

OBITUARIES

MASON-IVIE—Barbara Genevieve Mason-Ivie, 84, beloved mother, formerly of Florence, passed away May 17, 2016, surrounded by her family at her residence in Redmond, Ore.



Barbara Mason-Ivie

Gen was born in Everton, Mo., to Robert "Casey" and Georgia Jones on July 21, 1931. Later, the family moved to Swisshome, Ore., where she attended school in Mapleton.

Following graduation, she married her high school sweetheart Jim Mason in June 1949. They lived on the Mason Family farm along the Siuslaw River for many years, raising cattle, growing wonderful gardens and spending many summers Salmon fishing on board the "Jimbo."

Gen worked for the Mapleton School District, first as a bus driver and then as a library aide at the high school. Later, she became a receptionist for Davidson Industries, which she truly enjoyed.

As a long-time Mapleton resident, she touched many lives with her personality and kind words. She was very generous and always giving of her time and effort to countless friends in the community.

She was passionate about her cooking, gardening and always active with church and school activities.

Gen was preceded in death by her parents, Casey and Georgia Jones; a brother, Bob Jones of Eureka, Calif.; and her beloved husband, Jim.

Survivors include: her brother, Jack Jones, of Medford, Ore.; her daughter, Pam, and son-in-law, Greg Cole, of Sisters, Ore.; her son, Duane, and daughter-in-law, Gloria Mason, of Sunriver, Ore.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at New Life Lutheran Church in Florence on June 4, at 11 a.m., with a reception following.

A private family ceremony will be held at the Mapleton

Pioneer Cemetery.

At her request, donations can be made to New Life Lutheran Church of Florence, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Sisters, Mapleton Community Church or Sisters-Redmond Hospice.

HANKS—F. Clara Hanks, 84, of Florence, passed away May 25, 2016. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 4, at 2 p.m., at the Florence Seventh Adventist Church.

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

MOORE—Darlene Moore, 88, longtime Florence resident, died Sept. 12, 2015.

Born and raised in Sioux Falls, S.D., Darlene spent her childhood on family dairy farms that also grew corn and flax seed.

Growing up during The Great Depression, Darlene helped work on the family produce farm, selling fresh vegetables from a produce truck driven by her father. She learned to work hard at a young age and preserved this virtuous ethic her entire life.

But hard work was balanced by recreation. Darlene loved fishing with her Norwegian father, ice skating, biking, horseback riding, camping and going to the 5-cent picture shows.

After attending a business college in Sioux Falls, she married her high school sweetheart, Max Elliott, who enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on a cruiser in the Pacific during the last years of World War II. Darlene and Max initially made their home in Seattle, Wash., where their daughter, Cheryl, was born.

Later, the family moved to San Diego, Calif., where sons Daryl and Randall joined the family.

After six years, Darlene and Max divorced.

Darlene later married Tinker Jesse Wilson and moved to

Ventura county. They subsequently had a daughter, Candice, and a son, Ted.

Ever industrious, Darlene took on diverse occupations to help support her family, ranging from being a waitress, seamstress, carhop and Avon representative, to becoming a Tupperware sales rep.

She also created crafts at home and sold her tooled leather purses and plaster of Paris masterpieces door-to-door.

Darlene taught her children to love the outdoors by taking them camping and teaching them survival skills, as well as how to enjoy riding and fishing. She had a great capacity for fun, and her lively household resounded with popular musicals. She knew all the lyrics by heart.

In the mid-1960s, Darlene became a cook at the newly opened upper campus of the Ojai Valley School, staying in that job for eight years. She worked for the next 15 years at the State of California Rehabilitation Center in Ventura. Her marriage had ended, but new horizons beckoned her and, in 1986, she moved to the beautiful coastal town of Florence.

Darlene made a wide circle of friends in her new home through her volunteer jobs at the college and the hospital, as well as through her church activities. She stayed active, regularly swimming and taking walks. It was a peaceful and serene time of her life, enabling her to reconnect with the tranquil explorations of nature she had experienced in her youth and so fondly remembered.

When the Northwest weather was inclement, Darlene's favorite activities included playing Scrabble, doing crossword puzzles and watching old westerns and classic movies.

