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Johnny L. Meadows, Jr.

November 3, 1966 – September 10, 2016

Johnny L. Meadows, Jr., passed away unexpectedly at home on Sept. 10. He was 49.



Meadows, Jr.

Johnny was born on Nov. 3, 1966, to Sharon Kinman and Johnny L. Meadows Sr.

He is survived by his children: Christina Kell-Meadows, Letisha Meadows, Shaylyn Meadows, Kristy Butner and his son Johnny L. Meadows, Jr. II; his parents

Sharon Kinman Sheppard and Frank Sheppard; siblings Sheila Sheppard, Scott Sheppard and Becky Sheppard; and grandchildren Cody Kell, Jackson Kell, Anthony Hanson and Zoey Hanson.

Family was always the focus of his life, especially his children.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Road N.E.

Joe Garcia

December 2, 1929 – September 3, 2016

Joe Garcia, 86, a longtime resident of Albany and Keizer, died on September 3 at Halett House in West Salem.

He was born in Tangent to Modesto and Maria (Morales) Garcia. He attended Tangent Elementary and Albany Union High School. While in high school, he participated in band and played football. He graduated in 1949.

He served in the Korean War from 1951-53. Upon returning home, he married Jeannette Barker on May 3, 1953. She preceded him in death, passing away on March 23, 1992. He worked at Agnew Motors until 1955, when he was hired to work at Nissen Ford. After a brief period of apprenticeship, he became the parts manager and held that position until his retirement in December of 1993.

On June 12, 1993 he married Shirley (Klassen) James. They remained in Albany until January of 1995, when they moved to Keizer. He enjoyed car rides, his church family, trips to the coast with family, playing cards, doing yard work and maintained his flowerbeds and garden. He also coached Little League baseball and served as Scout-

master for the Liberty School Cub Scout program. He also enjoyed playing recreational volleyball with several of the



J. Garcia

men in the neighborhood during the winters. He was a longtime supporter of Oregon State football and basketball and was a member of the Albany Beaver Huddle. He also enjoyed following the Seattle Mariners and was a longtime fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jeannette, sisters Connie and Elvira "Beets," and a brother, Fred. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; two sons, Mike (Linda) and Pat of Albany; his step-children Ron (Cindy), Lauren (Janelle) James, Julie (Darrell) Hooper, Linda (Ron) McEachern, David (Tammi) Hazell; two grandchildren, Erin and Ryan of Albany; numerous step-grandchildren and great grandchildren; his brother Mike (Carol) of Bend, sister-in-law Pat (Elliott) Sipe of Albany; and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association, National Kidney Foundation of Oregon, Clearlake United Methodist Church, and the Oregon State University Our Beaver Nation.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Sept. 11, at Clearlake United Methodist Church in Keizer.

Pauline 'Pat' Perkins

April 27, 1933 – August 31, 2016

Pauline "Pat" Perkins passed away peacefully, on Wednesday, August 31, at the age of 83.

She was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. After some time in Florida, she and her parents moved to Salem. She married her "Perk" in 1951. They had four children.

Pat loved gardening; watching plants grow and flowers bloom. She received a Master Gardener certificate in the 1980s. She especially took pride in her exotic, tropical plants that she nurtured in her greenhouse. Pat donated an exotic night blooming cereus to the Deepwood Arboretum because it was a variety they didn't have.

After 25 years, Pat retired from North Salem Fred Meyer where she was employed since its opening. While there, she became interested in photography and took photography classes.

Pat loved visiting and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She always had activities on hand for them when they came to visit.



P. Perkins

Pat was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Warren "Perk" Perkins, her two sons, Michael and Anthony "Tony", and grandson Jesse Toney.

Pat is survived by her daughters, Dianne Russell of Salem and Brenda Patterson, (Bill) of Klamath Falls, daughter-in-law Barbara Perkins as well as eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A service will be held September 17, 11 a.m. at Keizer Chapel, 4365 River Road N.

Vera Ruth Morris

July 18, 1933 – September 11, 2016

Vera Ruth Morris, of Keizer, passed away Sept. 11.

Vera loved life and she loved people. She was a very artistic and social person. She enjoyed ceramics, sewing, painting, crafting, gardening, butterflies and teaching people her arts.

