

OBITUARIES

Donald L. McCoy

Portland

July 18, 1929 — Nov. 16, 2015



Don McCoy lived a long, full life. He was born July 18, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois, to Harvey and Ruth McCoy.

After serving in the Navy during the Korean War, he came back to marry the love of his life, Dorothy (Brewer) McCoy, and finish his undergraduate degree in education from Indiana University.

With daughters Bonnie McCoy, Linda McCoy-Barber and Donna McCoy in tow, and DeeAnn McCoy soon to arrive, the family moved cross country to Eddyville, Oregon, where Don took his first teaching job. Later moving to Junction City, Oregon, his teaching career expanded to positions as vice principal, principal and, finally, school district superintendent. He also completed his master's degree from Oregon State University during this time.

In addition to education, Don was very active with student athletes as part of the coaching staff for football and wrestling. He later accepted the superintendent position in Warrenton, Oregon,



Donald McCoy

where he finished his career and retired.

Don loved the outdoors, bird watching and travel. As he battled dementia, he never lost his sense of humor or memory of his family. He passed peacefully at his home at Wilamette View in Portland, Oregon.

Don leaves a legacy of graciousness, integrity and the importance of education. His passion for education allowed him to help so many of his students believe in, and achieve, their dreams. He was our rock, and we are so proud of what he achieved in his life, and what he gave back to so many.

Don is survived by his four daughters, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and his wife, Dorothy.

His celebration of life is Sunday, May 1, at the Valley River Inn Rogue Room, Eugene, Oregon. Please visit between 2 and 5 p.m. as we honor Don McCoy.

Mary Alice 'Lollar' Larson Lewis

Astoria

March 18, 1930 — April 10, 2016

Mary Alice "Lollar" Larson Lewis, of Astoria, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2016, in Seaside, Oregon, with her daughter and one of her many grandchildren at her side. Mary was known to all who knew her as an upbeat, funny woman, fond of breaking into song for absolutely no good reason.

She was born in Cass Lake, Minnesota, on March 18, 1930, on the kitchen table in the family home. She was the middle of five children and was fond of saying, "If you are in the middle like that, you have to be funny." Her parents, Doris and Harry Larson, owned and operated The Corner Store. She loved the North Woods, and spent many happy days on the lakes and on Star Island.

She attended Bemidji State Teachers College, which was a short train ride away. She graduated with a teaching degree, and got her master's degree from Minnesota State. She taught English overseas in Germany and England on Air Force bases in the Dependents Schools, and traveled all over Europe during the late 1950s, bringing back three sets of china and stories that lasted the rest of her life.

She met Evan Lewis at a New Year's Eve party in 1961, and they married on March 31, 1962, because the priest wouldn't let them get married on April Fools' Day. They raised their children in the Olympia area, and owned a farm, a real estate company and a pizza restaurant. Their home was filled with books, animals and good food.

Mary was very active at the St. Michael's parish there, serving as the Altar Society president. She frequently took us to local coffee shops for baklava and chess, after making us go to early Mass. She was an early riser all her life, and it was normal to get a phone call from her at 6:30 in morning, bursting with plans and ideas.

They moved to Astoria in 1990, and opened Phog Bounders Antique Mall, where customers

still ask about them. She was well-known for walking all over town, and attended her grandchildren's events faithfully. She was an avid sports fan, particularly Mariners baseball, and would call to update family members on exciting plays and games. She was an active member of the Star of the Sea parish. She loved books, and in her final years, gave them away to anyone who wanted one.

She was deeply connected to her siblings and their children, and loved going home to visit. On one trip back to Minnesota, her children refused to eat anything but BLTs, and she told them, "But you have a chance to try some new things! Order something you've never had before!"

When her memory began to fail, she would say, "God bless everyone who knows my name is Mary" because she figured she wouldn't miss anyone. She spent her final years at the Owens-Adair and Clatsop Retirement Village, where she was a favorite resident.

