

OBITUARIES

— PAID NOTICES —

Ruth Elsasser-Kolberg



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It is with great sadness that the family of Ruth Ellen Elsasser-Kolberg share her unexpected passing on May 24, 2021, in Husum, Wash., at the age of 42. She will always be loved and remembered by her husband, Ryan Kolberg, and children Victor and Tsadiku Coffman.

Ruth was the beloved daughter of Thomas and Cathleen Elsasser and sister of Kerry Elsasser and Amy (Tristan) Morel L'Horsert. She was a loving aunt to Tristan, Thomas, Theodore, Lincoln, Isabella, Olivia and Genevieve, and the devoted daughter-in-law of Linda Kolberg. She will be greatly missed by dear friends from Mansfield, Penn., to the area of the Columbia River Gorge in Washington and Oregon and beyond.

Ruth packed so much life into her 42 years. She traveled, hiked, biked, skied, chased her dreams, worked in a profession she loved, and still put one foot in front of the other while battling both Gaucher's and Parkinson's disease. She did so with grace and courage and took advantage of every moment. One of her favorite things to do was to share her love for the outdoors with her husband, sons, family, friends, and dogs. Her laugh was infectious and will be remembered by all who knew her.

Ruth was born at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, N.J., on March 7, 1979. Ruth attended both Mansfield Junior-Senior High School and Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and achieved high honors at both. She obtained her Master of Science in Nursing from Oregon Health Sciences University and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Frontier Nursing University and was a lifelong learner in her field. She was a compassionate and dedicated educator for the Frontier Nursing program and loved teaching and sharing her gifts with her students. Most recently, she was in pursuit of a certification in Ayurvedic Medicine as she believed that health and wellness depend on achieving a balance between the mind, body, and spirit.

Ruth has left an indelible mark on all of us lucky enough to have known her and we all wish her the peace she deserves. She would want us to find comfort in knowing she is free from pain. We will miss her zest for life and contagious smile. She will be deeply loved forever and will never be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations can be made in Ruth's name either online or mailed to The Children's Gaucher Research Fund at www.childrensgaucher.org/how-to-help/donate-now.

To send condolences to Ruth's family, please visit www.gardnerfh.com.

Leopold Gauvin



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Leopold Joseph Gauvin was born in Acushnet, Mass., on April 21, 1935, to Aurora (Hubert) and Amedee Joseph Gauvin. The family relocated many times while Leo was a child, eventually settling in Pomona, Calif. Leo served in the Army in the late 1950s and was honorably discharged after his military service.

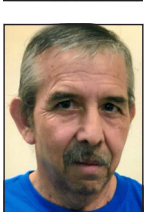
On April 15, 1961, Leo married Elizabeth Lucille "Betty" Raupp in Toledo, Wash. The couple lived in Pomona before making their home in White Salmon, Wash. Leo was employed by the local telephone company, working his way up to planning engineer.

Mr. Gauvin was a member of the Oregon Independent Telephone Association, worked with United Way, was the president of St. Vincent DePaul, and volunteered at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital. Leo was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and picking huckleberries. He also loved leather crafting and photography.

Leo Gauvin passed away at his home in White Salmon on June 4, 2021, at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife, Betty Gauvin, of White Salmon; children Janet Duncan of Pullman, Wash., Jeffrey Gauvin of Manitou Springs, Colo., and Jennifer Yeager of Stephenville, Texas; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Leo was preceded in death by his brother Charles Gauvin.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on June 14 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Hood River, Ore. To send condolences to the Gauvin family, please visit www.gardnerfh.com.

Jose Ochoa Izarraraz



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Jose Ochoa Izarraraz passed away on May 31, 2021, at Portland Providence Medical Center in Portland, Ore. Jose was born on Sept. 10, 1954, in Chavinda, Michoacán, to parents Guadalupe Izarraraz Flores and Jose Ochoa Mares and was 66 years of age at the time of his passing.

Jose married Maria Lourdes Ochoa and they were married for 39 years until his passing. Lourdes was always there for him. Jose and Lourdes lived in King Orchards in Odell, Ore., for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters, and 12 grandchildren. In loving memory of our dad, husband, and grandpa.

A viewing was held June 8 at Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, Ore. Catholic Funeral Mass was held June 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hood River, and graveside rites followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery of Hood River.