She loved spending time with her family and adored her cats, Ebb and Tippy.

She is survived by her children and their husbands: Bob and Linda Hartman, Rick Hawkins and Leah Gunn and Chris & Kim Voeller. Her sisters and their husbands: Cecil and Evelyn Cary, Kelly Garrett

and Sharon Burt. As well as her grandchildren and their spouses: Sean and Anessa Voeller, Samantha Voeller, James and

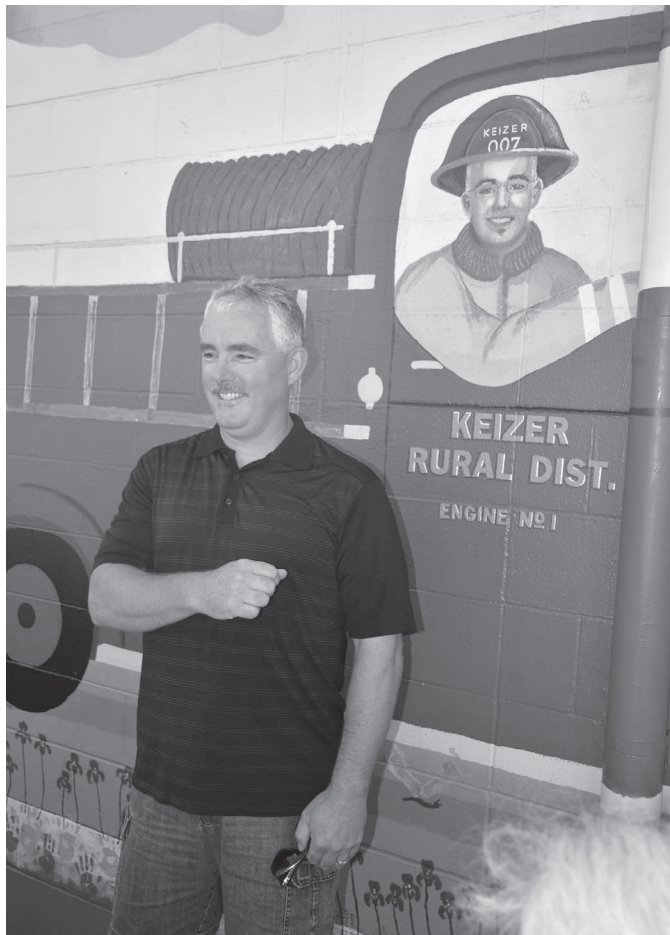


V. Morris

Laura Warner, Bobby Hawkins, Elizabeth Long and Maggie Long.

Preceding her in death was her husband Robert

"Bud" Morris. Service will be held at Keizer Chapel Sunday September 18th at 1 p.m.



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Keizer Fire District's Tim Coburn poses for photos in front of his portrait on the Iris Parade Mural.

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Association (KAA) and the Keizer Public Arts Commission (KPAC), but it was made possible through some serendipitous timing on the part of Lore Christopher and Lebold.

KPAC applied for and was awarded \$2,500 for the mural through the Oregon Community Foundation, but KPAC hadn't yet decided on a site, said Christopher. After the grant was secured, that's when she approached Lebold.

"They came and said they had some money to do a community mural and they wanted this wall," Lebold said. "I looked at her and I smiled and said, 'You know, about two months ago I was talking to my wife and told her I wanted to approach the McNary (High School) art program and see if they would do a mural.'"

Christopher lit up and exclaimed, "That's a God thing."

