

Walking On...

Ruby Marie Christensen

March 12, 1948 – July 20, 2022

Tribal Elder Ruby Marie Christensen (Rife) walked on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at the age of 74 in McMinnville, Ore., with family by her side.

Ruby was born on March 12, 1948, in Prineville, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Beatrice Rife; sisters, Marsha Bolton and Deborah Mahoney; and brother, Robert Rife.

She is survived by her husband, David Christensen; daughter, Sheila Thompson; son, Willard Thompson III; brothers, Steven, Michael and Ronald Rife; sister, Pearl Rife; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ruby was a caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, wife, sister, aunt and friend, and we will never forget her unique, beautiful soul and fiery spirit.

She was a strong woman with a kind heart, and many turned to her for love and support when they were in need. She was loved deeply by her family and friends, and will be greatly missed.

She spent a large portion of her life living in Waldport, Ore., with her two children where she enjoyed gardening and her pets, including various farm animals. Later in life, she moved to Grand Ronde, Ore., to live close to family and her Tribe. She loved camping and spending time with her family.

Until we see you again, Ruby, Dear, Grunt, Brat, Bertha. We will cherish the memories you gave us and never forget the way you loved us.



Other passings

Delores J. Knight

Oct. 31, 1931 – July 25, 2022

Tribal Elder Delores J. Knight walked on Monday, July 25, 2022, at the age of 90. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is assisting the family.

A celebration of life was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery. A meal followed at the Grand Ronde day park.



Save the Date

2022 Grand Ronde Education Summit

Wednesday August 24th
9:00am-4:30pm
Location: Spirit Mountain Casino

Shortcake appreciation



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Assistant Controller Trish Squires and Controller Christine O’Day enjoy strawberry shortcake during an employee appreciation event held outside of the Employment Service Center on Friday, July 22. The event was hosted by the Tribe’s Human Resources Department to recognize the hard work performed by Tribal employees.



From left, Communications Specialist Wendell Olson receives a helping of strawberry shortcake from Human Resources Administrative Assistant Jessie Storm, Employee Relations Coordinator Jeri St Onge, Employment Specialist Tauni Tollas and Risk Analyst Pattie Mercier during an employee appreciation event held outside of the Employment Service Center on Friday, July 22.



Youth Education



Summer Academic Camps

Dates	Grade Levels	Focus	Field Trip
June 14-16	1st- 4th	Math	Oregon Aquarium
June 21-23	5th- 8th	Math	Evergreen Aviation Museum
June 28-30	9th- 12th	Math	U of O Campus Visit
July 05-07	1st- 4th	Literacy	Cherry-picking and NRD
July 12-14	5th- 8th	Literacy	Powell's Books
July 19-21	9th- 12th	Literacy	Williamette Campus Visit
July 26-28	1st- 4th	Science	OMSI
August 2-4	5th- 8th	Science	OMSI
August 9-11	9th- 12th	Science	Hatfield/ OSU Lab Visit



Sign-ups open May 16th & will close 1 week prior to each camp. Sign up here:
<https://forms.gle/bcpzR92iiBJzxYaF9>

Join Youth Education Staff in our 3-day camps as we explore different education-based activities designed to expose Students to a more FUN side of learning!

Camps run Tues.-Thurs. and will focus on a specific academic subject for specific grade levels

- Tues. and Weds. will consist of half-day activities onsite at CTGR from 11:30am-4pm.
- Thursdays will include an all-day offsite Field Trip from 8am-4pm. Students MUST attend both Tuesday and Wednesday of the week to attend the field trip on Thursday. Lunch and Snacks will be provided for all days.

Camps are limited to 12 Students and are open to Grand Ronde Tribal Members, Descendants, and other Native Students. Camps are filled first come, first served.

QUESTIONS? Please email youtheducation@grandronde.org or call (503) 879-2101



*All trips are subject to change if necessary