

Dorothy Edith Capron
Sept. 24, 1923 — April 5, 2017

Dorothy "Dottie" Capron, age 93, passed away peacefully with family members by her side at Peace-Health Southwest Medical Center in Vancouver, Wash., from complications of pneumonia.



Dottie was born in Butler, Penn., the eldest of five children. She was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps during and after World War II. In February 1947, she met the love of her life Allen Weston Capron Jr. ("Wes") on a return flight to her base in Biloxi, Miss., after being temporarily assigned to Denver (where Wes was stationed) during a flu outbreak.

After a double date that night, five months of daily love letters and a visit to Dorothy's parents in Pennsylvania, they were married by a justice of the peace in Gulfport, Miss., in July 1947, a union that lasted for 64 years until Wes died in 2011.

The first 14 years of marriage, they lived Texas, Nebraska and California. In Oregon, they lived in St. Helens, Enterprise, Newberg, Tigard and Beaverton. Dottie's final year was in Washougal, Wash. Their love produced four children: two sons David Capron and Donald Capron and two daughters Cheryl Klingenberg and Joyce Eaton. Dottie was a lovely Christian woman who lived her life for her Lord and her family.

Dottie was the original "super mom." With her husband, she raised four children only five years apart in age. She worked full-time as a nurse after the youngest child was in grade school yet kept up with homemaking tasks, which included cooking (cinnamon rolls and cherry pies were her specialty), sewing, crocheting, cross stitch, gardening and canning. At Columbia District Hospital in St. Helens, her expertise was helping to deliver babies. Shortly before she died, the family found her handwritten memoir of her early years and discovered that she was also a wonderful writer.

She leaves behind her children; siblings Ferne, Carol and Donald; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, step-daughter Susan Totten and sister Grace Robinson.

Memorial Service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday April 29, at Tigar Christian Church, 13405 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard. Burial with military honors will be at Willamette National Cemetery 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 12. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tigard Christian Church. Arrangements under the direction of Young's Funeral Home, Tigard.

Leona Darlene Carper Collins
Aug. 25, 1925 — April 10, 2017

Leona Darlene Carper Collins passed away peacefully surrounded by family April 10, 2017.



She blessed the world with her presence Aug. 25, 1925, in Promise, Ore. Born to Walter and Lula Mae Carper, she was one of 10 children. Her mother came from West Virginia over The Oregon Trail and was one of the first families to settle in Wallowa County. That journey took four months as they traveled by covered wagon.

She married Jim Richard and moved to Lake Charles, La., where they had three children: Gerald, Joyce and Greg. They later divorced, and she made her way back to Wallowa.

She then met Roy Collins "The Love of Her Life" at a barn dance. On April 8, 1955, they said "I do," and his children Norman and Sheila joined the family. Together they had three boys: Les, Bruce and Terry bringing the combined total to 7. They were blessed to have 53 years of wonderful marriage before Roy's passing.

You could always catch her dancing a jig, yodeling, playing the harmonica and spoons. She loved music, and you would hear it daily throughout the house. Over the years, she crocheted many afghan blankets and embroidered beautiful dish cloths.

She and Roy grew a bountiful garden and canned the goods from it each year. She was known around town for her delicious "hotty garlic" dill pickles and homemade huckleberry pies.

Some of her fondest memories were camping and fishing at Oxbow, hunting with family and friends, picking morels and huckleberries and playing cards, board games and jigsaw puzzles. She loved spending time at their Powatka Cabin while listening to country music and sipping whiskey. She even had a swig on her 91st birthday.

Her greatest joy in life was being with her grandchildren. She would snuggle, kiss and spoil all of them. Her legacy of love will always resonate.

She is survived by four children, 21 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, a great-great grandchild and two siblings.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy, sons Bruce, Greg and Gerald, seven siblings and granddaughter Charisse.

A service will be held at Lostine Cemetery 2 p.m. May 6 The family encourages everyone to come and share stories of her.

Vernice Juker, 91, of Yuma, Ariz., passed away March 7, 2017, in the comfort of her two caring daughters.



Vernice Carlene was born June 20, 1925, in Enterprise, Ore., to Oscar and Carrie Hammack. She grew up on an Alder Slope farm and attended Gwen Country School.

She became a hard-worker at a very young age as she and her two brothers worked on the family farm. After graduating from Enterprise High School, she worked for dentist named Thompson.

Vernice married Gifford Botts in 1945, moved to Wallowa, Ore., and worked at Bates sawmill. They bought a farm on Prairie Creek where they raised horses, dairy cows, hay and grain.

Vernice and Gifford welcomed two daughters: Carol Ann and Karen Darlene. She continued her love of horses as a member of the Wallowa County Wranglers Club, she loved the rides and functions, especially the week-long ride up to the high mountain lakes.

