

Obituaries

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Jack Blake

Jack Blake passed away on May 1, 2015, at the Hood River Care Center in Hood River, Ore. He was born in Winchester, Ill., to Harold and Maxine Blake in 1935. He met and married Betty Sollman in 1954 in Jackson, Ill. The family moved to Hood River in 1958.



Jack Blake

Jack first retired in 1985 after 20 years with Martin Marietta Aluminum. He moved to Arizona for two years, managing a mobile home park. He returned to Hood River and worked for the aluminum company, by then called Northwest Aluminum, another 13 years until retirement.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Betty Blake, of Hood River; sons: Rick and his wife, Julie, of Salem, Ore., Randy and his wife, Elaine, of Beaverton, Ore., Reggie and his wife, Anita, of Spokane, Wash., and Rod and his wife, Kerry, of Hood River; and his daughter, Rebecca Lee, of Hood River. He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his sister, Barbara Pledging, and brother, Dan Blake, of St. Louis, Mo.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Maxine Blake; a brother, Mark Blake, of Winchester, Ill.; and one grandson, Benjamin Blake, of Hood River.

Jack enjoyed bowling, golf and fishing. He was a family man; a loving father who was always there for his family. He was of the Baptist faith and was a very giving person who enjoyed being around people and never knew a stranger.

Remembrances may be made to Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland.

There will be a celebration of life at Faith Bible Church, 1889 Belmont Drive, Hood River, at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, with a potluck to follow.

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Hazel 'Maude' Baskins

Hazel "Maude" Baskins passed away at Hawks Ridge Assisted Living in Hood River on May 1, 2015, at the age of 95. She was born on July 8, 1919, in Gross, Neb., to Fred Bernard Picking and Bertha Elizabeth (Bishop) Picking. Fred's brother James married Bertha's sister Pearl, and the two families grew to four children each, as they followed various occupations together, taking them to Wisconsin, Minnesota and Missouri before Fred's family set out for Oregon in 1937.

Fred and his brother James had worked in the Hood River-White Salmon area circa 1910, liked what they saw, and that led them to return here with their families after the Depression. James and his family followed along to Odell in 1941. Maude was the only girl in her family, and among her "double" cousins, Bud Picking was the only boy. Maude and her older brother Boyd had received an eighth-grade education before leaving Missouri, while her younger brothers Melvin (Chuck) and Vernon completed high school in Odell. For their entire lives, all eight cousins remained as close as if they were from one family.

After settling in the Odell area, Maude worked as a housekeeper and also participated in a local youth group. The Baskins family and the Picking families were acquainted with each other while living in Missouri, and Maude had attended school there with Leland Baskins, whose family had left for Hood River just a few days prior to the Pickings. Maude and Leland began dating and were married in Stevenson, Wash., in 1940.

Maude and Lee raised three sons, first living in the Neal Creek area where Lee worked for O.W. "Pep" Mann. In the early 1940s they moved to Paasch Road where Lee was employed as foreman for Kirstina and Allen Paasch for 25 years. Maude worked as a cook's helper at Pine Grove School, and in the orchards thinning and picking fruit. She also worked in the strawberry fields for the Yamaki family. Maude was a Cub Scout den mother, and enjoyed sewing, gardening, fishing and camping.

When the boys were older, Maude worked in several packing houses, doing jobs such as checking and stamping packed boxes. However, the job she worked at the longest and did very well was sorting fruit. Her favorite group of sorters and employer was Bickford Orchards.

Maude is survived by her brother Vernon, of Corvallis; her sons Leland Jr. of Marina, Calif., Eugene and Robert, both of Hood River; and by seven granddaughters, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lee Baskins, in 1989; and brothers Boyd (in 2004) and Chuck (in 2014).

Her funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Anderson's Tribute Center in Hood River with a reception immediately following for family and friends.

