

# Walking On...

## Harold Wayne Hanson

Nov. 19, 1934 – July 16, 2021

Tribal spouse Harold Wayne Hanson was born in Portland, Ore., on Nov. 19, 1934, and slipped peacefully away on Friday, July 16, 2021, in Salem, Ore., at Battle Creek Memory Care.

Wayne's parents, Harold and Valley Hanson, raised Wayne and his sisters Beverly, Janet and Karen and his brother Jon in Bend, Ore. His father was a grocery man and in her later years his mother ran a boarding house.

Wayne left home when he turned 18 and joined the U.S. Air Force and served in Korea as the war was winding down. After coming home from the military, he met and married Grand Ronde Tribal member Sharon Elaine Forster. After their wedding, they relocated from Bend to Salem. Up until May 2021, Wayne lived with Sharon in the house they bought 58 years ago. Wayne and Sharon were married for 60 years in June and have two daughters, one beloved granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

After earning an associate degree at West Salem Technical College, Wayne spent the majority of his career repairing TVs and radios. He spent many years working at Master Service Center in downtown Salem near the Center Street bridge and then did a brief stint as an oiler at Boise Cascade. He was one of two men hired at Boise Cascade out of more than 100 applicants. Sharon encouraged him to dress well and that led to him being hired over the other guys. After leaving Boise Cascade, Wayne worked for Schumacher TV Sales in Sublimity until he retired.

Wayne and Sharon enjoyed traveling after retirement and spent many years snow birding in Arizona. They also enjoyed trips to Europe, Hawaii and a cross country van trip that was one of his favorites. Golf became Wayne's favorite retirement pastime and he and his good friend Brad Anderson played nearly every course near Salem.

Wayne also will be remembered for his sense of humor and easy-going personality. Wayne enjoyed time with family and friends, as well as watching football and soccer on TV. Dad could always be found puttering around in his yard or repairing things around the house. He always finished what he started and was very organized.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sharon; daughters, Shelley (Mitch) Sneed and Rhonda Hanson; granddaughter, Kayla (Desiree) Leno; and great-granddaughter, Marbella Allen. Dad always had a heart for young kids and enjoyed laughing, tickling and teasing with them.



We owe a debt of gratitude to the staff at Battle Creek Memory Care for their great love and care of dad in his last two months. We appreciate your kindness and love. Dad battled dementia for a number of years and was content with his new friends at Battle Creek during his last days.

A celebration of life was held 1 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Virgil T. Golden in Salem. A luncheon followed. If you'd like to make a donation in his honor, please send a gift to the Alzheimer's Association of Oregon. We'd all love to see this dreaded disease stopped from affecting other loved ones.

## Other passings

### Frederick Laddie Ike Jr.

July 31, 1956 – July 26, 2021

Frederick "Freddie" Laddie Ike Jr., longtime arena director for the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held annually in August, walked on Monday, July 26, 2021.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council members held a moment of silence in Ike's honor before the start of the Tuesday, July 27, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

Ike (Yakama/Rock Creek Wasco) was a fixture at the Contest Powwow, having been the arena director from the very beginning in 1997 through 2019. He and his wife, Patricia, also were instrumental in getting the Agency Creek Round Dance started in Grand Ronde in 2003.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 2010. He is survived by two daughters, Lara Dawn and Felicia Ike.

An overnight service was held Wednesday, July 28, at the Toppenish Creek Longhouse in Washington state. A sunrise burial occurred the next day at Yesmowit Cemetery in Medicine Valley, Wash.

Valley Hills Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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## Clothes Closet open Fridays

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays during the summer on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items. For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■



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Grand Ronde Housing Department has been awarded Treasury dollars that are available for Tribal members that have been adversely affected by Covid-19. These funds will be able to be used for rents and utilities that are past due and/or additionally for those that are currently affected by and continue to be affected by Covid-19. In addition to past-due rent and utilities, applicants may request assistance with current month rent/utilities and up to three (3) months Prospective (future) rent and/or utilities. Prospective assistance can be requested in three (3) month increments at a time. If you need to request additional assistance, you may do so for an additional three (3) months, providing you still meet the qualification requirements.

**\*\*Funds will be applied to past-due balances before applying assistance to current or future payments which cannot exceed 12 months total.**

These grants are available to enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members throughout the United States who qualify under HUD income guidelines.

For more information or to apply please contact the Grand Ronde Housing Department at 503-879-2401 or email the Housing Department at [grhd@grandronde.org](mailto:grhd@grandronde.org) or download the application paperwork from the Housing website at <https://www.grandronde.org/services/housing/covid-19-emergency-rental-assistance/>



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