

Sharon Kay Myers

March 1952 - Oct. 2015

Sharon Kay Myers at the age of 63, passed away on Oct. 11, 2015. A Celebration of Sharon's Life was held on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015 at Veteran's Memorial Club 2006 Valley Avenue in Baker City.

She was born to the late Robert Samuel Edison and Marceline Edison on March 11, 1952 in Baker City.

Sharon grew up and lived in Baker City her entire life. She attended grade school at Central Elementary in Baker City and graduated from Baker High School in 1970.

Sharon married Carl Benny Myers on Feb. 22, 1974 in Baker City. They had three children; Andy Myers, Desiree Myers, and Brian Myers. They were married 23 years and later divorced.

Most of her years were spent being a mother and homemaker. She worked as caregiver for quite some years for the elderly. A little later in life she found a job she truly enjoyed, working at Elkhorn Adolescent Treatment Center/New Directions NW with troubled teenagers. This job brought her much fulfillment before she became unable to work any longer.

Sharon is survived by her children Andy Myers, Desiree Myers and Brian Myers, Two grandchildren Ellie Nguyen and Colby Nguyen; three brothers James Edison, Ronald Edison, Larry Edison; two sisters Carolyn Nelson and Marilyn Edison. Her Mother and father-in-law Carl and Betty Myers; numerous nephews, nieces and other relatives.

Her wonderful smile and bright blue eyes will be forever remembered. She always had an open door to friends and family, her kindness always present. She was loved by many, but will be remembered as an exceptional mother and grandmother.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Sharon, the family suggests the Veterans Memorial Club through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Helen M. Holecek

Jan. 1924 - Oct. 2015

A Celebration of Life Service will be at 11 am, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 at First Baptist Church, Long Prairie for Helen M. Holecek, age 91, who traveled in Peace and woke up in Joy on Tuesday at CentraCare Health Systems-Long Prairie. Pastor Matt Stacey will officiate and burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Long Prairie. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home - Stein Chapel, Long Prairie and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Helen Marie Walter Holecek was born Jan. 4, 1924 on a Clark County, South Dakota farm between Aberdeen and Wiertown when the weather was minus -42°. She attended a country school in South Dakota through fourth grade.

In the 1930s when serious dust storms damaged crops and rains did not come, the family moved to Oregon. Helen entered fifth grade and continued to attend school in Baker City through high school, graduating in 1942 while WWII was in progress.

She enrolled at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon and graduated in 1948. She transferred her credits to Eastern Oregon College of Education in La Grande and graduated before going to Japan as a missionary with CBFMS, now known as World Venture.

She arrived in Japan on Aug. 28, 1951 and immediately went to language school. Following her time at language school, she moved to the northeast area known as Toboku and lived with a Japanese family for three years. She spent time after that teaching music in the Christian Academy of Japan in Tokyo.

Helen married Frank Holecek in 1971, helped raise his children, and became involved in church planting and teaching ministries in various locations for about ten years. Upon retiring in 1987 from full-time missionary work, they bought their home in Long Prairie, Minn., an enjoyed living and working in that thriving community. Both Helen and Frank were heavily involved in ministering in First Baptist Church where they were members. Helen spent many years teaching violin, playing in the community orchestra, and serving her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in a variety of ways. She is now playing First Chair in the orchestra of Heaven.

Helen is survived by her children: Ruth Ann Holecek, Naomi Diaz, and David Holecek; daughter-in-law, Anne Holecek; two grandchildren, Francesca and Cedric; and siblings, Mary Johnson and Ruby (Mike) Carroll; sister-in-law, Joyce Walter; and brother-in-law, Frank McMullin; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband Frank, who passed away on June 3, 1997, by her parents, Verne and Florence Walter, her sisters, Marjorie Hendrickson and Pearl McMullin, and by her brothers, John Walter and William Walter.

Memorials preferred to WorldVenture: Kinshuko Bible Camp Japan, 1501 West Mineral Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120-5612.

The family requests that you would wear bright colored clothing of your vision of Heaven to Helen's Celebration Service.



Delbert "Del" Stone

Jan. 1933 - Oct. 2015

Delbert "Del" Stone, of Richland died on Friday, Oct. 9, at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City.

Delbert Francis was born on Jan. 21, 1933 in a farm house west of Newburg, Ore., to Francis and Mildred (Cornwell) Stone. He was raised in the Portland area until 1943 then moved to a small 10 acre farm in Tualatin. He attended 3rd thru 8th grade there and graduated from Sherwood High School in 1951 with top honors as a Chapter Member President of Region 3 of the Student Council Association of Oregon.

Del met a "cute blonde" on a small neighboring farm. Doris was in the 8th grade at the time. She also went to Sherwood High School where he kept an eye on her until graduation. Del claimed to have kept all the guys away until he finally proposed in 1953. They had five children together.

During his Junior year, Del worked part time doing farm work. At the end of his senior year, he worked part time in retail at the local lumber yard until the fall of 1952. After his birthday in January, the draft got his attention and he joined the Army in February of 1953 and served with the 82nd Airborne until 1956. After his honorable discharge he had a landscape, excavating and asphalt paving businesses until 1969. Del then worked as an equipment operator with the Wallowa Whitman US Forest Service until he retired in 1990.

Del enjoyed being an equipment operator and the responsibility and projects assigned to him at the Forest Service as well as the personnel he worked with. He also enjoyed a life-long passion of flying his ultra light plane over Wallowa and Baker Counties and would also take it with him when he headed South in the winter.