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Jose Ochoa Izarraraz falleció el 31 de mayo 2021 en Providence Portland Medical Center en Portland, Oregon. Jose hijo de Guadalupe Izarraraz flores y Jose Ochoa Mares nació el 10 de septiembre de 2021 en Chavinda, Michoacán y tenía 66 años de edad cuando falleció.

Jose se casó con Maria Lourdes Ochoa y estuvieron casados 39 años cuando Jose falleció. Lourdes siempre estuvo ahí para ayudar a Jose. Jose y Lourdes vivieron aquí en la huerta King en Odell, Oregon.

El es sobrevivido por su esposa, dos hijos, tres hijas y 12 nietos. En memoria de nuestro padre, esposo y abuelo.

Un tiempo de velación se llevó cabo Martes 8 de junio en Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, y su misa fúnebre Miercoles 9 de junio en la iglesia católica

de St. Mary's, Hood River. Jose fue enterrado en el panteón católico St. Mary's, 1225 Tucker Road, Hood River.

Visite www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com para dejar una nota de condolencia para la familia.

Rachel White



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Rachel F. White, 83, of Johnson City, Ore., passed away June 2, 2021. She was born in Salina, Kan., on April 28, 1938. Rachel attended Selah High School near Yakima, Wash.

Before moving to Portland, Rachel worked at the Elks Lodge as a bartender in Hood River, Ore. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was married to Richard White on

March 21, 1992.

Rachel had a passion for singing and playing music. Her beautiful voice led her to attend broadcasting school. Upon graduation, she worked for Benson High School's radio station, KBPS. That led to her working for Portland Public Schools until she retired from the district in 1993.

She will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor and outgoing nature. She made friends just about everywhere she went, often creating lifelong friendships in the most random places. In the words of Rachel's daughter, Angela, "Once you love Mom, you love her forever."

Rachel was a single mother for a large part of her children's lives. Despite the difficult task of raising children alone, Rachel's children grew up to be successful adults. Throughout her life, her greatest joy was celebrating her children's accomplishments.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Sean Priest, as well as 11 siblings. She is survived by her husband Richard White; her four children, Kathern (Roger) Ford, Karl (Kathleen) Priest, Joy (Gordon) Hartlieb, and Angela Gravett; grandchildren Randall Rosenberg, Melissa Contois, Ivan Ford, Madeline Priest, and Elizabeth Levy; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Ula Kruse. She also leaves behind her dear friend Betty, who was practically a sister to her, Jean, with whom she shared family and friendship for more than 60 years, and Sheila, with whom she cherished almost 60 years of friendship, among many other friends.

Funeral services were held at Lincoln Memorial Park and Funeral Home on June 10. To leave online condolences, please visit www.lincolnmemorialpk.com.

Robert Wheble

Robert A. Wheble lost his battle with cancer on May 26, 2021, in Duxbury, Mass. Bob was born on Oct. 25, 1954, to John and Gloria Wheble of Kingston, Mass. His long and successful career as a master carpenter took him around the world, but he spent most of his career working in Southern California and in and around the Columbia River Gorge.

Bob was predeceased by his son, Sean H. Wheble, and is survived by his daughter, Kassi C. Haley, and his siblings, John, Pete, Tom, Andy, Maryjane, and Meg. He was predeceased by his brother Jim. Bob is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Steven Richardson



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Steven Jay Richardson of Ontario, Ore., passed away April 11, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, Idaho, after suffering a fall, and after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer.

Steve had many passions, from literature, movies, and music — playing guitar and harmonica in local gigs with his band, Hot Rocks — to boxing, taekwondo, weightlifting, and hiking.

Steve was born in Hood River, Ore., on Aug. 17, 1951, to Marion Jane (Ryalls) and William (Bill) Richardson. One of Steve's earliest passions was for track and cross country. Running for Hood River High, Steve placed fifth in the two-mile with a time of 9:59.6 as a sophomore in State Class 2-A Championships. He also ran cross country for Wy'east High School, running against legendary Steve Prefontaine at the state meet in 1968 and placing 70th. Steve's family still jokes about what might have happened if only his coach hadn't had a "no long hair" policy — Steve's free spirit couldn't abide by this rule and he quit the team.

