

# OBITUARIES

PAID NOTICES

## DEATHS AND SERVICES

**Donald Grant Cant** died Dec. 21, 2020, at West Valley Medical Hospital at Caldwell, Idaho, after being treated for complications of COVID-19 and COPD. He was born Aug. 11, 1934, and was 86 years old. The family plans a celebration of life later in 2021.

**Carolyn Sperry** died March 14, 2021, at her home in The Dalles, Ore. Carolyn was born on May 3, 1946, and was 74 years of age at the time of her passing. **Joshua (Josh) Marc Sperry** of Spanaway, Wash., died April 25, 2020, at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. Josh was born on Oct. 23, 1971, and was 48 years of age at the time of his passing. Services for mother and son are as follows: Private committal ceremony on Friday, April 16 at Willamette National Cemetery; public celebration of life ceremony Sunday, April 17 at Calvary Baptist, 3350

Columbia View Drive, The Dalles — Josh's service will be at 11 a.m. and Carolyn's at 2 p.m. A reception will be held between services. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center Celilo Chapel, The Dalles. Visit [www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com](http://www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com) to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Allen Walter Chapman**, age 67, a resident of Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore., died March 19, 2021. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

**Antoinette Gossett**, age 86, a resident of Centerville, Wash., died at a local hospital March 21, 2021. Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

**Jeffrey Cunningham Krier**, age 70, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died March 22, 2021. Due to current

gathering restrictions, memorial services will be held at a later date and details will be posted on the Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home website once they have been finalized.

**Ronda Jeannette Thom**, age 66, a resident of Lyle, Wash., died March 22, 2021. Services will be held at a later date and details will be posted on the Spencer, Libby & Powell website once finalized.

**Ruth Thompson**, age 87, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died at home March 24, 2021. Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements; the date for a memorial service to be determined.

**Conny Van De Pol** died March 25, 2021, at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital in Hood River, Ore. Conny was born on May 15, 1926, and was 94 years of age at the time of

her passing. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River. Visit [www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com](http://www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com) to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Darrell B. Cardon** died March 26, 2021, at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital in Hood River, Ore. Darrell was born on Oct. 22, 1952, and was 68 years of age at the time of his passing. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River. Visit [www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com](http://www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com) to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Linda Louise Stout**, age 71, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died March 27, 2021. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

## KokDjen Su



KokDjen Su

KokDjen Su was born on Nov. 10, 1952, in Kebumen, Indonesia, to Su Sun Fa and Tan Lien Ing. He passed away on March 16, 2021, at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, Ore. He was 68 years old at the time of his passing.

Djen's Chinese heritage was from the Hubei Province. He grew up in Muntlan, Indonesia, attending De Britto — Yogyakarta, a private Catholic High School. As one of his childhood classmate shared, Djen was the top of the class in math and would always be the first who finished his exam.

He then attended Portland State University, earning a B.S. in electrical engineering. Djen was very studious and bright. He took 27 credit hours of heavy engineering classes, enabling him to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in three years. He was an honor student throughout his college years and earned a full scholarship. To support himself during college, he worked at the Benson hotel in Portland, where he learned how to make his famous prime rib and clam chowder. He proceeded to work on a Master's degree in electrical engineering. He had almost finished his thesis when he realized his student immigration status would require him to leave the U.S. once the degree was completed. But Djen loved the USA.

While studying for his Master's degree at Portland State, Djen met the love of his life, Grace, through a Christian retreat and her brother, Steve. Djen and Grace were married on Nov. 12, 1977, in Portland.

Shortly thereafter, he was on a fishing trip to Hood River and found that the Sundown Restaurant was for sale. At that time, if a person invested more than \$40,000 and created jobs, he could become a legal immigrant.

They purchased the restaurant in April 1978. Originally, the Sundown was only serving American cuisine, but soon Djen introduced Chinese cuisine consisting of his own recipes and his favorite dishes from his childhood that he learned from his grandmother and mother. The much-loved China Gorge was started. Son Justin was born in August 1979. The first 10 years of owning and operating the restaurant under Djen's leadership and hard work, and the grace of God, established the foundation of the family's love of their community. As one of Djen's passions was creating and sharing good food with others, running the restaurant was a delight and joy to him.

Djen was in a major car accident on Oct. 13, 1987, which altered the trajectory of Djen's and Grace's life. He was in a coma for more than 40 days and was not expected to survive. The amount of support and love from the family and the Hood River community was amazing. Both sides of Djen's and Grace's family flew to the U.S. to help Djen recover, a long, slow process from 1987 to 1989. It was a miracle and the grace of God that the Lord did not take him home then as Djen had yet to accept the Lord as his Savior. He came to know the Lord Jesus in 1989. The accident changed Djen due to the injuries he sustained during the accident, and Grace had to continue what Djen had started with the restaurant.

