

Myrtle Clark

Myrtle Ladena Hilkey Clark, 96, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Parkhurst Place in Hood River, Ore. Funeral services will be held at Rose City Cemetery & Funeral Home, 5625 N.E. Fremont St., Portland, Ore., at 1 p.m. Monday, April 6.

Myrtle Clark

Myrtle was born Feb. 9, 1919, in Medford, Ore., to Ralph and Ethel (Tolbert) Hilkey and grew up in southern Oregon in the Medford and Talent areas. She married Allen M. Clark in Reno, Nev., on Dec. 1, 1937. They moved to Portland in 1943 to work in the shipyards during World War II.

Allen built their house in Portland on N.E. Holman Street. They lived there from 1944 until June 1949 when the family moved to Cascade Locks, where they owned and operated a grocery store, gas station and cabins.

Myrtle was a homemaker. She cooked, canned, gardened, cut our hair and sewed our clothes, but she didn't like to clean the house. She did have two part-time jobs outside the home. For 27 years she worked at the Hood River Fruit Cannery on the swing shift. She also worked for both the Oregon and Washington Fish Commissions marking fish and also counting fish going over the ladders at various dams in the Gorge. Around 1955 she learned to drive. She was also active as a 4-H leader.

Myrtle and Allen took two major vacations trips. In 1976 they took the inland ferry to Haines, Alaska. From there they drove on to Fairbanks and then back home. In 1978 they flew to Hawaii and saw the Kileawa volcano, took a Pearl Harbor cruise and a bus trip up the coast. They spent 19 years wintering in Yuma, Ariz.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Allen; her father Ralph; mother, Ethel; brother Irwin and sister Corky Jones, and son-in-law Tom Power.

Myrtle is survived by her five children and their spouses: Patricia Power, of Cascade Locks, Ore., Carmen (Clayton Kramer), of Ontario, Ore., Gloria (John Washburn), of Weiser, Idaho, Benjamin Clark (Peggy), of Vancouver, Wash., and Helen Clark, of Mulino, Ore.; as well as nine grandchildren, 13

great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Talking Book & Braille Services, Oregon State Library, 250 Winter St N.E., Salem, OR 97301-3950. Please visit rosecityfuneralhome.com for condolences and guest book.

Travis Putnam

Travis Gordon Putnam, 41, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2015, at Providence Portland Medical Center. Travis was born in Hood River, Ore., on Dec. 3, 1973. His primary residence over the years has been Hood River and The Dalles.

Travis fathered and Jody Bell gave birth to in 1993 his surviving daughter, Alanna Putnam, of The Dalles, Ore. He is also survived by his parents, Gordon and Vicki



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(Gehrig) Putnam, of Hood River, Ore., and Abby Brown Putnam, of The Dalles; brother, James Putnam, of The Dalles; grandmother, Patricia Carney Putnam, of Phoenix, Ariz.; aunts, uncles, cousins and other distant family and many friends.

In his school days wrestling and football were his favorite sports, he excelled in both. As to the outdoors, he loved fishing and hunting, and teaching his daughter to fish and with her when she caught her first! Travis also had a love for all animals, but especially dogs.

In 2002, Travis was in a diving accident that left him a quadriplegic. He faced this adversity with courage, honor and dignity. He wore a cap that read "FBI" which stood for "Firm Believer In CHRIST" these were words he believed in.

"I Love You" was always what you heard as his final salutation.

"TRAVIS WE LOVE YOU, TOO!"

Contributions in Travis's name are encouraged to be made to United Spinal Association, 120 - 34 Queens Blvd., #320, Kew Gardens, NY 11415.

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Fern Burns

Fern Louise Burns went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, March 31, 2015. She was residing at Ashley Manor in Hood River, Ore., at the time.

She was born Fern Louise Woodyard on May 18, 1933, in Burlington, Iowa. Her mother immigrated to Minnesota from Switzerland with her family. She was working as a "Candy Striper" in a military hospital during World War I and met her future husband. They moved to Iowa where she was raised with two older sisters and an older brother.

Fern grew up surrounded by a big family and remembers summer evenings with relatives playing accordions and singing; and running and playing with cousins along the Mississippi River. A large part of her life was the church in which she grew up. At the age of 10, she made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized.

She started school at the age of 4½ and attended elementary school and junior high school before moving with her parents to Washington County, Iowa, and graduating from Crawfordville High School. She attended Washington and Burlington Community Colleges and Iowa Wesleyan College to become a teacher. She taught third grade in Burlington and Bettendorf, Iowa, for five years.

Fern met Charles Burns, who attended Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa, on a blind date. He was from Canada, and after marrying on Oct. 3, 1959, they moved to his hometown of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He opened his chiropractic practice and Fern taught school for a short time. Daughters Brenda and Stacey were born in Edmonton and son Scott was born after the family moved to Leduc, a small town just south of Edmonton.

Chuck began his practice and Fern was active in church volunteer work, choir, raising the children and helping with Chuck's practice. They made many wonderful friends in Leduc, taking many camping and skiing trips to Banff and Jasper National Parks,

which remained Fern's favorite places to this day. She was active in church work and helped start a mission church in Jasper Place, was involved in teaching Sunday school, Pioneer Girls, Women's Missions and choir.