In addition to the grant, Sherwin-Williams donated

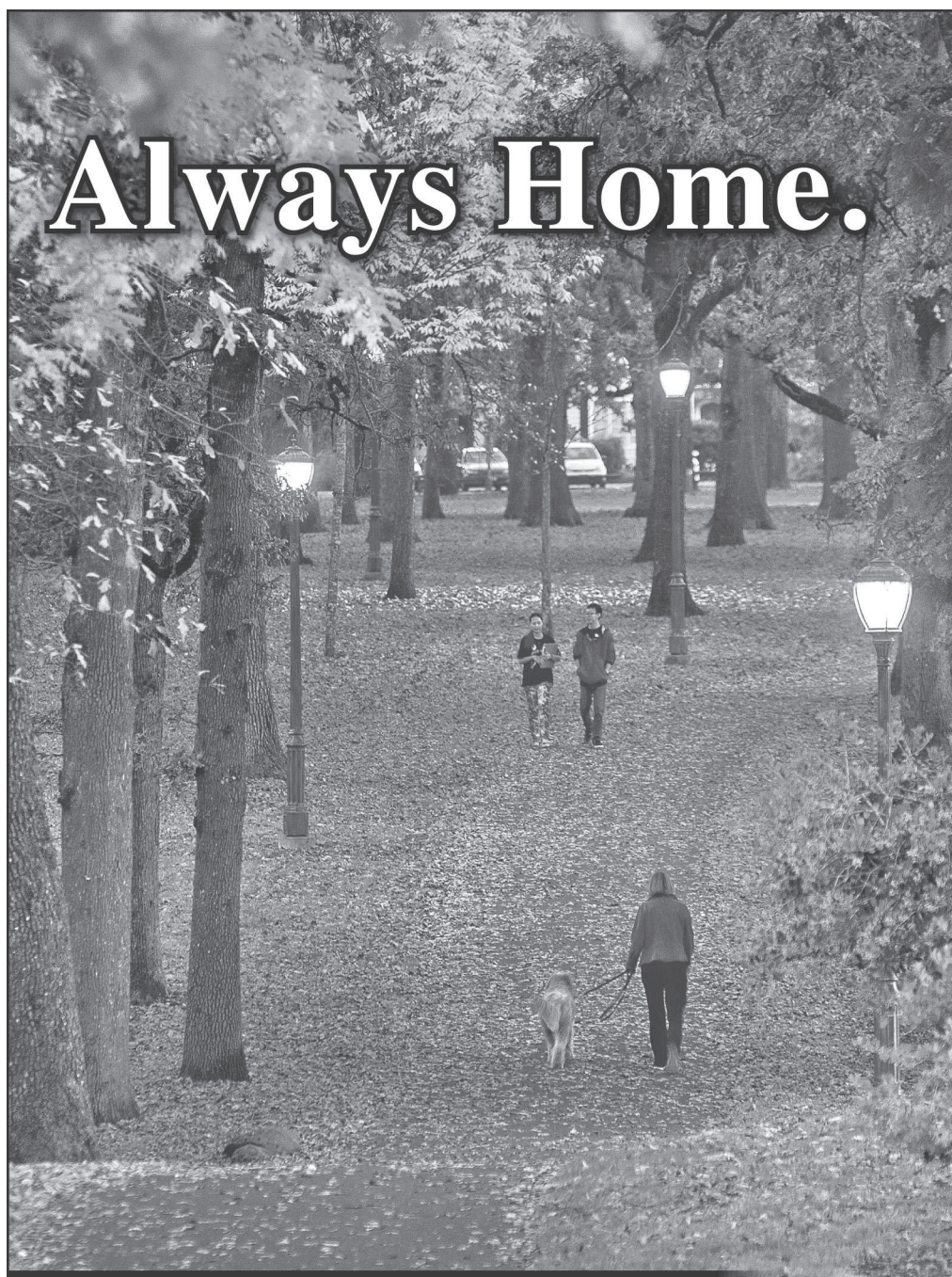
materials and \$500 in paint. Herc Rental donated the use of a scaffold.

KAA took on a major role in bringing the project to completion by offering free workshops to prospective painters on a wide range of topics and techniques. One final touch was added to the mural in recent weeks, a legend on the west side of the mural identifying each of the portrait faces.

With the mural finished, KPAC is turning its attention to large tree stumps in front of Keizer Civic Center along Chemawa Road Northeast. The hope is to turn them into story poles with community members helping decide what images will go there.

Mayor Cathy Clark was on-hand at the mural dedication to accept the mural on behalf of the city.

"It's been so exciting to see this project capture so much of the pride, spirit and volunteerism that is alive and well in Keizer. We are delighted and grateful to accept the gifts and talents of all the artists in our community who want to celebrate who we are," Clark said.



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