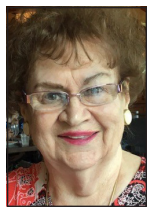


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Virginia Koperski



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Virginia Ann Koperski, 90, passed away on Feb. 15, 2021, from heart failure. She resided in Washougal, Wash.

Virginia was born the eldest daughter of three to John and Stella Koperski on June 19, 1930, in Toledo, Ohio. Virginia (Virgie) attended Central Catholic school all 12 years. She then worked as a secretary for a real estate company in Toledo. She met Jim Massey at a dance in 1949, married on Sept. 2, 1950, and had six children over seven years. They also established a registered horned Hereford cattle business. She moved 26 times in her life, starting from the Midwest and landing in Cascade Locks, Ore., in 1969.

She worked as a server at the Cascade Inn and The Spar Tree in Stevenson, Wash. She went on to be a teacher's aide at the Cascade Locks grade school and an administrative assistant at City Hall. She had a love for learning and attended Mt. Hood Community College from 1974-75, where she graduated with an Associates Degree in General Studies. Upon graduation, she worked as the front desk secretary for Groves-Kiewit-Granite during the Bonneville Dam second powerhouse project. She lived in Cascade Locks for 48-plus years.

Virginia was truly a sweet, thoughtful, and caring woman. She was always cheerful and bright! All who met her enjoyed being in her presence. She was always positive! Those who knew Virginia know that she could talk! And faster than most people could keep up! They would walk away from a conversation with her, questioning if they got all of it, but always remembering her beautiful smile and kindness. She was generous and helped her children tremendously in their lives by giving time and effort to help with raising her grandchildren and later doing as much as she could with her great-grandchildren.

She was a fashionista throughout her life! She would dress like royalty for holidays and functions, always leaving those remembering her presence and beauty. She was part of the gardening club where she loved exploring new flowers. She loved going to restaurants and brunch outings with her family, trying new foods but loved her shrimp cocktail! She was passionate about reading and owned hundreds of books. Crosswords, puzzles, Price is Right, and Wheel of Fortune were daily musts!

Virginia loved to travel with her family. She enjoyed many coast birthday trips, cruises, and a once in a lifetime trip to Italy to see the Vatican and Sistine Chapel.

Virginia is survived by one of her two sisters, Patricia McNutt; four of her six children, Jeannine Massey, Douglas Massey, Lorraine Massey and Cynthia Massey; and seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Stella Koperski; her younger sister Elizabeth (Betty) Becker; and her children, Kirk Massey and Jennifer (Jenjo) Massey.

Mass will be held at Our Lady Star of Sea Catholic Church in Stevenson, Wash. Services will be Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Cascade Locks Cemetery following Mass.

Darrel Gutzler



Darrel Gutzler

Darrel Gutzler passed away Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021, a few days after contracting COVID-19. For 96 years, Darrel was kind, generous, hard-working and wise. He had an incredible memory and shared his many stories with his family who loved him dearly. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy lives on in his seven great-grandchildren that he loved deeply.

Darrel was born Dec. 12, 1924, on Juniper Flats near Maupin, Ore., to Archibald and Erma Studenicka Gutzler. He spent his early years riding horses and working on the farm, chasing his dog with his brother Norman, and attending school at the one room Victor Grade School.

After graduating from Maupin High School in 1942, he immediately began working as a tugboat deckhand for the Inland Navigation Company on the Columbia River. He joined the Merchant Marines in 1944 and went to training in New York City. After the war, he returned to The Dalles, Ore., to work for the Inland Navigation Company. He soon became a tugboat captain hauling goods up and down the Columbia River. In 1960, he joined the Columbia River Pilots, and guided ships from Astoria to Portland for 29 years. He retired in 1989.

Darrel married Rachael Medler in 1949 in The Dalles, where they raised four children. In 1960, the family moved to Portland, Ore., when Darrel became a Riverboat Pilot. The family lived in southwest Portland where all four children graduated from Wilson High School. They played a lot of pool in the basement of their home on 10th Street.

Darrel loved Oregon, especially the coast at Gleneden Beach and Camp Sherman. For 30 years, they owned a cabin on the Metolius River where Darrel was always busy doing projects. Darrel and Rachael loved sharing their cabin with their family, and he enjoyed feeding the chipmunks and fish. He enjoyed taking walks on the Oregon Coast and hosting campfires for his family.