Steve graduated from Hood River High School in 1969; he attended the University of Oregon in Eugene. On Dec. 24, 1971, he married Richelle (Ricki) Duckwall. Steve continued running, participating and placing in the Kollas-Cranmer Odell to Hood River July 4 runs. He had a number of jobs, from working at Paris Fair, to serving as one of the first fabric cutters when Jantzen set up business in Hood River, to his many years at Tallman Ladders, and, later, at Duckwall Fruit. Steve and Richelle were married 28 years. He loved his two daughters and delighted in their accomplishments and indulged their fancies, energetically taking up their schemes and games and even (as they realize now) their incredibly repetitive made-up songs. They remember with special fondness the summer camping trips and beach vacations. Steve's free spirit and humor, his zest for life, and his avid reading and curiosity influenced all around him, particularly his two girls. His outgoing personality and gentle demeanor attracted many friendships.

In 2004, Steve married Margueritte Green of White Salmon, Wash. Steve later moved to Ontario, Ore.

Steve is survived by his daughters, Dr. Rebecca Richardson of Palo Alto, Calif., and Merrie Richardson and fiancé Dakota Waddell of Bowling Green, Ky.; brother Scott Richardson of Ontario, Ore.; several cousins; and Richelle and Margueritte.

A private memorial service is planned at Idlewild Cemetery in June. Steve's family asks that in lieu of flowers, friends near and far keep Steve in their thoughts, share any favorite memories, follow their doctors' recommendations

for cancer screening, and support local organizations including Hukari Animal Shelter, Hood River Adopt a Dog, and Hood River Shelter Services.

Marylynn Derich



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Marylynn Derich was born in Sacramento, Calif., on March 12, 1950. She attended Crocker Elementary School, California Junior High, and graduated from C. K. McClatchy High School. She left this world on June 6, 2021, after several years struggling with cancer. She faced her death as she faced her life, with dignity, grace, and acceptance.

Marylynn enjoyed living in many beautiful places. She raised her son, Justin, on Maui while married to Peter Wolford. Then she moved to Ashland, Ore., and later settled in White Salmon, Wash.

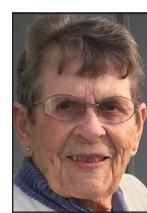
Marylynn has begun her next adventure. She was a courageous Pisces, animal lover and astrologer. Throughout her life she had the ability and determination to walk a different path than most. She honed her skills and wisdom and became a modern-day Wise Woman Healer and Teacher as well as a dear friend to many she met along the way.

The family wishes to express its gratitude for the kind and loving care Marylynn received from Richard Schneider, Karen Lee, Sukaynah Joyan, and her lifelong friend, Bo Morrison, as well as her many other friends in White Salmon.

Her soul is free to soar above Silver Lake, in the California Sierras ... a place she loved. She will be missed.

Gardner Funeral Home, White Salmon, is in care of arrangements.

Theresa Hood



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An angel was called from earth today to join Jesus in Heaven. Theresa was pure and always followed God's lessons. She loved all the people and most people loved her.

Theresa M. (Jones) Hood passed away May 30, 2021, at home in McMinnville, Ore., surrounded by family and friends who loved her. She was born on Oct. 26, 1919, in Shaniko, Ore., to John T. and Elsie L. (Reeder) Jones.

She went to school and graduated from Dufur schools. She married her high school sweetheart, George (Joe) Hood, on March 2, 1942. He left for the war a month later and was gone for 30 months. When he returned, they started their family and raised them in Dufur. They were married for 65 years when Joe passed away in 2007.

Theresa worked and retired from US Bank after 17 years. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Rebekah's, American Legion Auxiliary, Order of the Eastern Star, and she was a very active citizen of Dufur, volunteering wherever she was needed. Also, a player of cards, she was a shark!

Surviving are their children, son Michael J. Hood (Phylis) of McMinnville and Maricopa, Ariz., son Ronald S. Hood (Patti) of Colorado, and daughter Janice J. Oxley of McMinnville; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband Joe, her parents, and siblings (she was the last of her generation to pass away), and one grandchild, Brian D. Hood.

Theresa requested no service be held following her death. She was buried in The Dalles on June 8 along with Joe's ashes and the ashes of their dog (Tinkerbell). Family will be holding a reception later in the summer to celebrate and share her life of 101 years. Any remembrance in her name may be made to Legacy Hospice Services, Portland. To leave condolences, visit www.macyandson.com.

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 held on June 19 from 1-4 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, The Dalles.

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