She leaves behind her children, Lisa Mills and her husband Len of Portland, Bill Lewis of Seattle, Jeff Lewis in Florida, Tim Lewis and his wife Mary of The Dalles, Amy Lewis of Astoria and Matt Lewis of Missouri. She is survived by her many grandchildren, Taren Mills and his wife Francine, Ben Mills and his wife Elizabeth, Justin Mills, Lucas Lewis, Aidan Wagner and her husband Loren, Connor, Elina and Gage Lewis and Zachary, Elijah, Evan and Annabel Knight; five great-grandchildren; her siblings Peter Larson and his wife Mary of Portland, Nancy Smith of Eugene and Joanna Ward of Bismark, Missouri; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Her funeral Mass is at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, with a reception afterward in the auditorium. Please come if you can, wear a hat if you are up to it, and help us say goodbye to Lollar, the sturdy Norwegian.



Mary Lewis

Joan Barbara Hill

Seaside

Sept. 9, 1930 — April 10, 2016

Joan Barbara Hill, 85 of Seaside, passed peacefully in her Hamlet home April 10, after being surrounded since Easter Sunday by family and friends.

Joan was born in Island Pond, Vermont, to Harry and Irene Osborne. Joan, one of seven children, undoubtedly enjoyed her childhood in Island Pond, where she later met and married the love of her life, Donald Hill, with whom she shared 63 years of marriage.

The two settled in Oregon, where they proudly raised five children. Together, Don and Joan brought great joy to those who were lucky enough to have known them. Joan was welcoming, loved to entertain, and was an exceptional cook. She prepared countless delicious meals and cobblers for her family and friends. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She loved her family unconditionally, and was a blessing to those around her.

Joan was a member of the Seaside United Methodist Church, and belonged to the Chapter CR PEO Sisterhood. Past and present, she actively took pleasure in bowling, golfing, danc-

ing, playing pinochle, and having lunch with her dearest girlfriends. She spent countless hours watching and feeding the birds behind her country home.

Joan spoke very fondly of her family back in Vermont, and thoroughly enjoyed her summer trips home to Island Pond. Joan left a great legacy of what family should be, in those she raised, loved, and spent time with. In lieu of sorrow, express your love. After all, everything is temporary, but love will outlast us all.

Joan is survived by her husband Donald Hill; her sisters Lorraine Caouette and Ruth Perrier; her brother Lynwood Osborne; her son David Hill; and her daughters Sherry Bode, Barbara Maltman and Lorraine Brown. She was predeceased by her brothers Maynard Osborne, Donald Osborne and Robert Osborne; by her son James Hill; and by her granddaughter Julie Brown. She was loved and adored by 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, with three additional great-grandbabies on the way.

A memorial service honoring Joan will be held Monday, April 18 at 1 p.m., at the Seaside United Methodist Church.



Joan Hill

Methel Arlene Aune

Longtime Seaside resident

March 8, 1926 — April 7, 2015

Methel Arlene Aune, wife; mother of two, Erling J. Aune Jr. (Josie) and Kathleen Aune Houck; grandmother of four, Cassandra Aune Jenks, Ezra Aune (Vonnice), Wesley Houck (Amber) and Jason Houck (Tara); great-grandmother of six, Zach Jenks, Grant Jenks, Joshua Aune, Judah Aune, Josiah Aune, Landon Houck and Camryn Houck; and retired teacher and bank teller.

Methel passed April 7 at Nehalem Valley Care Center in Wheeler, Oregon. She was born on March 8, 1926, in Erie, Pennsylvania, second youngest of six, to Ralph and Bertha Billings. Preceded in death by her husband, Erling J. Aune Sr., her parents and five siblings, she was raised in Erie and graduated from Girard High School and Edinboro State Teachers College.

Upon graduating from college she moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, began teaching as an elementary teacher, met her future husband, Erling J. Aune, and married July 12, 1952. They welcomed Erling Jr. and Kathleen to the family. Methel retired from teaching when Erling Jr. was born and became a mother, housewife and bookkeeper for her husband's construction company.

