

Howlak Tichum

Jeanie M. Smith ~ 1936-2015

Jeanie Marie Smith was born January 21, 1936 in Portland, Oregon to Charles Benjamin and Margaret Louise Bussey. She passed gently into Spirit World Saturday morning, August 22, 2015 in Portland with family at her side.

Growing up in Milwaukie, Oregon, with parents who were both school teachers, her childhood home was filled with classical music, opera, the fine arts, dance and lively political and social discussions.

Her parents instilled a love of learning, the practice and respect for all living things, appreciation for creative endeavors, the beauty and benefits of nature and self-confidence.

While Jeanie was in junior high, her dad introduced her to downhill skiing on Mt. Hood. She loved it! Her competitive spirit even caught the eye of a member of the Women's U.S. Ski Team. Jeanie loved competition.

She graduated Class of 1954 from Milwaukie Union High School, actively participating in dramatic and comedic productions and served as president of the Thespian Dramatic Troupe, often earning 'best actor' awards for her performances.

Reading literature and writing poetry began early and earned her place in the accelerated English writing class.

In 1954, she was crowned Miss Milwaukie and went on to compete in Seaside for the Miss Oregon title.

In 1955, she married Gordon N. Olson, raising two daughters, Debra and Becky Rae. Time was filled with taking care of the home, involving the girls in ice skating, trips to her grandparents' Oregon beach property, and wa-

ter-ski and camping trips to Devils Lake and Pelton Dam with friends and kids galore.

In 1968, she married Doug Thompson who had two sons, Rex and Brian, who lived in Eugene.

The move to Beaverton started an active chapter in her life. She worked fulltime at Silver Eagle Trucking Company, and would occasionally enjoy timing her commute over Germantown Road in their Porsche.

Weekends were always busy—Sailing the San Juan Islands, backpack trips in the Oregon mountains, and working as crew for Doug's race car extravaganzas up and down the West Coast.

As if that wasn't enough, her love for downhill skiing returned, with her being the fourth woman in Oregon to achieve the highest level of ski instructor certification and teaching at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl. She also had the opportunity to helicopter ski on Mt. Hood.

In the mid-70s, she became a single mom with one daughter in college and one at home. During this time, the 1978 airline deregulation was taking shape and her entrepreneurial drive began with the creation of Prestige Travel, a niche business specializing in corporate travel.

While building her client base, she was introduced to Ken Smith, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

In 1981 she married Ken Smith who had a son Greg and a daughter Michele. It was a week after their marriage, Ken received the call and was interviewed and later appointed Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in The Department of Interior, and off they went to Washington D.C. for four years.

With the move to D.C., she yet again saw an opportunity to carve another niche business by creating Topaz Enterprises, a travel management consulting and auditing firm.



Her clients included Fortune 500 companies across the country, and she was often described as "the nation's foremost air-fare watchdog," being quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and trade and financial publications. The industry loved her presence on any platform. She ran with the big dogs and was in high demand as a speaker and writer.

In 1985 Jeanie and Ken returned to their families and friends in Oregon, where Jeanie relocated her business and Ken returned to work with his own consulting business.

During the 1990's she contributed to the arts again by working closely with the Museum of Warm Springs Huckleberry Harvest events, hosted at their home and supporting the Futures for Children auction fundraisers in New Mexico.

Jeanie sold and retired from Topaz Consulting in 1997 and began pursuing her love of ceramic and visual arts in her new studio built on the Deschutes River.

In 1998 they purchased a home in Palm Springs and would enjoy the best of both worlds splitting time between the two homes. Retirement brought time to delve into hiking, travel, golf, ceramics, photography, painting and collage. Her art has been shown in galleries from Palm Springs, Los Angeles, Sandy, Portland and Madras.

In 2008 they returned to Oregon 100 percent, and recently settled into their wonderful condo downtown.

Jeanie loved to entertain.

Her creative healthy food combinations, invigorating conversations, beautiful settings, with smiles and laughter to fill the room were her hallmark.

Jeanie and Ken traveled the world from motor-home to cruise ships. They loved exploring ancient ruins, wildlife, museums and the sandy beaches. She even jumped in to swim with the sharks! That was our Jeanie.

Jeanie embraced life with exuberant enthusiasm. Adventurous, positive, athletic, creative, strong-willed and competitive, caring and sensitive, humorous, intelligent, beautiful. She participated fully and gleefully in life.

She truly was an amazing woman. Her attitude toward death echoed "I was never afraid of life, why would I be afraid of death?"

