

# OBITUARIES

— PAID NOTICES —

## Jacqueline Van Ness



Jacqueline Van Ness, 84, passed away on the morning of Dec. 22, 2020, at Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles, Ore. Born in The Dalles on Feb. 12, 1936, Jackie was a lifelong resident. She loved being with family and spending time at family gatherings, bowling at Westgate Lanes, and most recently taking trips to the Oregon coast with her sister Colleen and her niece Cathy.



Jacqueline Van Ness

Jackie was a devoted care provider for her family members. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, regularly meeting several of her school classmates for lunch. Jackie enjoyed working in her yard and being outside. She was a longtime member of the Evangelical Church in The Dalles. Jackie had a diverse working career, working her way up to managing a local restaurant and later a shoe store, where she received many awards for her accomplishments and management skills.

The daughter of Olin and Veve Caldwell, Jackie was the third born of four children. She was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, Paul Van Ness; her older brother, Richard "Dick" Caldwell; and her daughter Rhonda Ferrell Brown. Jackie is survived by her son, Jim Ferrell, his wife Janis, granddaughter Celeste Ferrell Worrell and husband Riley Worrell; grandson Brian Brown and great-grandsons Felix and Otis Brown; stepchildren Laurie Alberts, Karla Reeds, Kurt, Jeff, and Chris Van Ness; sister Colleen Fredrickson, her children Cathy Fredrickson, Janet Fredrickson-Bauer, Richard "Dick" Fredrickson, and his wife Monika; brother Bob Caldwell, wife Mary and their children, Vincent Caldwell, his wife Rosie, Lynette Caldwell Leisure, and Scott and John Kohltfarber.

At Jackie's request, there will be no funeral. A private graveside service will be held at the IOOF cemetery in The Dalles on June 11.

## Lynnora O'Meara



Lynnora O'Meara

Lynnora "Nora" O'Meara passed away at her home in The Dalles, Ore., on May 24, 2021, from natural causes. She was 72 years old. Nora was born in Duarte, Calif., in 1948 and raised in The Dalles. She graduated from Wahatka High School in 1966.

Nora held managerial positions at several local restaurants throughout her career, including at Dave's Hometown Pizza and Casa Del Rio. She was a vintage clothing collector, an avid reader, a history buff, and trivia expert. Nora was known for her quick wit and excellent sense of humor. She was just a phone call away for those who needed a good laugh.

Nora loved the natural beauty of the Columbia River Gorge and taught her children and grandchildren a special appreciation for river stones, driftwood and wildflowers. She always had an art project in the making and saw creative potential in everyday objects. She will be remembered for her generosity, warmth and intelligence by those who knew her.

Nora is survived by two children, Chad Gayhart and Mary-Rain O'Meara; her son-in-law, Santiago Carmona; two grandchildren, Sebastian and Matilda Carmona; two siblings, Margie Shafer and Ben Blount; her nieces, Lori Hanna and Shannon Blount; and many cousins, great-nieces and nephews.

Nora was preceded in death by her father, Carl Mark Blount, mother Adeline Blount (Prentice), brother, Carl "Buzz" Mark Blount, and her daughter, Delanie Bea O'Meara. Nora was one of Jehovah's Witnesses at the congregation in The Dalles. A memorial service was held on June 5.

## Sandra Hammond



Sandra Hammond

Sandra "Sandy" Hammond died peacefully at home on May 25, 2021.

Sandy was born April 12, 1942, to Walton and Edna Lynch in Prineville, Ore. She followed her lifelong love of music to the University of Oregon. After graduating, she moved to The Dalles to teach music throughout the grade schools. Shortly after arriving, she met her husband Phil; they married April 19, 1969.

She was active in the community through groups at Calvary Baptist Church, Cascade Singers, P.E.O., Scouting, Chamber of Commerce and theater productions. She continued many similar activities when she and Phil moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 2003 to explore the Southwest together.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Marilyn. She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Phil; her son Dale (Kari) of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren Alexandra, Elliot and Oliver; and her nieces and nephews.

A memorial service led by her former pastor, Jim Bull, will take place at Calvary Baptist Church in The Dalles on Saturday, June 12 at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please make a gift in her memory to Whitworth University (Spokane, Wash., 99251) or the charity of your choice.

## Deniese Lemarr



Deniese Lemarr

Deniese Lemarr was a lifelong resident of The Dalles, Ore. She was born Dec. 13, 1952, and passed away at age 68 on June 1, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Maxine Gale, brothers William and John, and son Shane Lemarr. She is survived by son Jerry Lemarr, brother Griff (Venda) Gale, sister Virginia Hunter, and granddaughters Harlie and Kilie, and their mother Amanda.

Deniese was employed in housekeeping most of her career the last 20-plus years at Mid Columbia Medical Center.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

## Jacqueline Stencil



Jacqueline Stencil

Jacqueline D. Stencil (Drown) was born in Boise, Idaho. On Aug. 5, 1981. She was called home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at age 39 in Sneads Ferry, N.C., on Jan. 22, 2021.

Jacqueline grew up in White Salmon, Wash., and graduated from Columbia High School. Jacqueline got pregnant in high school, where she chose life and adopted out Amanda to Brian and Brenda Thompson.