Vernice worked a few summers at Russell's restaurant at Wallowa Lake and as a cook at Wallowa County Hospital. She and Gifford later divorced.

Vernice was baptized March 8, 1970, at the Enterprise Christian Church.

She married Leo Juker in 1971, and they owned a J. I. Case dealership and enjoyed fishing trips (one to Alaska). In the late '70s, they became snowbirds when they began spending the winters in Yuma. They would swim at the rec center and play cards with friends.

After Leo's passing in 1986, Vernice became a permanent Arizonian and continued spending time planting flowers. Her yard was her pride and joy. She loved watching the Diamond-backs and meeting friends for donuts. Vernice, Carol and Karen took a trip to Hawaii during this time.

On March 7, when Vernice's golden heart stopped beating, God put his arms around her and lifted up the best to his beautiful garden where she can finally rest. It broke our hearts to lose her, so parts of us followed her to the place she now calls home.

She was preceded in death by parents Oscar and Carrie, brothers Harold and Vernon "Dick" and husband Leo.

She is survived by daughters: Carol (David) Erwin; Karen (Patricia Jarvis) Botts; grand-daughters Andrea Alness, Jennifer (John) Pinczes, Amber Erwin; family member Steve Alness; and great-grand children Dennis Pinczes, Brittany and Brandon Alness.

As she now watches us from above, celebrate her life and honor her memory by these words she gave to us "From A Friend."

I would rather have one little rose from the garden of a friend, than to have the choicest flowers when my life is at an end. I would rather have the kindest words and a smile that I can see, than flattery when my heart is still and life has ceased to be. I would rather have a loving smile from a friend I know is true, than weeping over my life's form when I bid this world adieu. Then bring me on the flowers today, pink or white or red. I would rather have one flower now than a truckload when I am dead. Bring them on while I am here so the flowers I can see. When my eyes are closed in death, they will be no joy to me.

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DEATH NOTICES

Fredric "Fred" Talbott

Fredric "Fred" Talbott, 90, of Union, Ore., passed away Jan. 28, 2017, at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande. A celebration of life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Hall in Union.

A graveside service will be at the Prairie Creek Cemetery in Joseph, Ore., 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Casual dress is preferred by the family.

Loveland Funeral Chapel Crematory in La Grande is handling the arrangements.

Donna Mae Johnston

Donna Mae Johnston, 78, died April 24 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. A memorial potluck will be noon Saturday, April 29 at the Wallowa Senior Center, 204 Second St., Wallowa. Contributions in her memory may be made to Wallowa Valley Senior Living, 4-H or a charity of choice in care of the Bollman Funeral Home.

Thank you

The family of David Clegg would like to thank everyone for your acts of kindness in recent weeks. Thank you to all who brought food, visited, called, sent flowers and cards, and donated in his memory. Your thoughtfulness, kind words, and shared memories will never be forgotten.

Thanks to Bollman Funeral Home and the First Baptist Church of Enterprise for their assistance and the church ladies who provided the wonderful dinner. Special thanks to Pastor Justin Peters, Garry Wagner, Rod Miller, Scott and Ruby Lathrop, the Song Leaders, Lois Hough, Sam Morgan, Gail Swart, Kady Clegg and those who contributed to the Military Ceremony including Randy Morgan and Gracie Carlsen playing the "Taps Echo", the Navy Honor Guard from Spokane and local VFW. All was greatly appreciated.

Everyone helped make a very fitting tribute to honor our brother and uncle.

The Family of David Clegg

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I don't shy away from responsibility:

- WC Natural Resource Advisory Council,
- WC Community Wildfire Protection Plan,
- Crazy H's 4-H leader,
- ECC Capital Finance Committee,
- and many other acts of service... maybe you remember.

I was humbled by my peers with the 2016 WC Chamber: Leader in Ag. & Timber Award.

You can trust that my values are your values.

And so, I humbly ask for your vote this May 16th election.

Sincerely,
Heather Melville

Public meetings

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
• Wallowa County Oregon Employer Council Meeting: 11:30 a.m. 200 E. Main St., Enterprise.

MONDAY, MAY 1
• Enterprise School District Board: 7 p.m. 2-1 SE Fourth St., Enterprise.

Weather Forecast www.wunderground.com

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	High	Low	Conditions
April 26	49	35	Rain
April 27	49	35	Snow
April 28	51	31	Partly cloudy
April 29	59	39	Clear
April 30	57	39	Chance of rain
May 1	56	37	Chance of Rain

Phases of the moon

May 2	May 10	May 18	April 26
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET APRIL 27-MAY 3
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
5:43	5:42	5:40	5:38	5:37	5:37	5:38
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