In 1976, the family moved to San Diego, Calif., where she again became active in church work at Scott Memorial Baptist Church and taught third grade again briefly before she began helping out at Chuck's office, working there for several years. In 1989, she began working part time at KECR radio, where she worked until 2012.

Fern always enjoyed music and sang and performed in plays and choirs all her life. Scott Memorial, later Shadow Mountain Community Church, choir put on large musical productions that she enjoyed singing in and often had solo parts. It was just as enjoyable to her to be a spectator and she and Chuck enjoyed Big Band Orchestra music and attended many concerts, as well as musical theater at Starlight Theater in Balboa Park.

Another of Fern's hobbies was reading and she loved historical fiction, poetry and mysteries. She was gifted at friendship and enjoyed lifelong friendships with friends and family in Iowa, friends and family in Canada, and in San Diego, she had a special group of friends made up of husbands and wives, who met once a month for dinner and card games, as well as taking trips together to the

mountains and the beach.

Fern maintained close relationships with her sisters, nieces and nephews on both sides of the family and cousins, including family in Switzerland, and loved them all. Especially enjoyable were times spent with grandchildren in San Diego and trips to see the grandchildren in Oregon. Her children and grandchildren were special to her and she loved and enjoyed each one.

She and Chuck enjoyed travel and traveled in Canada, Mexico, and all over the U.S. including Hawaii. They were masters at the "long weekend," just taking off with family and friends to nearby locations in the Southern California Mountains or up to Santa Barbara. Her focus in life was relationships, teaching, enjoyment of the arts, all wrapped up in her love for Jesus.

Fern began having seizures a few years ago, which led to increasing frailty and dementia. Chuck became her care giver and last year, 2014, he moved himself and Fern up to The Dalles retirement home to be near daughter Stacey and son Scott and their families. Sadly, Chuck passed away on Thanksgiving, 2014. Fern moved to Ashley Manor to be near daughter Stacey and her family, where she received loving care until she went home to Heaven.

She is survived by, and greatly missed by, her daughters Brenda and Stacey, son Scott, and grandchildren, Corban and Danielle Tomlin-

son, Cameron and Caitlyn Burns, and Andrea, James, Andrew, and Patrick Estes; nieces Karen Zickefoose, Connie Waterhouse, Sue Woodard and families, nephews Lyle and Dale Hesselstine and families; nephews and nieces Chuck and Margaret Burns, David Burns, Gordon Burns and Cathy Reese and families; cousins Loretta Albers and Phyllis Green and families, and brother-in law Bill Burns.

Fern wanted this verse read at her Celebration of Life: "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in Me. There is more than enough room in My Father's house. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

In the time before Jesus came to get her, Fern had amazing caregivers at Ashley Manor and nurses and caregivers at Heart of Hospice and the family wishes to thank them all for taking Fern into their hearts. Memorial donations in Fern's name can be made to Heart of Hospice, 2621 Wasco St., Hood River, OR 97031.

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Balch Hotel hosts talk, tour, dinner

The Historic Balch Hotel in Dufur on April 10-12 is hosting geologist Jason McClaughry, Eastern Oregon Regional Geologist and the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (STATEMAP) Coordinator for Oregon, for a weekend lecture and tour.

April 10 will bring a reception and in house talk at the Balch and April 11 is an active field trip that will run a route

between Hood River and Dufur; and return to the Balch for dinner and an evening discussion with McClaughry.

Cost varies based on room type. Meals, lodging, tour, and lecture included in package. For pictures, details, and more, contact Samantha@BalchHotel.com.

One option is the Friday night talk, with beer and wine and hors d'oeuvres, admission \$10. Gathering starts at 6

p.m., presentation at 7.

Balch owner Samantha Irwin said McClaughry has “a fascinating story to tell connecting Hood River and Dufur Valley.”

“Learn about this place we love and call the Gorge,” Irwin said. “Guests will take away a better understanding of the geologic history of the area, the study of volcanic rocks and processes, and how rocks serve as resources for society.”

POLICE LOG

March 23 to 29

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

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

March 24 — Cascade Avenue — Restraining order violation reported.

March 26 — June Street — Washington State male arrested for a stalking order violation.

March 26 — Oak Street, 1500 block — Wanted male subject out of Wasco County apprehended and lodged at NORCOR on a warrant.

March 29 — Ninth Court, 1600 block — Hood River male arrested for violating

the terms of his probation by consuming alcohol. He was additionally cited for possession of alcohol by consumption.

March 29 — Second Street, 100 block — Male arrested for a probation violation.

■ **Theft, burglary or robbery:**

March 24 — Sterling Place, 1900 block — Theft of \$60 in January reported.

March 26 — Cascade Avenue, 3400 block — Male reported his wallet as stolen.

■ **Sex offenses:**

None reported

■ **Other:**

March 23 — Wasco Street, 2700 block — Man making inappropriate comments to a child in a business bathroom

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