In 1964, the family moved to Oregon, first to Mollala and then to Cannon Beach, where they owned and operated the Cannon Inn Restaurant for five years, at which time they moved to Seaside, where Methel became a bank teller at Benjamin Franklin Savings and Loan, which later became the Bank of America. Upon retiring from her banking career, she and Erling Sr. bought a motor home and snow birded to Ari-

zona during the winters, as well as traveled the Alaska Highway.

Methel loved gardening, and could be found tending her plants and flowers. Another of her loves were the many beautiful oil paintings, including ocean and meadow scenes, her family has cherished over the years.

Methel was known and loved for her wonderful dry sense of humor and sayings that would make you laugh. Her grandchildren have a standing joke: Whenever spending the night at Gramma's house, she served them burnt toast with breakfast. She refused to replace her old toaster, and one time when she was away, Erling Jr. and Josie decided to retire the old toaster, replacing it with a new one. When Methel returned, she was not one bit happy that her "perfectly good toaster" had been replaced.

Methel was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a true friend to many. She always put others' needs before her own. She was loved dearly and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, April 18, at North Coast Family Fellowship in Seaside, with a private family service later in Portland, at Willamette National Cemetery, where she'll be reunited with her beloved husband of 58 years.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Seaside Museum.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.



Methel Aune



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Judge orders pumping and lime at Sunset Lake

System must be replaced or decommissioned by September

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas ordered Resources Northwest, Inc., operator of Sunset Lake Resort & RV Park, to take corrective action on the park's failing sewage system.

Gary Artman, a natural resources specialist with the state Department of Environmental Quality, which is suing Resources Northwest over repeated violations of the park's stormwater permit, met by phone Thursday with Matyas. The judge approved the state's preliminary injunction against Resources Northwest, owned by Kenneth Hick.

The park uses a recirculating gravel filter and soil-absorption drain field, which the state has identified as failing. In February, Artman witnessed untreated sewage discharged over the drain field.

The court injunction requires several immediate actions by Resources Northwest:

- Reduce the sewage flow at the park to the 4,500 gallons a day allowed under the company's wastewater permit.
- Pump the septic tanks at Sunset Lake at a volume necessary to avoid sewage spilling onto the ground.
- Spread hydrated lime daily over the drain field as



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A judge has ordered Resources Northwest, Inc., operator of Sunset Lake Resort & RV Park, to reduce sewage flow and pump and spread lime at a failing drainfield.

needed to disinfect the ground and minimize public health risks.

By September, Resources Northwest needs to replace the drain field with a new system approved by the state, or decommission the entire sewage system. Failure to do so would result in contempt pro-

ceedings against the company. Kevin Luby, Resources Northwest's lawyer, said previously the company is pumping 1,000 gallons a day out of the park to prevent spillage and has bids out to build a second drain field to ease pressure.

He is due back in court in

June to meet with the county, which is suing Resources Northwest over the occupancy at Sunset Lake.



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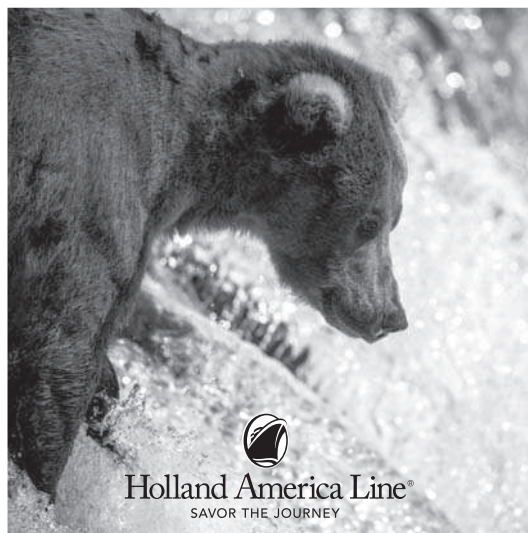
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