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Donald O'Grady

Nov. 25, 1961 – Sept. 6, 2015

Donald (Don) O'Grady Jr. passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015 in Temple, Texas at the age of 53.

O'Grady is survived by his mother Patricia (Patti) Shepard currently of Temple, Texas and a former long-time resident of Keizer; his brother Michael (Al) Jones of Baker, Fla.; Susan (Fred) Alardin of Temple, Texas and Estrella (Jerry) (Galvan) Bibbey of Boulder Creek, Calif.



D. O'Grady

He is preceded in death by his father Donald O'Grady Sr. of Santa Rosa, Calif.; his maternal grandparents Ken and Helen Christiansen of Lebanon; Edwin Abbott of Honolulu, Hawaii and his paternal grandparents Tom and Mildred O'Grady of Denver, Colo.

He was born on Nov. 25,

1961 in Santa Rosa, Calif. to Donald and Patricia. As a young boy, he lived with his family in several states including California, South Dakota, New Mexico and Oregon. He also traveled extensively throughout Mexico with his family in the 1970s and attended Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis.

The last 13 years of his life O'Grady lived with his mother Patti in Keizer. Don and his mother enjoyed traveling together, were active parishioners at St. Edward Catholic Church in Keizer and at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Temple, Texas where they had both just moved last year to be closer to family.

A funeral mass took place Sept. 12 in Texas. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your local food bank.

Linda Robin Prell

May 24, 1960 – Aug. 26, 2015

Linda Robin Prell passed away on Aug. 26, 2015 due to illness.

She is survived by her husband Allen Prell and daughters Sharon and Megan Prell.



L. Prell

Prell participated in Keizer Girl Scouts and Toastmasters (Keizer Bootstrappers). Her smile will be missed in the Salem/Keizer community.

Ronald E. Barnick

July 23, 1931 - August 15, 2015

Ronald Edwin Barnick was born in Oregon City, the son of Avel and Emma Pierson Barnick. He graduated from Lake Labish School, Parrish Junior High School and Salem High School before completing degrees at George Fox University.



R. Barnick

His college education also included Western Oregon University and Baylor University. At George Fox he lettered in baseball, was student body treasurer and sports editor of the student newspaper.

Barnick's educational career had various assignments that included kindergarten through college and counselor with the State of Oregon. He was active in Sunday School, church and parachurch endeavors and doing vocal solos. He sang in the radio choir of the Quaker Hour.

His interests included the Covered Bridge Society of Oregon (charter member) and Holy Land studies.

He is survived by his wife Darlene, whom he married in 2004; his nephew Jerry Barnick (Tammy); nieces Shirila Hueth (Alan) and Vicki Groome (Tim); stepdaughter Joanne (Zeller) Thornhill, stepsons Gordon Zeller and Greg Zeller, 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, great nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceding him in death were his first wife Grace; brother Victor and parents.

Memorial service will be held on Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. at Capital Park Wesleyan Church, 410 SE 19th Street in Salem.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Southeast Neighborhood Community Center c/o Capital Park Wesleyan Church, 410 SE 19th Street, Salem Oregon 97301. Assisting the family is City View Funeral Home.



Submitted A blown tractor bearing ignited a fire in a harvested wheat field north of Keizer Sunday, Sept. 13.

Perkins field fire threatens homes

Five fire agencies responded to the scene of a three-alarm, high risk grass fire Sunday, Sept. 13, near Keizer.

Firefighters from Keizer Fire District, Marion County Fire District No. 1, Salem Fire Department, Silverton Fire District and Woodburn Fire District responded to the fire which was threatening several homes near a large wheat field near the intersection of 35th Avenue Northeast and Perkins Road Northeast.

A farmer had been cutting the chaff in his harvested field at approximately 4:40 p.m. when a bearing went out on the tractor and caught the field on fire.

When firefighters arrived the fire was being pushed by the wind and traveling at a rapid rate toward six houses

on the north side of the field. Early evacuations notices were made to the homeowners. They were notified they needed to be ready to leave the property at a moment's notice, if the fire got closer.

Firefighters were able to get the fire under control with the help of local farmer Bob Zielinski. He provided his tractor and large disc to help create a safety barrier between the homes and then the fire. The tractor plowed a 20 foot wide perimeter around the entire burned area allowing firefighters to mop up the remainder of the hot spots. Approximately 10 acres were burned, but most of the field was saved. Firefighters were on scene for more than two hours fighting the fire. No homes were lost or damaged.

In all, 31 firefighters, four engines, six tenders, three brush rigs, one rescue and two command officers were on scene fighting the fire.

Accessing the fire was made difficult by individuals blocking the roadway with their vehicles wanting to watch the fire and firefighters. Fire officials would like to remind residents to give firefighters and equipment plenty of room and distance when working.

Ag history on display

The Keizer Heritage Museum is celebrating farming and agriculture in the region with a display of farming implements and some history of agriculture in the Keizer area.

The exhibit will run to

the end of September.

The exhibit includes information and many photographs.

The museum is located on the bottom floor of the Keizer Heritage Center at 980 Chemawa Road NE.

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