

Obituaries

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Brian McClure

Brian Paul McClure, 51, of Trout Creek Ridge Road in Hood River, Ore., died April 9, 2015. Brian was born Jan. 3, 1964, in Milwaukee, Wis.

He was the beloved son of Delbert and Marie McClure, brother of Michael Delbert (Anne) McClure, of Woodinville, Wash., and Ellen Marie McClure, of Baltimore, Md., and uncle of Tiana Marie Dragos, of Renton, Wash., and Cristal Anne McClure, of Seattle, Wash.

Brian was a graduate of Sammamish High School, Bellevue, Wash., in 1982, and of University of Washington, Seattle, in 1987, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. He was a licensed professional engineer in California, Washington and Oregon, and site manager for the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Brian loved Hood River and lived his life fully and energetically there, enjoying mountain biking, hiking, and skiing. He and his beloved dog Chewy could be found on all the trails. Brian died on the Dog River Trail while on a bike ride.

No services are scheduled. Friends may want to organize a hike in his honor.

Donations in his memory are suggested to the Parkdale Fire Department, 4895 Baseline Drive, Mount Hood Parkdale, OR 97041, the American Heart Association or the Hukari Animal Shelter.

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Gresham, Ore., Brian Phillips (Bobbie), of Hood River, Darren Thenell, of Phoenix, Ariz., and daughter LeAnn Erikson (Ty), of Parkdale, Ore.; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dick put in more than 30 years' service as a weigh master for the Oregon State Highway Division, retiring in 1995. Some of his fondest memories began in 1970 with the West Side Fire Department, where its members became like family to him. He was a Little League softball and baseball coach and umpire for the Hood River District and Region for over 20 years, having the honor to be nominated and selected to umpire a Regional Little League softball playoff game in Portland.

Dick took great pride in teaching his children the art of hunting and fishing and looked forward to their big hunting trips each year. He also enjoyed teaching his cooking, baking, gardening and canning (sometimes a good experiment, sometimes not) skills to his children and grandchildren and loved sharing his creations with everyone.

Dick loved being with family, spoiling his children and grandchildren individually. He nearly always sent peanut butter or chocolate chip cookies home with any grandchild who stopped by the house. In his later years, you could always find Dick at the sidelines cheering for his grandchildren's sporting events, whether it was baseball, softball, water polo, soccer, track or football.

Dick and Darlene enjoyed many years traveling in their fifth-wheel to many places and wintering in Texas and the last couple of years in Yuma. He will be greatly missed by many friends, family, loved ones and people in all the communities wherever he was parked at the time.

A memorial service is planned at the West Side Fire Department, 4250 Barrett Drive, Hood River, Ore., at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the West Side Fire Department.

Elizabeth Asbury

Elizabeth Kilbuck Asbury, raised in Hood River, Ore., passed away on Easter morning, April 5, 2015, at her home in Portland, Ore. She was 96. Born to Joseph and Novello Kilbuck in 1918, Elizabeth Asbury spent her earliest years at the family farmhouse in Ottawa, Kansas. In 1923, the Kilbucks moved to a cherry farm in Pine Grove, which Elizabeth's father had swapped for the Kansas wheat farm. Tragedy struck a year later, when Elizabeth's mother succumbed to pneumonia, leaving behind four small children and a grief-



Elizabeth Asbury

stricken husband. Elizabeth, the second of the four, was just 5.

Under the watchful eye of Grandmother Kilbuck, the three oldest children — Katherine, Elizabeth and John — pitched in to take care of toddler Margaret and to participate in domestic chores. Little Elizabeth became the cook and baker for the household, a special talent that gave pleasure to all who ate at her table throughout her lifetime. When their father married Kansas friend Emma Stratton, the children had a mother once again, and were eventually joined by two more sisters, Helen and Edith. The family moved into Hood River, where Elizabeth and her five siblings completed their secondary education.

