

Walking On...

Ruby Geraldine Bigoni

March 18, 1919 – Nov. 19, 2020

Tribal Elder Ruby Geraldine Bigoni was born March 18, 1919, in Tillamook, Ore., to James and Emma Langley. Her grandparents were Israel and Mary Langley. Her other grandfather, Andrew Zuercher, moved to Tillamook from Bern, Switzerland, when he was a young man.

Having descended from pioneer families of Tillamook, namely Zuercher and Kodad, and Native/French Canadian families of LaChance and Langlois, Ruby was the great-granddaughter of Twinisha of Winak-ske, aka Nancy of The Dalles.

She married Orlando Pete “Bill” Bigoni on Oct. 24, 1936, in Kelso, Wash. She and Orlando are the parents of James Bigoni, Dianne Locklear, Richard Bigoni and Bill Bigoni. Orlando and Bill both walked on in 1990.

Ruby had two older sisters, Pearl and Bernice, and an older half-brother, Arnold. At the time of her passing, Ruby was the oldest Tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

She loved traveling to Hawaii. In the last five years, she visited Hawaii three times, celebrating her 100th birthday there in 2019. In her lifetime, she visited Hawaii 25 times.

Ruby and Orlando enjoyed traveling on cruise ships, taking trips to Alaska, Hawaii, through the Panama Canal, Mexico, Europe, the Caribbean and Asia.

She worked in a drapery shop for more than 20 years. She was a banquet manager for the Fraternal Order of Eagles and was installed as Grand Madam President of the Eagles in Boston, Mass., in 1971. She also worked for a number of years as a receptionist for Chinese eatery Lung Fung Restaurant. She traveled throughout North America during her years as Eagles Grand Madam President and presided over the international convention held in Atlanta, Ga.

Ruby also was a guest on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, presenting a \$25,000 check on behalf of the Eagles. She also volunteered for the Red Cross for 50 years and was active at St. Charles Catholic Church in Portland.

Ruby had lived in her home in northeast Portland for more than 65 years. We are so blessed and fortunate that Ruby lived a long and wonderful life.

She is survived by nephews Harold Lyon and Robert Nagle, 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She will be interred next to her husband Orlando.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, services will be held at a future time.

Other passings

Evelyn Rose Stevens

Aug. 1, 1933 – Nov. 23, 2020

Tribal Elder Evelyn Rose Stevens walked on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at the age of 87. Keith & Keith Funeral Home in Yakima, Wash., is assisting the family.

At this time, there is not a funeral service planned.

Join us for our second

Virtual Sobriety Zoom Meeting..

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020

6 - 7 p.m.

Hosted by: Post Treatment Services / Social Services

Chris Holliday (503) 879-1452

Michael Herrin (503) 879-4543

Download the Zoom app or enter Zoom in your browser.

Ask to join meeting then enter the information below.

Meeting ID: 945 4811 1618

Passcode: 276766

If you have any questions feel free to contact Social Services at (503) 879-2034

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Did we mention there will be door prizes!!!!



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YOUTH EDUCATION K-12 PRESENTS

hihi-lak^haset (Fun Box)

Activity boxes coming this Winter

Here’s the scoop!

The Youth Education Department will continue the hihi-lak^haset program through March. Each month will include fun projects to work on from home. Information and links will be provided for students to hop on the Internet to watch a short instructional video for each activity.

Dropoff, Pickup and Delivery

Each month, an activity hihi-lak^haset (fun box) will be delivered to students (Grand Ronde, Willamina, Sheridan area). Tribal member students living out of the area can participate in this, too! We want to connect with you and have you be a part of this experience. Boxes will be mailed to you. (Boxes cannot be mailed to PO boxes.)

Intake Policy

The Youth Education Department will accept registration with the Tribal intake preference policy (4 tier system.) Parents will be notified if the program is filled and added to a waiting list.

LIVE on Zoom

Youth Education will have monthly Live Zoom meetings to discuss the hihi-lak^haset activities. More details to follow.

How do I sign up? It’s simple!

All you do is click on the link below to register. The winter sign-up will include the months of January, February and March.

Are there limited openings and timelines to register?

Yes, there are limited openings! Registration opens December 1, 2020. Registration deadline is December 15, 2020, at 4 P.M.

Questions?

Please contact the Youth Education staff at YouthEducation@grandronde.org or call us at 503-879-2101. We look forward to seeing you!

Sign up at this link:

<http://bit.ly/winter2021hihilakhaset>