His family will miss his humor, smile and his never ending generosity with anyone he became even remotely acquainted with. He was always there to lend a helping hand. We love you, Dad.

It was Dad's wishes not to have a memorial service but for a family gathering instead.

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

Del is survived by his brother Keith Stone of Hebo, Ore., his children Debbie and her husband John Saylor of Richland, Doug Stone of Enterprise, Donald Stone of Joseph, Diana and her husband Scott Holcomb of Joseph, Donna Stone of Portland and Doris Stone. He had nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

If any remembrances would like to be shared with the family, people may submit them in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Peggy Marie Perkins

Nov. 1936 - Oct. 2015

Peggy Perkins, 78, died at her home on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015 in Baker City. A Celebration of Peggy's Life and potluck will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015 AT 2 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Club in Baker City.

Peggy Marie was born on Nov. 21, 1936 to Joseph and Marjorie Longacre in Baker. She was raised in Haines, later moving to Baker where she graduated from Baker High School in 1955.

On April 1, 1956 she married Donald Perkins in Haines. Don and Peggy enjoyed deer hunting up Vinegar Hill, or hiking the Skyline Trail, Anthony Lakes to Marble Creek. She and good friend Clair Rudolph and Pauline Giles were always going hunting (Peggy was a good shot), or to the lake fishing. In Peggy's later years she added Georgia Brown and Patty Stockdale to the adventures. She also enjoyed riding her Harley 125 motorcycle, and also her Honda 90. Peggy boated and liked to water ski; she was on a bowling league and also golfed. She loved her Green Bay Packers and never missed a ball game. Her motto which she shared often was, "Never fear, Peg is here."

Peggy was the longest living member of the Veteran's VFW Baker City Post. She had lots of friends and faithfully fed the squirrels and neighborhood cats.

During Peggy's working career, she worked for Leo Adler Distribution, Western Auto, Crown Cleaners, the Blue and White Lunch (Restaurant) and Safeway.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Patricia and brother, Jim Longacre.

Peggy is survived by her husband Donald, sister-in-law Nellie Edwards; nephew Jeff Longacre; niece and nephew Danny and Pauline Evans, cousins Jim McCullough and Chuck Rohner; several more nieces, nephews and cousins.

For those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Peggy may do so to the Veterans Memorial Club through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Marlene Mae Frost

Dec. 1934 - Oct. 2015

Marlene Frost, 80, of Baker City, died Oct. 11, 2015, at Ashley Care Manor in Baker City. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

Marlene Mae was born Dec. 5, 1934 to Robert and Adeline Taylor in Portland.

Marlene graduated from Girls Polly Tec High school. She later had a daughter named Vanessa.

In 1978, Marlene met her husband Dudley at a gathering in Portland. They married Oct. 7, 1978 and had recently celebrated their 37th anniversary.

Marlene enjoyed watching movies, especially if there was a crime mystery to be solved. She also loved dancing, crocheting, reading, Marilyn Monroe and hunting with her husband.

Marlene became a member of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1998. She also volunteered at St. Elizabeth's hospital in the gift shop for seven years.

Marlene was preceded in death by her parents and brother Bob Taylor.

Marlene is survived by her husband Dudley Frost; daughters Vanessa Barton and Julie Mclean, one grandson, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Marlene, the family suggests the Muscular Dystrophy Association through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Donald R. A. De Roest

Dec. 1932 - Oct. 2015

Donald Richard Albert De Roest, 82, of Baker City died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 at his residence. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel with Pastor Jesse Whitford of the Baker City Christian Church officiating.

Don was a life long resident of the South Baker area of Baker City. He was born Dec. 26, 1932 to Belgium immigrants, Bruno and Sabila (Lanchriet) De Roest, who had settled in Baker as farmers and ranchers in 1912. Don was the youngest of nine children, with three sisters and five brothers, all of whom have passed on.

Don worked for the Oregon Lumber Company for many years, drove school bus, worked for Commercial Welding and was a member of the Teamsters Union. In 1960 he bought his first backhoe and started his business, Don De Roest Excavating and Contracting, which he owned and operated for 52 years. He was certified to install septic tanks and drain fields, installing numerous systems in the Baker County area. In later years he used his water truck to assist the Forest Service in extinguishing many fires both near and far.

Don married Louise Bohn in 1956 at the age of 23 and had four children. The couple divorced after 25 years. He then met and enjoyed the companionship of Hazel Berdahl, his significant other of 34 years, until his passing.

He was a life-long Catholic and enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, dancing and camp out parties at the "Park on the Powder River" which he owned and developed. Don and Hazel frequently visited the casinos in Jackpot and Winnemucca where they enjoyed playing the slot machines.

Don was also an active member in the Elks #338 and Eagles Lodge. Five years ago Don adopted his beloved Chihuahua/Terrier mix dog, Bubba, who added much pleasure to his final years.

Don was preceded in death by his son, Dale, who died last year.

He is survived by his daughter, Christine Gareis and husband Dennis of California, sons, Tony De Roest of Nevada, Curtis De Roest and wife Jill of Alaska, five grandsons, one granddaughter and his long time companion, Hazel Berdahl of Baker City.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eagles Club #3456 through Gray's West and Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.



Service Notice

Katheleen Jewell Friend, 95, of Baker City passed away at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho on Oct. 14, 2015. A viewing was held Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 2-6 p.m. at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel in Baker City. Graveside service and vault interment will be at Eternal Hills Cemetery in Klamath Falls on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Death Notice

Allan Fine, 67, of Richland and Baker City, died on Monday, Oct. 19, 2015 in Richland. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

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