

Obituaries

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Jay Henson

Our community and family have lost one of the most beautiful smiles God ever created. A man of quiet, strong faith in God has gone to be with the Lord.



Jay Henson

Paul Jay Henson was the fifth child born to Samuel A. and Gussie J. Orr Henson on April 19, 1929, at Marsing, Idaho. He passed away at home in Hood River, Ore., with family members by his side on May 10, 2015, at age 86.

Jay was raised in Home-dale, Idaho. As a young adult, he worked in Glacier Park, Mont., as a cowboy with his uncle Ted Orr. Together they managed 1,000 head of cattle. Jay never met a cow, a horse or a member of "that race, the Human Race," that he didn't like.

In 1947 he married Betty Melton and they had two children, Lora Lee and Paul Dewayne. He moved to Hood River and worked at Diamond Fruit and then for Duckwall Pooley for 26 years as the shipping/receiving foreman. He was fond of saying "I could drive that Hyster from Hood River to Pocatello, Idaho, in reverse." After retirement he enjoyed his days as a greeter at Walmart, sharing his smile and hugs with customers for nine years and one month.

He met the love of his life, Elizabeth "Ann" Kaley Fischer, on her first day of work at the Hood River Hotel in 1970. He wooed her with chocolate milkshakes. His love for her and the six children she brought to their marriage of 31 years never waned. Jay and Ann had one daughter, Frankie, who claims to be an "only child with eight siblings."

Jay was preceded in death by both of his parents, four siblings, a son, one grandson and his wife Ann.

He is survived by his sister, Frankie Schierman; and children Lora Lee Henson Hopkins, Paul Dewayne Henson, Steve Kaley (Marta), Annie Fischer Simonds, Candy Fischer, George Fischer (Debi), Darla Fischer Davis (Dale), Jacob Fischer (Luciana) and Frankie Henson Fleming (Scott). He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren

and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Jay would want to remind his family and friends that "he loved you and don't you ever forget it!"

Services will be held at Tucker Road Baptist Church on May 25 at 2 p.m. Reception following with Jay's two favorite kinds of pie, "Hot or Cold!"

Memorial contributions may be given in his name to Doernbecher Children's Hospital, The Salvation Army and Providence Hospice of the Gorge.

Ruth Wakamatsu

On Thursday, May 14, 2015, the Wakamatsus lost a very valuable member of their family. Ruth Kikue Wakamatsu passed away at age 97 in her home in Hood River, Ore., with her family by her side.

She is survived by her four children: Judy Wols, Leland Wakamatsu, Michael Wakamatsu, Stephen Wakamatsu and her two brothers, Fred and Morris Okamura. She spent much of her time with her adoring family. She was loved dearly by her 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Although thankful for the many years with Ruth, they wished she could have lived forever.

Ruth, or "Kik," was born in Hood River on Oct. 11, 1917, and grew up with her eight siblings in the Okamura family home on Belmont Road. She married Jim Wakamatsu on Jan. 17, 1939. They were happily married for 72 years before Jim passed away on Dec. 24, 2010.

She was a super woman in her family's standards. For many years she worked on the family orchard and at the packing house at Diamond Fruit while raising four children.

She was a fabulous cook and showed her love by filling her family's bellies. She was the fastest blueberry and huckleberry picker anyone's ever seen and made family-famous pies. Stories and humor

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were usually present when Ruth was around. She had a cheerful and kind spirit which made her a pleasure to spend time with always.

Ruth will be greatly missed but the memories she created with her family will not be forgotten and her pie crust recipe will be passed on from generation to generation.

The family will be holding a graveside service which will be planned for a later date this summer. Many thanks to the Hospice of the Gorge for their loving care.

Services are pending at this time with arrangements under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit andersontributecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

Service Announcements

Vernon Bowlby

Services for Vernon Bowlby will be held Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m. at Idlewilde Cemetery. The Oregon Honor Guard will do a flag presentation and headstone dedication.

Vernon passed away Jan. 11, 2015, at his home in Corvallis, Ore.

Rich Cannon

Richard "Rich" Carrol Cannon passed away May 9, 2015, at his home in Hood River, Ore., with family by his side.

Services are planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at King-doom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1619 Tucker Road, Hood River.

Ex-sheriff in accidental shooting

Dee Hill in critical condition

By Neita Cecil
The Dalles Chronicle

Dee Hill remains in critical condition Tuesday morning after her husband Darrell Hill, a retired law enforcement who has dementia, accidentally shot her in the stomach Saturday morning.

Dee, 75, had surgery May 16 at Mid-Columbia Medical Center; according to the Oregon State Police.

The state police is heading the investigation since Darrell, 76, was previously The Dalles police chief and then the Wasco County sheriff.

