

Obituaries

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Jay McCulley

Jay Norman McCulley, 83, of Cascade Locks, Ore., passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. He was born on Dec. 29, 1931, in Grangeville, Idaho, the 14th of 14 children, to Homer and Sarah (Marshall) McCulley. He graduated from Grangeville High School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955.

Jay married Mary Ruth Madsen Aug. 11, 1962, in Grangeville, Idaho. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years both in Idaho and Oregon, first as a mule packer and retired in 1981 as a fire control officer for Mt. Hood District.

Jay was a member of the Columbia Gorge Lions and Hood River Elks and served as a volunteer firefighter for Cascade Locks. He also volunteered at Vista House and Multnomah Falls and was a Scout leader in Cascade Locks. He enjoyed hunting, RV traveling, shuffleboard, golf and family time, and was an avid cribbage player. Jay and Mary also spent the last 22 years snow-birding in Yuma, Ariz.

Jay is survived by his wife, Mary McCulley, of Portland Ore.; daughters Ruth Stolaas (Tom) of Yuma, Ariz., and Nancy McCulley of Troutdale, Ore.; sons Michael McCulley (Lala), of Wewak Papau, New Guinea, and Richard McCulley (Renita), of Goldendale, Wash.; brothers Alfred McCulley (Luella), of Grangeville, Idaho, and George McCulley (Sandy), of Vallejo, Calif.; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jay was preceded in death by eight brothers and three sisters.

A Celebration of Jay's Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, at Bible Fellowship, 550 S. Forest Lane, Cascade Locks, OR 97014. Private interment will take place in Cascade Locks Cemetery. Contributions may be made as donations to the Columbia Gorge Lions Club.

Arrangements entrusted to Bateman Carroll Funeral Home in Gresham, Ore.

William 'Bill' Mohr

William "Bill" Alphonse Mohr, 52, passed away Thursday, April 23, 2015, at his home in Hood River, Ore. Bill was born Feb. 16, 1963, in Hood River, Ore., to Louis Alphonse and Beverly Betty (Boesel) Mohr.

Bill attended school at Pine Grove Elementary, Wy'east Middle School and Hood River Valley High School. He was employed by Columbia Area Transit. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting, archery, gardening, wood

carving, playing music, barbecuing and hanging out and being with his loving family.

Bill held his family and friends above all else. He enjoyed being with his family, working on projects with his son and daughters, playing with his grandsons, and one-on-one time with the love of his life, Vicki. He cared deeply for his sisters, brother, and their families. He was truly happy when the family was all together.

Bill cherished his friends and the time spent with them. He truly enjoyed fishing, camping, and being outdoors. He was a tinkerer at heart; Bill wanted to understand how things worked and would take the extra time to perfect the projects he was working on. He was a talented musician who began playing the guitar at the age of 15. When he picked up his guitar and sang, people stopped what they were doing to listen to him play. Bill loved his community and enjoyed working one on one with them over the last 40 years.

Bill belonged to the Church of Christ and was a registered Republican. He donated to Veterans Affairs and the National Rifle Association. His most outstanding achievement was being a great person who cared for everyone!

Bill is survived by Vicki K. Swyers, his life partner for 27 years, of Hood River; children: son William C. Mohr; daughter Triston R. Mohr; stepdaughter Crystal B. Hill, married to Daniel G. Hill; stepdaughter Olivia R. Swyers-Heller, married to Daniel J. Heller II; grandchildren Daniel J. Heller III and Owen J. Hill; niece Shawna Bradley, daughter of Michelle and Kelly Bradley and mother to Michael, Tyler, Christopher and Cheyanne Caldwell; niece Beverly Koenemann, daughter of Michelle and Kelly Bradley and married to Russ Koenemann, mother of Jazmin Andermatt, as well as Lily and Logan Koenemann; niece Sable Duback, daughter of Susan Eskildsen and mother of JJ Gaffney; and niece Alexis Duback, daughter of Susan Eskildsen; siblings: brother Louis "Butch" Mohr, married to Shoy Mohr; sister Michelle Bradley, married to Kelly Bradley; and sister Susan Eskildsen, married to Woody Eskildsen; and a host of friends and his beloved pets, Rosco and Prim.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Beverly Mohr.

Services for Bill are planned for 2 p.m., Friday, May 1, at Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit anderson-tributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

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 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, at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 2. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the West Side Fire Department.

Alvin Flory Jr.

Alvin Clyde Flory Jr., 65, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Hood River Care Center in Hood River,

Ore., surrounded by his loved ones. Alvin was born July 24, 1949, in Eugene, Ore., to Alvin Flory Sr. and Hazel Huckaby. He moved with his family to Hood River County and attended local schools.

After high school Alvin worked at the trailer factory in The Dalles, where he met lifelong friend, Jim Duval. Alvin then worked 25 years at Hanel Lumber Company and then for Northwest Aluminum until his retirement in 2006. Alvin enjoyed hunting, riding his motorcycle, roller skating, fishing and spending quality time with his family and friends.

Alvin is survived by his daughter, Holly Flory, of Parkdale, Ore.; mother, Hazel Flory, of Hood River; sister, Brenda Meyers, of Parkdale, Ore.; brothers Perry Flory, of Parkdale, and Brad Flory, of Hood River; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin Sr., in 2002.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Upper Valley Parkdale Cemetery, 6917 Allen Road, Parkdale, Ore. A reception will follow at the Parkdale Fire Station.

Memorials may be made to Anderson's Tribute Center to assist family with funeral expenses.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit anderson-tributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

Ruth Nelson

Ruth Evelyn Nelson, 84, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in Portland, Ore. Ruth was born April 16, 1931, in Chehalis, Wash., to Earl Leigh "Pat" Middaugh and Cora (McClintok).

