

Obituaries



Virginia Keene Pence

Virginia Keene Pence, 96, of Grants Pass died at the Elliott House on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Born July 23, 1914 in Eugene, Oregon, she returned to this state after retirement from Dart Industries (formerly Rexall Drug and Chemical Company) where she was personnel director for the world headquarters in Los Angeles, California. As CEO, she was also the first woman to serve on their Board of Directors. On May 29, 1947, in Ventura, California, she married William Paul Pence who preceded her in death.

For many years after their retirement, Virginia and her husband lived in Cave Junction where she was known as the "hat lady". She was a lover of nature and animals.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no funeral service. Private inurnment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Chapel of the Valley - L.B. Hall Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Emma Bell Price

Former Selma and Grants Pass resident, Emma Bell Price, age 90, of Bryant, Arkansas, died Monday, May 9, 2011 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

A graveside service will be at 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2011 at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens with Pastor Ron Marsh officiating. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

Emma was born July 20, 1920 in Kiowa County, Oklahoma to Lloyd & Minnie Gilbert. On April 2, 1939 in Hobart, Oklahoma she married Raymond H. Price and in 1940 moved to Selma, Oregon. In 1957 she moved to Southern California where she worked as a seamstress and lived until 1975 when she returned to Selma. She then resided in Grants Pass from 1984 to 2004 when she moved back to Southern California to be closer to family. She was currently living in Bryant, Arkansas near her son. During her years in Southern Oregon she worked as a waitress and for Turk Bulb Farms.

Emma especially enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Yandell of Las Vegas, Nevada; a son, Wayne Price of Bryant, Arkansas; five sisters, Ruby Martin of Fresno, California and Georgie Rhodes

of Monahans, Texas; Ollie Brodersen of Eloy, Arizona, Lola Sizemore of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Eula Cox of Grants Pass, Oregon; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond H. Price on April 29, 1984; a daughter, Peggy Reid; and two great-grandsons.

Bill Sherman

"Dusty" Renecker

Bill Sherman "Dusty" Renecker, age 63, of Cave Junction, died Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass, Ore.

No services are planned. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

He was born June 4, 1947 in Modesto, California to John & Myrtle Renecker. He moved from California to Cave Junction 30 years ago.

He especially loved his dogs.

Survivors include his companion, Julia Brack of Cave Junction, Oregon; a son, Todd Renecker of Cave Junction, Oregon; a daughter, Aimee Renecker of Alderpoint, California; a brother, Roger Renecker of O'Brien, Oregon; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Billy Renecker in 1978.

John (Jack) McManus



John (Jack) McManus, 83, of Cave Junction passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at Royale Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Grants Pass. Hull & Hull Mortuary in Grants Pass handled the cremation arrangements.

Mr. McManus was born November 1, 1927 in Washington, PA.

During World War II he served in the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S. Mona Island. He received the Victory Medal and the American Theater Ribbon. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

He worked as a lineman for West Penn. Power Company and worked

in law enforcement as a Constable for many years until moving to California in the late 1960s. He worked as a Marine Electrician in both San Diego and San Francisco, retiring in 1993. He was a member of the Lions Club and the American Legion in California.

He married his current wife, Ruby, in 1996 and they moved to Oregon in 2000. Mr. McManus enjoyed fishing, gardening, canning and playing pool.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three sons: Robert McManus of Florida, Todd Keegan of El Cajon, Calif., Patrick T. McManus of Martinez, Calif., and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eric McManus.

Services are pending.

Evelyn Adeline Maxson

Evelyn Adeline Maxson, age 80, of Cave Junction, died Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends at her daughter's home in Roseburg, Oregon.

Evelyn was born November 13, 1930 in Hastings, Michigan. At the age of 13 she moved to California where she graduated from high school. In 1956 in California she married Herbert L. Maxson. For 20 years they lived in Bakersfield, California where she worked as a secretary for an asphalt paving company for many years. In 1986 they moved to Cave Junction.

Her interests included family, friends, gardening, crocheting, and reading.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl Schoemehl of Roseburg, Oregon; two sons, Darryl Maxson of Cave Junction, Oregon and Steven Filippini of Grants Pass, Oregon; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Maxson.

A memorial graveside will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Roseburg National Cemetery with a gathering to be announced following the service. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to American Cancer Society, 31 W. 6th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501.

Please sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com

Here, There & Everywhere

Every Wednesday

Wild River Pizza - Open Mic. 6-8pm Contact Todd Kaberline or Jim Nolan 54-646-0975 or 541-660-8572

May 20

"A rose is a rose is a rose" is an often quoted phrase, to many it is more. Napoleon's first wife Josephine had a rose garden that today is still a marvel and the French Government still cares for it. Many go to it just to see the historical roses no longer in gardens. May is also the month of Mary, whose flower is the rose and Mother's Day, so it is apt that Suzy Twist-Powell will be speaking on Roses:(...by any other name) Planting, Care and Displaying, May 20 at the Illinois Valley Garden Club Cave Junction, Oregon Horticulture/Show and Tell Table: Wild Flowers and Their Urban Relatives. The Illinois Valley Garden Club will meet at Immanuel United Methodist Church on Watkins Ave. Cave Junction, Oregon across from Shop Smart. Coffee Hour 12:30 Meeting 1:00 For information (541)592-4257

May 20 & 21

Overnight Quad Event, to Sourdough. No entry fee...we just ask for a donation to the Pregnancy Center. For more information, contact Monty Pope at 597-2493 or 660-2089.

