

George Nichols

George Russel Nichols, longtime resident of Gresham, Ore., died on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015. He was 79 years old. George was born in The Dalles, Ore., on Dec. 9, 1935, to Russel H. and Marjorie M. Nichols. He spent the majority of his younger years in Cascade Locks, Ore., where he graduated from high school.

He married Donna Wilson on March 3, 1961. They moved to Gresham, along with their two daughters, in 1972 when their family business, Manchester's Distributing Inc., relocated to that area. George and Donna owned and operated the company until 1986. Later George owned and operated Manchester's Hardware in Cascade Locks and before final retirement, worked in customer service at Camp's Lumber in Gresham. He spent his leisure time hunting, fishing, bowling and playing cribbage.

George is survived by his wife, Donna; his daughter Tracy Esguerra (Servi), of Tualatin, Ore.; his daughter Lisa Boatright (Tony) of Beaverton, Ore.; grandchildren Tyler and Austin Boatright, Andrea and Alexa Esguerra, and an adopted granddaughter, Hannah Christensen, of Ashland, Ore. He is also survived by his brothers: Gary Nichols, of Thousand Palms, Calif., Richard Nichols, of Pendleton, Ore., and Michael Nichols, of Walla Walla, Wash. In addition, he leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m. at Grace Community Church, 800 S.E. Hogan Road in Gresham. A private interment will be held at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland this summer. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation at olshf.org or



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Madison Baird

Madison Jewel Baird, 20, passed away at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle on Feb. 11, 2015, after sustaining injuries in a bicycle accident near Walla Walla. She was a sophomore Spanish and health science major at Walla Walla University. She graduated from Walla Walla Valley Academy in 2013.

Madison was born in Walla Walla on a snowy night, Dec. 15, 1994. After four years she moved with her family to the Columbia Gorge. She grew up enjoying the river and spectacular views of Mount Hood and Mount Adams. From an early age, she loved the outdoors, and the wilder the environment, the better.

Creativity bubbled out of Madison. She loved the arts: music, singing, acting, ballet, drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, writing poetry and songs. She studied piano and violin, and she performed in the National Old-Time Fiddlers' Contest several years in a row. She loved to watch musicals, which she memorized and sang every chance she could.

Madison maintained a superb sense of style and yet remained unaffected by the whims of fashion or the expectations of others. Her inner compass directed the way she carried herself and connected with people.

Her collection of friends was the least exclusive club in the world. Her incandescent smile swept across everyone in her path. Her best friend, though, was Jesus, and she wasn't shy about letting people know.

Giving to others was a passion of Madison's, and some of the highlights of her life were the spring breaks she spent at the Mount of Olives Children's Village in Urupan, Mexico, from ages 11-16. In March 2014 she spent her spring break in Latvia participating in Christian youth



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programs and visiting poor children in community centers.

One of her defining experiences was her involvement in the RAD Camp at Big Lake youth camp in Sisters, Ore. Each week during the summer she challenged her teen campers to keep up with her while backpacking, rock climbing, and river rafting, while learning to know Jesus better. When one of her campers clung to her crying at the end of camp because she had no real home to return to, Madison pointed to the mountains around them and said, "Look around you. This is your home that God provided for you. It is beautiful. It can fill you up."

From a very young age, Madison was filled with purpose, focus, and goals. Although she was still exploring the exact career path that would accommodate her many interests, Madison knew that she would spend her life helping others. Since the age of 6 it was her dream to build an orphanage.

Madison had a fistful of plans for the next few years: more RAD Camp counseling, perfecting her Spanish in Argentina next year and exploring the Patagonia peaks, taking a study tour of England, and completing her undergraduate degree at WWU. Then she planned to pursue graduate studies in health science at Loma Linda University to prepare for a career of service. She intended to put a favorite motto from her journal to use: "Live your life like you are walking on a painted rainbow."

When Madison was 13, she wrote in her journal: "One day I hope to make a difference in someone's life. I am scared and I am insecure about what people think of me. I crave to be someone. Not to be like all the fish in the sea but to be different. To be like Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. or Mother Teresa. Have I made a difference? If I die did I leave a foot print in the sand? Was God walking with me or was it just me?"

On Valentine's Day this year Madison's organs saved the life of several people. The lives her life has touched are too many to count. Samples of Madison's life may be

found on Facebook (Share Love for Maddy), Instagram (#maddystrong), and on her blog, madisonjewell.wordpress.com Sisters of Simplicity.

