

Obituaries

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Samuel Pobanz

Samuel Edward Pobanz, beloved doctor who started the first nurse practitioner program in Oregon, passed away peacefully of kidney failure on April 28, 2015, in Eugene, Ore., five days short of his 96th birthday.



Sam Pobanz

He was born May 3, 1919, to Philip and Hallie Pobanz in Inkster, N.D., and was the oldest of four children: brothers Donovan Pobanz, Leonard Pobanz and sister, Phyllis Henerhoff. Throughout his growing years, his family lived in many small towns in the Midwest, including the states of Indiana, Illinois, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Georgia. At the age of 9, his father asked him to play the piano in his father's church. Sam had never been taught to play the piano so he "learned on the job," and would play every Sunday in the three churches that his father ministered.

Sam received his bachelor's degree from Elmhurst College, Ill., in 1941 and medical degree from Indiana University Medical School in 1944. During World War II, doctors were in great demand and as a result, he was rushed through medical school in order to serve. He was recruited by the Army in 1945 (for 18 months) and again in 1952-1953, stationed in Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Sam married Florence Helen Koops in her mother's home in Glyndon, Minn., in 1942 and together raised five children: Kris, Kay/Mariah, Betsy, Nancy and Alan. In 1948 Sam and Florence moved from the Midwest to Ontario, Ore., and built a beautifully designed, unique home on 18 acres. He joined the Ontario Clinic in 1949. His rural practice included making house calls and educating the outlying communities on medical and health issues. As the Ontario City Health Officer, his mission was to convince the people of Ontario to get rid of their outdoor toilets. He also found membership in Kiwanis a rewarding way to

be involved in the civic side of Ontario.

Aside from the practice of medicine, music was one of Sam's most significant contributions to his family and the community. In the mid-'50s through 1970, he organized and directed the Treasure Valley Chorus, thoroughly enjoyed by many in the community.

From about 1955 until 1965, Sam faithfully (but reluctantly) took his family skiing at the Little Alps ski area, three miles downhill from Anthony Lakes (near Baker, Ore.). It was an enormous undertaking for the father of a family of seven, but he did have happy memories of those times. The Pobanz family built a large, rustic cabin with another family near the ski lodge, where they spent many a weekend year-round.

In 1966, Sam took a three-year leave from his medical practice in order to create the Health Services program at the newly established (1962) Treasure Valley Community College. It continues to be a strong nursing program. There he taught personal health and served as the medical director and coordinator of the first nurse practitioner program in Oregon, originating in 1973. He also composed the music for TVCC's fight song and college hymn, with lyrics written by Ed Haynes. From 1975-1982, he served as medical director, Presbyterian Nursing Home, Ontario, Ore.

Following the years at TVCC, Sam opened a solo practice across the street from the Holy Rosary Hospital. He took dynamic steps to prevent rheumatic fever by increasing the use of throat cultures in order to diagnose strep throat infections. Because of his actions, more strep throat infections were diagnosed and treated. In many ways, his foresight and original approaches in medicine led to some of the most innovative and important advances in the field.

In 1982, he divorced his wife, Florence, and moved to Hood River, Ore. There he married Aileen Hutchinson Steeves in 1982 (her sons are Robbie Steeves and Brian Steeves) in her home. He opened a solo practice for several years in Hood River. He also commuted to Board-

man, Ore., to provide services at the Morrow Clinic until the long commute became wearisome; after that, he worked in the Hood River Hospital emergency room. He retired in 1987. Upon the death of Aileen in 2010, he moved to Eugene, near Nancy.

Throughout his life, he was passionate about music, art and creating sculpture from welded scrap metal, weathered wood and other found material. He enjoyed discovering interesting textures, patterns and shapes in nature and man-made objects. In Hood River he was an avid supporter and volunteer for the Arts and Providence Hospice of the Gorge, and Compassion and Choices, an end-of-life organization in Portland.

For him, practicing medicine was a privilege and an honor. He was also a loyal blood donor to the Red Cross, having given at least 100 gallons throughout his adult life.

Sam is survived by his children and their spouses: Kris and Deanna Pobanz, of Ontario, Mariah Kaye, of Seattle, Betsy Pobanz and Barry Newberger, of Austin, Texas, Nancy Pobanz and David Wade, of Eugene, Alan Pobanz and Kristine Newman, of Phoenix, Ariz./Menlo Park, Calif.; and his two granddaughters, Kelsey Pobanz and Hannah Santiago.

His parents, three siblings, and spouses, Florence and Aileen, preceded him in death.

A remembrance celebration will be held Saturday, June 27, 2-5 p.m. at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Florence Pobanz Scholarship Fund at the University of Oregon, to which Sam contributed for many years. The scholarships awarded are for undergraduate fine arts students from rural areas of Oregon. Contributions may be made by check, payable to the "UO Foundation" and mailed to the University of Oregon Foundation, 1720 E. 13th Ave., Suite 410, Eugene, OR 97403-2253. Please make sure that "Florence Pobanz Scholarship Fund" is written on the check itself.

For more information, call Nancy Pobanz, 541-513-

6023. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit anderson-tributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

John Ward Sr.

John Reznor Ward Sr., 89, of Albany, Ore., died Monday, May 11, 2015, at Samaritan Albany General Hospital. Born Feb. 1, 1926, in Spring Lake, N.J., to Lot Jr. and Florence (Woolston) Ward, John was raised in New Jersey, graduated from the University of Vermont, and lived in British Columbia. He served in the Peace Corps from 1963 to 1965 in Tunisia, North Africa, where he met and married Lucia Espinoza on Feb. 5, 1965.

John received his master's degree in education from Utah State University and moved to Mosier, Ore., where he resided and taught for 45 years. John and Lucia most recently have lived in Albany.

