

# Obituaries

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## Olan Vineyard

Olan Vineyard, a former resident of Hood River, Ore., passed away in Newberg, Ore., on April 7, 2015, at his home. He was born in Miami, Okla., in Ottawa County on April 25, 1940, to Luther and Ola Vineyard.

In 1943, the family moved to the Hood River Valley in Oregon. In 1958, Olan entered the Army and served in the Signal Unit and was stationed in Japan until 1961. He resided in Portland and the past few years in Newberg, Ore. He retired in 2010 after working for many years at Welch Allyn in Tigard.

Olan is survived by his sister, Delphine (Dee) Dillon, of Hood River, and his nephew, Glenn D. Taylor, of Newberg.

A committal service for Mr. Vineyard is planned for Thursday, April 23, at 11:30 a.m. at Willamette National Cemetery. Remembrances may be made in his honor to the Newberg Fire Department Volunteer Association Toys for Tots Program, 414 E. 2nd St., Newberg, OR 97132.

## Louise Piper Johnson

Louise A. Samuel Piper Johnson, of Milton-Freewater, Ore., passed away April 18, 2015, in Walla Walla, Wash. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m. at the Milton-Freewater First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.



Louise Piper Johnson

She was born Nov. 12, 1926, in Hood River, Ore., to Jake and Irene (Fewel) Samuel. When Louise was 12 years old she joined Roy Webster, his twin daughters and her best friend Marge Oats in a swim across the Columbia River. Her father, Jake rowed the boat alongside the swimmers. She was the youngest of the three who finished the swim that day. That original swim became an annual event. This fall will be the 73rd Annual Roy Webster Cross Channel Swim.

During her high school sophomore year after living in the same house in Hood River all her life (225 Montello), her father was given a job transfer to Milton-Freewater, Ore. She never forgot that day Dec. 7, 1941, since it coincided with the attack on Pearl Harbor (two devastating announcements in one day). The family lived in Milton-Freewater for 1½ years before moving back to Hood River. Sadly, when she moved back to Hood River she found that all her Japanese friends and classmates were no longer in school or in the area. They had been interned in camps while many of the older male Japanese high school classmates enlisted as U.S. soldiers.

During her senior year at Hood River High School she was crowned the Strawberry Festival Queen. The following fall she enrolled at Oregon State College where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

At the end of World War II she married Dick Piper from Milton-Freewater on Aug. 17, 1949, just a year shy of her college graduation. They were married for 54 years. After Dick's death she met John Johnson in a hospice grief recovery class. They married July 10, 2003.

She is survived by her husband A.F. (John) Johnson, son Rick and wife Vickie Piper, daughter Kris and

husband Tim Barry; grandchildren Johnna (Tyler) Backhaus, Heidi Piper (Josh Flores), Seth Piper (Rebecca Havers), Connor Barry and Patrick Barry (Christina); and great-grandsons Jack and Landon Barry.

Preceding her in death were Richard E. (Dick) Piper and her parents.

To leave a condolence for the family online visit [munseller-hodes.com](http://munseller-hodes.com).

## Jean S. Wells

A longtime Hood River resident, Jean S. Wells, died on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital, surrounded by family. Jean was born on June 13, 1930, in Bend, Ore., to Jack and Sarah (Hohnstein) Shumway of Powell Butte. She grew up on their sheep ranch and attended Powell Butte Grade School, but she was always a "city girl" at heart.

Jean went to high school in Portland at St. Mary's Academy and graduated from Oregon State College in 1952. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and stayed in touch with her sorority sisters with a "round robin letter" that continues in circulation to this day.

After college she taught seventh grade at John Tuck School in Redmond, Ore., for three years. While working there, Ted Wells, whom she met in college, asked her on a date. They were married on July 10, 1955, and moved to Spokane, Wash., where he was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. They subsequently returned to Central Oregon and added to the family they started in Spokane. Before making their home in Hood River, in 1971, they lived in Sunnyside, Wash., and Newberg, Ore.

During the years raising their children she was actively involved in all aspects of their lives as well as maintaining her own interests and activities. She helped her children with homework, academic and creative projects as well as attended and cheered at her children's sporting events. She worked hard to maintain a sane and functioning household for her husband, four children and myriad cats and dogs. She found creative expression in gardening, sewing, quilting and cooking and was involved in local organizations, including St. Mark's Guild and AAUW.