The Kilbuck children grew up during the lean years of the Depression. In addition to family chores, the children contributed to the family's income with part-time jobs like babysitting and delivering papers. They brought that same work ethic to their studies. Elizabeth, always a serious student, was the 1936 valedictorian at Hood River High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State College in 1941, then studied laboratory science at the University of Oregon Medical School (OHMSU), where she met Frederick Asbury, a medical student. The two married in 1943, and Elizabeth worked at Portland's Good Samaritan Hospital laboratory while Fred finished up his internship and served as a Navy doctor in post-World War II Japan.

After the birth of their first child, Katherine, the little family moved to Corvallis, where Fred and two medical school friends founded the Corvallis Clinic. Two more children, Ray and Margaret "Peggy," were to follow. Elizabeth put her professional career on hold to raise their young children while Fred served his country again during the Korean War, completed an OB/GYN residency in Portland, and developed his practice in Corvallis. Though always a dedicated mother and supportive wife, Elizabeth never lost her intellectual independence and curiosity. When her children matured, she returned to OSU to earn a Master of Arts degree in 1972, and restarted her laboratory career, this time at OSU's Marine Geology Repository. In 1984, she took a leave of absence to care for husband through his terminal battle with cancer, then retired in 1985 to the Seal Rock vacation home where she and Fred had hoped to live out their days.

But life still held much in store for Elizabeth. At age 67, she surprised family and friends alike by joining the Peace Corps, serving first as a community health care volunteer in Fiji, and then in the offices of the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters. Elizabeth returned for a time to Seal Rock, but she

could not resist the lure of family and the rich cultural offerings of Portland. She made a final move to Portland, where she lived many active and fulfilling years at Terwilliger Plaza, and worshipped at her church, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Elizabeth Kilbuck Asbury is survived by siblings Katherine Kilbuck Beggs and John Kilbuck, of California, and Helen Kilbuck Mulchow, of Portland; her daughter Katherine Asbury Giachetti and son Ray Asbury, of Portland; daughter Margaret Asbury Kralovec, of Seattle; grandchildren Lorenzo and Michele Giachetti, Elliott Asbury, Margaret Asbury Roi, Anastasia Kralovec Anderson and Francis Kralovec; great-grandson Hunter Anderson; and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life at a memorial service at Terwilliger Plaza, 2545 S.W. Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, Ore., on Saturday, May 16, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable donation in memory of Elizabeth Asbury to Legacy Hospice Services - Portland, c/o Good Samaritan Foundation, P.O. Box 4484, Portland, OR 97208, or the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Friends of Music, 147 N.W. 19th Ave., Portland, OR 97209.

Robert Coffey

Robert Lucas "Bob" Coffey, a lifelong resident of Portland, Ore., died of complications of cirrhosis of the liver on Feb. 13, 2015, at the age of 70. Born in Salem, Ore., on March 10, 1944, to Gordon



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Bartholomew and Martha Louise (Lucas) Coffey, he was the great-grandson of a Umatilla Reservation Indian agent, and had an aunt who was a national champion rodeo and trick rider. More significantly, his parents were pioneers in the civil rights movement when they opened their home and provided transportation to black jazz musicians who performed in their dance hall, "Cottonwoods," near Albany and at the Jantzen Beach dance hall, at a time when blacks were denied access to Portland hotels and taxi service. Thus it was that Bob remembered sitting as a small child on the knee of the great Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong.

Bob attended Holy Redeemer Grade School in Portland, and graduated in 1962 from North Catholic High School, where he excelled in basketball, drama, math and English. In 1963 and 1964 he attended the University of Portland, performing in numerous drama productions. In 1965 he won an open poetry competition at Portland State University.

In the 1960s Bob was married briefly to Kathleen Mason. They had two children, Reidun and Jeremy,

who were raised according to the Summerhill philosophy of A.S. Neill, by agreement reached during their parents' very first conversation (over slices of an apple pie Kathleen was pulling out of the oven when Bob, on his way home from a Dubois Society meeting, stopped by the collective house looking for a friend). It was a mostly political, intellectual relationship that didn't survive the challenges of marriage, but produced two extraordinary new human beings and many vivid memories.