Djen always enjoyed the children who came to the restaurant. He also spent a lot of time with his nieces and nephews when they came to visit. They all have special memories of the food and fellowship and carefree, joyous, and generous person that Djen was.

Djen is survived by his wife, Grace, of Hood River, and son Justin. His also survived by siblings Djen Hua Su, KokDjen Su, Young Hua Su, Ming Hua Su, Siau Hua Su, Djoei Hua Su, as well as their spouses and children, all of Jakarta, Indonesia.

Services are planned for 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 at Anderson's Tribute Center with Oscar Stenburg III officiating — family is being mindful of current COVID restrictions and public health, so we may have a smaller memorial and viewing which will be streamed live for all to watch and a public celebration of life to be held later in the year when restrictions can accommodate a larger gathering. In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations may be made to Horizon Christian School in Hood River. Visit [www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com](http://www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com) to leave a note of condolence for the family and to access the link to the live stream link for his service.

## Robert (Bob) Sieverkropp

Robert (Bob) H. Sieverkropp died at home in Wilsonville, Ore., on Feb. 6, 2021, after a long battle with cancer. Bob was born on Dec. 7, 1955. Bob graduated from Hood River Valley High School (HRVHS) in 1974 and joined the US Air Force. After his service he lived in San Francisco working for Ghiradelli's Chocolate Factory. He returned to Oregon in 1980 to begin his career in Portland with US West Telephone Co. He spent time with them in Seattle, Wash., then returned to Portland for a few years before transferring to Tucson, Ariz. He retired from US West (Qwest) in Phoenix, Ariz., in 2006 and remained in Arizona in various cities. Upon finding out about his illness, he moved to Wilsonville to be closer to family in May 2018. Bob's hobbies included breeding and raising exotic birds (parrots, etc.), making jewelry, many concerts with friends and family and traveling.

Bob is survived by his mother Betty Sieverkropp and siblings Linda (Randy) Shipley, Scott Sieverkropp, Sally (Ron) Moss, Tom (Reka) Sieverkropp, and James (Pat) Sieverkropp. Bob also enjoyed spending time with his many nieces and nephews: Chris (Cait) Shipley, Michael Shipley, Stephanie (Chris) Reynolds, Amy Moss and Joe Thomas, Spencer Moss, Ryan Sieverkropp, Austin Sieverkropp, Weston Sieverkropp and great-nephews Apollo Sieverkropp and Cayden Shipley, his "little buddy." Bob was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Sieverkropp, and nephew, Tyler Ryan Moss.

No funeral arrangements are planned at this time.



## Structure fire in Odell

A first alarm structure fire was reported on the morning of Tuesday, March 23 at the 2600 block of Wy'East Road in Odell. All Hood River County fire agencies responded to the blaze. Wy'East Fire Chief Greg Borton said the structure was fully involved on one side when firefighters arrived on the scene at 10:40 a.m. It was late afternoon before firefighters had knocked down all of the hotspots, Borton said, adding it was a tough fire to fight. Due to the size of the fire, the state fire marshal responded to investigate, as did the homeowner's insurance agency and Wy'East Fire. The cause of the fire is still undetermined. Photo courtesy of Captain Tiffany Peterson, Wy'East Fire.

## FUNDS Counties, cities and states funded

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Unlike the personal stimulus checks, payments to local governments are not without strings. Federal requirements seek periodic reports and prohibit cities and counties from using funds for deposit into any pension fund. On March 23, Brown indicated a list of preferences in her 10-point plan "to guide state agencies and local governments in making investments that will maximize immediate benefits for Oregonians in an equitable

way," she said in a press release. The Oregon plan's top priorities seek to invest in workers and businesses impacted by COVID-19, especially communities of Black, Indigenous and People of Color. Investing in rural, agricultural and health services is also among Brown's top three priorities.

Counties, cities and states will receive the first half of the funds directly from the U.S. Treasury no later than May 10 and the second half, a year later. States then have 30 days to distribute recovery funds but can ask for a 30-day extension. More detailed guidelines for local governments are expected in the future.

In addition to direct payment to governments, the \$1.9 trillion package includes separate relief to public utilities, libraries, and transit agencies as well as grants for additional health services.

A few cities and counties have already scheduled public listening sessions to determine how funds will be spent, although most are waiting for additional guidance. Jeff Hecksel, Hood River County administrator, said the commissioners will discuss a plan for the process at its next meeting, April 5.

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