

OBITUARIES

Gertrude M. 'Grandma Gertie' Rinell

Astoria

Aug. 25, 1924 — Feb. 20, 2017

Gertie was born Aug. 25, 1924, in Astoria, Oregon, to Richard Simonson and Jennie K. Tohila Simonson. She was raised in Astoria, and graduated from Astoria High School in 1942.

Gertie married David M. Wullger in 1944, and divorced in 1963. She later married Ervin T. Rinell on Dec. 26, 1965, in Astoria, and he preceded her in death March 9, 2000.

She worked as a teacher's aide with the Astoria School District for 20 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and was a past skipper of the Astoria Anchor Club. Grandma Gertie loved all the children at the school.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Laine of Astoria; and a son and daughter-in-law, David "Butch" and Roma Wullger of Vancouver, Washington. Grand-

children include Scott and wife Becky Wullger of Astoria, Andy Wullger of Astoria, Tiffany and her husband, Alex George, of Astoria and Trevor Laine of Beaverton, Oregon. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be given to a charity of one's choice.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, at 1 p.m., at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., Astoria, Oregon. A reception will follow the funeral services at Peace Lutheran Church.

A private graveside will be held later at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton, Oregon.

Please sign our online guest book at www.caldwellsmortuary.com



Gertrude Rinell

Barbara Robson Fraser

Portland

July 26, 1918 — Feb. 17, 2017

After a long life full of love and family, Barbara Robson Fraser, 98, passed away on Feb. 17, 2017, at West Hills Village, Portland, Oregon.

She was born on July 26, 1918, in Cochrane, Ontario, to William Robson and Florence Parker Robson, and was the fifth of six children. The Robson family left their Ontario homestead in December 1918 and moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Barbara attended Detroit's Commerce High School, and graduated as her class president in 1936. During high school, she was involved in a number of musical and drama activities. Immediately after graduation, she interned and was subsequently employed as a secretary by the Detroit Board of Education for five years.

Barbara Robson met George Fraser II on Palm Sunday 1938, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan, and they were married there on June 24, 1939. They were happily married for almost 75 years.

Barbara is survived by her three sons, George Corwin Fraser III (Laurel), Michael Robson Fraser (Pamela) and Bruce Allan Fraser (Margaret); her nine grandchildren, Tamara, George IV, Aimee, Eric, Robson, Richard, Maya Christine, Holly and Patrick; and her 11 great-grandchildren.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, George; their daughter, Kathleen Anne

Fraser; and their great-granddaughter, Madelyn Anne Fraser.

Barbara and George moved to the Oregon Coast in 1987, and lived there for 27 years. They were visited frequently by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Grandma Barbara always had a supply of card, domino and board games, and the time and patience to play with the children. They all fondly remember their visits to the "coast house."

Barbara was an active participant in many volunteer community and church activities throughout her life. She was especially proud of her association with the William Temple House as an assistant to Father Abbott, and later the writer/editor of Canterbury Times. She was also an active member of Chapter FE of PEO.

A memorial service will be held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2201 S.W. Vermont St., Portland, Oregon, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 4, 2017, followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the William Temple House, 2023 N.W. Hoyt St., Portland, OR 97209; or to PEO Chapter FE, 92951 Astor Drive, Astoria, OR 97103.

The family wishes to express its thanks to the staff and residents of West Hills Village who brought friendship and comfort to her life.



Barbara Fraser

Lesley Margaret (Smiley) Graber

Seaside

Sept. 29, 1957 — Feb. 17, 2017

Even on the darkest of days, she laughed and found hope. She was the strong of the strong, and although she was small, she stood taller than the tall.

Seaside, Oregon, is where she made her home; she was known and loved by all that she met. Lesley Margaret (Smiley) Graber was born on Sept. 29, 1957, and she left the world on Feb. 17, 2017; the best for her was yet to come.

She is survived by her daughters, Denise (Alan) Leadingham of Greenup, Kentucky, Ronda (David) Dunn of Proctorville, Ohio, and

Desiree' (Ryan) Lynch of Ashland, Kentucky; 13 grandchildren; a soon-to-be great-granddaughter and a great-grandson; a brother, Steve (Darrell) Smiley of Kalispell, Montana; and a sister, Lynn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry Stuart and Margaret Mary Smiley; as well as her very beloved sister, Desiree' Laurie.

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

Crews work to clear Highway 101 slide

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — For Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Court Carrier, Wednesday's 5-mile commute became a 50-mile commute after a rockslide closed U.S. Highway 101 south of Cannon Beach.

"I didn't mind it, because I had a cup of coffee, but it started my day off a little bit rocky and I'm hoping I won't have to do it for an extended period of time," he said.

Carrier, who lives in Arch Cape, wasn't the only one impacted by the rockslide, which occurred at about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. The slide brought closures in both directions as the Oregon Department of Transportation sought to remove rock and debris from the road.

Residents of Arch Cape and Manzanita heading north were advised to travel Oregon Highway 53 around the closure. One lane of the highway was open this morning with traffic controlled by flaggers.

Rocks fell from about 30 to 40 feet to the ground, the Department of Transportation's spokesman Lou Torres said.

A geologist arrived at the scene Wednesday morning, and scalers knocked down

any other loose rock that could be a danger to drivers below.

"It's not particularly high in areas, but you have to know what you are doing," Torres said. "Their goal is to essentially force any material down that might come down later. We don't want to open up the road until we feel it's totally safe for travelers."

Carrier was one of many drivers who were delayed by the highway closure.

Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Dawn McIntosh was unable to get to court in Astoria. Her delay postponed the sentencing hearing for a man convicted of attempted arson.



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Perry Browning detours traffic near a rockslide south of Cannon Beach Wednesday.

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