

THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

GEER—Twyla A. Geer



passed away peacefully surrounded by her family May 12, 2017, in Florence. Twyla, born May 21, 1931, was the youngest of seven girls born to Forrest and Jessie Francisco and was raised on their 160-acre homestead on the Upper North Fork Road in Florence.

She married the love of her life, Raymond R. Geer, on Aug. 6, 1951. Together they had four children, which they raised in Eugene until 1973, when they moved with their two youngest children to Tempe, Ariz.

Twyla was always a nurturer to her family and friends through her delicious cooking, baking, sewing, decorating, singing, laughing, playing, love and tender heart for all.

After her children were grown Twyla worked at Phoenix Transformers becoming a supervisor and dear friend to everyone there.

Twyla continued nurturing others by deciding late in life to start an elderly care home which she named The Care Affair. Twyla and her husband purchased the property and she began to fill it with her warm heart by decorating every room with her beautiful style turning it into a home for all.

With the help of her husband and eldest daughter, they gained the reputation of having the best food and warmest caregivers in the business, successfully operating their care home until 1997 when Twyla and her husband retired and returned to where her heart was

— back to her family homestead on Upper North Fork Road in Florence.

Twyla walked the property in search of the perfect spot to put their new house and then turned it into a home with her lovely sense of style, personality and warm heart. She created beautiful garden beds throughout and, with the help of her son, she also built a rock waterfall that she loved to sit and listen to outside on the big front porch her husband Ray had built for her.

She loved to host and entertain family and friends, and especially enjoyed having summer porch parties.

Twyla was an incredible woman, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, grandma-great and friend. Her radiance touched everyone who knew her, along with her big heart, entertaining sense of humor, contagious laugh and her zest for life.

She was always one to take in strays and offer her warm heart and friendship as a safe refuge.

Twyla was preceded in death by her son, Scott R. Geer.

Twyla is survived by her loving husband of more than 65 years, Raymond R. Geer. Twyla is also survived by her son, Kim L. Geer; daughters Rochelle L. Baliz, Shannon D. Nivilinszky and her husband Barry J. Nivilinszky; four grandchildren: Shane A. O'Brien, Nichole M. Anthony and her husband Tommy Anthony, Brandon S. Nivilinszky, Jordan J. Nivilinszky and his fiancé Lizz Burkhart; four great-grandchildren: Cora B. Nivilinszky, Kyden R. Nivilinszky, Bryce O'Brien and Qyla Anthony; as well as hundreds of nieces,

nephews and friends that adored her.

Her love for her family, friends and her faith in God was unwavering. No words can express how much they will miss her; but they can't help but feel joyous when they think of the sweet reunion that will be taking place between her, those six giggling sisters, her beloved son Scott, her dear parents and everyone else she lost through the years.

There will be a private graveside service for immediate family.

Our hearts will continue to ache for her until we are together again.

COMBEST—Lois M. Combest, 85, longtime

Florence resident, passed away May 27, 2017, at Spruce Point Memory Care Residence in Florence.

She was born July 18, 1931, in Pleasant Grove, Utah, to Floyd and Ruth Sorenson.

Lois married Ray Combest in 1948 in Pleasant Grove. They were happily married for 38 years. They moved to Florence in 1962. Lois worked at night as a waitress for years while operating a business.

Lois and Ray owned and operated various businesses through the years. It was a constant struggle to raise six kids in a small town, a struggle they happily endured; their kids were always a priority and the center of their life.

Through the years, Lois always made her home a welcome place to her children's

friends, many fondly remember "Taco Nights" at the Combest's home.

Lois is survived by her six children: Roy Combest, Rick Combest, Robin Ross Combest, Randy Combest, Rachel Foster and Ronda Muilenberg; 17 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, two of her eight siblings; along with many nieces and nephews.

Her husband Ray, her grandson Ian Foster, her parents and six of her siblings preceded Lois in death.

Upon Lois's request, there will be no services.

Lois was always grateful to have had dear and close friends from Florence over the years who brought her joy and support.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Spruce Point Memory Care for their kind and compassionate care of Lois.

We are also grateful to Burns's Mortuary for taking care of cremation services.

The family requests memorial donations be made to Lois' late grandson's memorial fund, the Ian Foster Fund, through the Siuslaw Athletics Boosters Club, P.O. Box 1972, Florence, Ore. 97439, or online at www.siuslawathleticboostersclub.com.

All proceeds aid students in meeting sports participation fees.

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

BEAL—Herbert E. Beal Jr. (Herb), 84, of Roseburg and Florence, passed away May 29, 2017. Arrangements are being handled by Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

Dave's RE-CORNER



Most people have heard of the 3Rs of environmentally friendly behavior-

REDUCE is to use less of something. Use less water, turn off lights, use both sides of a paper.

REUSE is to use an item again. Refill a water bottle, reuse a container and buy reusable bags.

RECYCLE is to make new items from old ones; recycle bottles, glass, paper, cans, plastic, cardboard & more.

Tip

With the end of the school just around the corner, many of us are planning a summer vacation. Traveling or staying in new locations can challenge our typical recycling habits. But with a little planning, you can still keep your paper, bottles and cans out of the trash.

On the Road Again

Once you've loaded up the family vehicle with clothes and electronic gadgets, add a bag or stackable bag-lined container to stow bottles, cans, paper, cartons and other recyclables. Teach sustainability to the kids by getting them involved with finding the recycling bin at wayside rests, public parks and even some gas stations.

Quiz

Answer to Previous Quiz: C: Recycling

If you make a quilt from old clothes you are...
A) reducing. B) reusing. C) recycling.

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