

OBITUARIES

Rosalie Colbert

Rosalie Conner Cornell Colbert died Oct. 5, 2020, at Flagstone Senior Living in The Dalles, Ore. She was 95.



Rosalie Colbert

Born in Richmond, Va., on Nov. 28, 1924, and brought up in Huntington, W.Va., by William and Mamie (Adkins) Conner, Rosalie attended Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and graduated from Huntington High School. She married Charles D. Cornell in 1944, and following World War II, they relocated to Portland. In the 1950s, Rosalie worked as an assembler at Iron Fireman.

Rosalie's surviving children are Judith Cornell and Bill (Cathy) Cornell, all of Green Valley, Ariz., and Naomi (Dan) McMahon of The Dalles. Surviving grandchildren include Emily, Erin, John, Michael, Samantha, Tanya, and Tiffany, and great-grandchildren Ailee Rose, Amber, April, and Brady.

She was preceded in death by her son, Phillip, in 2019, and a grandson, David Cornell, in 2016.

Upon learning of Rosalie's death, a nephew, Tim Arnold, wrote: "Last I saw her was at another family funeral. She always made me smile — she was witty and just plain fun to talk with. I told her she'd live to be well over 100; well, she almost made it."

She will be at rest at River View Cemetery.

Lillian Hutson



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Lillian Esther Hutson, daughter of Harvey Clarence Hutson and Tressie Myrtle Hardman Hutson, was born in Hood River, Ore., on Aug. 22, 1932. Lillian was the youngest of 10 born to Tressie and Harvey and still lived in her childhood home in Hood River at the time of her death, Aug. 19, 2020, three days before her 88th birthday.

The family roots were two homesteading families in Parkdale, Ore., a newly settled part of the west. Tressie was 5-years-old in 1900, when she arrived in Hood River on the train and remembered the long ride to the Parkdale cabin to join her Hardman family. Harvey and Tressie were married on Sept. 10, 1911. The days were full, cutting down trees, growing lots of potatoes and strawberries until the orchards could be planted and bearing fruit.

Harvey worked in the sawmill for a dollar a day and a board. That's how he got the wood to build their barn. Harvey Clarence Jr. was born in 1912, Albert Jerome in 1914, Robert was born in 1916 while the family was working in a logging camp in Washington. Robert lived only a few months before he succumbed to the flu. Jess was born in 1917. Both Harvey and Tressie were hard workers, and when it came time for Helen to be born, 23-year-old Tressie was sorting potatoes in the field. She took a break just long enough to give birth and came back to work with baby Helen in a basket beside her.

Bill was born in 1922, and Betty arrived in 1924. In 1925, Harvey bought his first car, a Ford (later called a Model T) for \$474.50. With time, the apple and pear orchards were flourishing, and walking through the orchards with the scent of fruit ripening on the trees, smiled on by the majestic Mount Hood nearby, and the scent of lilacs lining the road to the house was something none of the family will ever forget.

But tragedy struck in 1932. Harvey injured his leg and got thrombophlebitis and then a pulmonary embolism. His death came before Lillian was born. Tressie lived in reality. She never complained, she was courageous, wise, and loved with all her being. The family has noted that beautiful, red-headed Lillian shared those traits, too.

In 1941, Tressie moved to Hood River, leaving Harvey, Jr. to run the farm, but returning summers to help with the fruit. Lillian began her new school. Tressie found a house on Eugene Street, added a kitchen and a bathroom, and it was a home with open doors, the boys coming in and out, always stopping first at the kitchen to see what Tressie had made. In a big family, there are plenty of needs and crises, and Tressie and Lillian were there to help. Lillian with her long red braids was often watching out for the children and her humor and kindness were legendary through several generations.

As a teen, Lillian went to boarding school, Laurelwood Academy, near Portland, Ore. She later helped in her brother Jess's new medical office in Roseburg, Ore. For more than 30 years, she worked as a dental assistant in her cousin Elwood Hutson's dental practice in Hood River.

Lillian was active in the Hood River Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years and taught the children's Sabbath school class.

Tressie died in October 1984. Helen died in May 2004. For the first time in her life, Lillian was living alone. Bill's son Bob and his wife Bonnie came regularly through the years to mow the lawn, help with anything she needed done, fix things and visit. Nieces and nephews and generations after came to visit.

Lillian was widely cherished as a favorite aunt, a fun friend who loved and could be trusted.

Lillian stayed with Jess's daughter, Cherie, and her husband, Garry, in Redlands, Calif., for her heart valve surgery (July 27, 2009) and recovery time. Nieces Linda (Betty's daughter) and Beccie (Albert's daughter), as well as other nieces and nephews and their children, all entered in with love, concern, and support.

Lillian relished her morning walks, and always kept dog biscuits with her. Stray cats seemed drawn to her for shelter and food, and she enjoyed watching birds at the feeder. The police scanner was often on in the house, she liked to keep up with the town news. But this town she was so much a part of, was changing, as towns do, and the many Hutson relatives in the area were dying out, as generations do.