After her children left home, she continued her service to the community, volunteering her time working in the St. Mark's Episcopal Church office. She was actively involved in the St. Mark's Guild, serving as both president and treasurer several times over the years. She volunteered delivering Meals on Wheels and at the FISH Food Bank.

While working at the church, she was part of a project to create a timeline of the history of St. Mark's in Hood River. This became an ongoing interest of hers and she dedicated time and effort into researching and writing about the church's history. Because of this, along with her amazing memory, she became an invaluable resource as the church's unofficial historian. She always enjoyed learning new things. She taught herself how to use one of the early personal computers and was instrumental in getting the

church office computerized. She introduced her friends and grandchildren to computers, saying, "If I can learn this in my mid-50s, anyone can."

She and her husband Ted enjoyed the adventures of these years, traveling and sailing on the Columbia River and the San Juan Islands. They lived for a few years in Alaska, which gave them many stories to tell. In her later years, she continued her work and involvement with the St. Mark's Guild as well as FISH.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Wells, of Hood River, and her brother, Ray Shumway, as well as by her daughters, Sharon Wells of San Francisco and Diane Wells of Oregon City, and sons, Stuart Wells of Palmer, Alaska and Greg Wells of Honolulu, Hawaii. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Aaron Wells, Nicholas Wells and Jasper Fowler, and great-grandson, Julius James Wells.

A memorial service is being held on Sunday, April 26, at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, at 11th and Eugene streets in Hood River. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St. Mark's Endowment Fund, 400 11th St., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-2077.

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## Lucille Troxel

Lucille Lydia Troxel, of Hood River, Ore., died at her home on April 15, 2015. Lucille was born March 8, 1922, in South Haven, Minn., to Fredrick Maurer and Reka (Buss) Maurer. She was born the youngest of 15 surviving children and weighed 14 pounds upon her arrival.

Lucille would attend grade school (walking 2 1/2 miles each way) through the eighth grade and would receive her eighth-grade diploma. High school was not provided for girls during this time. Later, Lucille would study and earn her GED in 1969; she was very proud of this achievement.

In July of 1940, Lucille would come to Hood River as a teenager to visit her brothers. While here she would meet Darrell Troxel. They would have a six-week courtship and were married Nov. 28, 1940, in Stevenson, Wash. They were blessed with three children: Ira Michael, Dwayne and Dianne. They were married 42 years at the time of Darrell's passing.

Darrell and Lucille owned and operated a dairy farm in Missouri. Together they would milk 21 cows. They were the first stop on the milk route for pickup, so they were up extra early. They were very proud that they were never late once for pickup!

In earlier years Lucille worked at the Fruit Cannery, Gambles Store and Western Auto. She worked at Duckwall Fruit Co. for 25 years and Moore Orchards Inc. for nine years before retiring at the age of 70. Lucille never missed one day

of work while working at the packing houses.

She loved spending time with her family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a second mom to many, and would babysit many family and friends over the years.

Lucille loved gardening and always kept a beautiful yard and garden. She would can and share her fruits, vegetables, and meats. She really enjoyed cooking and would have family, friends and company over for her famous dinners. Until recent years, Lucille would insist on cooking the entire dinner herself. She is known for her fried chicken, homemade rolls, chicken and noodles, homemade ice cream, cakes, pies, cookies, and other treats.

In later years Lucille enjoyed watching game shows: Let's Make a Deal, The Price is Right, Jeopardy, and Wheel of Fortune.

Darrell and Lucille were members of the Hood River Saddle Club, and lifelong members of the Hood River Valley Christian Church.