Madison is survived by her father, Matt Baird, her mother, Lisa Giebel, her stepfather, Art Giebel, her sister Josie, her "sisters in spirit" Phoebe Wilson and Emma Wolford, and numerous grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Big Lake Youth Camp Maddy Memorial Fund, 19800 Oatfield Road, Gladstone, OR 97027 or Walla Walla University Maddy Memorial Fund, 204 S. College Ave., College Place, WA 99324.

Jane Gary

Jane Eleanor Gary passed away on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, at Hawks Ridge Assisted Living in Hood River, Ore. Jane was born on Aug. 1, 1920, in Detroit, Mich., to John Rayder Williams and Ethel May Blackford. Jane, her older sister, Peggy, and her parents traveled from Detroit to Portland, Ore., in the late 1920s. After attending two years of college at Oregon State University in Corvallis, and with the onset of World War II, Jane fell in love with and married Jack Nolan Gary, who was training to be a pilot in the Army Air Corps, in 1942. Jack was stationed in North Africa and flew P-38's throughout the Mediterranean theater.

When Jack safely returned home from the war, he and Jane began a 20-plus year military career together. Their first daughter, Tracy, was born in 1946 in Portland, Ore. Their second daughter, Alexa, was born in 1949 in Minneapolis, Minn. What followed was a wonderful series of adventures as the family was stationed in Bermuda, Wichita Falls, Texas, Misawa, Japan, and Denver, Colo., before they retired from military life in 1961 to settle in La Jolla, Calif.

After Jack's death in 1979, Jane married Alan Phinney who was the captain of a Scripps Oceanographic research vessel. Once again, the world opened up to Jane. She would join Alan at exotic

ports of call and partake in the expeditions. They shared many memorable years together until his passing.

Jane had an amazing lust for life. A master gardener, she turned her La Jolla home into a fantastic secret garden that always astonished visitors. Her collection of masks, acquired through her travels, numbered over 300 pieces. After moving to Hood River following a stroke in 2008, her collection was featured at the Columbia Art Center. This was truly a highlight of her life.

Above all else, Jane loved music and dance. Music filled her home as a child. As she and her sister became young women, dancing to the Big Bands at Jansen Beach Ballroom was a constant joy. Throughout her military life, she was a participant in many a show presented by the Officer's Wives Club.

Moving to Hood River was a huge transition. Not only did she give up a level of independence, but she had to give up her treasured, bright yellow Mini Cooper. Once again, music and dance came to the rescue in the form of "Thursday nights at The Pines." With the help of wonderful local friends, Jane became a "regular" on the dance floor. She lived for these special moments and they served as inspiration and incentive when subsequent strokes took their toll. For Jane, music was magic, music was life.

Jane is survived by her daughters Tracy (and husband Tom) Rutherford, of Brawley, Calif., and Alexa (and husband Bob) Dill, of Mosier, Ore.; granddaughters Samantha Tonroe, of Powell Butte, Ore., and Devon Vogt, of Kingsburg, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Jane's life is planned for the near future. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood



Jane Gary

River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit andersonstributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

Verna Nash

Verna "Colleen" Nash, 81, of Scio, Ore., passed Friday, Feb. 27, 2015, at her home with family at her side.

The daughter of Delbert and Eula (Stewart) Herman, she was born Feb. 21, 1934, in Nowata, Okla. She married William Lavern Nash on Aug. 27, 1955, in Hood River. They were happily married 42 years.

Colleen moved to Oregon's Hood River area in the mid 1940's where she worked for the telephone company out of high school. She and her husband moved to Albany in 1955, then to Scio in 1969. She had many interests including contributing her time at Oakview Church of God, enjoyed being surrounded by her family, loved being a grandma and took pride in being her husband's wife. They loved to garden, as well as do crafts together.

She is survived by her sons: Paul and wife Catherine Nash, Jeff Nash and Ron Nash; daughter Sandy and husband Bill Lambert; sister Dovie; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William; brothers Dan and Don Herman, and sister Judy.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Bilyeu Den Cemetery in Scio. Fisher Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Death Notice Stanley Wilcox

Stanley Wilcox, 90, passed away Friday, Feb. 27, 2015, at Ashley Manor Care Center in Hood River, Ore. Stanley was born Nov. 20, 1924.

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POLICE LOG

Feb. 23 to March 1

All calls were responded to within the City of Hood River.

■ **Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:**

Feb. 24 — Sieverkropp Drive — Officer dispatched to possible domestic situation.

March 1 — 12th Street — Male arrested for menacing, harassment, disorderly conduct II and resisting arrest.