For the last two decades, Darrel lived at Mary's Woods Retirement Village in Lake Oswego. Darrel and Rachael split their time there with frequent trips to the coast and mountains during their first few years there. When Rachael got sick, Darrel was an amazing and thoughtful caregiver. Darrel enjoyed the Mary's Woods community and was a regular at the Friday poker games. He enjoyed hosting his family at the fancy restaurants and swimming with his great-grandchildren in the pool. He also gave many presentations to residents about his career on the river. He met his best friend Carol at Mary Woods, and she brought him tremendous joy.

When his beloved wife Rachael passed in 2008, he brought the family to Camp Sherman to remember her and her favorite place. The family continues to go every year and their love of Camp Sherman has been passed on to their seven great-grandchildren. This summer, the family will gather there again to join Darrel's ashes with Rachael's.

He is survived by his children David, Mark (Sharon), Marcia (Bill), and Kevin (Amy); six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to Mary's Woods - Sisters of the Holy Names.

Diane Logue



Diane Logue

Diane Elaine Beldin Logue went home to Jesus on Dec. 28, 2020. She loved God with all her heart and joins her parents Bob and Bobbe Beldin in heaven.

Diane was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother first and foremost. She treasured her family and embraced every moment with them. Whether it was sports, taekwondo, dance, 4-H, school activities or just driving the family taxi, she never passed up a chance to be involved. You could write a book about all the sacrifices and extra miles she went to put her family first.

She loved without boundary, without time constraints and without judgment. She always, regardless of the situation, found the good. In those times when we individually lost sight that there may not be any good left, she reminded us in her actions, in her integrity and in her unconditional love - that there is good. The loyalty, love and support she provided to so many is incomprehensible.

Diane was born in Lincoln, Neb., on Oct. 26, 1946. In July of 1968, she married David Logue in McCall, Idaho. She worked as a paraeducator for more than 30 years in the Lyle School District. Since retiring in 2016, she enjoyed traveling the country, jigsaw puzzles, painting rocks, ball games and being everyone's "go to" person.

She will be greatly missed by her best friend and loving husband Dave Logue; daughters and sons-in-law Lisa and Jeff Mathias, Michelle and Jeff Bush, and Teresa and Marcus LaFleur; son and daughter-in-law Davy and Amy Logue; sister Donna Cohron; brother Rob Beldin; 14 grandchildren, Ty, Taylor, Jayme, Dustin, Haley, Brittany, Jake, Ava, Dugan, Treane, Ayla, Elly, Zoe and Rae; and six great-grandchildren Harper, Eric, Teagan, TJ, Michael and Willow.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Gardner Funeral Home, White Salmon.

John Deiders



John Deiders

John V. Deiders, son of Peteris and Dagmara Deiders, passed away on Dec. 26, 2000, at Vancouver, Wash. John was born in Wurtburg, Germany, in 1947.

He lived and went to school in Trout Lake, Wash., then went on to Western Washington, in Bellingham, after which he went to work for Weyerhaeuser until his retirement.

Troopers respond to numerous crashes and other messy incidents

By Kirby Neumann-Rea
Columbia Gorge News

Apres-ski conditions were decidedly wet and unpleasant for Oregon State Trooper Zachary Yoder in the case of his arrest of Zachary James David Nyborg, 19, who allegedly fought with security guards on the slopes after causing a disturbance on the ski lift.

Numerous skid-outs, most of them non-injury, kept troopers extremely busy in the Gorge as snow and ice descended Feb. 12-16. As the Oregon State Police activity log reflects, weather-related crashes dominated, but troopers or tow truck drivers also dealt with busted guardrails, medical responses, and cases of one unruly skier and a group of trespassing skiers.

Yoder described in an OSP report what happened when he was dispatched to Mt. Hood Meadows at 7:03 p.m. Feb. 14 to "an intoxicated male causing a disturbance at Hood River Meadows Ski Resort."

