

# Obituaries

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## W. Dale Pierson

William Dale Pierson passed away in his Hood River, Ore., home Feb. 11, 2015, surrounded by his family and his Love - Elizabeth Cole.



Dale Pierson

Dale was born in Grand Island, Neb., on Aug. 25, 1929, to parents Margaret (Chestnut) and Orlie Pierson. He was a Kansas State graduate, holding degrees in architectural engineering and architecture. He was a high level manager with Boeing (Wichita) for over 35 years and, upon his move to Hood River, opened his residence design business. As many people have attested - he was the best-dressed man in Hood River, often seen cruising through town on his scooter in his suit and tie. He was a man of integrity and his constant generosity changed the lives around him.

Dale enjoyed golf, model railroading, cars, playing the organ and piano, his scooter, and especially playing good bridge with friends. Being a Midwesterner, he also knew how to make wonderful homemade strawberry ice cream! (The vanilla wasn't bad either.) Many occasions were made sweeter with the gift of "his" ice cream for dessert.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 40 years, Martha Pearl (Parker) Pierson, who died Feb. 14, 1997.

He is survived by "The Love of His Life," Elizabeth Cole, of Hood River, Ore.; his son, Joel C. Pierson, of Big Fork, Mont.; his daughter and son-in-law, J.R. Windsor and David L. Windsor, of Hood River; his daughter Subhadra D. Katz, of Hood River; and his granddaughters, Skye M. Windsor, of Santa Clara, Calif., and Sierra M. Windsor, of Pullman, Wash.

An ice cream social in his honor - featuring his Famous Ice Cream - will be announced soon.

## Aida Elisea Chavez

Aida Elisea Chavez, 47, passed away at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center on March 7, 2015, surrounded by each and every one of her family members who love her beyond words. She is the wife of Miguel Chavez and mother to four beautiful children: Edgar, 21, Alex, 17, Cassandra, 15, and the baby of the family, Ana Luisa, 9.

Aida was born April 7, 1967, in Sahuayo, Michoacan, Mexico. She is the

daughter of Ramiro Elisea and Teresa Sanchez. Aida was employed at Maxam Nutraceuticals, where she was a shipping manager for 12 years.

Aida loved being with her family and friends. Her children were her life. She loved taking them to the mountain and watch them snowboard or to the river to swim. She enjoyed being with her family at all the many events they may have and was always the first one to volunteer to help. She was there for her mom and dad to help them with anything they may need at any time of day.

When asked about Aida you will hear the answer happy, helpful, always on the go, and caring. I cannot say enough about the word care. Aida was a caregiver; she would help anyone at any moment and under any circumstance. She was a beautiful wife, mom, and sister and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her great and numerous family, including: her mother and father, Ramiro and Teresa Elisea; five brothers: Jorge, Alfredo, Javier, Ramiro and Jose; two sisters, Teresa and Veronica. She has many cousins, aunts and uncles who will dearly miss her as well.

She was preceded in death by her sister Maria. "You will forever be in our hearts, and holding our hand every step of each of our journeys, until we meet again our beautiful angel!" - Elisea family

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 12, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with viewing to follow. Graveside service will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Pine Grove Cemetery. We would like everyone to meet at Anderson's Tribute Center at 12:30 p.m. to follow us to the Pine Grove Cemetery for burial.

Memorial donations may be made to the account under Aida Chavez Elisea, at CenterPointe Community Bank in Hood River, The Dalles and Bingen, in assistance to her husband and children.

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 [anderson-tributecenter.com](http://anderson-tributecenter.com) to leave a note of condolence for family.

