

Marguerite Dieudonne Reed

Oct. 1918 - May 2016



Marguerite passed into eternal life on May 26, 2016 in Seaside, Ore.

Marguerite was born Oct. 25, 1918 in Baker City. She was the daughter of Gaston and Elizabeth Dieudonne. She attended St. Francis Academy in Baker City until her freshman year. She then went to Forest Ridge Convent in Seattle, Washington until her graduation in 1936. She attended San Francisco College for Women and graduated in 1940. She received her Masters Degree in Social Work from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1942.

Upon completion of her schooling, Marguerite went to work for Catholic Charities in San Francisco, California. On Jan. 16, 1943 she married Preston Reed in Washington, D.C. They lived there for six months and then moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where Preston was working as a Navy officer. They spent one year there until Preston went overseas. Marguerite moved to Palo Alto, Calif. and worked as a social worker for the police department in 1944. Upon Preston's return from service in 1946, they moved to Baker City.

After returning to Baker City Marguerite went to work for Catholic Charities as an adoption caseworker. She worked for them from 1942 until her retirement in 2000. During this time she also worked for 15 years as a social worker for the Baker School District. Preston and Marguerite owned Reed's Furniture Store where Marguerite often helped out.

Marguerite was a member of St. Francis DeSales Cathedral and the Altar Society and she was a member of the choir for many years. She was selected Legacy Woman of the Year in 1989. She was also on the Citizens Review Board and the board of the Oregon Catholic Conference. She lived a busy, active life, a life devoted to service to her family, her church, and her community. She was a woman of great faith; she loved the church and valued her friendships with other parishioners, priests, and bishops. She enjoyed international travel and visited many wonderful places with Preston and her children. One of her most cherished memories was a trip to the Vatican for a private visit with the Pope.

Marguerite was proud of the fact that she had given over 148 pints of blood to the local Blood Bank. She felt this was an extremely important service that should be done by everyone who was able.

Marguerite spent her last years in Portland and Seaside, close to all her children. She always loved being at the beach so living in Seaside brought her a lot of joy.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Preston Reed, her daughter Monica Reed, granddaughter Heather Reed-Lomax, her brother Roger Dieudonne, and her parents Gaston and Elizabeth. She is survived by her 4 children: son Greg Reed and his wife Janice of Tacoma Wash.; daughter Terri Reed of Seaside, Ore.; son Tim Reed and his wife Pat of Portland, Ore.; and daughter Vonie and her husband Larry Aeschliman of Kennewick, Wash. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Jason, Jamie, Tasha, John, Kevin, Bob, and numerous great grandchildren.

Mom's kind soul and giving spirit touched so many and will never be forgotten.

Memorial contributions in Marguerite's memory may be directed to St. Francis Diocese. This may be done through Coles Funeral Home, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, OR 97814.

The Rosary Vigil will be held at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral on Thurs. evening June 2 at 7 p.m. The Funeral service mass will on Fri. morning June 3 at 10 a.m. A luncheon will be served in the Cathedral Parish Hall after the interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Baker High School Hosts Senator Wyden's 773rd Town Hall

Story / photo by MJ Guyer

A large contingency of Baker High School students and local citizens filled the BHS auditorium to visit with Oregon's senior U.S. Senator, Ron Wyden, as he honored his pledge of holding a yearly town hall in every Oregon County, since being elected to Congress.

The event, spanning more than one hour, highlighted diverse areas of local concern. This included issues such as the federal government's readiness for another fire season, Amtrak service to Eastern Oregon, national security concerns, the Constitution, religious freedoms, global warming, and natural resource issues.

Local cattleman, Curtis Martin, kicked things off with the first question. He utilized his time to ask the Senator about the possibility of proclaiming the Owyhee Canyonlands area, located in Malheur County, as a National Monument. Martin encouraged Senator Wyden to meet personally with the people of that area about their concerns. He warned of a "creeping regulatory aspect" in the years ahead.