The shooting did not appear to be intentional, said Bill Fugate, spokesman for the state police. He stressed that Hill has dementia, a brain disease that causes a long term and often gradual decrease in cog-



The Dalles Chronicle photo/file
RETIRED WASCO County sheriff Darrell Hill poses Sept. 22, 2014, with an award presented by the Washington State Genealogical Society recognizing him and his wife Darleena Hill for their work with the society.

nitive thinking.

Officers executed a search warrant at the Hills' residence in the 900 block of Pomona Street and seized the gun used in the shooting, said Wasco County District Attorney Eric Nisley.

He said both Darrell and Dee Hill thought the gun he was handling was unloaded.

Darrell cooperated with investigators, Nisley said, and told police he pulled the trigger of the gun and it discharged.

The shooting happened in the living room area of the residence, Nisley said. He did not know how close Dee was to Darrell when she was shot, but said she was at "relatively close range."

According to police logs, Dee called police just before 9 a.m. Saturday and said her husband accidentally shot her in the stomach with a Glock.

Darrell is staying with a family member, Nisley said. "He's secure, he's not a threat to anyone. He has no access to firearms."

Nisley said the case was particularly difficult. "I go from waves of grief because I've known Dee and Darrell Hill for almost 20 years, and to see them in this circumstance is heartbreaking."

He said he also has waves of "anger, just for the situation, not at anybody in particular. Maybe it could have been prevented."

The Dalles Police Chief Jay Waterbury said, "It's a terrible tragedy."

"I find something like this hard to come to a realization about, considering this guy was kind of my teacher going through the years," Waterbury said. "I kind of followed him: As he was promoted, I was promoted. He's a guy I could always go to and ask the questions I didn't have answers to."

Waterbury added, "We're hoping and praying for Dee and hoping everything comes out ok."

Hill was hired by the city police in 1969, after serving as a reserve for the sheriff's office. He became police

chief in 1990 and retired in 1996. He ran for Wasco County sheriff that year and won, serving two terms before retiring in 2004.

He was a reserve deputy for five or six years after retiring, and helped with the office computers until 2013. He also served as director of the Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility for six months in 2005, until they hired a permanent director.

In December 2013, according to a Chronicle article, Darrell was diagnosed with rapid progressive dementia with siderosis. Dee told the paper at the time that the prognosis was the disease was usually fatal in six to 12 months.

By then, he'd been confined to a wheelchair for several months. At that time, the Hills had been married for 56 years.

The September 2014 Chronicle article on Hill said, "Law enforcement wasn't his only community involvement."

"He was recently honored by the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society and Washington State Genealogical Society for his service and contributions."

"He and Dee are parents of two daughters, DeAnna Hill of Seward, Alaska, and Debbie Loomis of Gig Harbor, Wash., plus four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

"They were also foster parents to numerous foster daughters over a 20-year career, and helped establish and operate the Wasco County Attention Home. He received the foster parents' highest honor, the Klahre Award.

"Until his illness, he was also active in The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, serving as president, The Dalles Lions Club, Wasco County Pioneer Association, was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association and a certified firearms instructor for the FBI and NRA."

POLICE LOG

April 27 to May 3

All calls were responded to within the City of Hood River.

■ **Controlled substance violations (non-DUII):**

April 29 — 12th Street, 1800 block — While investigating a possible theft, two subjects were identified and both had outstanding warrants.

During the officer's contact with the subjects, methamphetamine was recovered from each. Both were lodged at NORCOR for the warrants and charged with unlawful possession of

SHERIFF LOG

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■ **Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:**

May 13 — Eastside Drive — Juvenile male arrested for domestic assault.

May 17 — Toll Bridge Park — Assault and criminal mischief reported. A male was later arrested and lodged at NORCOR by the Wasco County Sheriff's Office.

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May 1 — E. Marina Drive, 900 block — Female reported damage to her vehicle in a hit and run.

May 1 — Cascade Avenue, 3100 block — Two car motor vehicle crash reported.

■ **Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:**

April 27 — Second Street, 200 block — Subject arrested after turning himself in on a valid warrant.

■ **Theft, burglary or robbery:**

April 30 — Cascade Avenue, 3300 block — Female reported theft of a money-gram.

May 1 — Young Lane, 3000 block — Male reported a stolen motorcycle.

May 2 — Cascade Avenue, 2200 block — Hood River resident cited for theft III.

May 2 — June Street, 1100 block — Male reported a stolen motorcycle.

May 2 — Wasco Street, 2700 block — Officer dispatched to a theft in progress.

May 3 — 22nd Street, 1600

block — Boy's bike reported stolen.

■ **Other:**

April 30 — Second Street, 200 block — Male reported his wallet lost.

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