Lillian was a woman of prayer and gratitude. She was grateful to still be able to live at home. She was curious about every one of her family's many new generations, and missing the ones that were gone. She knew she was the end of an era, and embraced and prepared for the reality that she, too, would go to sleep. She expressed she was looking forward to meeting her Father... for the first time, and seeing her mother again, and her sisters and brothers. "The end of the world is near," she said, and she was not afraid.

Her mind stayed strong and her joy and thoughtfulness and sense of humor fresh. She kept up her morning walks till the end, and the last day of her life came as a surprise; her replacement heart valve gave out, but God was holding her in His arms and she was surrounded by family and love to the end.

Lillian loved and gave to the family and to the world with

all her heart. She will live on, remembered, loved, cherished, and missed.

Lillian's parents and siblings:

Father, Harvey Clarence Hutson, Sr., born March 31, 1886, in La Cross, Wisc.; died Feb. 29, 1932, in Portland, Ore.

Mother, Tressie Myrtle Hardman, born 1895 in Erie, Kan., and died in Hood River October 1984.

Harvey Clarence, Jr., Sept. 7, 1912 - March 31, 1994

Albert Jerome, Sept. 14, 1914 - April 24, 1994

Robert (born and died at a few months old while they were camped logging), April 28, 1916

Jess Melvin, July 15, 1917 - May 4, 1990

Helen Hardman, Nov. 8, 1919 - May 9, 2004

Billie Martin, June 3, 1922 - May 24, 1980

Theresa Elizabeth (Betty), Sept. 7, 1924 - Sept. 18, 2012

Richard Emmett (Emmett), Nov. 21, 1926 - June 18, 1999

Barbara Jean, Sept. 29, 1929 - Dec. 13, 1998

Lillian Esther, Aug. 22, 1932 - Aug. 19, 2020

Jimmy Guthrie

On Friday, Oct. 9, 2020, Jimmy Guthrie, loved son, brother, and father, passed away at the age of 60. Jimmy was born Jan. 8, 1960, in Klamath Falls, Ore., to Jim and Kathy Guthrie. He bragged his whole life about sharing his birthday with Elvis Presley.

The family moved to Hood River in 1969. He attended Hood River Valley High School with the class of 1979 and has remained close to many of his classmates over the years. Jimmy was a star athlete, playing football, basketball, and baseball throughout his school years. He worked at Radloff Orchards during those years and always considered them his second family. He then worked for Les Schwab until he moved to Reno, Nev., where he worked at several other tire stores. After six years, he returned to his beloved hometown, and was hired at the Mt. Hood Railroad working on the track maintenance crew. He was promoted to many positions, including head engineer and finally operations manager at the time he retired in January 2020 with over 30 years of service.

In 1998, the arrival of his daughter, Jerrica, brought him more joy than he ever could have imagined. He was a devoted father and treasured all of the time he was able to spend with her. She eventually moved to California, but he was fortunate enough to spend time with her several weeks before his passing. His family is grateful for that time he had with her and got to see how much joy it brought him. Jimmy had a passion for life and lived it to the fullest. He played on many town sports leagues and golfed as often as he could. In his younger years, he regularly camped, and water skied in the summer and snow skied on Mount Hood in the winter. Jimmy absolutely loved the Hood River community and always had a big, infectious smile for everyone. He never met a stranger and made everyone feel like they had known him forever even on their first conversation.

Jimmy is survived by his daughter, Jerrica; his parents, Jim and Kathy; and his sisters, Mary, Kelly, and Stacey. A service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Hood River County Fairgrounds.

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Donald Carpenter

Donald Chester Carpenter, 93, passed peacefully on Oct. 6, 2020, at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore. Don was born March 2, 1927, in Livingston, Mont., the son of Chester and Cecile Carpenter. Having been raised on the family's ranch outside of Clyde Park, Mont., Don graduated from Park County High School in 1945.

Following graduation, Don enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving with the 440th Army Band. After completion of his military service, Don met and married Juanita June Crofford in 1948, while both attended Northwest Nazarene College. Don earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Northwest Nazarene College, as well as a Master of Arts in Media Science from Portland State University, and taught music in Montana and Idaho until arriving in The Dalles in 1957, to teach music at The Dalles High School.

While teaching at TDHS, Don taught band, orchestra, choir, and was the director for The Dalles Booster Girls, Drum, and Bugle Corps. Later in his career, Don taught music, art, and shop at Chenoweth Middle School, retiring after 38 years of loving service to students and the school community.

Upon his retirement, Don continued to serve his community as a board member of the Civic Auditorium Restoration Project and The Dalles Choral Society, choir director at Gateway Presbyterian Church, pit orchestra director with the Community Theater, a past president of the Columbia Gorge Community Concert Association, and a docent at Maryhill Museum of Art. Don also enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, painting, and reading — especially Louis L'Amour. He was a woodworker and artisan, a handy-man, and carpenter in the truest sense of the word.