She leaves a hole which she would want filled with happy memories, smiles and laughter. We send her love and appreciation as she goes off on her next adventure! We love you. Thank you for being you.

Jeanie is survived by her husband, Ken Smith. Her daughters Debra Daniels, Becky Rae Schroeder (David) and Michele Hensel (Kendal). Six great-grandchildren and many dear cousins and her loyal dog Benni. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Nancy V. Kelly and son, Greg Smith.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sunnyside Little Chapel of the Chimes, 11667 SE Stevens Rd, Happy Valley, OR 97086 (sunnysidechimes.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Art Adventure Gallery in Madras (artadventure-gallery.com) or Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Oregon and SW Washington (ovariancancerosw.org).

Drivers class by AARP

Refresh your driving skills with the AARP Smart Driver course. This is for drivers 50 and older. You're learn:

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insurance.

The class will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, October 2, with a one-hour lunch break. The location will be at the Family Resource Center. Call the library for more information, 541-553-1078.

Registration cost is covered by the Warm Springs Health and Human Services Branch. Class limit is 15.

Trading at the River in Sept.

The Oregon Native Business Network (ONABEN) Trading at the River Native Marketplace is coming up at Portland next Friday, September 25.

Trading at the River will

be from noon until 7 p.m. outside the Ecotrust Building in Portland's Pearl District. To learn more visit the event website at: tradingattheriver.com

Volunteer with basket weavers

The Basket Weavers Gathering is coming to Warm Springs, and the local committee is looking for volunteers to help make lapel pins for the participants

attending.

If you would like to help, drop in Wednesday between 2 and 7 p.m. at the Education Building, first floor training room.

Culture Coalition offering grants

The Jefferson County Cultural Coalition is encouraging local nonprofit organizations involved in arts, humanities, cultural and heritage activities to apply for funds.

JCCC receives funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust to grant to cultural projects. The average grant awards are under \$1,000.

Interested nonprofit organizations can download the grant application form, budget worksheet, grant guidelines and a grant checklist from the JCCC website www.jeffersonculture.org.

Read through the guidelines before applying to ensure your organization is

qualified. Organizations that do not have tax-exempt status may use a fiscal sponsor with tax-exempt status.

The deadline for applications to be received is Oct. 16. Award notifications will be sent out in early November.

Contact JCCC with any questions at: jeffersonculture@gmail.com.

JCCC is a nonprofit organization that receives annual funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust to support programs and activities that foster arts, heritage and humanities in Jefferson County.

All grant recipients must be nonprofit organizations with residents in Jefferson County.

Being overweight or obese increases your risk of diseases and health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Not surprisingly, the steps to lose weight are the same as the steps to prevent weight gain:

Daily exercise, a healthy diet, and a long-term commitment to watch what you eat and drink.

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EPA adopts fish consumption rate for Wash.

The Environmental Protection Agency made a landmark move this month, announcing fish consumption rates that strengthened Washington State's human health criteria and water quality standards.

The EPA's decision came after Washington failed to develop acceptable water quality standards, and the state legislature failed to pass a toxics reduction bill.

Each state is mandated to set water quality standards to protect its residents from toxics such as mercury and PCBs.

Those standards are based on human health measures including how much fish people eat and an acceptable cancer risk level.

Washington's federally mandated standards are similar to those set in Oregon in 2011.

They are designed to protect residents who consume up to 175 grams of fish and shellfish per day. The previous human health criteria were protective of residents who consumed up to 6 grams

of fish and shellfish per day.

"The need to update human health criteria and water quality standards throughout the Columbia Basin has been a huge struggle for tribes in the region," said N. Kathryn Brigham, chairwoman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

The EPA decision, she said, is a monumental step forward.

"It signifies a shift for the state's residents and the communities who rely heavily on the region's fish and shellfish for their diets and need protection from toxics in their

food.

"Its consistency with Oregon allows us to take a regional approach to improving the water quality of the Columbia River and throughout the Pacific Northwest."

The need for Washington to update its fish consumption rate and water quality standard became vital after the state of Oregon adopted similar criteria.

The data behind Oregon and Washington's new criteria is largely tied to tribal communities that rely heavily on fish populations for subsistence and cultural use.

The Warm Springs Office of Information Systems has this tip to help you help yourself from becoming a victim of cyber crime.

One of the best ways to keep cyber criminals from getting into your computer, your business and your personal information is to have strong passwords, and to keep them safe.

Keep your passwords in a safe place and try not to use the same password for every service you use online.