Bob had a lifelong love of music. He worked for a time as a disc jockey for several Portland radio stations featuring classical, blues and jazz. He emceed the Mount Hood Festival of Jazz, and enjoyed playing rock, blues and improvisational jazz with friends and family on several instruments — at least one of which he mastered by pure, persistent experimentation. He also had a deep, rich, warm speaking voice, which gave his family much pleasure, especially when he read aloud to them.

During the Vietnam War, while awaiting the birth of their first child in Berkeley, Bob worked swing shift on an extruder machine for a California company producing plastic-lined foil containers for foods and beverage mixes sent to soldiers overseas. (Kathleen would send him off with a recycled aluminum TV dinner tray holding a homemade meal which Bob would heat up on the scalding hot extruder to eat during his lunch break.) Through the years he was also employed variously as a shoe salesman; a quality control inspector for a Portland welding company and for Lockheed-Martin, the airplane manufacturer in California; as a nightclub musician playing acoustic bass; as a U.S. Forest Service firefighter; and more recently as a movie extra. He also coached grade school and middle school basketball teams.

For his entire adult life he was focused on the alleviation of physical and mental discomfort — his own and that of others, often through pure comic relief, but by other means as well. Had he lived long enough to see it become a reality, he would have celebrated the legalization of recreational marijuana in Oregon, a cause he champi-

oned early on.

In addition to a diverse extended family of musicians, friends, artists and other eccentric geniuses, he is survived by his wife, Alexandra Papadakis Coffey; brother, Gordon Bartholomew Coffey Jr., of Brier, Wash.; sister, Martylou Plinski (Leo), of Atlanta, Ga.; his children, daughter Reidun Coffey MacGregor (Caleb), of Corbett and Tacoma, son Jeremy Joel Coffey (Chihiro Honda), of Portland, and daughter Morghan Carney, of Portland; former wife Kathleen Mason Coffey, of Cascade Locks; former partners Diane Ferguson and Tony Carney, each of whom welcomed his children into her life for a time; one granddaughter, Jamie Lee Inman (Travis Munson), of Yakima; one grandson, Preston Edward Inman (Lindsey Gagner), of Tacoma; one great-grandson, Tucker Travis Munson, of Yakima; four nephews and their children; and a stepdaughter, Lace Dill, who, with Alexandra and Jeremy, helped care for him in his final days.

He was preceded in death by his beloved grandmother Helen Coffey, his parents, one nephew and one grandnephew.

His playful, at times audacious nature, genial disposition, sharp mind, ready wit and verbal facility will be remembered fondly by those who knew and loved him.

His remains will be interred in the Coffey family plot at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Portland.

A memorial gathering is in the planning.

(Information provided by Kathleen Mason Coffey)

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Richard Phillips

Richard (Dick) A. Phillips, of Hood River, Ore. passed away April 2, 2015, in Yuma, Ariz., from medical complications.

He was born Jan. 2, 1938, in Tillamook, Ore., to Robert M. and Beatrice M. (Kirby) Phillips. He graduated from Tillamook High School in 1956, joining the United States Army where he was enlisted only a few months before his unit was disbanded and all were released from service.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Judith Barker, of Tillamook, Ore.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Darlene; a sister, Sally Fitch (Darrell), of Crooked River, Ore.; a brother, Robert Phillips (Kik), of Tillamook; and children Terry Phillips, of Tillamook, Gregory Phillips (Stacie), of



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Ruth Nelson

Ruth Nelson, 84, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in Portland, Ore. Ruth was born April 16, 1931.

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William Mohr

William Mohr, 51, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2015, at his home in Hood River, Ore. William was born Feb. 16, 1963.

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Mary Covey

Mary Martha Covey, 94, passed away Friday, April 24, 2015, at her home in Hood River, Ore. Mary was born Sept. 26, 1920.

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Bette Benjamin

Bette A. Benjamin, 64, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2015, at her home in Hood River, Ore. Bette

was born March 19, 1951.

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William Logue

William K. Logue, 81, passed away Friday, April 24, 2015, at his home in Cascade Locks, Ore. William was born Jan. 1, 1934.

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