

THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

LOACKER—Marilynn N. Loacker, of Florence, passed away peacefully following a lengthy illness. Her two daughters, Jacqueline Bahr of Florence and Caroline Tabor of Bend, Ore., were at her side.



Marilynn Loacker

Marilynn was born Aug. 25, 1921, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to "Patrick" Allen English and Nita Tooley English.

She is survived by her two granddaughters: Kelly Bahr of Independence, Calif., and Tracy Bahr of Bishop, Calif.; sisters Ruth Arnold of Paradise, Calif., and Allyn Claire Lowenstein of Los Alamos, N.M.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Loacker; sister Kathleen Foster; and brother Deane English.

Marilynn loved her four-legged companion "Katie," as well as the desert, hiking, reading and was an accomplished artist.

Her family is heartbroken and will miss her greatly. Her ashes will be scattered in the desert at a later date.

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

SWAIN—Ginger Lee Appler Swain passed away April 1, 2017, in Florence, of natural causes.

Her family and friends knew her as "Ging" or "Gimmer."

She was born on Feb. 1, 1969, in Fontana, Calif.



Ginger Swain

Gimmer was very much a free spirit, with more moxie in her little finger than most of us could say we have in our entire bodies.

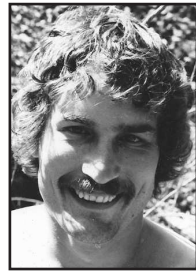
She is survived by her mother, Eileen Cundy; five siblings: Veda Kent, Terrie Berentsen, William Cundy, Clay Cundy and Curtis Cundy; three children: Trina Towne, Donovan Appler and Cole Swain; one great-grandchild, Landon Towne; with another great-grandchild on the way.

We will be holding a Celebration of Life in June at one of her favorite beaches in Florence for all her family that is able to attend.

She will be very missed. **SISSON**—David Murl Sisson, 61, died Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at the Oregon State Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore.

David was born Oct. 25, 1955, in Glasgow, Mont., to John and Jacque Sisson. He graduated from Glasgow High

School, where he excelled in athletics. He joined the Army in 1975, became an Airborne Ranger and functioned as Morse code operator for John Abizaid and Greg Gardner.



David Sisson

David was an adventurous spirit and his time in the Army helped fuel a lifetime passion for travel.

After his enlistment, David attended the University of Montana, MSU-Bozeman, and MSU-Billings, where he graduated with a bachelor of science in accounting.

Other studies included history, mathematics and Scandinavian studies. While at MSU-Billings, David met Gayle DeAngelis, whom he married in September 1984.

David, Gayle and their sons Carlo and Dino welcomed another boy, Sean, into the world in March 1985.

The family moved to Portland, Ore., in 1987, and soon David began working at Hewlett Packard where he became production manager in 1994. David was nicknamed "Super Q" by his friends at HP, as he was regarded as the "font of knowledge."

David, Gayle and Sean moved to Florence in 1996.

Gayle bought Grape Leaf, which became the family wine business, where Dave was known for his ability to discuss virtually any topic.

David was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia in April 2013. Soon after the diagnosis, he returned to Florence to be cared for by his family. His capacity for love and adventure never diminished, even as his grasp on reality faded away.

David will be remembered as a strong, brilliant, hard-headed, compassionate, competitive and caring man who loved his friends and family.

A celebration of life will be held at the Norse Hall in Portland, Ore., from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 15.

RATLIFF—Wilda Ratliff, 90, formerly of Florence, passed away March 27, 2017 in Lacey, Wash.

Wilda was born July 2, 1926, to Clyde C. Doolittle and Hulda E. Anderson.

Wilda was married to Albert L. Ratliff, who died in 1997. She then married Vernon O. Robertson, who died in 2008.

Wilda was a homemaker mostly. She also worked in financial institutions and fabric stores.

She came to Florence in 1991 from San Jose, Calif., and moved to Lacey, Wash., in 2012. Wilda also lived in Ferndale, Napa, Richmond, Monterey and Santa Barbara. Wilda was a member of the

Lutheran Church and was an organizer and charter member of Florence's Rhododendron Quilt Guild and the Rhody Buds. She was also active in the Elks Club, especially bingo nights.

Wilda was an excellent seamstress and made most of her own and her daughters' clothing for many years.

She enjoyed crafting and worked with many different mediums, creating a variety of items over the years: hat making, Huck, cross stitch and crewel embroidery, enameled jewelry, Swedish weaving, applique and patchwork — to name a few.

Wilda graduated from Berkeley High School, in Berkeley, Calif.

She is survived by her children: Janet E. Spaid of Lacey, Wash., Stephen R. Ratliff

(Sandy) of Escondido, Calif., John C. Ratliff (Lorella) of Escondido, Calif., Leslie K. Trotter of Sacramento, Calif., and Paul A. Ratliff of Sacramento, Calif.; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; her sister Carol Mitchell of Washington; and her brother Kenneth Doolittle of California.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; her sister, Joann Christensen; husbands Al and Vic; and her son Matthew.

No services planned at this time.

SCALF—William V. "Bill" Scalf, Sr., 74, of Florence, passed away Saturday, April 8, 2017, at his home, of natural causes.

Private cremation rites will be held and services are pending.

Applicants sought for new City committee

The City of Florence has recently established a short-term ad-hoc committee called the Housing and Economic Opportunities Committee.

This group will be a working committee charged with completing the Buildable Lands Inventory and Housing and Economic Opportunities Analysis.

The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and staff in matters pertaining to affordable and workforce housing as well as economic development and job creation.

The Committee will review work products and provide recommendations on key project issues and decisions, providing guidance on scenarios and policy options and guiding stakeholder and community engagement strategies.

The City is looking for community members who represent a broad spectrum of community housing and economic development interests.

The committee will meet at approximately four meetings over the course of six months and will also be responsible for research and community outreach in between meetings.

Applying for a position is easy.

Applications are available at

Florence City Hall and can be downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.florence.or.us.

City Hall is open Monday thru Friday; 8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply.

Don't have time for committee membership, stay tuned as there will be other opportunities to have your voice heard.

The process will include a public survey and short workshops.

For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of this committee, please contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437.

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BIRTHS

CLARK—Jesse James Clark, a boy weighing 5 lbs., 13.5 ozs., was born to Kirsten Elizabeth Lane and Calvin Lee Clark of Florence on April 5, 2017, at 11:22 p.m., at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

WILSON—Marley Jean Wilson, a girl weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs., was born to Connor Lynn Palm and Michael Lokey-Wilson of Florence on April 6, 2017, at 7:18 p.m., at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

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