Aida Elisea Chavez, 47, lamentablemente fallecio

este pasado Sabado, 7 de Marzo, en el hospital St. Vincents, rodeada de toda su familia que la ama incansablemente. Aida es esposa De Miguel Chavez y madre de 4 hermosos Hijos, Edgar 21, Alex 17, Cassandra 15, y la bebe de la familia AnaLuisa 9. Aida nacio en Sahuayo Michoacan, Mexico donde sus padres Ramiro y Teresa Elisea la vieron crecer. Aida trabajo en Maxam Neutaceutics por mas de 12 anos como gerente de envios. Aida siempre fue una madre ejemplar que dava su vida por sus hijos y los amaba incondicionalmente. Su vida la dedicava a ellos sin peros ni restricciones, amaba llevarlos de paseo y pasar el dia en familia. Aida fue una mujer mas que hermosa en todo el sentido de la palabra interior y exteriormente, todo aquel que tuvo el placer de conocerla sabe la calidad de humano que ella era. Alegre, risuena, llena de anedotas e historias que provocaban risas, llantos, y mucha felicidad. El vacio que Aida deja en su enorme y numerosa familia incluyendo a sus hermanos Jorge, Alfredo, Javier, Jose, Ramiro y sus hermas Teresa y Veronica es inigualable.

"Sosten nuestra mano en cada momento de nuestras historias por esta vida; nuestro Hermoso Angel, hasta que nos volvamos a ver!" - Familia Elisea

El Servicio eucaristico sera el Jueves 12 De Marzo a las 11am en la Iglesia Santa Maria. Despues de la ceremonia en la iglesia, celebraremos el servivio velatorio en la locaccion de Andersons Tribute Center al costado de la iglesia catolica Santa Maria. El velorio entonses se tomara acavo el Viernes a la 1:00 pm en el Panteon de Pine Grove.

Sus donaciones son bienvenidas a la cuenta de Aida Chavez Elisea en el banco Center Pointe Community Bank en Hood River, The Dalles, Bingen en cooperacion y a su marido y sus 4 hijos.

## Elaine Mohr

Elaine Mohr, 92, of Eugene, Ore., passed away on March 10, 2015, from age-related complications and cancer. Elaine was born in Hood River, Ore., on Sept. 20, 1922, and was the daughter of Leo and Stella Drake.

Elaine was well-traveled as a child as her parents moved around Oregon in search of opportunity. They made stops in Heppner, Milwaukee and Klamath Falls, Medford and finally back to Hood River. As with most from her generation, the

Great Depression was difficult and left a permanent imprint on her memory and life.

Elaine graduated from Hood River High School in 1940. During her senior year, she was crowned the Hood River American Legion Queen. On July 21, 1940, Elaine led the 20th annual American Legion climb from the Mount Hood Legion Camp to the summit of Mount Hood. Elaine became the first Legion Queen to lead this challenging night time climb to the summit.

After high school Elaine went on to attend and graduate from Oregon State University. Following Elaine to OSU was her childhood sweetheart, Ted Mohr. With the onset of World War II, Ted enlisted in the Navy and was off to war. Just prior to Ted leaving, Elaine and Ted married in a military ceremony in Hood River on June 3, 1944.

Elaine graduated from OSU in 1944 with a degree in education and home economics. Her first teaching job was in Seaside, Ore., where she taught high school home economics. Elaine had the misfortune of renting an apartment above the old Seaside Aquarium. She heard students squawk by day and sea lions by night. After one year in Seaside she moved to Seattle where Ted had had been stationed briefly before being deployed to the Aleutian Islands. After World War II Elaine and Ted lived in Seattle for two years. They later moved to Portland.

In 1950 Ted was recalled by the Navy for the Korean War. He was stationed in Bremerton, Wash. Elaine and young sons Tom and Richard joined Ted on Bremerton Island. In 1953, after the Korean War ended, Elaine and Ted relocated their young family to Eugene. Soon after their arrival in Eugene their third son Jay was born.

After raising her three sons, Elaine returned to teaching in Eugene; first, part-time at Colin Kelly Junior High and then finally full-time at Madison Junior High. Elaine taught home economics. She retired in 1982 after teaching at Madison for 24 years. Elaine was responsible for teaching several thousand young ladies (and a few young men) how to cook and sew. It was not uncommon for Elaine to be approached by women in Eugene who informed her that she had been their teacher. Two of her recent caregivers and a nurse even recognized and acknowledged Elaine.

