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Former Oregon U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Furse Dies at Age 84

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Elizabeth Furse, who represented northwestern Oregon in Congress for three terms in the 1990s, has died from complications related to a fall, her former husband said.

She was 84 and died Sunday, said John Platt.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that Furse championed the rights of Native Americans and helped five Oregon tribes regain federal recognition. She also worked to advance the rights of women, children and farm workers and advocated for peace and nuclear disarmament and environmental regulation and land

use rules.

The Democrat was first elected in 1992 to the U.S. House representing Oregon's 1st District without ever having held elected office before.

After she left Congress at the end of her third term in 1999, she became the founding director of Portland State University's Institute for Tribal Government. She also co-owned and operated the Helvetia Winery.

"Elizabeth Furse had a steadfast commitment to justice and civic engagement," Portland State University President Stephen Percy said in a statement. "We will miss her contributions and guidance and we will always be grateful



In this Feb. 9, 2003, file photo, former Oregon Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse answers a question from the audience during a town hall meeting in Milwaukie, Ore.

for her time representing Oregon and at Portland State."

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said on Twitter that Furse worked "repairing the world to help Tribal communities, strengthen women's

health care and support vulnerable Americans everywhere. I'll miss her tremendously."

Furse, who was born a British citizen in Kenya when it was still a British colony, grew up mostly in South Africa and was active in the anti-apartheid movement when she was a young woman. She married a U.S. citizen and became a citizen after moving to the United States.

Furse is survived by her children, Amanda Briggs of Beaverton and John Briggs of Seattle, and by Platt, who was her second husband.

Obituary: Jerome Cox-Tanner

J E R O M E COX-TANNER was born on May 26, 1945 to Willie Tanner and Charlene Cox-Tanner.



Jerome Cox-Tanner

He grew up with seeing everyone for who they were, enjoying every moment of life.

He lived, laughed, loved and cried all the emotions, good or bad that life brings upon you throughout the years. Life has its challenges and he overcame them.

Remember Jerome for all the things he accomplished such as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, nephew, cousin, brother and friend who loved everyone. A man who accomplished not only being one of the first African American Locomotive Engineers for Union Pacific Railroad, Southern Pacific Railroad, Amtrak Locomotive Engineer, a Member of OFDA, Millenium 2000 Group who brought Activist Dick Gregory to Portland, Oregon three times but in the end dedicated his life to operating Cox & Cox Funeral Chapel, the legacy of the founder

Arthur A. Cox, Sr., his grandfather.

He peacefully transitioned to eternal life to be with his parents and others who went before him.

Jerome is survived by his wife of over 20 years: Schawna Tanner; children: Yolanda Tanner (Gregory Bonnell), Kevin Tanner (Angela), Shelleene Tanner - Young (James) and Rashad Tanner; grandchildren: Necia Cage (Dupree Pankey), A'charii Bonnell, Alexis, Aspyr and Kylea Tanner, Samiyah, Semaj and Marlee-Rae Young; great grandchildren: Dupree Jr. and Braylen Pankey, Karsyn and Jaidyn Rice; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

He will be missed dearly by family, friends and the community.

Services will be held on May 4, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Vancouver Avenue 1st Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Avenue, Portland, Ore.

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Oregon House Passes Bill Extending Homeless Camp Notice

By SARA CLINE
Associated Press/Report for America

The Oregon House on Monday approved a bill that would extend the notice period to homeless individuals before local government agency's

remove an encampment from 24 hours to 72 hours.

In addition, the measure would increase the time a municipality would be required to store unclaimed personal property removed from a site from 30 days to 90 days.

House Bill 3124 passed by a vote of 39-16 and now moves to the Senate.

Rep. John Lively, a Springfield Democrat, said while lawmakers are working on various bills relating to housing and homelessness this session, this particular piece of legislation "addresses some other aspects of how (homeless people) are treated."

People who are currently or were previously homeless wrote the Legislature to support the bill.

"There is absolutely no good reason to perform camp sweeps without proper notice. Performing a sweep effectively evicts people from their homes. Personal belongings are often confiscated and thrown away," Juniper Harwood, an Oregon resident who was homeless for three years, said in written testimony.

ny. "Would you want to be evicted on such short notice?"

Heather Sielicki, a Eugene Human Rights commissioner who works with the homeless population in the area, said extending the notice would also allow non-profits and other organizations more time to gather and provide services to the vulnerable population.

"Twenty-four hour notice does not give resource-limited community-based organizations sufficient time to render aid," Sielicki wrote. "Twenty-four hour notice does not acknowledge the lack of support available on a weekend, even in our larger municipalities"

If the bill ultimately passes, a 72-hour notice would be posted on the entrances of the encampment and local agencies that deliver social services to individuals, including arranging shelter, would be notified.

During the camp removal all unclaimed personal property — except for belongings not in an insanitary conditions, weapons, drug paraphernalia and items

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