

Walking On...

Marion "Mary" Davidson

April 27, 1924 – Oct. 20, 2014

Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Marion Davidson, 90, passed away on Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, at her home in Independence, Ore., where she resided with her youngest daughter, Joannie West, for the past 12 years. Fighting congestive heart failure, Marion spent her last days surrounded by family.

Born April 27, 1924, at Wiley City, Wash., Marion was the second eldest daughter of Adeline Menard and Wilbur Daniel Haller. When Marion recalled her childhood, it was always with fond memories of all her adventures with her many brothers and sisters, and within each story she would weave a picture of her strong and loving parents.

Marion was united in marriage to Wesley W. West on May 31, 1940, in Redding, Calif. By Wesley, Marion had nine children: Wesley "Buddy" West (and his wife Dee) and Judith Meyer of Grand Ronde, Ore.; Joyce DeHart (and her husband Dillard) of Independence, Ore.; Jean Turman of Spokane, Wash.; June Olson of Happy Valley, Ore.; Wilbur West (and his wife Susan) of Aumsville, Ore.; and Joannie West. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Janice Sue, and son, Wallace West, who passed in 2013.

Marion's second husband was Damon "Pop" Davidson, a widower with seven children of his own. They were married on Oct. 13, 1970, in Vancouver, Wash. Together, they shared their lives with children from both families as well as a number of foster children for more than 30 years. Preceding Marion "Mammy" Davidson in death was her stepson, David D. Davidson, and husband, Pop Davidson, who died July 2, 2001. Mammy's surviving stepchildren are Buddy J. Davidson, Ruth Boedigheimer, Elaine Majors, Damon Dale Davidson, Jody Tobey and Darlene Nixon.

In addition to 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, as well as nieces, nephews and cousins, Marion's family legacy includes the following brothers and sisters who loved her very much: Betty Garrett, Carol Gleason, Delores Knight, Geneva Hansaker, Hazel Porter, Donald Haller, Edward Haller, Harvey Haller, Kenneth Haller, Robert Haller and Wilbur Haller.

Brothers and sisters who preceded her in death included twin girls who died at birth, Doris and Dorothy, as well as Nellie Haller, Phyllis Cureton, Daniel Haller, Jim Haller, John Haller, Harold Haller, Harry Haller, Agnes Haller and Charles "Two Feathers" Haller, who passed last spring.

Marion was an avid collector of antiques. She also loved music and enjoyed nature and the outdoors. For the past few years, she looked forward to her "Elder's meal" on Mondays and playing her favorite slots.

An extraordinary beauty both inside and out, Marion will be remembered by many for her extreme generosity. She was the pillar of her family and in time of need her home was a welcomed sanctuary. Marion had a wonderful sense of humor that brought joy to everyone around her and her passing creates a hole that will be hard to fill.



NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE SSI/SSD SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME PROGRAM

Attention Tribal members;

It's getting to be that time of year again. Time to remember to send us a copy of your current (2014-15 preferably) benefit statement from the Social Security Administration so that we can update your file. If you do not receive your current benefit statement you may order one by calling the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or go online at www.ssa.gov. Your current benefit statement must reach our office by Jan. 31, 2015, to avoid any future delays in your benefits. For Elders age 55 and up, if you have been qualified under the SSA department as SSI (Social Security Supplemental Income) or SSD (Social Security Disability) Eligible, your pension checks may qualify as non-taxable. We will need a copy of that document (SSA award letter) on file in order for this to take effect.

We have updated our SSI/SSD application form and it will be required that all Tribal members in the SSI/SSD Supplemental Program have a new updated application form in their file. This application form will be mailed to all current members of this program within the next 30 days. Please complete and return the form at your earliest convenience. If you are a new member to this program (within the last 60 days) you have already submitted the updated application and do not need to complete another, but you will need to submit your new award letter for the year 2015.

Please mail copies of your benefit statement to:

CTGR Member Services
Attn: Jolanda Catabay
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

You may also e-mail or fax a copy to the following: Fax: 1-800-879-2480 or e-mail: Jolanda.catabay@grandronde.org

Note: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to notify the Tribe may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received, interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income and Disability payments.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. My contact numbers are 503-879-2253 or toll-free 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2253.

Respectfully,
Jolanda Catabay
Enrollment Member Services Specialist
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Powwow sponsored by Tribe's Culture Committee

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their own seating, such as folding chairs, to the event.

Beginning at 10 a.m., a traditional plankhouse celebration will be held in Achaf-hammi, which is adjacent to Uyxat Powwow Grounds and Fort Yamhill State Park off Hebo Road. Attendees are encouraged to dress warmly.

The plankhouse event is being coordinated by the Tribal Canoe Family, led by Cultural Outreach Specialist Bobby Mercier.

A short program and meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. inside the Grand Ronde Tribal gym. Tribal Council member Jon A. George will be the master of ceremonies and Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno will introduce and honor past and present Tribal leaders.

The meal will include ceremonial stew, salmon, mixed vegetables, salad, bread and pies from Shari's.

And then from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, a 31st Restoration Powwow, sponsored by the Tribe's Culture Committee, will be held. Prizes will be raffled off during the powwow. In addition, the Chachalu Tribal

Museum & Cultural Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday for tours.

Tribal members planning on attending the Restoration program and meal are encouraged to RSVP to Public Affairs at 503-879-1418 and leave a message with your name, Tribal roll number and the number of people in your party, or e-mail that information to publicinfo@grandronde.org.

Families interested in sponsoring a powwow dance special or donating to the Potlatch that will occur during the powwow should contact Culture Committee Chair Betty Bly at 503-879-6336.

Drums interested in performing at the powwow also should contact Bly. Guest drums will be limited to seven.

President Ronald Reagan signed the Grand Ronde Restoration Act on Nov. 22, 1983, ending 29 years of Termination for the Tribe and more than a decade of arduous work by many Tribal members to regain federal recognition. It has been called by former Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. "the most important day in Grand Ronde history." ■

Special endorsements may be granted by chief

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conducted or into Spirit Mountain Casino.

However, special endorsements may be granted by Police Chief Al LaChance under certain circumstances on a case-by-case basis only.

"Applicants who hold current stalking or restraining orders against another person may request special endorsements for their permits, which would allow them to carry into buildings and at Tribal events," Lane said. "Also, there is value in being able to carry

in your car or on your person on Tribal lands."

"Most people want to conceal carry while out on Tribal lands with their families," LaChance said. "Under most circumstances, members would not have a need to carry concealed into Tribal buildings or the casino."

The application can be accessed on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org, under the Tribal Police shortcut.

For more information about obtaining a Tribal concealed carry permit, contact the Grand Ronde Police Department at 503-879-1821. ■