Don is survived by his wife of 72 years, Juanita, who resides at OVH, The Dalles; his brother, Louis Carpenter, of Bozeman, Mont.; his son, Michael (Lynn) Carpenter, of The Dalles; grandsons Kyle (Jennifer) Carpenter of Aurora, Ore., and Cory (Karyn) Carpenter of Bozeman, Mont.; as well as four great-grandchildren. Don was preceded in death by son, Steven Carpenter. His family would like to give a special thanks to all his caregivers at The Oregon Veterans Home, who provided wonderful care and support the last two years, and The Springs at Mill Creek, previously.

Affectionately known as "Carp," Don was loved and respected as a teacher, friend, mentor, and often times as a father figure. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, contagious smile, and amazing voice. At his request, and due to the pandemic, there will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor may be made to The Dalles High School Music/Art programs or The Oregon Veterans Home.

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David Frost

Rear Admiral S. David Frost, U.S. Navy (retired), born April 21, 1930, in Southard, Okla., passed this world peacefully on June 27, 2020. He loved God and country and was a devoted husband and father.



David Frost

After spending his childhood on a farm in Oklahoma, David's family moved to The Dalles, Ore., where he attended The Dalles High School. There, he was a member of the state championship football team and graduated as class salutatorian. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1949 and graduated 17th of 926 in the class of 1953. While at the Naval Academy, he was introduced to Dolores at the 1950 Army-Navy game by a fellow midshipman and his future brother-in-law, beginning a life-long love story. At graduation, David was commissioned a Navy Ensign and married Dolores four months later on Oct. 17. During his 30-year naval career, he earned an MBA from Stanford University and specialized in logistics and financial management. Among his assignments were commanding officer of the Navy Supply Corps School, supply officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS America (CV66), executive assistance to the assistant secretary of defense (comptroller) and deputy comptroller of the Navy. Among his many talents, David was known in the Pentagon as an especially gifted speechwriter.

Following his distinguished military career, David joined the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C., where he served as staff director for management for 16 years under the chairmanships of Paul Volcker and Alan Greenspan. This is the highest non-presidential appointed position at the Federal Reserve.

David was a devoted Catholic, a member of the Knights of Malta, and served as Eucharist minister, usher, parish council member and finance committee chair of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Vienna, Va. David's principal hobby was antique cars — he was a member of the Model A Ford Club of America, fully restored a 1931 Model A Ford roadster and drove the car to work for many years. He also enjoyed sports, fishing and woodworking. He could build or rebuild just about anything, including cars, home additions, electrical wiring, furniture and more; there was no challenge too great.

David deeply loved his family. He is survived by Dolores, his devoted wife of 66 years; daughter Kathy (Mark) Duffner; Captain Dave (Sally) Frost, USN (retired); Karen Frost; and Mary (Francis) Frisby; and eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Interment will take place this fall at the U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery with full military honors following a funeral Mass at the Naval Academy Chapel.

Maria Bartola Acevedo

Maria Bartola Acevedo, age 80 years young, passed peacefully in her sleep from this life, next to her daughter Evelyn and granddaughter Brittany, on Oct. 12, 2020. She was born to the late Juan Acevedo and Geovanna Gentile Acevedo on March 4, 1940, in Manhattan, N.Y.

She moved to The Dalles, Ore., in 2007 with her daughter Evelyn, her son-in-law Michael and her granddaughter Brittany, the sparkle of her eyes.

Maria was known for her green thumb. She loved all plants and flowers, but rose bushes were her favorite. There was never a day she was not out watering, pruning or talking to her plants. No matter how unhealthy a plant was, she would always bring it back to life. Her hands were always in the dirt, if not holding a book.

Anyone who knew her well knew her passion for reading Readers Digest and romance novels, Nora Roberts being her favorite author. At times, she would read the same novel twice. And no matter where she was, you were guaranteed to find one or two books in her bag.

She also had a passion for crafting. She loved making little dresses for stuffed bears and dolls. Her hands were rarely still. Making clothes for stuffed bears was her favorite.

Maria was a dedicated mother and grandmother. The biggest joy of her life was raising her three children and spending as much time as she could with her grandchildren. She especially loved her role as Wela. She always provided a safe, warm and loving home for her children and grandchildren. She had a feisty personality and made friends everywhere she went.

Maria is survived by her three children, Gilbert Borges and Jeanette Ceballos, both of Florida, and (Michael) Evelyn Wood, of The Dalles, seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Robbie Niemola

Robbie Lynn Niemola was born Feb. 3, 1962. He died on Oct. 1, 2020, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. He had acute renal failure and acute respiratory failure.

Rob is survived by two sons, Nathan (Elizabeth) and Robbie Jr.; four stepchildren and 13 grand-children; one brother, Arthur (Jeri); sister Tracy; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

Rob was and is a blessing to all of us and was so special. He will always be loved, and missed so much by all.

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