

Obituaries

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Vernon Bowlby

Vernon Lee Bowlby, of Corvallis, Ore., passed on to be with the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, surrounded by his loving family in his home. He fought a long and courageous battle with LMS cancer. A celebration of life will be held at Suburban Christian Church in Corvallis on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

Vernon was born on March 26, 1931, in Constantine, Mich., to Galen and Madge Bowlby. He was the third child and the only one to be born in Michigan. His family returned to Hood River, Ore., in 1932. He graduated from Hood River High School in 1949. He graduated second in his class from Armed Forces Leadership School while serving in the Army from 1950-53. His first assignment as a corporal was teaching weaponry mechanics, where he realized his deep love of teaching.

He married Ruth Ann Grady in Goldendale, Wash., on Sept. 2, 1956. They both attended Behnke-Walker Business College in Portland before moving to Eugene, where he graduated from the University of Oregon in 1960. He worked in Portland for three years for Touche, Ross, a national CPA firm, and passed the CPA exam in 1960.

Vernon and Ruth's first daughter, Catherine, was born in 1959, followed by another daughter, Barbara, in 1962. The family moved to Corvallis that year, where he opened his CPA practice and also started a 10-year teaching career at Oregon State University. Vernon and Ruth's son, Bruce, was born in 1964.

Vernon was passionate about bettering the lives of individuals through good tax planning, and he encouraged his employees to develop their careers. He authored a book on Christmas Tree Taxation in 1981 and traveled across the states giving conferences. He eventually sold his CPA practice to an employee and retired for seven years, but he began doing tax work again and continued to work into the last months of his life.

Vernon was an inspiration to many and always told his children and grandchildren, "The world is your oyster," supporting and encouraging them to achieve their goals in educational and personal endeavors.

Vernon and Ruth loved to travel and visited all 50 states and over 40 countries. He was a member of Corvallis Country Club and loved playing golf and bridge. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary and served as an Elder at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Vernon was a Beaver fan and had season tickets to the OSU football

games for over 50 years. He was a lifelong adventurer and accomplished his childhood goal of climbing both Mount Adams and Mount Hood. Vernon kept active into his 80s, golfing, hiking and skiing with his son and grandchildren. He accomplished his longtime goal of writing his autobiography, "A Miraculous Journey: The Life of Vernon L. Bowlby," in October 2014 with the help of family and friends.

Vernon was a kind, generous, and loving man who lived a vibrant life filled with meaning. He touched so many lives and he will be greatly missed. He treasured his family and attended every possible event for his six grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ruth; brother Robert (Carol) Bowlby, of Cannon Beach; sister Lillian Magee, of Corvallis; daughter Catherine (David) Cudo, of Corvallis; granddaughter Jennifer (Christian) Green and great-grandson, Adam, of Bend; daughter Barbara (Steve) Wilson, of Idaho, granddaughter Kimberly Wilson, of New York, and grandson Andrew Wilson, of Sisters; son Bruce and granddaughters Elise, Angie, and Danielle Bowlby and their mother Edith Bowlby, all of Corvallis; and a large number of nieces and nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; older brother, Wayne; and younger sister, Nancy Worth.

Donations in his memory may be made to Benton Hospice Service, The Salvation Army, or Suburban Christian Church. Please leave your thoughts and memories for the family at mchenryfuneralhome.com.

Richard Lamm

Richard John "Dick" Lamm passed away Jan. 2, 2015, at the Crescent Health Care facility in Yakima, Wash., after many strokes and lengthy illnesses.

Dick was born Dec. 18, 1943, in Hood River, Ore., to John and Elsie Lamm. He graduated from Hood River High School in 1961 and then attended IBM training in Portland, Ore. He married Rena Branson in 1964 and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2014.

They had two sons: Rich, born in 1964, and David, born in 1968. Dick retired from Embarq (previously known as Sprint or United Telephone) after working as manager of the IT department and director of customer service. He was a member of Rotary, Jaycees and West Side Fire Department, served on the Hood

River County School District board of directors and Hood River County Commission on Children and Families, and coached for T-ball, Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball.

He and his wife moved to Knoxville, Tenn., in 2008 and then to Yakima, Wash., in 2011.

Dick is survived by his wife, Rena; son, Rich, and son David and his wife, Kina Jones Lamm; grandchildren Josh Small, Emily Small, Ryan Jones, Christy Lamm-Hernandez, Parker Lamm and Chelsea Lamm; and great-grandchildren Michael Martens, Hannah Martens, Zachary Small, Arianna Lamm, Alexia Aguilar and Rachel Small.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one great-grandson.

Dick was cremated and as per his request there will be no funeral. Later this summer there will be a celebration of his life with his family and friends.

Dick loved his family and his family loved him. He will be greatly missed.

Donations in his name are encouraged to be made to any charity of your choice.

Daniel Fellows

Daniel Kent Fellows, 81, passed away Jan. 8, 2015, peacefully in his home in Vancouver, Wash. Daniel "Boonie" was born March 17, 1933, in State College, Pa., to Robert and E. Marie (Hunter) Fellows.

Daniel graduated from State College High School in 1951, and attended Penn State University in State College, Pa. He was always an avid Penn State supporter, and never missed watching a Nittany Lions football game.