John was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and held various positions in the church. He was a member of the Lions Club, the American Legion, Mosier Grange, Oregon Retired Educators Association, and the Oregon Small Woodlands Association. John was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Lucia, of Albany; daughters Alicia Satey and her husband, Pedro, of Adair Village, Ore., and Cecilia Ward of Monmouth, Ore.; son John Ward Jr. and his wife, Jennifer, of Albany; and grandchildren Michael Shouse, T.J. Ward, and Lauren and Sarah Ward.

John was preceded in death by his parents and brother Thomas.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 18, at the Mosier Cemetery on State Road in Mosier, Ore. Donations in the name of John may be sent to the Mosier Grange Scholarship Fund at 8200 Highway 30 W., The Dalles, OR 97058. Online condolences for the family may be posted at fisherfuneralhome.com.

Louise Leininger

After a short illness our mother, Gertrude Louise Duvall Leininger, age 96, left us Saturday, May 9, 2015, for her heavenly immediate family: husband Bill Leonard Leininger, brother Roy Donald "Don" Duvall, parents Gertrude "Gertie" Proctor Duvall and Roy Locke Duvall. We didn't want to lose her - ever - we treasure our time spent with her. She was our loving and loyal mother.



Louise Leininger

Louise was born July 22, 1918. Her priority in life was her family. She and Bill were married in 1937. They had three children: Jan G. Leininger, Bill R. (Karen) Leininger, and Linda Leininger Oram; three grandchildren: Tera Leininger (Jerry) Semanko, Crista Leininger James and Bill J. Oram; three great-grandchildren: Austin Marker, Nolan Marker and Katarina James. The Leininger family became a welcome addition to Louise's Duvall family and often the "Leininger Boys." Bill's brothers, would return to Mosier to assist with the farm, hunt and/or socialize. The Leininger hunting camps, particularly those in the Heppner area, created many good memories.

Louise's mother, "Gertie," came from London, England, in 1909 with her parents (John and Matilda Proctor) and six siblings to manage the Larchmont Ranch behind Mosier. Gertie and her siblings ("Nellie," Frank, "Jack," Ruby, Dena and Gordon) were later joined by another sister, "Dora."

Louise's father, Roy, lived in the early 1900s behind Mosier with his parents (David and Anna Louisa Locke Duvall) and his siblings (Ralph, Cecil, Grace, Dean and Guy). This branch of Louise's family (the Lockes and Hardisons) had traveled on the Oregon Trail in 1845 to homestead in Polk County.

Louise and Bill were both raised around Mosier. Louise attended Mosier

School for 12 years and graduated in 1936. Around that time, she met Bill at a church revival meeting. After spending their early married years working construction (Coulee Dam and the Bremerton Navy Yard), Louise and Bill returned to Mosier to purchase the former Macrum, Dan Wuille Corporation and Duvall farms. Louise was happy to again be close to her family. At home she assisted with the farm operations, worked as Mosier School District No. 52 clerk in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and managed the Mosier Fruit Growers Association Office from 1952-75. It was a busy time.

Louise truly loved Mosier Valley, its natural beauty and orchards, its nearby mountains and streams, and would have never chosen to live anywhere else. Her favorite view was from westbound I-84 at the curve where Mosier and the Columbia River Gorge suddenly come into view. She traveled more extensively within the United States in retirement and particularly enjoyed trips to the Hawaiian Islands with her daughters.

Louise was baptized in the Mosier First Christian Church and enjoyed many activities with The Christian Endeavor. She was a member of Mosier Grange No. 234, The Discovery Center & Museum, the Wasco County Historical Society, Wasco County Pioneers, Mid-Columbia Senior Center and Oregon Retired Educators Association.

In addition to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Louise is survived by 17 nieces and nephews; Proctor cousins: Addie Schwartz, Sandy Miller, Tom Proctor, June Isaak, "Lucky" Proctor, Terrie Maag, Ken Proctor, Mary Stiller and John Proctor; Duvall cousin Al Duvall.

Services will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 2 p.m. at Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home, 1100 Kelly Ave., The Dalles, OR 97058. Reception to follow.

Donations in Louise Leininger's memory may be directed to Mosier Community School Foundation, in care of Susan Vallie, community coordinator; Mosier Community School, P.O. Box 307, Mosier, OR 97040 or Legacy Diabetes Institute, Good Samaritan Hospital, 1040 N.W. 22nd St., Room 300, Portland, OR 97210.

PET OF THE WEEK

RosieBee is still looking for her forever home

This week volunteers at Adopt A Dog have selected Andre 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 owner 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 Rosie Bee 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



RosieBee

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 calm dog, who doesn't need a lot of exercise,

is fine when left alone if you need to go to work, or something, and she loves to play with just about any kind of toy. She's a fun-loving girl, just hoping someone will throw the ball!

Like most Choc labs, Miss RosieBee loves the water and good games of fetch. She has lived with other dogs, big and small, and cats, too. But she'd rather be an only dog. The only thing Rosie is particular about is meeting new dogs. She needs a slow introduction, and then she's fine. Oh, and she hates the camera and being at the shelter, so we don't have pictures that really reflect how wonderful she is. 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 Sat-

urday, 9-11 a.m. You can fill out an application online at our website, www.hood-riveradoptadog.org, or download and scan and email to us at adoptadog@gorge.net, or fax it in to 1-877-833-7166. We offer 24PetWatch microchips, which include free registration into the 24PetWatch pet recovery service.

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Death Notice

Paul Henson

Paul Jay Henson, 86, passed away May 10, 2015, at his home.

Memorial services will be held May 25 at 2 p.m. at Tucker Road Baptist Church, 1455 Tucker Road, Hood River. A full obituary will follow in a coming edition of the News.

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