

Corrine "Corky" V. Farran

April 1945 - Dec. 2014

Corrine (Corky) V. Farran was born April 28, 1945 in Bend, Ore., and died Dec. 16, 2014 in Post Falls, Idaho.



Her father John Mellott wanted a boy and nicknamed her Corky, a name that would stick with her throughout her life. At the age of 3, Corky's family welcomed a baby boy, Alan R. Mellott.

At age 6, the Mellott family moved from Sisters to Bend. While living in Sisters, the family lived in a logging camp while Corky's dad worked as a logger. Corky loved the outdoors and hunted and fished her entire life. At the age of 9 she shot her first mule deer, followed by numerous other deer and elk throughout her life. At age 12, she joined the National Rifle Association and shot in many small bore (.22 long rifle) competitions. At ages 14, 15, and 16 she won the Oregon State Small Bore girls' title; at 15 she won the NRA girls Small Bore National title.

That same year she met and fell in love with her future husband, Gary Farran. She would go on and attend Oregon State University and also shoot on its shooting team helping OSU win several national titles. Two weeks following her graduation from OSU, she and Gary married

and moved around the Northwest from R.V. park to R.V. park in their 8x35-foot trailer while Gary completed his lineman apprenticeship for IBEW 125.

In 1971, Corky and Gary moved to Baker when Gary got a job with the local electrical company. The couple had two boys James and Andy. Corky substitute taught and owned a book store named Baker Paperback exchange.

The family moved to Tillamook, Ore. in 1987 and then to the Tri-Cities, Wash., in 1989 when Gary began working for Bonneville Power Administration as a lineman. Corky worked for and retired from Washington State Dept. of Social and Health Services in its Division of Children and Family Services. Following her retirement in 2006, Corky and Gary traveled throughout the Western states in their motor home.

Corky is survived by her husband Gary, sons James (Jamie) Farran and Andy Farran, James's spouse Beth, Andy's spouse Tawnya; grandsons AJ, Dalton, Colton, William, and Jordan, and granddaughter Alexis; brother Alan and his spouse Jeanne; nephew Gene Mellott and niece Lucinda Mellott.

Corky was preceded in death by her father John Mellott and mother Lois Mellott.

Corky wished not to have a funeral and instead wanted her ashes spread together with Gary's upon his passing at a chosen location in eastern Oregon. Corky also wished that instead of cut flowers a live tree of flowers be planted in her honor.

Death Notices

Joyce Short, 83, of Baker City, died at her daughter's home in Baker City. There will not be a service. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Charlie Hood, 55, of Richland, died at his home on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014. There will not be a service. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Take the Chill out of Winter Bills

by Jim Horan of OTEC

Between holiday house guests and shorter, colder days, electric bills tend to climb in the winter. Read on for ways to save energy when the temperature drops.

Lower your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower): If you decrease the temperature by just one degree, you can save up to 5 percent on heating costs. Consider a programmable thermostat that you can set to lower the temperature when away from home and increase before you come back.

Adjust blinds and curtains: Keep them open to let in sunlight during the day, and close at night to keep heat inside and protect from drafts.

Reduce hot water temperatures: Heating water accounts for 12 percent of the average home's energy use. Set your water heater's thermostat to 120 degrees or lower—that's usually sufficient for a household's hot-water needs. Also, if you've had your water heater for more than 12 years, you might want to consider replacing it with a more energy-efficient model.

Seal and insulate: This is the best way to keep heat in and air out. Areas that may need sealing include corners, cracks, door frames, and windows.

Consider replacing old appliances, doors, and windows with ENERGY STAR-rated models: You can save about 15 percent of your normal energy use with these appliances and get better insulation on doors and windows for the price you pay. ENERGY STAR-rated items meet special efficiency standards set by the federal government.

Free your vents: HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) systems will have to work twice as hard if vents are blocked by rugs, furniture, or doors. Keep vents clear for proper air flow.

Keep food cool: Don't make your fridge work too hard. A temperature set between 34 and 37 degrees Fahrenheit is usually sufficient. Visit www.otecc.com for more ways to save.



Betty Jones

May 1915 - Dec. 2014

Betty Jones, 99, died on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014 at home in Richland, Ore. There will be a viewing on Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 at Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home from 3-6 p.m. A traditional funeral service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Eagle Valley Grange (which is in the newly remodeled Richland Elementary School - corner of Main and Moody Road) in Richland. Interment at Eagle Valley Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception to be held immediately following the interment at the Eagle Valley Grange.