"The report was that (Nyborg) was urinating on the buildings and fighting the security staff. Upon my arrival the security staff advised me that the male was highly intoxicated while riding the lift," Yoder wrote. "At the top of the lift he would not move from the path of the chairs; he continued to argue with the lift operator. This caused the lift to stop with all its passengers waiting for him to move. While the security staff escorted him out of the

way he attempted to grab the security guard's leg in order to tackle him. The security officer pushed him down. The male crawled forward and grabbed the guard's ankles.

"He was placed in handcuffs to restrain him. While transporting the male to Hood River he undressed and urinated in the back of my patrol car. Then, he rubbed his hands in the urine so he could wipe it all over the back of my patrol car. Once he realized the cage window was locked he attempted the force it open in order to wipe urine on me. He kicked and punched the cage several times in an attempt to break through." Nyborg, a Hillsboro resident, was lodged in NORCOR for Disorderly Conduct, Harassment, and Criminal Mischief III.

On Feb. 15 at milepost 88 in The Dalles, troopers responded to an incident involving a 2019 Kia Optima. An OSP Trooper saw the driver on the shoulder with his hazard lights on and believed the driver was possibly involved in a crash. The trooper quickly learned the driver, a 42-year-old Gresham man, had not crashed but was having an apparent heart attack. Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue was dispatched and transported the driver to Mid-Columbia Medical Center (MCMC).

Near the same location a few minutes later, a blue Toyota RAV4 was eastbound in the fast lane passing on the snowy roadway when it hit the concrete Jersey

barrier. The Toyota was able to pull to the shoulder of the roadway. The female driver said she was going about 40 mph passing a slower vehicle when she lost control and hit the barrier.

A westbound truck crashed into a center barrier and guardrail on Feb. 15 at milepost 49.5 west of Hood River. Officer Zachary Bohince reported that the truck began to slide on the melting snow, and hit the center barrier, knocking it 20 feet into the opposite lane, and "came back across both lanes of travel and struck the guardrail, coming to rest blocking the slow lane."

On Feb. 15 at 8:59 a.m. at milepost 12 on Highway 97, a Washington man was arrested on outstanding warrants, and charged with possession of methamphetamine after his car was involved in a wreck on the icy road. The vehicle had passed a truck, southbound, when it lost control on the snow/slush-covered passing lane, according to Trooper Les Kipper. The vehicle, driven by Cecilia F. Perla-Ramos of Vantage, Wash., went across the northbound lane and off the road, rolling onto its passenger side. There were no injuries. The occupants called Bishop Towing, who uprighted the vehicle and

pulled it back onto the road. Kipper wrote: "While investigating, I learned one of the passengers had a valid warrant out of Jefferson County for PCS-Meth. The passenger admitted that he had been arrested for PCS in Jefferson County." Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the suspect, Leobardo M. Ramos-Delgado was issued a criminal citation to appear in Jefferson County on March 4 at 9:15 a.m.

Trooper Jacob Ferrer responded to a single vehicle crash near milepost 79 on I-84 eastbound, on Feb. 15 at 6:38 p.m. He reported that a gold semi truck with box trailer lost control due to ice and left the roadway. The 53-year-old driver was transported to MCMC for observation. The truck and trailer remained upright after damaging approximately 150 feet of guardrail and traveling down an embankment.

East of The Dalles, at milepost 122, troopers responded to a non-injury crash involving multiple vehicles on Feb. 16. Trooper Kaipo Raiser reported that a blue bobtail Freightliner was traveling in the slow lane when it lost traction on the icy road and slid into the shoulder concrete barrier and fencing, Raiser reported. "It came to an uncontrolled rest at an angle blocking the middle of

the interstate. A gray Honda Civic was following the Freightliner and was unable to avoid hitting it and came to rest along the shoulder. An older blue Freightliner was traveling in the fast lane and hit the bobtail Freightliner after it came to a stop blocking the roadway. The older Freightliner came to rest blocking the fast lane. A blue Mazda 5 was following the older Freightliner and also hit the bobtail Freightliner and came to rest along the shoulder. Arlington Towing

towed the Mazda and Bishop Towing removed all the other vehicles. The roadway was completely blocked for approximately an hour before it was reopened to one lane.

At milepost 84 eastbound on Feb. 15, Trooper Zachary Yoder responded to a non-injury crash involving a 1998 Dodge pick-up, driven by Javier Hurtado, 47. "The truck hit black ice causing the camper trailer he was pulling to fishtail. The vehicles spun

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