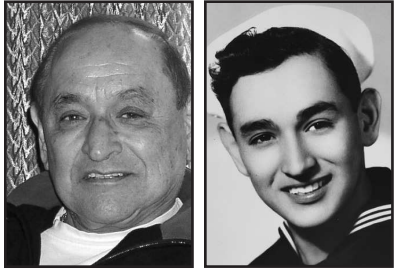


THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

SUNIGA—George R Suniga, 86, of Salem, was born Jan. 13, 1931, in Ojai, Calif., to Espiridion Suniga and Loretta Chavez Suniga.



George Suniga

He died surrounded by his loving wife and daughters on June 21, at home in Salem, after a 2-1/2 year battle with cancer.

In 1944, George's mother and stepfather, Arthur Powers, moved from California to Florence, when George and his brother, Frank, were young boys. He gifted the boys with little hatchets and put them to work clearing a 40-acre tract of land in Westlake, where together they built a small home.

George attended school in Florence but quit as a sophomore to enlist in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed on the USS Orleck, patrolling in the Pacific before being honorably discharged in 1950.

He then returned to Florence and finished his senior year, graduating with the Siuslaw High School class of 1951.

George married his high school sweetheart, Beverly Bernard, in 1952.

In the early 50s, he brought his wife and two baby daughters to Salem to find work. He and Beverly would have two more daughters after moving to Salem. He was lucky to find his first construction job as a carpenter with Truitt Woodworth, a general contractor in Salem. In 1956, he started his own construction business, Sun Valley Homes.

In 1961, he built his first nursing home and eventually built and owned five. By 1964, George was the largest home builder in Salem and was elected president of the Salem Home Builders Association; to this day he is still a member.

Over the years, George developed dozens of residential subdivisions in the Willamette Valley, several apartment complexes, office buildings, a drug rehab center, and built hundreds of homes. In 1984, he built a manufacturing plant in Salem and manufactured spas under the name of Mt. Hood Spas.

In 1985, George married his second wife, Linda Wallace. They worked together daily in the construction business and were never apart.

They remained happily married throughout the remainder of his life.

George had many hobbies over the years, the most exciting being a boat racer in the early 60s; his boat hung in Bridges Marine for many years.

He was a charter member of Illahe Country Club. He loved to travel, especially to Las Vegas, where he saw all of the big names over the years.

In 1998, George and Linda began attending church and dedicated their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave George much peace and comfort through his battle with cancer.

George was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Emily Chavez; and great-granddaughter, Kristen Green.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Suniga; former wife, Beverly Suniga; his daughters: Francie West (Harry), Stephanie Fry (Rich), Terri Nordone (Rocky) and Tami Suniga; his grandchildren: Jeffrey Green (Sherry), Bryce

Britton, Cory Green (Amanda) and Brennen Britton; six great-grandchildren; his beloved brother, Frank Suniga (Zelda) all of Salem; and sister Lou Chavez of Davis, Calif.

Come for a celebration of George's life on Wednesday, July 5, at 11 a.m., at Salem Alliance Church, 1490 Fifth St. NE in Salem.

In lieu of floral gifts, please consider making a donation to Salem Alliance Church in memory of George R Suniga.

George was recently interviewed by a representative from the Willamette Heritage Center for a series called "Voices of the Valley."

For more of George's history go to YouTube and search "George Suniga."

JOHNSON—Julia Lorraine Johnson died June 26, 2017, at in the home of her brother Mike and wife Dorothy Libby's home in Mohawk Valley.

She was born May 25, 1958, the day of the Rhododendron Festival parade, to Byron and Elsie (Miles) Libby.

Preceding her in death were: her father, Byron Libby; her uncle Jim Libby; and her estranged husband, Christopher Johnson.

She leaves behind, her two sons: Christopher Michael Johnson ad Scott Idar Johnson; her two remaining sisters, Twila Rae Steiner of Receda, Calif., who nursed her to the end, and sister Barbara Jean Johnson (Keith); her brother Mike (Dorothy) Libby; and her

mother, Elsie Marie (Seth) Caldwell; plus many cousins, nieces and nephews.

An immediate family reunion get-together is planned for Monday, July 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Bayberry Square, 185 Highway 101 N.



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LIHEAP signups begin Monday

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For this round of signups, eligible applicants must not have received LIHEAP since Nov. 1, 2016.

Sign-ups will begin at 9 a.m., on Monday, July 3. Applicants can sign up in person or by phone.

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