

## THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**GILMORE**—Theola Mae Gilmore, formerly of Florence, died July 2, 2017, at home with family in Eugene.

Born March 22, 1928, at home on a farm outside Bellwood, Neb., she was the oldest of five children born to Theodore and Lurena Mae Eschliman.

She was followed by Lurena Eschliman Workman, infant Teddy Eschliman, Larre Eschliman and Lonnie Eschliman.

In late 1946, Theola met, then married the man that would share

her life for the next 70 years, William J. (Bill) Gilmore.

Their life together brought them three children: Michael T. (and Reva) Gilmore, Marijo (and

Elden) Nordahl, Susan (and Tom) Owings; along with grandchildren: Amy and James Thompson, Daniel and Adela Carnaghi, Brian and Rachel Nordahl, Damon and Dana Nordahl, Erin and Tony Mason, Caley and James Joy, Jessica and Mike Harms, Shelly Circle, and Michele Nordahl; as well as 28 great-grandchildren and counting.

Their life together took them westward from Nebraska to Idaho, Oregon and Washington, then back to their home in Medford, Ore., in 1964 — where they stayed for more than 40 years raising their children and greeting new grandchildren.

They found employment as teachers at McLoughlin Junior High; Bill as the eighth-grade boys PE teacher while Theola found her perfect job as the Developmental Reading teacher.

After their retirement from McLoughlin, Theola and Bill were able to travel the world and become active in their Sacred

Heart Community until health problems made it necessary to move closer to family in Florence and Eugene.

Theola loved Bill, her family and her church. She also loved holding her newborns and hugging her big children — grands and greats — and singing to them with her beautiful voice. She also loved reading.

As members of her family, we have been blessed by our time with her on this earth and are thankful she is with Bill and the other members of her family that have preceded her.

In lieu of flowers, Theola's family would like her memory honored by spreading the love of reading to children in need in Medford.

Donations can be made to the Theola Gilmore Memorial Book Drive at GoFundMe.Com

Her Funeral Mass will be held Friday, July 14, at 8:30 a.m., at Sacred Heart Church in Medford, with interment at Hillcrest Memorial Park next to her beloved Bill.

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

**SMITH** — Myrna R. (Brandow) Smith, 80, passed away Monday, June 26, 2017.

Myrna was born May 27, 1937, in the Dalles, Ore., to Raymond J. and Laverna A. (Johnson) Brandow.

Myrna grew up in Vernonia and, in 1952, the family moved to Reedsport, where she attended Reedsport High School, graduating in 1955.

There, she met Thomas R. Smith. They were married in August of 1955 and, shortly after that, moved to Oceanside, Calif., while Tom served in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Returning to Oregon, they moved to the Alderwold Dairy Farm on Fiddle Creek, which was owned and operated by the Smith Family for more than 20 years.

After her divorce in 1977, Myrna worked for Florence City Hall and Municipal Court.

Myrna loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved gardening, especially her roses, and playing pinocle with the girls.

Myrna is survived by her ex-husband, Tom, of Reedsport; three sons: Monty and his wife Annie of Eugene, Vance and his wife Suzanne of Florence, and Jason of Veneta; her brother Steve and wife Dee Brandow of Alaska; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both parents; her sister Barbara (Brandow) Ott; her brother Jim Brandow; and an infant son

Benjamin.

At her request, no services are planned.

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

**MCDERMET**—Michael B. McDermet, 71, of Florence, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Arrangements are being held through Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.



Theola Gilmore



Myrna Smith

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## We would love for you to support one or as many as possible!

