

Alvin Elmer Blank

July 1932 – May 2015

Alvin Elmer Blank, Age 82, passed away May 21, 2015 in Pasco, Wash. A visitation will be held Thursday, May 28 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel. His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 29 at the Richland Christian Church with Pastor Gordon Bond officiating, and with a reception potluck following at the Eagle Valley Grange.

Alvin was born July 2, 1932 in New Bridge, Ore. to Elmer Blank and Fannie (Coston) Blank. Alvin grew up on a ranch in Powder River. At an early age, Alvin had a strong work ethic that followed him throughout his life.

Alvin married Marjorie Graves in June of 1953 and they had four children. Marjorie passed way



in 1991.

Alvin later married Bonnie Mills. Bonnie passed away in 2006.

He served his country as a corpsman on numerous naval ships, at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, and in the trenches of the Nevada atomic bomb testing site in 1953. Alvin worked in the construction of dams and highways in the Northwest. He worked for Walt Slipp Tires and Don McClure's Les Schwab, both in Pasco, Wash. He later returned to working construction for Gilbert Western Co. where he retired in 1990.

Alvin enjoyed being in the outdoors in the Blue Mountains and Eastern Oregon with his family. He enjoyed reading Western books and good conversation.

Alvin is survived by his sister Shirley Barron (Milton); cousins Maxon Henery (Mary Jean) and Joan Seevers; children Bruce (Tammy), Bev O'Connell (Dale), Blaine (Kay), and Brian; ten grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents and spouses.

Coles Tribute Center.

Damian was born in Mexico, Sept. 27, 1964 to Roberto Fregoso and Carolina Santana. Damian married Jenny, Sept. 27, 1989 in Seattle, Wash. He worked for 10 years as a waiter at El Erradero Restaurant.

Damian was a very friendly person and could put a smile on anyone's face. He was always cracking jokes. His hobbies were soccer and working. He was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorial contributions in Damian's memory may be directed to his wife Jenny. This may be done through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, Ore. 97814.



Damian Fregoso

Sept. 1964 – May 2015

Damian Fregoso, 50, a resident of Baker City, died Thursday, May 21, 2015 at his home. Recitation of the Rosary will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at noon at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, with Mass of Christian Burial following at 1 p.m. at the church. Fr. Robert Greiner will celebrate the Mass. Interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2015 from 2 - 7 p.m. at

Anneliese Stacy

Jan. 1935 – May 2015

Anneliese Stacy, 80, wife of Wm. L. (Bill) Stacy, passed away May 9, 2015, at her beloved home in Haines, Alaska.

Born Jan. 19, 1935, in Tirschenreuth, Germany, to Joseph and Berta Schmidt Fennel, Anneliese was one of six children. Siblings are Margaretta (Gretl), Maria, Alfons, Josef, and Otto.

Raised in Germany, she married Ralph Monson of Oregon in May 1962, moved to the United States, and became a U.S. citizen. Anneliese and Bill were married on Aug. 21, 1979, and raised a blended family in Baker City. Her primary focus was on raising six boys and two girls.

In 1985 with the children grown, Bill and Anneliese moved to Haines, Alaska, where Anneliese began working for Haines Headstart and became "Teacher Anneliese". She earned her C.D.A. degree and loved her job of 28 years. After retiring in



2013, Anneliese continued to volunteer daily. Staff, parents, and children returned Anneliese's love.

She loved her oldest "child" Bill the most. Anneliese and Bill were inseparable. They danced, traveled, worked, loved, told stories, and loved together in over almost 40 years of marriage. Anneliese worked hard to get Bill to eat healthy and take his medicine. She loved her family and took great pride in it. Anneliese also enjoyed having friends over for dinner, crocheting, polka music, dancing, and laughing with friends and family over coffee. She also loved the Sunday drives to 33-Mile, church, nature, and camping. She loved the town and people of Haines, Alaska, always encouraging her children and friends to come visit, so she could share what's so special about Haines.

Anneliese is survived by her husband, Bill; sisters Margaretta and Maria; brothers Josef and Otto; children Mario, John J., Bryan, Steve, John W., Lester, Deborah, and Barbara; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and all of the children whose lives she touched. She is missed.

