Second person dies in aftermath of Keizer crash



A memorial began to form at the end of Moira Hughes and George Heitz's driveway on Jan. 25.

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George Heitz of Keizer, who was in bed on the morning of Jan. 22 when a truck drove through his bedroom wall, passed away Friday evening after six days in the hospital.

Keizer police reports said that the truck's driver had a blood alcohol content of .24, three times the legal limit. Moira Hughes, Heitz's wife, was pronounced dead at the scene.

An initial police press release on Jan. 22 had said that the 63-year-old Heitz had been "transported to the Salem Hospital Emergency Department with serious injuries" but was in stable condition.

It is unclear at this point what injuries caused Heitz's death. According to a Keizer police officer's statement, Heitz had been paralyzed from the waist down from injuries sustained from the crash.

Hughes, who was 67 years old when she passed, worked as a nursing instructor at Chemeketa Community College until she retired in 2019. Dozens of former students expressed sorrow at the news of Hughes' passing in a Chemeketa Nursing

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