

# OBITUARIES

— PAID NOTICES —



John Abken

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The family of John Abken would like to invite family and friends to come together July 31 for a potluck luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. at the Underwood Community Center. Please don't dress up, no flowers, no cards. Just come share memories, stories and love. Please bring a dish.

## Lois Baker



Lois Baker

Lois Elaine Baker passed away at home on July 9, 2021, at the age of 91. She was born Dec. 29, 1929, to Helen and Tomas (Clyde) Jones in Clay Center, Kan.

Lois graduated from Wakefield High, Kan., in 1947 and then continued her education at Kansas State University, where she graduated in 1951 as a medical technologist.

While attending college, Lois met her husband, Jerry, while selling tickets to a dance. The rest is history. In 1951, they were married and moved to Ellensburg, Wash., in 1953. A year later, Lois and Jerry moved to White Salmon, Wash., where she got a job at Skyline Hospital as a medical technologist. Lois left the hospital in 1980 and acquired a job at the Henkle Middle School as a teacher's assistant. Lois was a natural at teaching and loved working with kids and always hoped that she made a difference. While working, and after retiring in 1995, Lois and Jerry traveled to Europe, Africa, China, New Zealand, Russia and Siberia, where they shared many stories and adventures, including being charged by a bull elephant.

Lois had many interests and was involved in the White Salmon community and was constantly helping with volunteer organizations such as: Packing Christmas food baskets, the city library book sale, Boy Scout leader, Girl Scout leader, and was also a long-standing PEO member.

Lois's first passion was her family. Lois always put her family before herself. She was such a dedicated wife and Mom and she would have it no other way.

Another passion of Lois's was reading. Jerry kept building more and more bookshelves until eventually, there was a dedicated room just for books where Lois had them all categorized by title and author (with good intentions of reading them all). Lois's reading passion and volunteer work also lead to the honor of the Henkle Middle School Library being named after her — the Lois Baker Library.

Lois's other passion was quilting, where the many lucky recipients of her quilts now have a beautiful legacy to attach a memory to the beautiful person she was.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, son David B. Baker, and sister Phyllis Jean Jones.

Lois is survived by her husband of 70 years, Jerry Baker; daughter, Stacie; sons Patrick (Holly) and Craig (Judy); brother, Alfred; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

A celebration of life will be held at Gardner Funeral Home, White Salmon, on Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to WS-CHS ALUMNI ASSOC. REUNION. In the check memo line please write CASPE Scholarship Fund.

## Marilyn Murphy



Marilyn Murphy

Marilyn J. Murphy passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at age 84 at Markham House in Portland, Ore., after a long fight with Alzheimer's. She was born and raised in The Dalles, Ore., and was the oldest of six children of Gertrude and John Macnab. Her family was strongly Catholic, and she remained in the church her entire life. In 1954, she graduated from Saint Mary's Academy in The Dalles and then Gonzaga University in 1958.

While at Gonzaga, she met the love of her life, Gene Murphy. After a six-month courtship, they married in November 1958 at Old St. Peter's Catholic Church in The Dalles. In addition to working hard raising her children, she had a long career in insurance beginning with Liberty Mutual in Eugene in 1969. In 1982, she started the Alaska National Insurance Company claims department where she eventually became a senior vice president, finally retiring in 1999. They retired to Sunriver, where she lived until 2019. She was an avid golfer and loved to entertain.

She was predeceased by her father in 1957, brother Jim in 1958, mother in 1993, and husband in 2013.

Marilyn will be remembered for being a great mom, grandmother, sister and friend. Her life is best described by the Frank Sinatra song "I did it my way."

She is survived by son Dan and Andrea (Lake Oswego), daughter Molly and Darrell Friess (Anchorage, Alaska), granddaughters Emily Murphy (Portland) and Claire Murphy (New Zealand), sister Ann and Pat Hagel (Eugene), brother Steve and Patsy Macnab (Bend), brother Doug Macnab (The Dalles), sister Laurie and Vern Hammill (Grants Pass), and many nieces, nephews, and friends. For information on services, please contact Molly Friess, 907-227-4066 / molly@gci.net.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

## Carl Barnett



Carl Barnett

Carl Alvin Barnett, age 96, passed away July 7, 2021, at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore. Carl was known to his many friends as Barn or Barney and to his loving family as "Pa." Carl was born in The Dalles on Feb. 5, 1925, to George Lawrence and Lola May (Schadewitz) Barnett. The family resided in Kent, Ore., and included siblings Melvin (Bud) L. Barnett, Rose Ellen Palmer and Ernest (Gene) Eugene Barnett.