Lucille is survived by her children, Dwayne (Jeannie) Troxel, of Parkdale, Ore., and Dianne Hayes, of Hood River; grandchildren Mark, Mara and Lydia Troxel, of Parkdale, Randy (Valerie) Hayes, of Hood River, Rob (Tonia) Hayes, of Husum, Wash., Reka (Tom) Sieverkropp, of Hood River, and Julie (Josh) Dillingham, of Hood River; 10 great-grandchildren: Maddie Hayes and friend Tom McAndrews, of Huron, S.D., Hayden King, of Hood River, Anthony and Amber Hayes, of Husum, Wash., Ryan, Austin and Weston Sieverkropp, of Hood River, and Bailey Hammel, Gracee and Kloe Dillingham, of Hood River; niece Lindamay (Roger) Woolsley and family, of Hood River; nephews Michael (Suzanne) Maurer and family, of Hood River, and Aaron (Sue) Davis, of Kennewick, Wash.; granddaughter-in-law Melissa Hayes, of Hood River; former daughter-in-law Barbara Troxel, of Portland, Ore.; and good friends Charlie Deach and friend Kathi Green, of Lyle, Wash., and George and Charlene Fort, of Hood River.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Troxel; parents, Fred and Reka Maurer; infant son, Ira Michael Troxel; son-in-law (son) Larry Hayes; grandson-in-law Brian Hammel; and 14 brothers and sisters.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Hood River Valley Christian Church with a reception to follow, then graveside rites at Idlewilde Cemetery. Bob Huskey and John Ihle will officiate. There will be a visitation on Friday, April 24, from 6-8 p.m. at Anderson's Tribute Center. Those who choose to make a donation in honor of Lucille may do so to the Hood River Valley Christian Church. A special thank you to Lucille's caregivers: Julie Dillingham, Debra Laraway, Sarah Kahler and Lynn Sherrill, all of Hood River.

Our family wishes to thank the following people for their excellent medical care and treatment: Dr. Janet Sjoblom and staff at Providence Medical Group, and all the doctors, nurses and staff at Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital.

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## PET OF THE WEEK

# RosieBee loves car rides, walks and treats

This week volunteers at Adopt A Dog have selected RosieBee as the program's adoptable pet of the week:

Well, who's ready for some FUN?! RosieBee always is, so bring the tennis balls and let's get to it!

RosieBee may be 8 years old, but she's got the energy and action of a 2 year old! RosieBee's owners are moving and can't take her with them, so they asked us to help find this happy girl a new forever home, and we know there are some great Choc Lab lovers out there who would love to have RosieBee part of their family. She used to live outside, but now that she's in a foster home, she likes right next to the bed much better!

She loves to hang out with her peeps when they're working in the garden, or out and about, and her favorite spot is anywhere near the car — she's always ready for a trip into town, or drive around the neighborhood! She loves being in the car! Can't find her? Look to the car!

And RosieBee can walk for miles, although she usually trots along instead of walk. She's always been off-leash, but has become a fantastic leashed walker. She comes to her name, so either way is fine with her. And she has manners and basic commands down. She'll do just about anything for a treat and when she came to us she needed to drop a few pounds, but with all the fun times and daily walks, she's dropped the old excess baggage with not a single complaint!

She's a fun-loving girl, just hoping someone will throw the ball! Like most Choc labs, Miss RosieBee loves the water



RosieBee

and good games of fetch. She has lived with other dogs, big and small, and cats, too. But she's rather be an only dog. She's fine with just about anything. She likes kids, too, but we wonder if her gusto for life might just knock a little one down on their keister! RosieBee is super lovable and attentive, loyal as they come and ready for a new start. She's house trained, current on shots, microchipped and spayed. The adoption fee for RosieBee is \$150. The fee to adopt is charged to recoup standard veterinary expenses.

Since many of our dogs are in foster, please call ahead to meet RosieBee in Odell at the Hukari Animal Shelter 3910 Heron Drive, or call for more information at 541-354-1083. Adoption hours are Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, 9-11 a.m. You can fill out an application online at our website [www.hoodriveradoptadog.org](http://www.hoodriveradoptadog.org) or download and scan and email to us at [adoptadog@gorge.net](mailto:adoptadog@gorge.net), or fax it in to 1-877-833-7166. We offer 24Pet-Watch microchips, which include free registration into the 24PetWatch pet recovery service. For more information visit [www.24petwatch.com](http://www.24petwatch.com) or call 1-866-597-2424.

## Death Notice

### Donald McClain

Donald McClain, 87, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles, Ore. Donald was born March 22, 1928.

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