Memorial contributions are to be made in Maude's name to Heart of Hospice, 2621 Wasco St., Hood River, OR 97031 or Oregon Humane Society, 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97211-1411 (oregonhumane.org/tributes).

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Brian McClure Memorial Hike scheduled for May 9

Friends are hosting the Brian McClure Memorial Hike on May 9, to remember Parkdale resident Brian McClure, who died April 8 while mountain biking on Dog River Trail.

Meet at 11 a.m. at the Dog River trailhead, on Highway 35 south of Parkdale. After the hike, participants will meet at Solera Pub in Parkdale

for a meal and fellowship. McClure worked as a civil engineer and divided his time between Parkdale and the Seattle area. He was a licensed professional engineer in California, Washington and Oregon, and site manager for the Washington State Department of Ecology. He was active in Ultimate Frisbee, mountain climbing, hiking, backcountry

telemark skiing and mountain biking.

He also loved to play ping pong at the Armory, participated in Fantasy Football, and was an avid Scrabble player. He and his dog Chewy could be seen on the mountain trails of this area any time of the year.

For questions and details, contact Maren Euwer at 541-490-8463.

VOCI 'Earth Light' concert May 9-10

Two very different choral masterpieces are the focus of the Voci Community Choir's next concerts, May 9 at 7 pm, and May 10 at 4 pm.

Composer Morten Lauridsen was born in Portland and has been teaching for several years at USC. He maintains a "composing hut" in the San Juan Islands and he is widely regarded as one of America's most significant choral composers. One of his most

beloved works is "Lux Aeterna," a setting of several texts on the theme of light. Drawing in part from the Requiem and other Latin sacred poems, "Lux Aeterna" is mystical, joyous, and profound.

Jazz musician Paul Winter composed his "Missa Gaia" (Earth Mass) for the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York. It weaves together many texts from the traditional Latin Mass with the prerecorded

sounds of animal songs—wolves, whales, and birds. Winter bases many of the musical themes on the animal songs, and creates a musical experience that celebrates life on Earth, the beauty of the planet and its fragility.

The concerts will be at the Wy'east Middle School performing arts center, and there is a \$10 suggested donation.

For more information, go to cgoonline.blogspot.com.

Traffic safety blitz happens May 18-31

Beginning May 18 until May 31, the Hood River City Police Department will be conducting a two week traffic safety Blitz campaign. The focus will be on seat belts, speed, and cell phone use while driving. The purpose of this traffic enforcement is to promote safety, compliance, and to reduce the number of motor vehicle related injuries or deaths. This enforcement campaign will take place throughout the state.

Oregon law requires a child weighing less than 40

pounds to be properly restrained by a child safety seat. A child under one year of age or weighing less than twenty pounds must be restrained in a rear-facing child seat. A child over 40 pounds but under age eight or less than 4 feet, 9 inches tall must be restrained in either a child seat with a harness system or in a booster seat that raises the child up so that a lap and shoulder belt system fit correctly.

Law Enforcement will not only be checking for persons wearing seat belts, but also that they are being worn properly. Please take the time to buckle up and

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Service Announcements

Donald McClain

Services for Donald Lee McClain, who passed away April 18, 2015, at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore., will be held at the Pine Grove Cemetery at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9.

With Donald's love for the outdoors, his daughter is planning to make a donation to a conservation group on his behalf. If you would like to contribute to this fund please contact Dawnell at 541-352-6479.

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a note of condolence for family.

Myrtle White

Myrtle White, 95, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at Hawks Ridge Assisted Living in Hood River, Ore. Myrtle was born on Sept. 16, 1919.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m. at Anderson's Tribute Center, with burial to follow at 3 p.m.

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Death Notices

Robert Farlow

Robert Farlow, 60, passed away Friday May 1, 2015, at his home in Parkdale, Ore. Robert was born Sept. 9, 1954.

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Leda Prinzing

Leda Prinzing, 76, passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at her home in Hood River, Ore. Leda was born June 25, 1938.

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