■ **Controlled substance**

violations (non-DUI):

Feb. 24 — Hood River — Vancouver, Wash., resident arrested at lodged at NORCOR on the charges of reckless driving and unlawful possession of methamphetamine, and cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

■ **Disorderly conduct, mischief, criminal trespass and vandalism:**

Feb. 28 — State Street, 100 block — Portland male arrested for harassment, disorderly conduct and resisting

arrest. He was lodged at NORCOR.

■ **Driving under the influence of intoxicants:**

Feb. 25 — State Street, between Front and East Second — Vehicle stopped for minor traffic violation. After contacting the driver, the officer observed several signs of impairment. The driver consented to voluntary field sobriety tests, which she failed. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and then consented to a breath test, which

she also failed. She was cited and released to a friend.

Feb. 27 — Hood River — Hood River male arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Feb. 27 — Hood River — Idaho female arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Feb. 28 — Hood River — Hood River resident arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and lodged at NORCOR.

■ **Identity theft or**

bank/credit card fraud:

Feb. 24 — Second Street, 200 block — Possible identity theft reported.

■ **Motor vehicle crashes, offenses and impounds:**

None reported

■ **Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:**

Feb. 25 — May Street, 2800 block — Oregon male arrested on a felony warrant.

Feb. 28 — Second Street, 100 block — Male arrested on a probation violation.

■ **Theft, burglary or rob-**

bery:

Feb. 28 — Ninth Street, 1200 block — Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle reported.

Feb. 28 — Fifth Street, 1000 block — Theft of 96 pairs of designer sunglasses, with an approximate value of \$19,200, reported.

■ **Sex offenses:**

None reported

■ **Other:**

Feb. 28 — B Street, 1700 block — Laptop computer found and turned into authorities.

SHERIFF LOG

Feb. 22 to March 1

All calls were responded to within the County of Hood River.

■ **Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:**

Feb. 28 — State Street, 100 block — Deputy assisted Hood River City Police on an assault call at a drinking establishment. Suspect left the premises. City officers were able to locate the suspect and he was subsequently arrested.

■ **Controlled substance violations (non-DUI):**

Feb. 26 — Odell — Two males were cited and released for unlawful possession of marijuana following a traffic stop.

Feb. 28 — Cascade Locks — Male arrested on a felony warrant and unlawful possession of heroin.

■ **Disorderly conduct, mischief, criminal trespass and vandalism:**

Feb. 23 — State Street, 300 block — Mischief to a vehicle reported.

■ **Driving under the influence of intoxicants:**

Feb. 28 — Hood River — Male arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. BAC registered .10 percent. He was lodged at NORCOR.

■ **Identity theft or bank/credit card fraud:**

None reported

■ **Motor vehicle crashes, offenses and impounds:**

Feb. 22 — Hood River — Deputy investigated a traffic crash that resulted in minor injury to both the driver and passenger.

Feb. 24 — Parkdale — Male arrested for failure to carry and present a license, two counts of giving false information to a police officer, attempted escape III and resisting arrest. He was also cited twice for operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license and failure to drive within lane. He was lodged at NOCOR and his vehicle was towed.

Feb. 24 — Highway 35, 2300 block — Vehicle stopped on a report of an infant being

held in the front seat unrestrained. The driver was currently suspended and had no insurance. The vehicle was towed.

Feb. 27 — Cascade Locks — Male cited and released for failing to stop and weigh after by-passing the Cascade Locks Port of Entry.

Feb. 28 — Hood River — Driver stopped for traffic violation and cited for no operator's license and driving uninsured. The vehicle was towed.

Feb. 28 — Hood River — Citation issued for violation of the basic rule and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

March 1 — Cascade Locks — Hit and run reported.

March 1 — Indian Creek Road, 1200 block — Driver cited for driving uninsured and failure to register following a traffic stop. The vehicle was partially blocking the roadway and was towed.

■ **Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:**

Feb. 22 — Hood River —

Female arrested for a probation violation out of Multnomah County and lodged at NORCOR.

Feb. 27 — Highway 35, Parkdale — Protection order violation reported.

Feb. 27 — S.W. WaNaPa Street, 400 block, Cascade Locks — Male arrested for a probation violation detainer.

■ **Theft, burglary or robbery:**

Feb. 22 — Thomsen Road, 3300 block — Theft from a vehicle reported.

March 1 — Tucker Road, 1500 block — Theft reported.

■ **Sex offenses:**

Feb. 27 — Barrett Drive, 4200 block — Male arrested for two counts of failure to register as a sex offender and lodged at NORCOR.

■ **Other:**

Feb. 22 — Mt. Hood National Forest — Deputy took a call regarding an unattended death.

Feb. 23 — Davis Drive, 3600 block — Sandwich-type bag containing a small amount of marijuana found. The marijuana was confiscated for de-

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