Donations in Anneliese's memory may be made to Rural Cap Haines Headstart Parent Committee, P.O. Box 192, Haines, AK 99827, or Lynn Canal Counseling, P.O. Box 90, Haines, AK 99827.

Louis Townsend

1932 – 2015

Louis Townsend, 82, of Baker City went home to be with The Lord on May 18, 2015.

Born in Conception Junction, Mo., to Louis Emanuel Townsend and Ellen Sally Taggart, Louis and his big sister Margaret lived a childhood reality of Dust Bowl migrants. The Townsend family headed West without even knowing how many miles they would have to traverse to reach Seattle, Wash., where they might find work.

From a lifesaving trachea operation at age two, to being struck by lightning as a young boy, to surviving a horrific crane accident and even being shot, it seemed Louis was destined to end his time here like the famous patriarch Job, "old and full of days."

Louis was a self-described "Jack-of-all-trades, master-of-none," but the fact remains that there is not a secondary road in Oregon that can be traveled without crossing a bridge that Louis built. Besides working for Peter Keiuit and Morrison and Knutson, Louis also owned several businesses including T&M Construction, DuraBlock, Townsend & Sons Concrete, and LT Trucking, and in retirement even became Louis the "Tomato Man" Townsend.

Besides his abilities as a builder and business man, Louis was also well known for his philanthropy. He enjoyed being a bell-ringer for Salvation Army in response to a deep-seated gratitude



he felt for the organization which helped his family in a time of desperation during their westward migration one Christmas Eve in Baker City, where they had simply "run completely out of money." Louis's love for giving didn't only shine at Christmas. He was known as a generous man throughout the year, and besides helping individuals in need, he often volunteered in endeavors such as building the Nazarene Church, driving bus for youth group trips, and various other building projects for family and friends.

Louis was a father of five boys: Raymond, Doug, Dean, Paul, and Kenneth. He was also a proud grandpa to Paul, Jeff, Jamie, Ross, and Claire who remember him as Big Lou, the constant gardener. His great-grandchildren, Samantha, Dylan Kendall, and Kahlan remember their forgetful grandpa who would often declare himself as their "Uncle Louis."

His last battle with the menace Alzheimer's did not beat him in the end. He fought the good fight and finished the race strong, and he will be remembered as a strong man of ability and a man of strong faith, as he pointed often to his salvation in Jesus Christ and his great assurance of his home in Heaven. When making plans, he often punctuated his schemings with a favorite saying, "Lord willin' and the crick don't rise" and was often heard in his last years expressing his deep desire to "Go home and be with the Lord." He will be loved and missed by all of his family and friends who are all so happy for him at his long-awaited homecoming.

Visitation for Louis was Thursday, May 21 from 4-7 p.m. at Gray's West and Company. Services were Friday, May 22 at 2 p.m. with a reception held at the Nazarene Church.

Death & Service Notices

John Paul Atkinson, 89, of Baker City, died Feb. 2, 2015 in La Grande. A memorial graveside service with military honors will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, May 30 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Pastor Jesse Whitford of the Baker City Christian Church will be officiating. The reception at Community Connections of Baker County has been cancelled. Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Pottery for Parkinson's: Crossroads First Friday, June 5

Who: Whit Deschner, Tanya Denne John Denne, Kathleen Kiefer, and Terry Drever-Gee.

What: Baker City Crossroads First Friday - Pottery for Parkinson's. Community event & awareness fundraiser supporting Parkinson's and Mucuna Research: an Ayurvedic Approach to Treatment.



Tanya Denne. Submitted.

Come and support Tanya Denne's research project. Her proposed research is to study the Ayurvedic plant: Mucuna pruriens for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Tanya will be studying at JSS College of Pharmacy in Ooty, India beginning Fall 2015. Her ethnobotanical studies (scientific study of the relationships that exist between people and plants) will include tribal studies with Irula and Paniya tribes outside Ooty. Mucuna has been used since 300 BC for the treatment of "kampvata", similar in diagnosis to

Parkinson's disease.

