

OBITUARIES

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Virgil Hughie Major, 98, passed away Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at the Springs of Mill Creek Assisted Living in The Dalles, Ore. He had been on hospice since early September.

Virgil was born Jan. 1, 1922, in the Township of Vernon, Wisc., to Evan and Luna Major. He grew up on a dairy farm and attended a one-room schoolhouse. He later attended teachers college and in his first year teaching, he taught his future bride, who was a senior in high school. Neither of them knew they would become husband and wife in 1948. He was drafted into the army in March of 1944 and served two years in Japan and the

Philippines.

After the war, he married Lyla Benrud and pursued a degree in pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, while she worked as a nurse. Virgil worked as a pharmacist in Madison and Baraboo, and then bought his own drug store in 1964 in Nekoosa, Wisc., which they operated for 18 years. Upon retirement in 1992, they joined their daughter's family in The Dalles, Ore.

Virgil was a member of Gateway Church. He and Lyla enjoyed many activities over the years — golf, bridge, bowling, curling. They loved getting together with friends and family. He was an avid reader and loved music and dancing. He especially enjoyed singing on The Springs choir. He enjoyed visiting and bringing a little humor to those he met. A highlight in his later years was going to Washington, D.C., with the Vital

Life Foundation, Journey of Heroes with his adult children and other war veterans.

He was father to son Michael Major (Kay) of Evart, Mich., and daughter Susan Murat (Michael) of The Dalles. He had six grandsons, Benjamin, Timothy and Seth Major, Joshua, Jeffrey and Marc Murat. He was great-grandfather of 10.

Virgil was preceded in death by Lyla, his wife of 67 years.

The family so appreciates the care he received from The Springs and Heart of Hospice and MCMC. The Springs was his second family.

Memorials can be given to Gateway Church, 1111 Dry Hollow Road, The Dalles, OR 97058, 541-298-8531, or Wounded Warrior Project, 855-448-3997.

The family will hold a private graveside service at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore.

DEATHS AND SERVICES

Catherine Lou Palmer died on Sept. 8, 2020, from natural causes. A celebration of life was held Oct. 17 at the North Bonneville Community Church, 1150 Wacomac, North Bonneville, Wash. A private graveside service was held at The Cascade Cemetery of North. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Susan Johnson died on Sept. 22, 2020, with her husband, Jim, at her side. She was born Feb. 23, 1946.

A memorial service was held for Sue in Maui, Hawaii, on Sept. 27. A celebration of life will be held at Hood River Alliance Church at 11 a.m. on Oct. 31, with a light meal to follow.

Kathryn Rose Chavez, age 37, a former resident of The Dalles, Ore., died in Portland, Ore., Oct. 10, 2020. Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

John Charles Kauffman, age 70, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., passed away Oct. 10, 2020. Spencer, Libby

& Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements. A memorial service with Military Honors were held Oct. 17 at the Evangelical Church, 1001 E. 12th St., The Dalles.

Norma Jean Clark, age 92, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died on Oct. 11, 2020. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17 at IOOF Cemetery, 1100 18th St., The Dalles. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

Rosalie Beachman died on Oct. 14, 2020, at Providence St. Vincent

Medical Center in Portland, Ore. Rosalie was born on April 23, 1926, and was 94 years of age at the time of her passing. Services for Rosalie are planned for 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 at Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, Ore.

Following her service will be light refreshments, a time to visit with family and viewing until 5 p.m. Rosalie will be laid to rest at Idlewild Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 26th. Rosalie's complete life story will run in a later edition. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Lyle Halverson died on Oct. 16, 2020, in Hood River,

Oregon. Lyle was born on Aug. 16, 1986, and was 34 years of age at the time of his passing. There will be a viewing for Lyle from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25 at Anderson's Tribute Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River, Ore. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Tammy Lyn Troxell died on Oct. 14, 2020, while visiting a friend in Parkdale, Ore. Tammy was born on Nov. 21, 1959, and was 60 years of age at the time of her passing. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River, Ore. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

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