Senator Wyden acknowledged the strong feelings on both sides of the issue. He recognizes the pivotal role agriculture has in Eastern Oregon saying he would "search for common ground that will protect the local economy while protecting our treasures as well."

Burnt River rancher and Oregon State Committee Member to the Farm Service Agency, Anna Sullivan, thanked Senator Wyden for his work in making sure Grant County FSA doors were re-opened. "Last year's fires were devastating to that area and we really appreciate all your help."

Newly hired City Manager, Fred Warner, Jr., voiced his concerns regarding the increased regulations imposed on communities like Baker City when dealing with infrastructure needs. Warner also inquired about the status of the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

Senator Wyden confirmed with the audience that the TTF did get replenished for the next five years, but is working to provide a more predictable funding process to allow communities better long-term planning options. He also shared with the audience his strong support for private fund investment into public infrastructure projects via government bonds.

The Senator also heard from Ed Trindle regarding grass banks. "The idea of grass banks," said Trindle, "was presented to us by the Forest Service and the BLM as a way to help ease the shortage of grass available to cattlemen as a result of the 2015 fires. We (Public Lands Committee for Baker County Livestock Association) worked hard on our end, but have not heard anything from the Forest Service, or any of the federal offices we have contacted, including yours."

The Senator assured Trindle that his staff would follow up and would work to improve



Senator Wyden presented Commissioner Tim Kerns and his wife, Jan with a flag that was flown over the Capitol. He thanked them for their continued service to Baker County. Wyden commented that Tim had proven a "thoughtful voice for agriculture and had been telling it like he sees it for a very long time."

communication on this issue. "It sounds like an interesting idea," stated Wyden.

Several audience members expressed strong concerns about federal policies that leave Baker County vulnerable to devastating fires. Wyden agreed.

"Idaho Senator Mike Crapo (Republican) and I agree that we should not be borrowing from the prevention side of the budget to fight fires. It's ridiculous. We should use the money for what it was intended - to prevent the fires. We are working together at the federal level on that very matter."

Pat Cook, representing Baker County's own Trail Tenders, kidded with Wyden by reminding him of a promise to spend a day up at the Interpretive Center. "You need to make that happen," declared Cook.

Wyden smiled and responded, "I think you would do very well in Washington. That is a great thing here in Baker County and we will see what we can do to make a visit happen in the future."

Baker High School students were also very diverse and well-prepared with their questions. Senator Wyden encouraged the students to diversify their interests. "Don't be like me. I had my heart set on playing in the NBA," said Wyden. "I was too small and too slow. Try to keep your eye on a variety of fields."

One question brought praise from Wyden when a student asked what the Senator could do to help bring compromise to important issues and help get things done. The student reminded the audience that there would not have been a Constitution if there had not been some compromises.

"Correct," stated Wyden. "Every day I get up and try to find ways to get things done. In January 2017, we will have a new President. It has to be a priority to cut the gridlock, or nothing will get done. Nothing."

Death and Service Notices

Darlene Ballard - A Graveside Service will be held on June 18, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Union Cemetery in Union, Ore. Arrangements are under the direction of Tam's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS. On-line condolences may be shared at www.tampinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Corina Zarkowski, 35, of Baker City passed away May 23, 2016 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Company. To light a candle in memory of Corina, please visit: www.grayswestco.com

Stephanie Ann Kinzel, 47, of Baker City passed away May 23, 2016 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gray's West & Company. To light a candle in memory of Stephanie, please visit: www.grayswestco.com

Rae Cecil "Bud" Stewart, 85, of North Powder, Ore. passed away on May 22, 2016 at his home. His graveside service will be Thurs., June 2, 2016 at 10:00 am MST at Taylor Cemetery in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Memorial contributions may be made through Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Bud please visit: www.grayswestco.com

Quail Ridge Ladies Day
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Golf Winners:

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Thursday, June 2, 2016

Welcome
BABY

Ryker Joseph Bobo

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and Jennifer Bobo.



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