

Obituaries

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Gladys Burris

Gladys Jean Burris passed away May 16, 2015, in The Dalles, Ore. Gladys was born Aug. 24, 1933, in Alcester, S.D., to James Valles Boyer and Elizabeth Olive (Linblad) Boyer. She joined older sister



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Gloria and later her two younger brothers, Jerry and Garland, were born. In 1946, the Boyer family moved to Hood River, Ore. Gladys attended school in Hood River and it is there she met her future husband, a returned World War II Navy veteran, George Burris. The young couple moved to The Dalles in 1955, where they purchased a home in 1960 and raised three sons: Steven, David and Gregory. She resided in her home until her death.

After Gladys attended beauty school and became a beautician, she continued in that occupation for 35 years with a devoted following.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, George; youngest son, Gregory; her older sister Gloria; younger brother Garland; and parents, James and Elizabeth Boyer.

She is survived by her sons, Steven James and David George Burris, and grandchildren Rene (and her husband, Chad), Derek and Tyler; great-granddaughters Demi and Nyah; and great-great-grandson Isaiah. Lifelong friends include Gwen Fisher and Kathy Quinata, and Kathy's daughter Marissa and granddaughter Kaleeyah.

Gladys and George attended First Christian Church in The Dalles and were members of the congregation for many years. In addition to her love of God, Gladys was an avid reader and used her green thumb to work her magic with her plants, flowers and lawn. When not working in their yard, George and Gladys took every opportunity to travel, whether a short jaunt or extended vacation, they relished checking out the sights and spending time together.

Paramount among Gladys' last wishes was her desire to remain in her own home until her passing. Facilitating in making this a reality were Heart of Hospice, Laurie Notos, and numerous friends and family members. Their love and care is deeply appreciated.

Gladys was a people person and when you first met her, it was as if you had known her all your life. She had numerous friends and a large family that loved her deeply. She was always there to listen and enjoyed life to the fullest. Her love of cats was well-known by all. She will be dearly missed.

Services will be held at the First Christian Church at 909 Court St. in The Dalles on May 30 at 11 a.m. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Dalles First Christian Church or Home at Last, 200 River Road, The Dalles, Ore.

Arrangements are under the direction of Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home, 1100 Kelly Ave., The Dalles, OR 97058; 541-296-3234.

Richard Cannon

Richard Carrol Cannon, 91, born on Jan. 21, 1924, passed away in the company of his beloved wife on Saturday evening, May 9, 2015, at his home in Hood River, Ore. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ellen Cannon, his brother



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William "Bill" Weslake Cannon, son Terry (and Jacqlin) Cannon, granddaughter Maija (and Rick) Roe, and

grandson Cy (and Kimberly) Cannon, all of Hood River. Also, stepsons, Doug (and Teresa) Keller and Ted (and Amy) Keller. He also has many nieces and nephews and others so dearly loved by him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Weslake and Hazel (Kneale) Cannon, first wife Doris Jeanne (Mickey) Cannon, and grandson Zachary Cannon, brother Clarence Cannon and sister Ruth (Cannon) Mathiowetz.

A memorial service with reception following will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1619 Tucker Road, Hood River.

Cannon Brothers Drywall was his line of work in the community for many years. He loved people and as one of Jehovah's Witnesses he showed that by telling others about the Good News of God's Kingdom in his preaching activity at every opportunity.

Following is a brief summary of his life as he recorded for friends a few years ago:

In my life I have had my share of hard knocks. I've no doubt made many mistakes, but I can truthfully say I always tried to correct them and not make the same ones again, and not let the hard knocks get the best of me or get me down. I always got up, brushed myself off and kept right on going.

I've always felt that when things don't work out for you, for example employment, just try doing something else until you find what does! I've done all kinds of farm work starting with my own family's farm here in Hood River. Such as taking care of Black Angus cattle, milking cows, caring for chickens and pigs. Over the years I've been in every type of orchard work, including knocking olives, picking, packing and hauling fruit here in the valley and in southern California. I have also drilled water wells, worked as a carpenter, finished cement, done roofing, felled trees and pulled stumps. For a time I worked in a lumber mill and also drove cat on road construction.

Then I found what I wanted to work at as a trade for the rest of my working days: drywall. I can say that I enjoyed doing so from 1951 to 2009, then I retired. My dad always told me, "Just keep working and you won't get behind that way!" How true that proved to be in my life. Looking back I've had a full and satisfying life. I learned to fly airplanes and enjoyed it for many years safely. In my youth I learned to box quite well.

My greatest love, though, is being one of Jehovah's witnesses. I have always put my whole heart into serving Jehovah God, and will continue to serve to the best I can. I've worked at our world headquarters in New York City and in the international building as well as helping in the construction of Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls in three states and one foreign country. I've served in the local congregation for many years as an elder. What a joy and blessing this service has proved to be. I've met and worked alongside so many wonderful people and count them all as family.

As to my personal family life I have been blessed by Jehovah with two wonderful Spiritual sisters that became

my wives. I can't say enough about them. Both excelled in everything that's dear to me. I met and married my first wife, Doris Jeanne "Poncho" Mickey, in 1948. We had a very happy life together for 41 years, until her death in 1989. She was more quiet and supportive of me in some of the real tough times after World War II. She also gave us our son, Terry.

