.

Georgene also spent time with the Albany Chamber Greeters and was an active member of Soroptimist International of Albany, where she served as president in 2004/2005. Georgene was always involved with the Soroptimist’s breast cancer Walk for the Cause.

She was a tireless advocate for the North Albany Samaritan Cancer Center and was the featured speaker at its ground-breaking ceremony. She was a board member of the Samaritan Cancer Resource Center as well as volunteering at the In-Reach Center.

In 2008, Georgene was recognized for her community service with the Jim Linhart First Citizen Award.

Most important was Georgene’s faith in God. She had an unwavering belief in the Lord. She attended Willamette Community Church with her family. She approached everyone she met with open arms, kindness and the love that Jesus taught.

Georgene’s love and faith in God was evident in her never questioning Him on why she was given the challenges that cancer brought her. She simply would not let cancer change her outlook on life while all the time believing God had blessed her.

Georgene is survived by her loving husband, Joe; son, Joe Jr. and daughter Ashley Barker, both of Albany; her sisters, Theresa Collins and Divonna Christiansen; as well as six grandchildren, Jazmyn, Lily, Noah, Jaxon, Ella and Ross.

A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 11 at Willamette Community Church in Albany.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made in her name to Soroptimist International of Albany, P.O. Box 1475, Albany, OR 97321 or in care of Fisher Funeral Home, 306 Washington St. SW, Albany, OR 97321.

For those who knew and loved Georgene, rest assured that she is “living her best day” with our Lord and Savior.



USDA distribution dates for February

Siletz			Chicken Adobo
Monday	Feb. 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	1 chicken (thighs or whatever you want)
Tuesday	Feb. 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Pack of pork ribs (bone-in)
Wednesday	Feb. 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Soy sauce and white vinegar (3:1)
Thursday	Feb. 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cayenne pepper (2 teaspoons or to taste)
Friday	Feb. 7	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Garlic (5-10 cloves)
			Peppercorns (small palm full)
			Brown sugar (1/4 cup)

Salem		
Tuesday	Feb. 18	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Feb. 19	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Feb. 20	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 21	By appt only



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Put everything in a big pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer for 30-45 minutes, turning over every 5 minutes. After meat is cooked through, add a little flour to thicken juice a little.

Serve over rice.

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Attn. Sara Bell-Tellez
P.O. Box 320
Siletz, OR 97380

Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

If interested, please submit your résumé to Siletz Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Vacancies are open until filled.

Emergency Preparedness Presentations

Presenter: Eli Grove, Tribal Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Eugene – 2/6/20, 10 a.m.-Noon
Portland – 2/13/20, 10 a.m.-Noon
Salem – 2/20/20, 10 a.m.-Noon
Siletz – 2/27/20, 10 a.m.-Noon

Agenda

1. Presentation on Emergency Preparedness (overview and general information)
2. Talk about individual preparedness (what’s in your go-bag?)
3. How should you prepare your family?
4. Questionnaire & open discussion. How can we best prepare our Tribe for emergencies?
5. Sharing local emergency plans. Where do you fit in and how to become involved
6. Questions for me...
7. Questions for you... prizes available!

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

This is good information for everyone, regardless of your role at work or home. Please stop by and ask questions, share concerns or just listen and take home some prizes!