Jacqueline worked at Riverview Bank, Bank of America in The Dalles, Ore., and Gardner Funeral Home. Jacqueline served in the Marine Corps, Nov. 14, 2007 to Aug. 15, 2011. She served her country in the United States as a Substance Abuse Control Officer and received her Sergeant stripes. She continued her education at the American Military University in Associate of Applied Science and Health Sciences and her Bachelor of Arts in Security Management with Honors, and was accepted into the National Honor Society.

She is survived by her parents, Larry and Toni Stencil; birth father, Michael Clark; children, Amanda, Caitlyn, Noah and Abraham; her sisters, Jessica, Miranda and Brianna; four nieces, Tiffany, Brittany, Lilly and Emily; one great-nephew, Benjamin; and her first grandson, Bodhi.

A celebration of life was held at the Husum Church on the first day of spring, March 20, 2021. We want to thank Gardner Funeral Home for their excellent help with setting up her video, and our church family for all their help, love and support during this time. We would also like to thank all our family and friends for the flowers and cards. We truly felt the love of our community.

## William Wilkins



William Wilkins

William F. Wilkins, founding partner and CEO of Wilkins, Kaiser, Olsen Inc., passed away peacefully at home on June 3, 2021, surrounded by family. Bill was born on Aug. 20, 1935, in Goldendale, Wash., to Theodore V. and Vera M. Wilkins. Bill grew up in Goldendale and after high school, attended Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. Bill moved to Stevenson, Wash., in 1962, where he and his business partners had formed WKO and started a high lead logging company which expanded to a veneer mill and multiple sawmills.

Bill is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dolly, of Stevenson; children Brad and Monica, Debbie and Keith, and Bill and Sue of Carson, Wash., Shelli and Smitty of Vancouver, Wash., Carrie and Pete of Corvallis, Ore., Scott of Goldendale, Juanita and Darren of Stevenson, and Lori and Troy of Camas, Wash.; sister Joan of The Dalles, Ore.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Vera, infant daughter Connie, infant grandson Kevin and infant brother Teddy.

Bill loved his family and his business. He enjoyed many outdoor activities including hunting and fishing. Bill was an avid golfer. He and Dolly spent many years touring through various states enjoying motor coaching, golf and friends.

Bill will be laid to rest on Wednesday, June 9 at 11 a.m. at the Stevenson Cemetery on Highway 14, Stevenson.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Heart of Hospice and Bobbi's Way In Home Health Care for their care

## DEATHS AND SERVICES

**Gail Owen Lewis**, 74, died Feb. 5, 2021, at home in Cascade Locks, Ore. Gail was born on May 31, 1946.

A service with military honors will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Cascade Locks Cemetery, 95 N.W. WaNaPa St., Cascade Locks. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Stephen P. Kelly**, longtime Husum, Wash., resident, died March 18, 2021 in Seattle, Wash. He was born Dec. 20, 1950, in Mineola, N.Y. A Mass and memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on August 12 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, White Salmon, Wash.

**Robert "Bob" Allene Anderson** died April 10, 2021, at the age of 83. Bob was born in Hood River on Sept. 25, 1937. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 19 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 305 Ninth St., Hood River. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Jonathan Sproule Emerson**, 69, died suddenly of a heart attack in Tepotzlan, Morelos, Mexico, on May 15, 2021. He was born May 13,

1952. A memorial celebration will be held in the United States in the future. Crematorio Anubis, Morelos, Mexico, is in charge of arrangements.

**Steven James Shewey** died May 26, 2021, in Hood River, Ore. Steven was born on May 18, 1973, and was 48 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 to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Gregory Hollister** died May 30, 2021, at his home in Hood River, Ore. Gregory was born on Sept. 19, 1947, and was 73 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 to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Bernice Ada Miller** died May 30, 2021, at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital in Hood River, Ore. Bernice was born Dec. 24, 1932, and was 88 years of age at the time of her passing. A committal service was held June 3 at Willamette National Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Jose Ochoa** died May 31, 2021, at Portland Providence Medical Center in Portland, Ore. Jose was born on Sept. 10, 1954, and was 66 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 to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Ryan John Schlattman**, age 42, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died June 1, 2021. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

**Elizabeth J. Hartmann**, age 94, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died at home June 2, 2021. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

**Ronald Wayne Morgan Jr.** died June 2, 2021, in Parkdale, Ore. Ron was born on Dec. 30, 1968, and was 52 years of age at the time of his passing. A committal service is tentatively planned for 1 p.m. on Monday, July 12 at Pine Grove Butte Cemetery of Hood River, Ore. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Mary Kathryn Holt**, age 79, a resident of The Dalles, Ore., died June 3, 2021. Graveside services will be held in Idaho, and details

will be posted on Spencer, Libby & Powell Website once finalized.

**Fredrick Raymond "Ray" Edwards** died June 4, 2021, at his home in Hood River, Ore. Ray was born on June 26, 1936, and was 84 years of age at the time of his passing. A service will take place at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1825 May St., Hood River, on Saturday, June 12 at 11 a.m.; graveside committal will follow at Idlewild Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, Hood River. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

**Donna Jean Farrar**, age 89, resident of Grass Valley, Ore., died at home June 4, 2021.

There will be no services at her request. Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

**Shirley Ekker** died June 5, 2021, at Providence Brookside Manor in Hood River, Ore. Shirley was born on Jan. 5, 1928, and was 93 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 to leave a note of condolence for the family.

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