

OBITUARIES

BEECHER—Jesse William Beecher, 34, of Florence, passed away March 12, 2016.



Jesse Beecher

Jesse was born on March 18, 1981. He was born and raised in Florence, exploring out into the Willamette Valley for a few years before ultimately coming back home.

He loved to spend time with family and friends on the beach around a campfire while someone pulled out a guitar and stories began flowing.

Jesse always shared his beautiful sense of humor with a smile that would light his eyes. He always had a kind word to say to his loved ones. Family was important to him, and he will be missed more than his family is able to express.

He is survived by his mother, Laura Beecher; his father, Terry Huff; and a large family: his aunts and uncles, Daniel, Benjamin, George (Carol), and Janet. He will be missed by his cousins: Jeff, Kym, Nathan, Jason, Melody, Michael, Cassandra, Jeanie, Sean, Gwen and Sam.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Janet; his grandfather, Benjamin; and his uncle, Tom.

Jesse's memorial service will be Saturday, March 26, beginning at 11 a.m. at Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home on Kingwood Street.

His family would like to thank everyone for their well-wishes during this difficult time. It is never easy to see such a vibrant, young man taken so soon.

"We will finish this with a quote because Jesse loved the outdoors, and his family members will always want to remember him each time they look up at the stars shining down on them," his family said. "Perhaps they are not stars but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones shines down to let us know they are happy." — Eskimo Legend

BAILEY—Genevieve Bailey, 77, of Florence, passed away March 5, 2016.



Genevieve Bailey

She was born in Ingleside, Ill., on April 16, 1938, the daughter of Ralph and Ruth (Bennett) Bailey.

Genevieve received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in 1959.

She started her teaching career in South Dakota and then made her way west to Oregon State University.

It is there that Genevieve received her master's of science degree in 1965.

She was then employed at the Springfield School District for two and half years before she moved to Florence. "Miss Bailey" began her legendary employment at Siuslaw High School in September 1968.

During her 25-year journey at Siuslaw, she touched thousands of lives. She taught biology, ecology, medical technology and marine biology in addition to being a sophomore class adviser for many years.

During the summer months, Genevieve was a deep-sea fisherwoman partnering with Mel Hinch on his boat the "Peacock."

After Mel and Genevieve were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard from their ship as it sank at sea, they purchased the "Lassie."

Following Mel's death, Genevieve became captain of the boat and landed tons of salmon over the years, which she generously shared with family and friends.

She loved to be out on the ocean and fished as long as health permitted.

Genevieve was such a giving individual that she would help feed friends and strangers down at the docks and was forever a teacher and helper to her dock mates.

Genevieve is survived by her aunt, Laura Caravatt of Ludlow, Vt., and two cousins Rev. Cynthia Holden of Southbury, Conn., and Suzanne Andrews of Cumberland, Maine.

Miss Bailey is also survived by thousands of Siuslaw High School alumni and the hun-

dreds of people that she influenced.

The biggest impact that Miss Bailey had was with her students. When her passing was posted on social media, hundreds of alumni responded with fond memories and genuine sadness.

Her reputation for being a tough and demanding teacher was matched by her kindness and concern.

People remembered the hands-on labs, the field trips and all the work that she put into her curriculum. Most people mentioned the passion that she had for her work and her love of the outdoors.

Alumni thanked her for being a teacher of lifelong skills in addition to science and college preparedness. They all learned how to study, to be prompt, to be problem solvers and critical thinkers.

She also inspired many to go into science fields. She was given the respect that she very much deserved. Her famous quote, "Last name first, first name, class hour circled," will live long in the memories of her students.

Genevieve was also an amazing peer and mentor. She took new, young teachers under her wing just like one of her students. Her tutelage and encouragement was welcomed by many Siuslaw High School rookie teachers.

When she retired in June 1993, there were a few alumni ready to take her place. Miss Bailey made sure that her replacements were well-informed, well-prepared and ready to fill her shoes. She spent countless hours after school and on the weekends helping with the fish tanks, lab supplies and curriculum.

She taught others how to be

better students, better teachers and better people.

Genevieve Bailey was a very influential and inspirational woman who will never be forgotten.

Anyone who would like to donate to the Genevieve Bailey Memorial Scholarship Fund can send it to Banner Bank, 777 Highway 101, Florence, OR, 97439.

Please make checks payable to the "Genevieve Bailey Memorial Scholarship Fund."

These may be left with Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home, which was in charge of arrangements.

McCALLUM—Barbara Del Rosso McCallum, 82, formerly of Florence, passed away peacefully in the comfort-



Barbara McCallum

ing presence of family members on the evening of Feb. 29, 2016, at the Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver, Wash.

She suffered a stroke the previous week and was not able to overcome it after battling multiple illnesses over the past years.

Barbara was born Nov. 14, 1933, in Richmond, Calif., to Italian immigrant parents, Gaetano and Angelina Del Rosso.

She had a brother, David, and they grew up in the Bay Area during World War II.

After graduating from Richmond High School, she attended nursing school at Saint Francis Hospital, where she was elected class vice-president, graduating in 1954.

In 2004, Barbara attended her 50-year class reunion in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

As a nurse, she excelled in operating room procedures, assisting in such difficult operations as open heart surgery and kidney transplants. Her successful career spanned 45 years, including duty in both U.S. Navy and Army hospitals

during the Vietnam War.

In addition to awards from both services, Barbara received a personal commendation from Madame Chiang Kai Shek in 1969 while serving in Taiwan, Republic of China.

She retired from nursing in 1999, finishing at Peace Harbor Medical Center in Florence.

Barbara met John Melton, then serving in the U.S. Navy, and they were married in 1956. Together, they had two sons, Ken and Chuck. The family lived in Hawaii, Northern California, the Philippines, Taiwan and, after divorce in 1969, Florida and Alabama.

Following her sons' graduations from high school, Barbara moved back to California, and finally Florence, where she decided to stay.

She made many wonderful friends in Florence, including Bruce McCallum, who she married in 2006.

She was active in the Presbyterian Church and the "Red Hat Ladies." She enjoyed hiking and the outdoors and was an avid reader and collected stamps from all over the world. She loved watching Olympic skating and musicals. Her greatest joy was keeping in touch with family and friends and, of course, her grandchildren.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Bruce McCallum; her brother, David; her sons: Ken and Chuck Melton, and her sons and daughters-in-law: David, Stewart, Amanda McCallum and Sharon Washington; her grandchildren: Sammantha and Bailey Melton, Emily Lauren and Claire McCallum; and great-grandchildren: Toby and Madison.

All will miss her very, very much.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw.

KIMBALL—Jonathon Kimball, 59, of Florence, passed away March 15, 2016.

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