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Boby M. Parkes

November 14, 1930 - July 22, 2016

Boby M. Parkes, 85, passed away July 22 at her daughter's home in Kirkland, Wash., where she was being cared for by family with the support of hospice.



Boby M. Parkes

Boby was born in Texas, but spent most of her life in Oregon. She graduated from high school in Silverton. Following her graduation, she moved to Salem where she met her first husband Wayne Gwynn. Together they had two children. Following her divorce from Wayne, she married Allen Parkes. They had one child together. Allen preceded her in death in 1977.

Boby and Allen bought a home in Keizer in 1959, where Boby continued to live until shortly before her death. Boby's Keizer home is where she raised her chil-

dren and where many happy memories were made with family and friends.

Boby will be remembered for many things including her gardening (especially her corn), her raspberry jelly and the unconditional love she gave to her family. She was a good hearted woman who never met a stranger and was accepting of people's differences.

She was kind and funny and strong. Family and friends could always rely on her and did. Boby often said that her greatest accomplishment in life was her family. She was our family's foundation and it is difficult to fathom a world without her in it.

She is survived by her three children, Steve Gwynn, Lisa Brown (Eugene), Susan Parkes (Nick Atwood); her

five grandchildren, Elizabeth March (Sam), Kori Graff (Daniel), Avery Brown, Ashley Brown, Elise Gwynn and one great-grandson, Elliot March.

A Celebration of Life

for Boby is being planned for later in the year. Anyone wishing to send condolences to the family or to request information about the Celebration of Life should email the family at parkes@gci.net.

Marjorie Ann Ward

June 10, 1925 - July 3, 2016

Marjorie Ann Ward passed away July 3 surrounded by her loving family.

Her strength of character, passion for family, and faith-based life leaves the legacy of a life well lived.

Marjorie leaves behind her husband of 67 years, Gilbert Ward; sisters Dorothy Shearer and Alicia Knox; children Gil Ward, Christi (Charles) Landes, Sherri (Ray) Beaty, Nanci (Marty) Friesen and Janet (JohnMike) McHugh; 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Marjorie was born in Salem to Roy and Mildred Blanchard. She attended Swe-

gle Elementary, Parrish and Salem High School.

As a devoted wife and mother Marjorie always placed family first. For many years Marjorie helped in the family business, Gil Ward Marine. She was a woman of prayer and simple faith. As a member of the First Church of the Nazarene she could frequently be found at the greeter's desk with her special smile and open, friendly personality.

Celebration of Life will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, at First Church of the Nazarene, 1550 Market Street in Salem.



Marjorie Ward

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the check residents expect to receive and then it gets garnished. We can't lower the rent based on garnishments," Utz said.

"Everyone has a different situation, but a lot of it comes down to budgeting and learning how to budget," White said (see related story Page A3).

Kathleen Ashley, of Making Homes Happen, Inc., said property managers can offer partial payment and late payment agreements, but residents will frequently wait until eviction is imminent before approaching property managers.

"Once they have the letter saying that eviction is coming, they can then approach community groups and other services that might help them cover the rent," Ashley said.

Utz said property managers try to avoid creating more debt history for low-income residents, but White said the situation can quickly snowball.

"If they get behind 30

days, it very quickly can become 60 days. We're trying in that first 30 days to help them get on top of the rent they are behind," White said. "As long as they can complete a payment plan we will continue to work with them. It shows good faith on their part."

Ashley said that working with residents' case managers can also help ease tensions when problems arise, but getting that permission can be a sticky wicket.

Complicating matters further is a more general housing shortage. The echoes of the Great Recession kept rents low for several years, and now that property owners can raise rents, it's creating even more of a pinch on low-income housing availability.

"We went a long time without raising rents. Now that we are able to do that to meet costs, it's having a negative impact on tenants," Ashley said.

Miles said that some tenants are seeing their rents rise as often as twice a year. It prompts them to look for other options, but decide to stay once they realize how much other spaces are going for.

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