Lois "Betty" Adelle was born on May 22, 1915 in Adams, Ore. to Frank and Zelma (Lewis) Henry. The family moved to Catlow Valley by train when Betty was 1 and 1/2 years old. They lived in a dugout until lumber could be brought in by wagon to build a house. School days were spent in a one room schoolhouse and the Crane Boarding School. Her parents raised the children with all the joys of the outdoors, including trapping jack rabbits for five cents a pair of ears. She was so proud she could buy clothes and a saddle with her own earnings.

Betty loved horses and loved to tell her many tales of riding through the hills of the Steens, Wallows and more. She loved helping others, including leading a 4-H riding club for young people. Her days were filled with laughter, fishing, and her great cooking.

On May 25, 1936 Betty married Henry T. Bunyard in Burns by the Justice of the Peace. They made their first home at Crane, Ore., and owned a gas station in Ashland, Ore. It was in Ashland that they had their first child, a son Jim. They later moved to St. Johns Woods (which was in Portland) in 1942, and they both

went to work for Kaiser shipyard, where Betty worked as a welder on the Victory Ships. The next child, daughter Gayle, was born in Portland. The family moved to Elgin in 1947; son Gene was born several years later. While in Elgin they ranched, and raised horses and sheep. Betty's husband Henry followed construction during 1956-1959, then relocated the family to Richland March 9, 1959.

While in Richland, Henry started a land leveling business. Betty always felt slighted that they didn't have a real wedding ceremony, so on their 50th Anniversary, in 1986, Henry and Betty renewed their marriage vows on horseback at the Halfway fairgrounds. Henry passed away March of 1987.

Betty later married Herschel Jones in Dec. of 1989. Herschel passed in 2001.

During Betty's life she worked as a welder, waitress, cook, bartender, and housewife, and sold Avon and Sarah Coventry jewelry. She belonged to the Eastern Star, Eagle Valley Grange, Fair Board, and Rebecca's, and was Grand Marshal of the Baker County Fair, Grand Marshal of Eagle Valley Days in 2014, and member of the New Bridge Nazarene Church.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband's Henry and Herschel, two sisters, Norma Myers and her twin sister Peggy Cockrell in 1988, stepson Butch Jones, step daughter Nona Jones Burr.

Betty is survived by her son Jim Bunyard and his wife Sandi, daughter Gayle Haga and husband Bob, son Gene Bunyard and his wife Bonnie; step children Clifford Jones, and Nona Jones Burr, deceased, 15 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Those who would like to make a memorial contribution in memory of Betty may do so to either the Eagle Valley Grange or the Eagle Valley EMTs through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, Ore. 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Homer Paul Gentry

Dec. 1946 - Dec. 2014

Homer Paul Gentry, 68, of Baker City died Dec. 19, 2014 at his residence with his wife by his side. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at the Baker Valley Church of Christ with Pastors John Goodyear and Mike Cross officiating.



Homer was born Dec. 1, 1946 at Cairo, Ill., to Robert and Patricia (Guy-Britt) Gentry. He graduated from Baker High School in 1965 and spent some time in college learning diesel mechanics. He served five-and-a-half years in the Army National Guard, excelling as a sharpshooter. He worked in the oil fields of Wyoming for 10 years, then worked for the Baker 5-J School District for 25 years as a mechanic's assistant, school bus driver, dispatcher, and bus driving instructor.

Homer married Linda Baldwin on Oct. 18,

2008. He was forced to retire in 2011 when he discovered he had brain cancer.

Some of his favorite things were hunting, fishing, camping, doing mechanic work, dancing and working for Christ. Homer deeply loved Jesus and brought many people to Christ. He was a sweet, kind man who never complained about his lot in life. He was one of the administrators for the Baker Valley Church of Christ and loved listening and singing hymns along with Randy Travis. His favorite hymn was "How Great Thou Art".

Homer is survived by his wife Linda, his sons Keith of Lebanon, Ore., Terry of Tigard Ore., and his daughter Karen Griffith and her husband Marshall of Boise, Idaho. Two sisters, Kathy Gentry and Sheila Esquabel of Gillette, Wyo., and a brother Carl Gentry of Benton City, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Pam.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Homer Gentry Memorial Fund through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

Marie Best

Sept. 1935 - Dec. 2014

Marie Best, 79, of Baker City died Dec. 18, 2014 while at the Serenity House Adult Foster Care Facility. A graveside service was scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Marie was born on Sept. 30, 1935 in Spokane, Wash., to George Washington and Clara Francis Arrowood. She married John Best who passed

away in 1991.

She worked most of the time for the Salvation Army and assisted at Step Forward. She enjoyed knitting and collecting stuffed animals. Marie also enjoyed going to the Senior Center to have lunch.

The only survivors are her cat, Shelly, and her long time caregivers, Mickey and Linda Cowan of Haines.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart n' Home Hospice through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

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the *Record-Courier* team

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we made twinkle,
and the hearts
we made flutter

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