

OBITUARIES

LASERSOHN—William Bock Lasersohn, 83, formerly of Florence, died May 19, 2015, in Roseville, Calif., after a series of illnesses.

Dr. William Lasersohn

He was born May 24, 1933, near Elmsford, N.Y.

He attended Woodstock Country School in Vermont and Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he met his first wife, Nancy Moore.

They married in 1955 and moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended Western Reserve Medical School.

After completing his M.D. and internship, he joined the Public Health Service in 1961, and spent two years providing medical care on the Zuni Indian Reservation in New Mexico.

After returning to Cleveland and completing his residency at St. Luke's Hospital, he went into private practice in obstetrics and gynecology, maintaining two offices and working at several hospitals in the Cleveland area.

He married his second wife, Kay Barr, in 1978. After moving briefly to Jacksonville, Texas, he joined the Army in 1981 and worked for several years at a military hospital near Stuttgart, Germany, at Fort Ord, Calif., and Fort Campbell, Ky.

In 1981, he also became sober. He was active in Alcoholics Anonymous for the rest of his life and derived a great deal of satisfaction and fulfillment from his involvement in this community.

On returning to civilian life in 1986, Will and Kay moved to Salem, Ore., where he con-

tinued his practice. He was chief of staff in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Kaiser Permanente in Salem before retiring in 1995.

Following Kay's death, he married his third wife, Adelle Cavanaugh, in 2010, when they moved to Florence — and eventually to Roseville for the last part of his life.

Over the course of his career, he helped more than 7,500 women deliver their babies. He always got a special thrill out of helping a new person enter the world.

Perhaps more than most people, he loved life and found joy in it wherever he could.

He is survived by his wife Adelle Lasersohn; his sister, Sarah Lasersohn Feldner; his children: Peter, Mark and Robin Lasersohn; and grandchildren: MJ Eckhouse, Xyl Lasersohn, Meg Rumsey-Lasersohn, Hallie Rumsey-Lasersohn and Nathan Lasersohn.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 20, at the Woodland Chapel on 582 High St. S.E., Salem, Ore., at 11 a.m.

Lunch will follow. Consider a contribution in memory of Dr. William Lasersohn to:

Doctors Without Borders USA, 333 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10001-5004 or at www.donate.doctorswithoutborders.org/tribute.cfm.

COCKRUM — Gary Cockrum, 70, of South Beach, formerly of Florence, died at his home May 23, 2015.

Services will be Saturday, June 27, at the Newport, Ore., Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

HORRILLO—John Perrez Horrillo, 79, of Florence, Oregon died at home surrounded by his family, on Monday, May 25, 2015.

Born August 27, 1936, in Honolulu, Hawaii, Horrillo's

family moved to California when he was 11 years old.

He attended Mountain View High School and then Menlo College, where he earned a black belt in judo and was a Community College All-American in football.

John Horrillo

At Oregon State, he led the PAC-8 in interceptions and punt return yardage. He was an instructor and a very successful wrestling coach at Sierra College from 1965 to 1993.

He introduced Kid Wrestling to Northern California and was very involved with cultural exchange teams from Mexico and Japan.

After retiring, he moved to Oregon, where he spent many hours fishing in the rivers.

John and his wife Mary became active with the Florence Area Humane Society to provide care for homeless and abused animals.

John is survived by Mary, his wife of 24 years; children: Kristin Luckett, Scott Horrillo, Sarah Johnson, Kirsten Banyas, Scott Johnson, Kiki Light, Steve Johnson, Cory Light, Molly Wells and Matthew Horrillo; seven grandchildren, and an extended family of friends and relatives.

At his request, no services will be held.

Remembrance may be made to the Florence Area Humane Society, special medical account.

Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DALE—Donald Dale, 86, of Florence, sailed on to his next life June 9, 2015, with his loved ones by his side.

He was born to the late Roy

and Annette Dale of San Rafael, Calif.

He was a skilled and professional mill man and cabinet maker. He founded Damco, a successful business for many years in the San Jose area, manufacturing pre-hung door and windows.

He married his sweetheart, Mary, in 1951; they recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.



Donald Dale

They lived in San Jose and Standish, Calif., landing in Florence 20 years ago to finish out their retirement years.

Don was an active Freemason in San Jose. He was also an active member of the Elks Lodges in San Jose, Susanville and Florence, holding offices and Trustee positions.

He was a Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Siuslaw River Station.

Don is survived by his wife and loving partner Mary; their miniature Schnauzer, Schotze; three daughters: Diane Garcia of Florida, Linda Wagner of Standish, Calif., and Elaine Dale of Santa Cruz, Calif.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

An Elks Memorial Service and a celebration of his life will be held at the Florence Elks Lodge today, June 13, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DONALDSON—Charles G. Donaldson, 87, of Florence, died June 6, 2015.

Arrangements are being held through Andreason's Cremation and Burial Service in Springfield.

GRADUATE NOTES

On May 3, **Blair Thomas Pearson**, a 2011 Siuslaw High School graduate, was awarded the degree of bachelor of science cum laude in mechanical engineering, with a minor in chemistry, by the University of Portland's Donald P. Shiley School of Engineering.



Blair Pearson

Pearson was a member of the honors program at UP.

In addition to being named to the Dean's List all four academic years, he was a member of the Oregon Gamma Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the National Honors Society for Engineering Majors.

During his university years, Pearson had the opportunity to intern at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, working on novel thermal hardware.

In March, he traveled to New Orleans for an analytical chemistry conference as part of an ongoing research assistant-ship with Dr. Kevin Cantrell entitled, "A Hue-Based Method for pH Determination."

Pearson's Senior Capstone Project was the creation of a hands-free keyboard interface, colloquially dubbed "The Glovebox," intended to help individuals with limited hand movement to more effectively use computer keyboards.

This project was under the direction of Dr. Deborah Munro.

His engineering classmates voted it the Outstanding Interdisciplinary Project of the Year.

Pearson is the son of Rachel and Paul Pearson of Florence.

His post-graduation plans include a short trip to Europe and a 10-week summer internship with Oregon Health and Sciences University in the Quantitative Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program, focusing on nanoparticle-based delivery systems for RNA cancer therapy.

His long-term plans include graduate school in biomedical engineering.

Florence Humane Society members to meet June 18

The annual meeting of the Florence Area Humane Society is Thursday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

The theme for the day's program is "The Future of FAHS," according to board president

Frankie Jorgensen. "The board encourages members to attend this meeting to hear about the accomplishments, challenges and direction of our organization," Jorgensen said.

Members who have not renewed their membership may

do so at the meeting, and membership forms will be available for those who would like to become a member of FAHS.

The Florence Area Humane Society has operated a no-kill shelter serving the people of western Lane County since 1992. FAHS is a private, non-

profit organization and receives no government funds.

The shelter is supported by donations from members and supporters and from sales at the two thrift stores in Old Town as well as frequent fundraising projects.

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