Tanya will be partnering up with Whit Deschner's Great Salt Lick benefit for Parkinson's research, Baker's own one of a kind benefit/auction for Parkinson's awareness. There will be short videos for both the Great Salt Lick and Tanya's unique research project.

In 2014 Whit was recognized as a "community hero"; he received the Corporate Philanthropy Award for raising over \$50,000 for OHSU Parkinson's research.

Tanya, and John Denne have been working on pottery pieces to use as incentives for IndieGoGo, an online crowd-funding platform.

There will also be jewelry and Mucuna leaf inspired artwork, as well as Whit Deschner's book, prints for sale.

What is IndieGoGo? www.indiegogo.com empowers people to activate the global community to make ideas happen. IndieGoGo helps spread the word to the global online community to assist fundraising efforts.

Why: First Friday Tangent. Mucuna and Parkinson's community event and Parkinson's awareness fundraising event. This event will be an IndieGoGo prelaunch debut - Tanya's online IndiGoGo campaign will begin this Summer.

When: First Friday, June 5, 2015.

Where: 1719 Main Street, Baker City (Next door to Baker Towers on Main St., two blocks from Crossroads Art Center).

Building owned by Terry Drever-Gee - come check out the fresh remodel, enjoy refreshments, and view/purchase Pottery for Parkinson's art pieces.

Tanya has a 501(c)(3) non-profit, courtesy of the Lion's Club in Baker City. All proceeds will go to funding her Mucuna and Parkinson's Research: an Ayurvedic Approach to Treatment.

You can find more information about Tanya's research and previous work at OHSU on her FaceBook page: "Tanya's Parkinson's & Mucuna Research Campaign", or by emailing her at: tanyadenne@gmail.com.

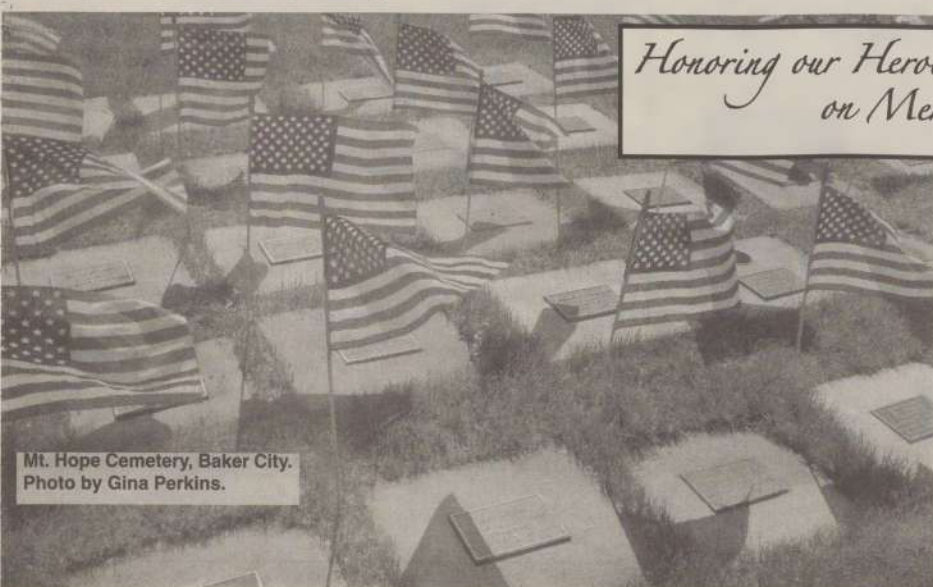


Whit Deschner searches for alternatives to treat his Parkinson's of 14 years. Submitted.



Fallen soldier Mabry Anders, buried at Haines Cemetery. Photo by Gina Perkins.

*Honoring our Heroes
on Memorial Day*



Mt. Hope Cemetery, Baker City. Photo by Gina Perkins.

Create a Plan for the Future of Your Elders

Practical Action Step: Get a list of Baker County Long Term Placement options at Community Connection. Go visit each facility, have a meal, and observe. You may never need to take your parent there, but you will be ready if you do.

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