Ruth attended college at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wash., and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in education. She then went on to acquire a Master of Science in special education at Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon State University) in Monmouth, Ore. Beginning

her professional career as an elementary teacher, Ruth had teaching experience in public schools in the states of Washington, Oregon and North Carolina. After a sudden hearing loss at the age of 30, she became involved in activities pertaining to the deaf, returned to college to complete certification requirements for becoming a teacher of the deaf and taught deaf students at both the elementary and secondary level. She has been an instructor on the staff at Oregon State University and a teacher of hearing impaired in the physically handicapped program of the Corvallis public schools. Ruth was also an instructor in both the Education of the Deaf and Counseling of the Deaf programs at WOSC.

Ruth was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed many sports including golf and tennis. She was a loyal member of the Eastern Star and American Association of University Women. She loved cats and had one always in her life. Ruth suffered a stroke at age 47 which cut her career short. Despite her disability, she lived independently for over 30 years. She had many friends and was known for her smile, her laughter and positive outlook.

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She is survived by her three children: Nannette Nelson, of Vancouver, Wash., Eric Nelson (Debra), of Kent, Wash., and Elda Orr (Doug), of Hood River. She has five grandchildren: Tyler, Ian, Amelie, Carson and Lauren. Her four brothers, Wyman, Don, Merritt and Darwin, and one sister, Elda, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at Claquato Cemetery, 142 Stearns Road, Chehalis, WA 98532. Donations may be made in Ruth's name to the Oregon Humane Society, 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97211.

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Betty Sappington

By Betty: "To all family and friends, thank you for the privilege of loving you."

Betty Sappington passed on April 26, 2015. She was a

Hood River, Ore., resident and died in her home at Hawks Ridge Assisted Living. She was born Aug. 14, 1924, in Custer, S.D., to Elizabeth Chapman and Harry Wilford Downing.

When she was 3 years old they left South Dakota and moved to Avery, Colo. The family lived there for one year and then followed family to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She attended schools in Coeur d'Alene before moving to Pilot Rock, Ore., and graduated from Pilot Rock High School in 1942.

Betty was a graduate of Pendleton Public Schools in practical nursing and was employed at the Oregon State Hospital and Columbia Basin Nursing Home. She and her husband operated an adult foster home for 23 years. Her former husbands were Edd Charlton and James Douthit, both of whom have passed away. She later married Bill Sappington in 1972. He passed away in 2002; they were married for 30 years.

Betty is survived by her brother, Clyde Downing, of Renton, Wash.; sons Patrick Douthit, of Bingen, Wash., Allen and Ellen Sappington, of Portland, Ore., Larry and Susan Sappington, of Carson, Wash., and LeVoy Sappington, of Hermitage, Tenn.; and daughters Linda Lopez, of The Dalles, Ore., and Leona Thompson, of Steilacoom, Wash. Betty leaves a legacy of 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Homer Richardson; brother Richard "Dick" Downing; and daughters Sandra Noble and Judith Hachtel.

Services for Betty are planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit anderson-tributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

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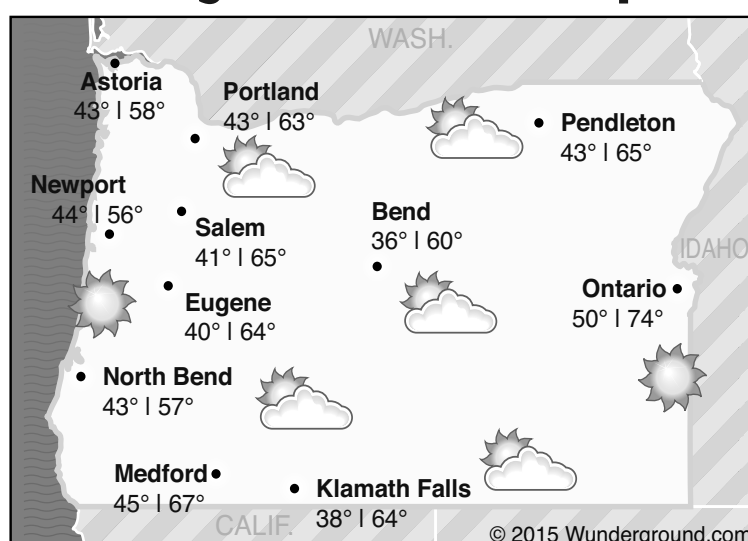


William Mohr

Hood River Weather Forecast

Date	Forecast	Daytime / Overnight High / Low (°F)
Today April 29	Partly Cloudy	65° / 44°
Thurs. April 30	Sunny	74° / 47°
Fri. May 1	Partly Cloudy	77° / 47°
Sat. May 2	Mostly Sunny	74° / 45°
Sun. May 3	Sunny	77° / 48°
Mon. May 4	Sunny	77° / 47°
Tues. May 5	Mostly Sunny	67° / 47°

Oregon Weather Map



Today's Forecast

Partly sunny, with a high near 60. West wind 11 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.

Humidity 73%
Wind Speed S 2 G 5 MPH
Barometer NA
Dewpoint 47°F (8°C)
Visibility NA
Last update on 28 Apr 8:00 am PDT

Actual High / Low
AGRIMET HOOD RIVER OR
Lat: 45.6842 Long: -121.5181 Elev: 510
<http://uspest.org>

Apr 20	-	81/42
Apr 21	-	63/44
Apr 22	-	60/46
Apr 23	-	54/44
Apr 24	-	53/42
Apr 25	-	60/42
Apr 26	-	64/35

Updated Monday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. PST
Data from www.weather.com



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