

In Loving Memory...

Wilmadene Butler

Tribal Elder Wilmadene "Tuffy" Butler passed away on February 22. She was 69.

She was one of 22 children born to Andrew and Mary Amanda Riggs. She was the last surviving of the 22 children.

She attended St. Michael's Catholic School and Grand Ronde Elementary School.

She married James E. Butler on November 11, 1954.

She spent most of her life as a homemaker. She also served on Tribal Council. She loved life and devoted herself to everyone, especially her family.

Survivors include her husband, James E. Butler; daughter Cynthia Ann; and three grandchildren.

Editors Note: I'll never forget you Wilmadene. I'll never forget your kindness and your smile. I'll never forget the way you looked at me with loving eyes and the way you teased my mom about me being "your boy." I'll never forget the way you welcomed me into your home, but most of all — I'll remember your laugh — the way you crinkled your nose and cackled out loud. I love you and I will always remember you.

Vernon Leo Justen

Vernon Justen, a resident of Grand Ronde, passed away on February 18 in Grand Ronde.

He was born on December 8, 1948 in Shakopee, Minnesota, the son of Herbert and Katherine Burnett Justen. Vernon lived in Chaska, Minnesota until 1953 when the family settled in Grand Ronde. Vernon graduated from Willamina High School. He attended O.T.I. and Western Oregon University. Vernon had been involved in all aspects of logging. He was self employed operating Justen Logging Co. which focused on reforestation and excavation around the state of Oregon. Vernon was a strong supporter of high school wrestling programs. Vernon had wrestled in high school and received a number of awards.

Vernon attended St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ronde. He was a member of the Oregon Logging Association and was a Veteran of the U.S. Army. Vernon loved spending time with his family and his dog Ethel. Vernon had a love of antique machinery and enjoyed exploring for new finds. He was preceded in death by his parents; Herbert and Katherine Justen and brother; Robert Justen.

He is survived by his son; Jordan of Hillsboro; daughters; Janelle Justen of McMinnville and Kerry Justen of Willamina; stepson; Jason Greenlaw of Willamina; sisters; Marie Davis of Dallas, Rose Eisele and Vicky Aaron, both of Grand Ronde, Jeanne Buswell of Willamina and Barbara Hadley of Sheridan; brothers; Ted of Washington, Paul and Vincent, both of Grand Ronde; along with his grandchildren, Savannah Justen, Gabriella Justen and Braden Justen-Mendenhall. Services were held February 22.

Editors Note: Vern Justen was not a member of the Tribe, but he was a member of our community. He was a member of our family and he left behind loved ones that we as a Tribe care about. Walk On in Peace Vern.

Jerrold Easterling

Jerrold "Jerry" Easterling of Sisters, a former longtime resident of Grand Ronde, passed away February 27 at the St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

He was born August 18, 1925 in Kearney, Nebraska to Robert and Bernice Easterling. The family moved to Oregon in 1936. He attended schools in Creswell and joined the U.S. Navy upon graduation from high school. He served four years as a radioman in World War II.

He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Journalism in 1951 and worked on year for the News Review in Roseburg. He was associated with the family auction business in Creswell for a number of years. He went to work as a business and agriculture reporter for the Capital Journal in Salem in 1970 and later was a feature writer and columnist for the Statesman Journal. He won Best of Gannett award for writing in 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; daughters, Leith Williver of Sisters and Susan Mason of Camas, Washington; son, Steven Topf of Newberg; a sister, Nancy Harrod of Creswell; and four grandchildren.

Editors Note: Jerry Easterling was a noted journalist who lived in Grand Ronde and was an inspiration to many of us journalists who came along after him. Thank you to the Easterling family for sharing such an inspirational man with all of us here in Oregon. We're better for the experience.

Home For Sale

1999 Fleetwood Manufactured Home



■ **DESCRIPTION:** This home is 1,380 square feet, 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Washer and Dryer included. 6 X 10 covered deck. Skylight in kitchen. Breakfast nook plus dining room.

■ Ideal opportunity for senior seeking home ownership at a fraction of the price.

■ In 55+ Park in Sheridan, Oregon.

■ Call 503-879-2172.

■ Owner looking for buyer to take over loan

PRICE: Approximately \$85,000.

Happy 4th Birthday Olivia Kathryn Larkin



We love you!
Mom, Dad, Papa & Grandma,
Uncle Dean, Uncle Tommy,
Aunt Tracy &
Great Grandma Kathryn.

Brandon Willy Shepherd



Born to Amy Jeffers
and Roke Shepard & big
brother Little Rock.
Baby Brandon was born Feb 2,
2003 weighing in at
8 lbs 2 1/2 oz 20 in long.
Proud grandparents are Jill
Brandon and Mike Lumas of
Lapine and the late
Jerry Brandon....

JOB OPPORTUNITY

EXTERNAL OPENING

■ **Executive Health Director**
Health & Wellness Center
Grade: 22
Closing date: March 28

■ **Department Manager**
Human Resources
Grade: 19
Closing date: March 28

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

■ **FNPI/II**
Dependent upon qualifications
Medical Clinic
Grade: 16/17
Closing date: March 17

■ **Site Supervisor**
(K-5, Before & After Care)
Education Department
Grade: 9
Closing date: March 17

■ **Nursing Supervisor**
Medical Clinic
Grade: 14
Open Until Filled

■ **Lab Manager**
Health Center/Laboratory
Grade: 15
Open Until Filled

For a detailed job description,
please contact the Tribe's JOB LINE:

503-879-2257

1-877-TRIBEGR



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**Veterans' Memorial
Ad-Hoc Committee
Meeting**
March 24 — 6:30 p.m.
Governance Center

USDA Distribution

~Salem~

Mar. 24: 2 p.m. to 7

Mar. 25: 9 a.m. to 7

Mar. 26: 9 a.m. to 5

USDA

Siletz: 1-800-922-1399

Salem: 503-391-5760

Cultural Events

All Tribal members welcome to join us for a spiritual gathering March 29, 2003. There will be a meal served with some traditional foods. We will be giving thanks for the beginning harvest of this year. Also a blessing on the land and water that gives us food.

Put on by the Culture Committee at the Community Center.

March 29, 2003 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Home For Sale

Lot 24

Grand Meadows

2000 MARLETTE

ASKING PRICE: \$73,000



■ **DESCRIPTION:** This home is 1,387 square feet in size, 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Appliances included are refrigerator, electric range, dishwasher, washer and dryer hook-ups.

■ **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Vaulted ceilings, walk in pantry in kitchen, walk in closet in master bedroom, walk-in, sit-down shower, 8 X 14 deck with wheel chair ramp, 10 X 10 storage shed and 3 car driveway.

■ **REMARKS:** Located in quiet Elder area, nice mountain view.

■ Interested Tribal members may contact the Tribal Housing Authority at 503-879-2467.