Carl married his high school sweetheart, Mary Helen Fargher, on May 22, 1942. They had three daughters, Karen Ann (Rogers) Murray, Pamela May (Jim) Duncan and Karletta Lea (Ralph) Carrithers; grandchildren Matt and Tracy Tidyman, Sheri (Dave) Talamantes, James J. (Tricia) and Julie Duncan, Brian (Salena) and Jason (Sara)

LaFaver; and great-grandchildren Duncan Talamantes, Erika (Kevin) Cabral and Ryan Talamantes, Hailey and Lexi Duncan, Kayla Rott, Bryce, Brock, Lucas, and Samuel LaFaver. All family, especially grandchildren and great-grandchildren, were a very important part of his life.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lola, his wife Mary Helen, siblings Bud, Rose (John), and Gene (Janet), daughter Karen and her children Matt and Tracy Tidyman.

In 1939, Carl's parents moved the family from Kent to purchase and operate the Cow Canyon Service Station, Cabins and Café. At that time, Carl started school at Maupin High, where he met the love of his life, Mary Helen. After their marriage in 1942, Carl worked for his father farming their property on Juniper Flat. He enlisted in the Navy in 1944 during World War II. He was a Seaman 1st Class (Landing Craft Operator) in the Asiatic-Pacific. Carl was honorably discharged in 1946, at which time he returned to Maupin to be with his wife and daughters. Over the next 10, years Carl had many different occupations: He was involved in the 1947 construction of the PP&L highline crossing the Deschutes River; he and his family caravanned with other construction workers to many different job locations; owned and operated Madras Freightlines in Madras, Ore.; and was a car salesman for Eddins Motor Co in The Dalles. He was one of their top salesmen, selling many cars and trucks to residents/farmers of south county.

Carl and brother Gene purchased the Shell Oil Gas Station in Maupin in 1956, the beginning of Barnett Brothers Service. Carl also operated the Shell Oil distributorship delivering gas, diesel and oil to ranchers and farmers throughout south county. During this time, Carl and Gene donated many hours to the Southern Wasco County Ambulance Service, caring for and transporting patients to Mid-Columbia Hospital in The Dalles. Carl was also a part-time school bus driver for Wasco County Union High School, where he not only transported students to school but to athletic events, senior skips, etc. In 1967, Carl began working for Wasco Electric Co-op as a ground man (grunt) out of the Maupin Office; he retired in 1987.

On a personal note, Carl was known to all friends, co-workers, and family as a wonderful man, with a huge heart and a love of life. His laugh was infectious and one we will all remember and cherish. Not only was he a bull-shitter (some even calling him professional) but he had a gift of sharing some of the best stories and jokes around. One of his families most beloved quotes is, "I might not always be right, but I am never wrong" — it should have been, "I never admit I'm wrong," which we loved too. Carl was an avid hunter most of his life. He treasured his elk and deer hunting trips and found great pleasure reliving the stories with family and friends.

Some of the organizations Carl was involved with over the years: Maupin Lions Club, Elks, Eagles, Maupin Booster Club, American Legion Post No. 73, and Masons of Oregon. One of Carl's proudest moments was in October 2020, when he received the Master Mason "65 Year Award" from the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon.

In 1994, Carl and Mary Helen moved to The Dalles, where they enjoyed a new retirement life. Unfortunately, after 55 years of marriage, Mary Helen passed away in 1997 after a long illness. Carl purchased property again in Maupin, moving back in 1999. After several medical events, Carl sold his property and moved in with his daughter Karletta and husband Ralph in 2005. He was able to live with them until suffering a medical event that required him to move to the Oregon Veterans Home, where he resided for two months before his death. Special thanks to the Oregon Veterans Home and to Nicole Pashek, ANP, for their kindness and care of our beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Graveside services will be held at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in The Dalles on July 24 at 11 a.m. Viewing of Carl will be available from 8-10 a.m. the morning of the service at Spencer, Libby, and Powell Funeral Home. A Memorial "Celebration of Life" (potluck) will follow at the American Legion Hall on main street in Maupin at 2 p.m.

Because of Carl and Mary Helen's many years of service to Southern Wasco County Ambulance Service, donations may be made to SWCAS, P.O. Box 125, Maupin OR 97037.

## Richard J. Schon



Richard J. Schon

Richard (Dick) J. Schon was born on Feb. 14, 1937. He went to be with the Lord unexpectedly on July 16, 2021, from complications from pneumonia.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Hollywood, Calif. He attended College in San Jose and later became a merchant seaman in 1957. He married the love of his life, Claudia Jean Buvens, in 1962. He joined the Air Force reserve, where he served until honorably discharged in 1966.

His career as a human resource manager took him from California to Arizona to Washington and finally to Oregon, where he retired from Northwest Aluminum.

Loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Respected and fondly remembered for his kindness and generous spirit. Dick was a very active and proud parishioner of St. Peter's Catholic Church and served many roles. He was a member of The Knights of Columbus, a lector, an usher, and he was always available to serve the homebound. He had a special place in his heart to help those who were in need and found many opportunities to be generous, including all the times he would stop to assist a car broken down or the times he would buy someone homeless a meal. His children would also like to apologize to all the people he stopped to help as he really didn't know what he was doing, but he sure could kick a tire in solidarity!

His family fondly remembers his love for fishing, camping, playing the guitar around the campfire and listening and dancing to Harry Belafonte, his bad Dad jokes and excellent skills in arm chair quarterbacking.

Dick was preceded in death by his loving wife Claudia, mother Helen, father Bob Geisinger and great-grandson Jaxon. He is survived by his children, Jim (Sharon) Schon, Susan (Bret) Rood, Kathy (Rod) Schon-Dines, and Patrick

(Jenny) Schon; his grandchildren Jacob, Claudia, Zoey, Bodhi, and Ayla; great-grandkids Stella and Orrin; and sisters Naomi and Mary and brother John.

May heaven be full of oil free driveways, no yellow spots on the lawn and days with perfect BBQ weather.

Please check Spencer Libby and Powell's website for service date and time.

## Betty Sholl



Betty Sholl

Betty Laura (Jackson) Sholl, long-time resident of The Dalles, Ore., died in her sleep on July 13, 2021, at Flagstone Senior Living in The Dalles. She was 94.

Betty and her twin, Dorothy, were born Jan. 10, 1927, in Lansing, Mich., to parents Frederic and Mary Jackson, joining older siblings Helen and Arthur. On Feb. 27, 1927, Betty was baptized as a child of God at Emmanuel First Lutheran Church in Lansing, and then later, around age 13, was confirmed in her Lutheran faith and received her first Holy Communion. After completing her education, she and Dorothy worked at the Lansing State Police Department.

On Sept. 20, 1950, Betty married Maurice (Maury) Sholl in Lansing. In their early years, they lived in Ohio, where their four children

were born. In 1957, the young family moved cross-country to the Tieton Ranger Station near White Pass, Wash. Moves followed to Portland, Ore., in 1967 then, finally to The Dalles in 1973. In 2006, after 55 years of love and adventure, Maury died. Betty continued her life journey with the support of her loving family.

Betty, a devoted wife, mother, and master homemaker, had wide-ranging interests and legendary determination. Betty was blessed with impressive skills in quilting, knitting, sewing, embroidery, applique, and wallpapering and won numerous blue ribbons at the Wasco County Fair. She gardened, canned, decorated, created a welcoming home and enjoyed entertaining. Memories of luscious pot roasts, corn pudding, homemade pies and other delicacies will linger in the minds of those who sat around her table. She enjoyed extensive travels with Maury and was always ready to make a puzzle, play board games, savor a glass of wine and indulge herself with some chocolate.

Betty's faith guided her throughout her lifetime — she loved her church. She was head cook at church camp for many years, which she loved. She and Maury were on the planning committee for the current Bethany Lutheran Church. Following strict parameters, Betty hand-stitched and embroidered all of the altar paraments which are used every Sunday. She loved singing in the choir, was famous for her sauerkraut and sausage at church potlucks, and loved supplying roses from her garden to adorn the altar.

Betty and Maury joined The Dalles Country Club in 1974, developing lifetime friendships. Betty volunteered at Mid-Columbia Medical Center for 45 years. After years as a regular member of The Dalles Chamber of Commerce, Betty was named an honorary lifetime member in 2008. She also generously supported numerous local causes.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, parents, all her siblings and in-laws, and grandson Ryan Sholl. She is survived by her children, Daniel A. Sholl of Guanajuato, Mexico, Margaret E. Atchison and husband Kim of The Dalles, Jeanne A. Tindall and husband Scott of Albany, Ore., and Gwendolyn J. Sholl and Karin Jackson of Corvallis, Ore.; grandchildren Felix Herrada and wife Laurel, Gresham, Ore., Camille Sarder and husband Jose, Anchorage, Alaska, Rory Sholl, Portland, Evan Michaels and wife Kelly, Andover, Mass., Keith Michaels and wife Kyung-hwa, Ephraim, Utah, and Vanessa Michaels, Denver, Colo.; and great-grandchildren William and Natalie Herrada, Eva, Aden and Adrian Sarder, Sofia and Cruz Pineda, Micaela and Lorelei Michaels, and Sebina Michaels.

Public viewing will be available at Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home on Friday, July 30 from 2-6 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 31 at 10 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2323 E. 12th St., The Dalles, followed by a grave site ceremony at the Odd Fellows Cemetery (Threemile location). A luncheon back at the church will follow. All are welcome to gather at Betty's home at the close of events at 2625 E. 15th, The Dalles.

In lieu of flowers, Betty requested remembrances be made to Bethany Lutheran Church Building Fund, a cause dear to both her and Maury.

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