

OBITUARIES

HASTINGS—Gloria Aileen Hastings, 62, of Florence, passed away Feb. 8, 2016, at Regency Assisted Living Facility in Florence.



Gloria Hastings

Gloria was born in Bandon, Ore., on July 27, 1953, to Elizabeth and Golda Hastings. She attended Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek, Ore. Gloria worked as a CNA, teacher's assistant, private caregiver, daycare provider and with the local school district's hot lunch program. Her hobbies included crafting and jewelry making. She was also known to partake in a Pepsi or two and never leave home without her giant Oregon Ducks mug. Gloria loved Elvis Presley and often bragged about seeing him in concert.

She is survived by her sons: Kevin, Jason and Ryan; her daughter, Krista; two brothers: Dick and Gary; and multiple grandchildren.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Carol; and her son, Shane.

A private memorial service was held at Laurelwood Community Room on Feb. 28.

MEAD—Alpharetta "Retta" Mead passed away Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at her home in Dunes City.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Darrell W. Mead.

She is survived by her three daughters: Glenna Maskal, Teresa Wynn and Rene McGuire; her son, Scott Mead; and her nine grandchildren.



Alpharetta Mead

Retta was born Dec. 26, 1931, in Ryderwood, Wash., to Floyd H. and Alice M. (Burnside) Braley.

Retta was in the eighth grade when her family moved to the Florence area on Woahink Lake, where she later attended Siuslaw High School.

She married Darrell W. Mead of Mapleton at Quonset Point, R.I., on Feb. 13, 1950.

They returned to and made a home in Dunes City after his discharge from the U.S. Navy.

Retta was passionate about her family, animals and flowers. She enjoyed these alongside her community as a member of the Florence Christian Church, where for many years she supplied floral arrangements for weekly services.

She was a member and also served as president of the Florence Garden Club, where she contributed to community beautification projects and annual flower shows.

Retta was a proud member of the American Rhododendron Society and recently was accepted into The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

In the 1970s, Retta was the proprietor of Retta's Flowers and Gifts, where she worked as a floral designer for weddings and parties.

She passed her passions on to her children and grandchildren. All that knew Retta for her loving nature and generous spirit will miss her.

A graveside service celebration of her life was held at Pacific Sunset Memorial Park on Feb. 27.

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

BARRETT—Shirley Aleen Barrett, 80, of Florence, passed away with her family at her side Feb. 21, 2016.

She was born in Jerome, Idaho, to Alphonso and Melvina White,

and was one of nine siblings: Jim, Alford, Ada, Ida, Elly, Tom, Patty and Peggy.



Shirley Barrett

Shirley moved to Florence in the early 1950s and married Bob Barrett, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her sons: Mike and his wife Debbie; Kurt and his wife Michelle; Bob and his wife Ronda; and daughter Cheryl Hoile and her husband Terry; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

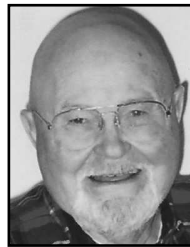
Shirley devoted her life to caring for her husband and raising her children, the loves of her life. She loved spending time with family and friends, always had a smile and visited with everyone.

Her second love was sweets. At meal time, desert was her first priority and was always encouraged, especially if it was white cake with white icing.

Until recent years, prior to her declining health, Shirley enjoyed traveling — and recalled her road trip to Vegas with her daughter, Cheryl, and granddaughter, Angella, as one of her "best ever." Shirley's wonderful smile and friendliness will truly be missed and she will always be in our hearts.

A private family service was held with Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

GOODWATER — A 1 Goodwater was born as Hubert Allen Goodwater to his parents, George Allen and Neva Lois Goodwater, in Portland, Ore., where he spent his youth, along with his younger brother, Harry.



Al Goodwater

He enjoyed out of door activities and learned to love fishing and hunting with his father. They were a singing family and he and

Harry spent time at the local store and town events singing in harmony.

His mother said the first time she hollered his name, "Hubert," was the exact moment that she decided to call him by his middle name "Allen."