Although she had been born into a Lutheran family, Darlene converted to Catholicism shortly before she left Ojai, becoming a member of St. Thomas Aquinas's congregation.

Once she moved to Oregon, Darlene became active in the local Catholic church and reached out with her many skills to help those in need.

Darlene delivered communion to shut-in seniors for years and served the Florence Auxiliary, donating more than 5,000 hours to this charity.

She also knitted extraordinarily beautiful baby blankets and donated them to church fundraisers.

Her passion for traveling and sightseeing took Darlene to the Hawaiian Islands, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Greece, Norway and, most memorable, to the Holy Land.

A descendent of the famous Charles Ingalls and Laura Ingalls Wilder ("Little House on the Prairie"), Darlene also traveled to Desmett, S.D., to participate in the bi-annual Ingalls' family reunion.

Darlene was a loving, generous woman, good to the core, and imbued with values she has instilled in her children, who miss her every day and who cherish all the good times they shared with her.

She is survived by her children: Cheryl Elliott, of Nipomo; Daryl Elliott of Idaho City, Idaho; Candice Wilson, of Ojai, Calif.; and Ted Wilson, of Ojai, Calif.; her grandchildren, Ginger Lee Wilson and Justin Miracle Wilson; great-grandchildren: Randall, Britney, Jasmine, Scarlett and Cody; and great-great-grandsons, Levi and Brody.

Darlene was preceded in death by her son Randy in 1970.

Donations in Darlene's memory can be sent to Ojai Valley School Alumni Association, 723 El Paseo Road, Ojai, Calif., 93023, or St. Mary's Youth Program, 85060 Highway 101, Florence, Ore., 97439.

A celebration of Darlene's life will be held Wednesday, June 1, at 3 p.m., at Calvary Chapel Christian Church, 195 Mahoney Drive, Oak View, Calif.

Services may be viewed at calvaryojai.org.

HAAK—Nichi Louise Haak, 61, of Florence, passed away Saturday, May 21, 2016, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born on Dec. 3, 1954, in Hampton, Iowa, to Carl and Dolores Schafer. She

later moved with her family to Arvada, Colo., where she graduated from high school.

She married Lynn Davids and moved to Burley, Idaho. To this union two sons, William (Will) and Tyler were born. Lynn and Nichi later divorced and Nichi moved to Boise to attend ITT technical school.

She received her certificate in bookkeeping and utilized that knowledge throughout her life. During that time she met and married the love of her life, Timothy Haak. To this union Joshua was born.

Tim was killed in a car accident Oct. 2, 1986, when Josh was only 8 months old. Nichi remained a widow for the rest of her life.

Nichi loved the outdoors and enjoyed being in nature. She especially loved the Oregon coast with the cooler climate, lush greenery and abundance of flowers. She enjoyed whale-watching and visiting the Sea Lion Caves close to her home. She was an avid animal lover, always having at least one pet in the home. Family vacations always included a stop at the local zoo or aquarium.

She also enjoyed camping and visiting different areas. Nichi was athletic and enjoyed playing softball and volleyball. She and Tim loved bowling in a league together.

Nichi was very creative, and

enjoyed various types of handiwork from crocheting to cross-stitching. She also enjoyed painting.

Nichi will be remembered for her kind spirit and acceptance of others. She was truly an example of love for her fellow man.

Haak is survived by her three sons: Will (Sarah) Davids of Pocatello, Idaho; Tyler (Melissa) Davids of Burley, Idaho; and Joshua Haak (Morgan Plummer) of Troutdale, Ore.; three sisters: Corallee Seaton, Jeanie Dunlap and Catherine Lewis; two brothers, Dale and Joe Schafer; and seven grandchildren, who were her absolute pride and joy.

In addition to her husband Tim, she was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Carl Schafer, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at noon today, May 28, at Christian Life Fellowship Church, 1524 S. Longmont Ave., in Boise, Idaho, with Pastor Scott F. Guinn officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, Idaho 83318.

McINNIS—John A. McInnis, 74, of Florence, passed away May 24, 2016.

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

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