

Walking On...

Mary Frances Ring

May 19, 1953 – Nov. 22, 2017

Tribal Elder Mary Frances Ring, 64, was born on May 19, 1953, and joined the heavenly hosts on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017.

She was the daughter of George and Frances Ring and was raised in Prospect, Ore. Mary was the youngest of the Ring children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Michael and Monte Ring; and sister, Patricia Hoopingarner. She is survived by her sister, Georgene Shafer, and numerous nieces and nephews who she treasured.

Mary had a long and fulfilling career in Human Services. She served as a Social Services director for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and had a private practice as a therapist in Reno, Nev.

Mary was fully committed to contributing to the acceptance of individuals in society. Her history of loving and accepting others is her legacy.



Pearl Hughberta Langley Lyon

Feb. 20, 1912 – Nov. 29, 2017

Tribal Elder Pearl Langley Lyon was born Feb. 20, 1912, in Tillamook, Ore., to Emma Zuercher and James Langley. She was their eldest, having sisters Bernice and Ruby. She had an older half-brother, Arnold. She was baptized at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ronde and graduated from high school in St. Paul.

On March 7, 1932, she married Harley Lyon of Lafayette in Vancouver, Wash. The happy couple lived in several communities — McMinnville, Hillsboro and Newberg — before settling for the last 51 years in Dayton. They had two children, Janet and Harold. Having descended from pioneer families of Tillamook, namely Zuercher and Kodad, and native/French Canadian families of LaChance and Langlois, there was always much traveling for family get-togethers. She is a great-granddaughter of Twinisha of Winakske, aka Nancy of The Dalles.

Pearl was a wonderful seamstress, making clothes for her children and grandchildren. Within her sewing cabinet is a piece of wax her father gave her from one of the shipwrecks off the Oregon coast. She always attributed her sewing abilities to her aunt, Mayme Boutin.

Harley and Pearl were farmers, raising filberts, beans, cucumbers, strawberries, apples and peaches. Pearl accompanied Harley on hunting trips and helped her son shoot his first deer. She had fished the coastal streams with her father, learning to use shot huckleberries for bait. She canned into her 80s. Her kitchen was always busy and open to all



guests. In later years, she made pies for her daughter at The Pirate's Den. She led five generations of family on to the Reservation to identify and pick native berries, being known as ulali klotchman (berry woman). She loved to shop at the secondhand stores, always loyal to St. Vincent de Paul. She was a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the St. Paul Historical Society.

She worked more than 19 years at Oakwood Glen Care Center in McMinnville, also known affectionately as Pearl's Boarding House. Her one granddaughter, one great-grandson, all but one great-granddaughter and three great-great-grandchildren followed in her footsteps for the love of nursing.

At the time of her passing, Pearl was the oldest Tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, possibly of all time, being just three months shy of 106. She is survived by her son, Harold; sister, Ruby Bigoni; niece, Dianne Locklear; nephews, Richard Bigoni, James Bigoni and Robert Nagle; grandchildren, Carol (David) Ravia, Mary (Gary) Wilson, John (Cheryle) Gentry, Michael Gentry, Cindy Gulledge and James Lyon; 16 great-grandchildren and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harley; daughter, Janet; sister, Bernice; brother, Arnold "Pete"; and great-grandson, John III.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Tribal gym in Grand Ronde followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery in McMinnville. A memorial dinner will be held at a later date at the Elders Activity Center in Grand Ronde.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.macyandson.com.

Steven Leslie Hudson

Dec. 25, 1955 – Dec. 6, 2017

Tribal Elder Steven Leslie Hudson, 61, a resident of Grand Ronde walked on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, at Salem Hospital.

He was born in Salem on Dec. 25, 1955, the son of Herman Kenneth Hudson Jr. and Ella Joyce Miller Hudson. Steve was a talented musician, performing with his guitar both near and far. He attended the 2011 Native American Music Awards as a nominee for his music and songwriting. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and was very artistic and skilled in Native American arts and crafts.

He is survived by his daughters, Joleen E. Hudson of Kingston, Wash., Sydney M. Hudson of Indianola, Wash., and Tyler M. Sison of Skokomish, Wash., along with grandchildren Taryn, Kaiden, Gavin, Dasher and Ta-ko-ja. He also is survived by his father, Herman, of Grand Ronde; sister, Katherine Dunham of Olympia, Wash.; and brother, Tim Hudson of Boulder City, Nev.

Service will be a private burial ceremony for the family at the Grand Ronde Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at the Tribal Community Center from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, for friends and family. Please join in celebrating his life and journey.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. www.dal-tribute.com.

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Tribal Police plan extra patrols

Between Friday, Dec. 15, and Monday, Jan. 1, the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department will be participating in a high visibility enforcement grant sponsored by Oregon Impact, the state Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

During the holiday season, Tribal police will have extra patrols specially geared toward stopping impaired drivers and careless, reckless and other aggressive driving habits.

"The Grand Ronde Police Department wants to remind everyone that driving under the influence of intoxicants, whether it's alcohol, controlled substances or prescription medication, is enforceable on premises open to the public, which includes any parking lot, highway, roadway and/or street," Sgt. Rod McAllister said.

The intent of the heightened patrol is to prevent deaths, injuries and property damage caused by impaired drivers by getting them off the road. Tribal officers are trained to look for signs of impairment beyond just alcohol, McAllister said. The funding to support the enhanced DUII patrols is provided by a DUII High Visibility Grant awarded to the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department from the state Department of Transportation.

To report suspected impaired drivers in the Grand Ronde area, call 503-879-2123 or anywhere in Oregon by calling 800-243-7865. ■

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Clinic last year.

Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff. To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■