### EARLY EVENTS:

- 7:00 - 10:00 am **FREE Pancake and Scrambled Egg Breakfast** at the United Methodist Church at 333 Kingwood St. Any donations will be donated to the support the Siuslaw Elementary School art club..
- 8:00 am Rotary is **Cleaning and Beautifying the outside of the Siuslaw Public Library**. Bring car washing brushes and rags to wash the building, and tools for weeding.
- 9:00 am **POWER Walk**- Official Start of Power of Florence. Mayor Henry will officially start the walk, which begins at the Florence Christian Church. Wear your Power of Florence shirt! Shirts are \$10 each and available while they last at beginning of walk.
- 9:00 am Delta Gamma is **Beautifying Rolling Dunes Park**
- 9:00 am Boy Scouts will be **Beautifying Veterans Memorial Park**.
- 9:00 am The Florence Garden Club will be **Weeding and Beautifying Gallagher's Park**
- 9:00 am Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association will be hosting a **Miller Park Clean-Up**
- 9:00 am PTA and Girl Scouts will be **Cleaning the Siuslaw Elementary School Gardens**
- 9:00-11:00 am **Weeding at Disciples of Christ Community Garden** in the back parking lot of St. Mary's Church.
- 9:00-3:00 pm the Knights of Columbus wives are hosting a **Wear It Again Jewelry Sale** fundraiser at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome!
- 9:30-11:30 PeaceHealth **Clean up Kingwood Street**. Start at ninth street and go towards the north end.
- 10:00 am The Florence Area Ambassadors will be **Cleaning Windows** of the Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center
- 10:00-11:00 am Florence Area Democratic Club will **Trash Clean-up** at the City Parking Lot and Veteran's Memorial at the West end of Old Town
- 10:00-12:00 pm **Scotch Broom Removal**: Help remove invasive Scotch Broom at Heceta Dunes (corner of Joshua Lane and Nautilus) Bring water, gloves, sunscreen and tools (such as loppers, hand pruners and small hand saws). Dogs are welcomed. Sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service.
- 11:00 - 3:00 pm Florence Regency will be having a **Carnival with booths, games, dunk tank, and bounce house** to raise money for CROW summer camp scholarships.
- 1:00-4:00 pm **Van Fans Ice Cream Social** at the Florence Events Center. Serving homemade pie & ice cream with live music and entertainment tickets \$5 each.

### PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT EVENTS- AT GROCERY OUTLET

- 11:00 - 2:00 pm **Party in the Parking Lot**: With Mike Bones as your MC and Live Music and Entertainment by Jason Wood's voice students, the Grapefruit Brothers, and DJ~Al Rojas.
- 10:00 - 2:00 pm Florence/Siuslaw Lion's Club - **FREE Health Screening Truck** will have screening stations for vision, glaucoma, blood pressure, and blood sugar.
- 10:00-2:00 pm **Foursquare Church** will be **Accepting new/gently used clothing donations**, especially, jackets, hoodies, sweats and jeans.

- 10:00-5:00 pm Habitat for Humanity ReStore: Come and **Shop and make a difference**. Habitat ReStore is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center
- 11:00 - 2:00 pm Oregon Coast Military Museum - **T-shirts for sale** to raise money to support the museum.
- 11:00- 2:00 pm **Oregon Coast Military Museum Military vehicles and historical weapons** on display.
- 11:00-2:00 pm **Public Works Department Vehicles on display** for kids and adults to explore and learn more about.
- 11:00-2:00 pm **Florence Police Department Vehicles on display** for kids and adults to explore and learn more about.
- 11:00-2:00 pm **State Police Vehicles on display** for kids and adults to explore and learn more about.
- 11:00-2:00 pm **Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Ladder Truck on display** for kids and adults to explore and learn more about.
- 11:00-2:00 pm Siuslaw Elementary School Kindness Club will be selling **Italian Sodas to raise money for 6th grader Malakai's bone marrow transplant**.
- 11:00-2:00 pm Florence Food Share: **Beavers vs. Ducks Food Collecting Contest**. Collecting food for the Florence Food Share.
- 11:00-2:00 pm **Hamburger & Hotdog BBQ** benefiting Oregon Coast Humane Society
- 11:00-2:00 pm **"Stuff the Van"**- Pet food drive for Oregon Coast Humane Society
- 11:00-2:00 pm **Kitten Adoption**- Come and meet some adorable kittens ready for their forever home!
- 11:00-2:00 pm **Lemonade stand** to support Siuslaw Valley Outreach Center
- 11:00-3:00 pm **Power of Florence T-shirt, sweatshirt, and hat sale**- Get yours while they last!
- 11:00 - 3:00 pm FB4K's (Food Backpacks for Kids) Will be **Giving out water bottles and selling snacks such as Oreos, Rice Krispy Bars, chips, etc.**
- 11:00-3:00 pm **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) informational booth** in the Grocery Outlet parking lot
- 11:00- 3:00 pm P.T.A. will have an informational booth in the Grocery Outlet parking lot and will be **Collecting Emergency Items for Siuslaw Schools**
- 11:00- 3:00 pm **Cancer Health and Education Group** will have an informational booth in the Grocery Outlet parking lot
- 11:00-3:00 pm Florence Liberty Alliance will have a **"Wheel of Fortune"** game where people guess historic/patriotic things and win prizes.
- 11:00- 3:00 pm **Little Free Library**- Collecting books for Florence's Little Free Libraries
- 11:00-4:00 pm **Habitat for Humanity donations**: Clean out your own garage and bring in donations of used fixtures, sinks, faucets, windows, doors, etc. lighting, scrap lumber, plumbing parts, and so much more.

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