Dan also served in the U.S. Army in the occupation forces in Germany in 1954-56 at Coleman Kaserne, in Gelnhausen.

Dan married the love of his life, Winona (Noni) Ellen Kersteter, in State College, Pa., on Sept. 9, 1956. They headed out West to Idaho in the early 1960s, where Dan joined the growing lumber industry with Boise Cascade Corporation, ultimately managing various lumber yards from Southern Idaho to southwest Washington. He finished his career in Beaverton, Ore., at BMC West, and retired in 1998.

Dan is survived by his children: Michael Fellows, of Vancouver, Wash., Mark (Jennifer Cassella) Fellows, of Odell, Ore., and Kent (Elisa) Fellows, of Parkdale, Ore.; and three beloved grandchildren: Katherine, Jason, and Coeur. He is also survived by a brother, Robin

(Lois) Fellows, of Caledonia, Mich., and a dear cousin, David (June) Fellows, of Carmel Valley, Calif.

Dan was definitely a master in the art of woodworking, and truly enjoyed remodeling his home and building wonderful things for his kids and grandkids. His greatest enjoyment came from spending time with his family and watching his boys grow up and raise their own families. He also loved playing cribbage with Noni daily — and he continued playing with his children and grandchildren.

Dan delighted in taking extended camping road trips with his family and instilled this desire in his sons. Many family camping trips spanning over 45 years were spent at Cape Lookout State Park in Tillamook, Ore. Cape Lookout became a home away from home for Dan and Noni and their RV, and was their very special place.

Dan will be dearly missed by all who knew him. As per his request, there will be no formal services. Friends and family are invited to an open house at Dan's home, Sunday, Jan. 25, from 1-4 p.m.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Winona.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial contributions to be sent in Dan's name to Cape Lookout State Park at 13000 Whiskey Creek Road W., Tillamook, OR 97141, where a project will be completed in Dan and Noni's honor.

LeRoy Nickerson

LeRoy Nickerson, 64, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, on a farm just outside of Hood River. It was not clear at first what caused

his death - a medical condition or a tractor accident. The medical examiner determined he did not die of injuries sustained, but suffered an aneurism, stroke or heart attack.

LeRoy was born Dec. 18, 1950, at Fort Bliss in El Paso,

Texas, to Charles A. and Lily Ollivene (Ollie) Nickerson. His dad's career was in the Army and the family lived in several places while he was growing up including Dalton, Ill., Naples, Italy, and San Pedro, Calif.

He graduated from Oregon State University in Corvallis in 1971 and moved to Longview, Wash., to work in public accounting for about three years. In 1974 LeRoy and his wife at that time, Chris, moved to Hood River where he accepted a job with United Telephone Company. He continued his career in accounting and finance through the various iterations of the telephone company and left his last position there as treasurer in 1998.

LeRoy married Dana Branson on Dec. 1, 1990; however they'd been a couple for several years prior. In 1994 they bought property and planted cherry orchard in 1996. Over the years they added pears, pluots and cattle.

LeRoy always had many interests. Learning something new and attempting anything that piqued his interest did not intimidate him. He has actively participated in building and remodeling his homes and rental properties learning about wiring, plumbing and all aspects of construction along the way. He could work outside all day on one of his projects and then come in to fix a wonderful dinner and/or bake a killer pie. He embraced new technologies and was always out front with adopting the latest computer, phone, TV, music equipment, etc.

LeRoy started playing bass guitar in high school when he lived in Italy. He and his eclectic group of friends

were able to get bookings at the officer's club on base. He continued to follow that interest into college where he met David Johnson and they formed a group in Corvallis to play around that area. When he met Dana he reconnected again with David and they formed Larkspur.

Larkspur got their first booking in May 1982 and continued with various members in and out (you know how musicians are) until February of 2013 with some breaks throughout that time. Since then LeRoy, Dana and Diane Leibbrandt had been practicing music together in LeRoy's Taj Ma-Barn. LeRoy was so anxious to try to get bookings again with the new sound and configuration.

LeRoy is survived by his wife, Dana; mother, Ollie, who's been living in Hood River on his place since 2006; a brother, Leland (Nick) Nickerson, and his wife, Janiel, of Nampa, Idaho; a sister, Lorena Sherlock, and her husband, Steve, of Crowley, Texas; as well as a niece and seven nephews.

His father, Charles, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Opportunity Connections, WINGS or the charity of your choice. The family wishes to acknowledge all our friends and acquaintances who have already come forward to help and comfort in so many loving ways. The depth of our gratitude cannot be adequately conveyed. A funeral service is planned for 1 p.m., Jan. 19 at Anderson's Tribute Center with reception following. Interment will be held at 10 a.m., Jan. 20 at Idlewild Cemetery, 980 Tucker Road, Hood River. Please visit andersontributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.



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Beverly Foster

Beverly Foster (Van Metre) passed away Jan. 7, 2015, at her home in Portland, Ore., surrounded by her loved ones. She was born Jan. 22, 1932, in The Dalles, Ore. A celebration of life will be held in her home Jan. 24. Please call 971-235-5814 for directions.

John Marker

John F. Marker, 77, passed away Jan. 15, 2015, at his home in Parkdale, Ore., surrounded by friends and family. John was born Feb. 26, 1937.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit andersontributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

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