

OBITUARIES

**WALKER**—Nancy Belle Walker, 80, of Florence, died of cancer July 24, 2015.



Nancy Walker

She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., to Norma and Matthew Sandvik on Sept. 8, 1934.

Nancy grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Edison High School in 1952.

She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Minnesota in 1956, as well as a B.S. in elementary education.

In 1961, she moved to Ventura, Calif., and taught fourth grade. There she met and married Richard (Dick) Walker, a widower with two young sons whom she legally adopted and raised.

While in Ventura, Nancy was active in the Ventura County League of Women Voters, the Missile Mrs., and was den mother for the Cub Scouts. Later, Nancy studied and worked at H & R Block, eventually working in their executive tax service.

Upon retirement, Nancy and Dick traveled the United States, looking for a retirement spot, which they found in beautiful Florence in 1994.

She was on the Florentine Estates HOA Board and was active in the Siuslaw Genealogy Club, the Florence Van Fans and the Florence City Club. She was also a member of the Garden Club, the Florentine Book Club and the Florentine Bridge Club.

Nancy preceded in death by her husband, Dick; her sister, Maxine Mulvehill; and her brothers: Robert and his wife, Dorothy; James and his wife, Lillian; and Richard Sandvik.

She is survived by her sons: Rob and his wife, Debra, of Florence; and Ron and his wife, Erin, of Orangevale, Calif.; her brother, Donald Sandvik and his wife, Sharon, of the Minneapolis area; grandchildren: Ryley and Colin Walker; and many nieces and nephews, step-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be

held at a later date.

Remembrances may be made to the Friends of Florence Van Fans or Home Health Hospice of Peace Harbor.

**PHILLIPS**—Lawrence

(Larry) M. Phillips, born on Valentine's Day 1937 in Akron, Ohio, passed away Aug. 16, 2015, at his home in Florence, with his wife, Diana, and sister-in-law, Gail, by his side.

After graduating high school, Larry served in the Korean Conflict from 1955 to 1956, and attended Bakersfield College.

Beginning in 1957, Larry began working for the U.S. Navy's Department of Defense (DOD) until his retirement in 1994.

An accomplished diver, during those 37 years working for the DOD, Larry worked on various projects around the world, including the Polaris Missile and Sidewinder programs. He also participated in stateside and world-wide water security programs interacting with Pentagon officials.

He also worked in waterside security programs and marine mammal programs in San Diego and Hawaii. Those programs took Larry to many destinations including Bahrain, Vietnam, Scotland, Guam and The Philippines. He was a SAIC consultant from 1995-2000.

Following the attacks on 9/11, he also worked on a blimp project as a consultant for a California-Hawaii-based company.

Larry and his wife of 23 years, Diana, resided in the San Diego and Hawaii before retiring and relocating to Florence in 2003.

Larry was an avid fisherman and volunteered for several community programs. He was active in the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) and as an Oregon State Police volunteer.

He was also a member of the

Florence Elks Lodge and was active in the Coast Village HOA.

Larry is survived by his wife, Diana; his children: Lorri Campbell, Debra Young and Rhonda Phillips; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; stepchildren Karen Mayo, Craig Foster and Michael McGhee; four step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Larry loved life, family, friends and country; he was a true patriot. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Oct. 3.

**FOSBACK**—Ole Fosback passed away Aug. 17, 2015, at the age of 93.

He was born to Ingeborg Halvorson Fosback and Karl Konrad Fosback in Bardu, Norway.

The family came to America in 1927, making their home on the Siuslaw River near Cushman, Ore.

Rain or shine, Ole was an outdoorsman, working in the lumber industry most of his life. He helped build logging roads, drove lumber carrier and loaded barges. He loved the river and

helped move the logs, around getting them ready to go into the sawmill. He also ran tug-boat on the Siuslaw.

He was a commercial fisherman in his younger years.

He bought and sold a tire shop, finding out after a few years he wanted to be outside again.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II, landed on Omaha Beach, fought in The Battle of the Bulge and ended up in the Czech Republic near the end of the war.

After the war, he met and married a hometown girl named Marie Norquist. They were together for 68 years.

He is survived by his wife, many nieces and nephews and a sister, Hanna Panschow. He was preceded in death by five siblings: Karen, Corky, Chris, Borghild and Harold.

He was truly loved by his family and had many friends. A family graveside service will be held at a later date.

Here is a loving thought from his great niece:

My Uncle Ole may have grown up on a farm and he may have been a boxer, but I don't think he was ever a bull fighter so don't call him "Olay."

I love that man; he's the best male role model I've ever had in

my life, and the kindest, funniest, strongest and bravest, most loving man I ever knew. (If you ever hugged him you'd know what I mean.) In reality he was more like a grandpa to my mom and me.

I say that because he helped raise my mom and, when I felt like I didn't have anyone else, he was there through my whole life.

When I think of him I think of a man with a warm, loving heart that just wouldn't quit.

I think of a little boy who crossed the sea from Norway to North America with his family, a WWII veteran, a wonderful husband, a good wood worker and a fantastic ice cream maker.

I'll never forget that joke he kept saying: "My wife makes two types of good cake: Pumpkin Pie and cookie!"

We were there to see his final days. I was there through most of

it, and although it pains us to see him go, nothing held him closer to this world than Auntie Marie.

Even with advanced Alzheimer's, he held on to her hand with everything he had, and every other phrase that came out of his mouth was "I love you."

This world has never seen a more true and powerful love as the love between Marie and Ole.

I'm at peace knowing that he was ready to go and he can be free. If anyone on this planet deserves to become an angel, it's Uncle Ole.

And I know he'll always be watching over Aunt Marie.

So, in honor of Uncle Ole, don't take any of those wooden nickels!

At his request, Burns' Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Lawrence Phillips



Ole Fosback

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SANDY  
KUHLMAN

**Seacoast Entertainment Association** is extremely proud to recognize **SANDY KUHLMAN** for her efforts and contributions to our nonprofit organization. She has generated financial support for SEA, as well as operational support for the development of our concert series presented to the community.

Sandy has been a director on the SEA board for two years, and in that time she has been active on the Production Committee for selection of performers, expanded the Outreach/Community Enrichment effort of SEA, and has successfully applied for numerous grants to support the funding of the SEA.

As a member of the Production Committee, Sandy attends annual booking conferences to identify potential performers to bring to Florence. She oversees and negotiates at least 3-4 contracts each season, scheduling for the performances at the Florence Events Center, and assembling production notebook that assists various board members to produce individual concerts throughout the season.

With an eye towards expanding SEA's outreach programs with the school district, Sandy identified and assisted in recruiting Rachel Pearson as a board member specifically targeted to Outreach. Together they are taking SEA's Community Enrichment efforts to Siuslaw schools, Spruce Point Assisted Living and Siuslaw Library during the 2015-16 season.

During the past year, Sandy has successfully applied for and was awarded several grants on behalf of SEA's outreach mission - Western Lane Community Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, as well as Lane County Cultural Coalition. In addition, two grants have been awarded from the National Endowment of the Arts to help bring two touring performances to Florence as well.

Sandy and her husband Bob retired to Florence in November of 2012. After taking only six months to settle in, she jumped right into the community and are we lucky. In addition to her volunteer work at SEA, Sandy is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the FEC, a member of Friends of the FEC and is working on the committee for the Winter Folk Music Festival.