Elaine spent her retired years traveling domestically and internationally, square dancing, gardening and enjoying her four grandchildren and three

great-grandchildren. She was an avid Beaver fan until the end. Elaine was very proud of her custom-made Beaver blanket and could be seen marching around Sheldon Park Assisted Living on game day in one of her many OSU outfits. One bright orange spot amongst a sea of green and yellow. It is not easy being a Beaver in Eugene. Go Beavers!

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Ted Mohr. She is survived by her three sons: Tom Mohr, of Eugene, Richard Mohr (Robert), of Urbana, Ill., and Jay Mohr (Kim), of Scottsdale Ariz.; four grandchildren: Scott Mohr (Anne) of Tucson, Ariz., Shawn Mohr, of Eugene, and Alison Mohr and Lauren Mohr, both of San Francisco; and three great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Elaine's family would like to recognize the following people and organizations who assisted Elaine over the last several years: the staff at the PeaceHealth Barger Clinic Senior Health & Wellness Center, the staff at Sheldon Park Assisted Living, Janet McDonald, Kirk Latham, and the wonderful nurses that assisted her in her final days at the Sacred Heart University District Acute Care for Elders (ACE) unit.

A very special word of appreciation goes out to Dr. Jae H. Lee and his staff at the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute who were responsible for Elaine's care over the last seven years.

A Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, March 17, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Eugene, with a burial following the service, 1 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Eugene.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Elaine's memory to the Oregon Cancer Foundation, 520 Country Club Road, Eugene, OR 97401.

Arrangements are under the direction of Musgrave Family Mortuary, 1152 Olive St., Eugene, OR 97401; 541-686-2818.

## James Walker

James Joseph "Jim" Walker was born on Nov. 18, 1920, and passed on March 10, 2015. Jim was born to Marvel (James) and Charles Smith in Portland, Ore. Marvel's second husband, Tom Walker, adopted him later in life.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth (Stanford). He is survived by his daughters Grace (husband Victor Neumann), of Santa Barbara, Calif., and

Luci (husband Kevin Widen-er), of Underwood, Wash., and brother Charles (wife Pat) of Gresham, Ore.

Jim grew up mostly in Portland and descended from early pioneers in eastern Washington. He served an enlistment in the Oregon National Guard in an artillery unit. On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and Jim enlisted in the Navy that day. A month later after a rushed boot camp in San Diego, Jim was a crewman aboard the USS Sabine (AO-25) as it sailed into Pearl Harbor. Aboard the USS Sabine, Jim sailed all over the Pacific and was involved in most major naval engagements including the Doolittle raid on Tokyo.

Jim loved to tell stories and his favorites were of his time spent in the Navy, his wife and daughters, and growing up in Portland. He was an expert scrounger able to find equipment, food, and entertainment for his crew where others failed. He rose to the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class.

After the war, Jim attended the University of Oregon and Vanport College and found work at the Hanford site near Richland, Wash. It was at Hanford that he met a young chemist from Oklahoma, Ruth Stanford. After a brief courtship, they were married on Feb. 4, 1950. In 1962, Jim and Ruth adopted Grace and Luci as newborns and their life changed forever! After raising two daughters, Jim retired from Hanford in 1983 and he and Ruth moved to Florence, Ore. They enjoyed fishing and being near the ocean. Ruth's illness brought them back to Richland to be near family.

After Ruth's passing in 2007, Jim was heartbroken but determined to, in his words, "live until he died." He moved to Hawks Ridge Assisted Living Community in Hood River in 2010 to be near Luci. The last several years, Heart of Hospice managed Jim's health care. He was very fond and appreciative of the staff and volunteers. They went "above and beyond" and even provided him a dinner of Rocky Mountain oysters! He was also very happy with the care he received from the staff of Hawks Ridge. The caregivers were very special to him. The family cannot thank Heart of Hospice and Hawks Ridge enough for all they did for Jim!

A memorial service was held on Friday, March 13, at Hawks Ridge. Jim and Ruth's ashes will be spread in Florence, Ore., at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Heart of Hospice.



Aida Elisea Chavez



Elaine Mohr



Elaine Mohr



James Walker

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