In 1966 we moved back to Hood River from Escondido, Calif., to be close to family. After our son graduated, Doris Jeanne worked along with me, my brother Bill and his wife, Joyce, in our business, Cannon Bros. Drywall. Poncho was at my side as a loving wife and devoted Witness of Jehovah all those many years.

In 1996 I met and married Ruth Keller while helping on the construction of an Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in California. Not as quiet as my first wife, Ruth keeps me on my toes, so to speak. A more wonderful wife who could ask for. Ruth has saved my life three different times. If she had not been right by me and had not known as much as she does about medical things I would have died. I have great respect for her as a teacher of the truth. She has helped several to learn Bible truth since our marriage, and continues to help others in so many ways.

Ruth has made a peaceful home for us. We are very close and help each other in every way we can. There are so many things that make me feel that she is a gift from Jehovah, as was Doris Jeanne. Two wonderful spiritual women. I hope I always treated them with respect, kindness, and gentleness. Jehovah God loves ones with qualities such as theirs just as do I. With my marriage to Ruth, I came to love her sons, Doug and Ted. Also Ruth's sister Kay and brother Bill were especially fun as they loved to call and try to trick me into believing they were prospective drywall customers or salesmen - my crazy family from California! I greatly appreciated Ruth's brother Frank for spending two weeks helping me after major surgery.

Last but by no means least, I had the most wonderful family to be brought up in. My dad and mom were the best! So loving and kind and helpful in every way. My sister and brothers were always close to me. We could always depend on each other. Two men I have spent my life with are my son Terry and my brother Bill. I treasure them both and love them from the bottom of my heart. For the first 22 years after returning to Hood River our families lived on the same street where my brother Clarence and his wife, Elaine eventually joined us. I cherish the memories of being so close to Terry and Jacqlin and being able to spend time with my grandchildren, Zachary, Maija and Cy as they grew up.

We also spent many happy camping and vacation trips together in Oregon, Arizona, California and Mexico. Many of those memorable times also included Doris Jeanne's brother Lyle and wife Vera and their family. They were a close part of my life and I will always hold them dear to me. What a blessing ALL of my family always were. I truly miss

those that are gone. My hope is to be together again in the New World so close now.

There are many others right here in the Valley and other parts of the world, too many to name, I'll always hold dear to me. Many are sleeping in death. I'm sure we will meet again in the New World under Jesus Christ's righteous rule.

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Kim Bell

Kim Eugene Bell, of Mount Hood, Ore., passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Providence Portland Medical Center in Portland, Ore. Kim was born Aug. 27, 1952, in Tillamook, Ore., to Charles Leonard Bell and Billie Joanne (Merrill) Bell, and was brother to Mark Bell and Loreen Bell-Haight.



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In August 1969 he married Patricia Faulkender; they divorced in 1984. Kim graduated from West High School in 1970. He remarried in July 1993, to Beverly Immer.

In 1989 or 1990 Kim received an energy conservation award for helping invent a heat exchange system from the ovens of Juanita's Fine Food to be used at Full Sail Ale Brewing Co. He flew to Washington, D.C., to receive the award.

Over the years Kim worked as a logger for George Cochran; as department manager at Rosauers; worked at the Harvey Aluminum plant; as sales representative and delivery man for Juanita's Fine Foods; fleet manager for Hood River Ford; and as store owner of Parkdale Square in Parkdale, Ore. He was such a hard-working man.

Kim loved fishing and gardening. He really enjoyed fishing with his family, and treasure hunting at the coast during low tide. His little Pepper dog became his constant sidekick and loved going on trips. He was a member of the Parkdale Baptist Church and Parkdale Grange.

Kim had a wonderful sense of humor and always could put a smile on your face. He was such a positive man who always looked for the good in people. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. The community loved him and all the neighborhood kids loved to come see him in the store.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly, of Mount Hood; daughters Jennifer Bell, Jody Bell, Katie Bell and Sarah Bell; stepson Ray Rockafellow; stepdaughters Autumn Rockafellow-Maurer (Erich) and Jamie Rockafellow-Brindle (Mark); grandchildren Angel McCafferty,

Tyler McCafferty, Alanna Putnam, Christopher Putnam, Kevin Putnam, Misty Bartsma, Dustin Bartsma, Tucker Carter, Khamia Rockafellow; Korrisa Rockafellow; Brandon Rowe, Daniel Maurer, Jacob Brindle and Jared Brindle; great-grandchildren Kolbe Robinson, Lincoln Elliott and Benjamin Bratton; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in death his grandparents, Jesse C. and Nellie E. (Egley) Bell and William and Pauline (Noble) Merrill; father, Charles Leonard Bell; and infant sister Sheryl Ann Bell.

Services will be held June 6, 10:30 a.m. at Parkdale Baptist Church, with Pastor Bobby Beauchamp officiating; potluck will follow.

The family would like to thank Louie Dominguez and the Dominguez family for all their love and help, with thanks also to Randi Harju and Sarah Ortiz.

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