He enjoyed biking to various lakes to fish in his teenage years with his good buddy, Bob Brandeberry. They even biked up the mountains to fish.

He graduated from Jefferson High School and left as soon as his credits for graduation were complete, then went into the U.S. Navy because World War II had already begun. His mother had to attend his graduation to receive his diploma for him.

In the Navy, he served as a radioman on the submarines The Baya in the Panama Canal, The Besugo in Australia and on The Pirhana when they returned to the United States.

He married Ardis Scharman, who had two small children, and added to those five more daughters.

They lived in Crescent Lake, Ore., for 18 years. Then he moved to the Santiam Junction, and finally to Florence, where he lived for nearly 40 years.

He worked for the State Highway Department for 37 years.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Goodwater; two daughters: Nina Copple and Kathleen Small; and a grandson, Christopher Richmond.

He is survived by Susan Arnold, Cheryl Melick, Neva Greufe of Springfield and Laura Richmond of Florence; 19 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 5, at 2 p.m., at the Community Baptist Church of Florence.

Burns's Riverside Chapel is in charge of all arrangements.

LASERSOHN—Adelle Rose Lasersohn, 81, passed away Oct. 2, 2015, in Roseville, Calif., with her loving family at her side.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Glassman.

Adelle is the loving mother of four children: Karen Hirsch, Kat Bacon, Bruce Hankin and David Hankin; and grandmother of seven: Casey Hirsch, Steven Hirsch, Bobby Hankin, Joey Hankin, Rosie Hankin, Britney Ayer and Caitlin Ayer.



Adelle Lasersohn

Adelle grew up in Kansas City, Mo. She moved to California with her husband, Jerome Hankin, in 1954.

Adelle was married to Edward Cavanaugh for many years until he passed away in 2008. They lived in Florence.

Then she was married to Dr. William Lasersohn for four short but very happy years before he passed away in May of 2015. They lived in Oregon and then moved to Roseville.

Adelle had many personal and professional accomplishments in her career as an RN. She loved her work at Alta Bates Hospital, running its leukapheresis department, and the many great people she worked with. She was also involved in a long-term cholesterol study at the Lawrence Livermore lab.

She enjoyed watching local sports teams, playing with her cats and dogs and driving up the Oregon coast with Will in his convertible on a sunny day.

A memorial service will be held in Roseville, Calif., on March 5. Contact the family for details.

UNDERWOOD—Rex John Underwood, 89, of Florence, passed away Feb. 19, 2016, after a brief illness.

Rex was born Nov. 13, 1926, in Eugene, Ore., to Rex and Aurora Underwood.

He was married 65 years to the love of his life, Julianne. He also leaves behind daughter Christine (Geoffrey) Heard, son Paul (Gwen) Underwood and grandchildren Kevin Heard and Megan Underwood.

A 1944 graduate of University High School in Eugene, Rex entered the U.S. Navy, went on to receive his undergraduate degree from Stanford University in 1950, and his doctor of medicine (MD) and a master of science (MS) from Stanford as a professor.

He then became Chief of Anesthesiology at Kaiser Medical Center facilities in Portland, Ore., followed by multiple locum tenentes in various locations around the United States.

Music played a major role in Rex and Julie's lives, as violinist and cellist, respectively.

They had the opportunity to travel the world extensively, which started with Rex's volunteer work teaching anesthesia in underserved countries.

She enjoyed living on the Siuslaw River since retirement in 1995, and their devoted fellowship at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, where a memorial celebration will be held Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m.

Remembrances can be made to Saint Andrews Church or a charity of your choice.

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

KUNSEK—Walter C. Kunsek, 85, of Florence, passed away Feb. 27, 2016.

At his request, private cremational rites were held through Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

WHITE—Russell E. White, 89, of Florence, passed away Feb. 26, 2016.

Arrangements are being held through Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

SIMON—Joe B. Simon, 85, of Florence, passed away Feb. 28, 2016.

Arrangements are being held through Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

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