May 21

Clothes Give-Away!! 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Takilma Bible Church 10343 Takilma Road.

May 21

Glenn Morrison ALA Unit 70 invites all Veterans on Armed Forces Day to a FREE breakfast to thank them for their service to our country. (Proof of service required) Family & friends - \$6.00 & children under 12 years of age - \$4.00. At the Senior Center, 8:00am to 11:00am. Hope to see you there!

May 21

Kerbyville Museum will be open from 9am-3pm and is FREE for Veterans today only.

Labor Day Parade Application

This year's Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Parade will be on Monday September 5th. The theme for the 2011 parade will be "Illinois Valley, See it, Hear it". The parade will start

at 10am and we are taking applications for the parade. Remember it's free to be in the parade and free to watch it. For applications you can call Harry Johnson at 541-596-2104.

May 21 & 24

PREMIERE !! New PBS Videos on the Oregon Caves & Chateau. 8pm Saturday, May 21st at Oregon Caves Chateau and 7pm Tuesday, May 24th at Illinois Valley Sr. Center 520 E. River, Cave Junction. Come view "The Marble Halls of Oregon" and "The Chateau at the Oregon Caves," two new 30 minute videos to be shown on PBS stations nationwide this autumn! Call 541-944-1139 for reservations at the Sr. Center event or 541-592-3400 to make dinner reservations at the Chateau. www.OregonCavesChateau.com www.FriendsOCAC.org

May 21

Deer Creek Vineyards Music in the Vines Concert Series - Saturday, May 21: An evening in the vineyards with Tim Wallace, Michelle LeComte & Libby Goines. An eclectic selection of music that is jazzy, sultry and uplifting. Illinois Valley's finest in standards, originals and the unexpected!

May 21

On Saturday, May 21st, 3 Rivers Chorale performs "Bach Barber & Brass!" in Cave Junction at Immanuel United Methodist Church on Watkins Avenue at 3pm, presenting classical and sacred choir masterworks with brass quintet. Kate Campbell, director. This is free event, so everyone is welcome; donations will be accepted. This is free event, so everyone is welcome; donations will be accepted.

May 22

Mother/Daughter Tea - Sunday, May 22, 4pm at Bridgeview Community Church 5181 Holland Loop. Please RSVP no later than Friday, May 20 to Judy 541-415-0433. Please bring tea cups & a teapot if possible. Luncheon, dessert & refreshments provided. Feel free to bring a granddaughter, niece or any other young lady in your life.

May 26

IVHS Memorial Day Ceremony - Illinois Valley High School will present the Fourth

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Thursday May 26th at 10:15am. The ceremony honors faculty and family members who have served in the Armed Services, and features veterans from the Illinois Valley area. The IVHS Band and Choirs will perform patriotic music, and retiring teacher Steve Morgan will speak.

May 26

Lovejoy Hospice, 939 SE 8th St., Grants Pass, hosts the Hospice Foundation of America's 18th Annual educational program as a video viewing and panel discussion on Thursday, May 26, with the topic of "Spirituality and End-of-Life Care." A local panel of spiritual leaders will view the 2 1/2 hour national video with attendees and then participate in a short question-and-answer session to follow. Program is free to the community. Anyone interested in spirituality in illness, death and grief is welcome to attend. Registration begins at 5 pm with program at 5:30. Call Lovejoy Hospice at 541-474-1193 to RSVP.

May 30

Dearest folks of the Illinois Valley - As part of the Hope Mountain Barter Faire: a 5013C fundraising, non-profit for the Dome School; we present the THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY MARKET. The location will be behind South Valley Bank in their vacant lot on Thursdays and Sundays from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Set up time will be 7am. Opening Memorial Weekend. Vendors can sell anything handmade or homegrown that is legal. No paraphernalia. Food vendors welcome, but responsible for county licenses or state permits. The bank is sponsoring us and covering us with insurance on market days. If interested, phone Steven 541-592-2272

May 31

On June 3 from noon to 4pm we will be having a yard sale as a fund raiser to raise awareness and to help sustain The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance of Cave Junction. Are you spring cleaning? Would you like to donate items to our yard sale? We are accepting household items, clothing, furniture and other items that are clean and in good working condition. Please bring to our advocacy center (103 S. Kerby Ave) next to

the DMV office no later than May 31st

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June 23

Weather Spotter Training Offered in Cave Junction - The National Weather Service office in Medford is inviting weather watchers to a free weather-spotter training program. The session is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 23rd, at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River Street in Cave Junction.

The weather service uses reports collected from spotters across the region to determine the severity of storms. Ryan Sandler, from the weather service office, will discuss the kinds of storms that occur on the Southern Oregon coast during the summer. He will demonstrate how to measure precipitation using a rain gauge, and how and when a weather spotter reports to the weather service. There is no cost for this class and those attending who do not have a rain gauge will receive one after completing the class. All members of the general public are invited to attend and the NWS will be recruiting new weather spotters. For more information or questions about the weather spotter program, contact Ryan Sandler at 541-776-4303 #223 or e-mail ryan.sandler@noaa.gov or Harry Johnson at 541-596-2104 or cherhar@frontiernet.net.

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