

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**MARKEE** — Darleen Markee of Florence passed away peacefully at home of acute leukemia on April 19, 2018.

She was born May 30, 1937 in Los Angeles, Calif. She devoted her whole life to being a mother to her four children, Kathie, Scott, Jeff and Lauralyn. She was an outstanding homemaker

for the children and her husband, Dick.

The couple celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary last December.

Darleen was an artist, enjoying many different types of media. For the last 20 years, she spent most of her time quilting. She was an expert quilter and won many awards, even winning the Mayor's Trophy one year. Darleen was a member of the American Quilter's Society and Florence Quilt Guild, but her favorite meetings were with a small group of local ladies who call themselves "Fabric Fondlers."

She would not say bad things about people, even if people

did bad things. She made a sign for a wall of her home with the children were growing up which read: "If you can't say something nice about a person, don't say anything."

As Lauralyn said to the family shortly after Darleen passed, "If anyone deserves to be an angel, she does."

Darleen will be sorely missed by her beloved grandchildren, Sara, Kloe, Chris, Ricky, Marissa, Alyssa and Kelsey, and by us all.

Rest in peace, my love. Service for the family will be at a later date.

**NICKOLAUS**—In loving memory of Christopher Paul Nickolaus, 1959 to 2018.

Chris will be dearly missed by his wife of 19 years, Mary Lopez

Nickolaus, and the family members for whom he was the most special brother and son: sister Dina Pavlis; brothers Keith Nickolaus and Robert Nickolaus; brother-in-law Danny Pavlis; his father Tony Nickolaus and Mother Electra Adams; brother-in-law Bill

Lopez; sister-in-law Allison Ann Lopez; and in-laws Patty and Linda Lopez, Travis and Misha Lopez and their children.

His loved ones hold fond memories of Chris who always lived life with a robust spirit of self-reliance, love of the outdoors, a high regard for honoring and preserving wild places, and taking joy from hard work, simple pleasures and the companionship of those closest to him.

Chris sought joy on mountain trails and beaches surrounding Orange County Calif., where he grew up. Chris also lived and explored wilderness in Western Colorado for many years before moving to Florence in the 1990s.

His wife and family would like to thank all those who have shared their condolences and prayers during Chris' brave struggle with cancer this past year. We pray that his new journey will be one of new adventures for his thirsty soul and filled with peace, joy and The Lord's protection.

At Chris' request, his ashes will be spread in some of the wild places that brought him the greatest joy. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family

requests donations made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Shriners Hospitals for Children or Best Friends Animal Society.

**BROWN**—Michael Alan Brown, 69, passed away April 8, 2018, at his home in Westlake, Ore.

Mike was born June 23, 1948, in San Rafael, Calif., to Acel Brown and Barbara La Valley. He grew up in the city in the St. John's area of Portland, Ore. However, before senior year, his family relocated to rural Prescott, Wash., where he graduated in a class of nine students.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years, including a tour in Vietnam on the flight deck aboard the USS Hancock.

He married Marjorie Brewder in 1971 in Richland, Wash. They lived in Kennewick, where Mike joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and began an apprenticeship in the electrical trade in local 112 at Hanford.

They moved to Kodiak, Alaska., where Mike commercial fished. He then finished his apprenticeship in local 1547, where he worked in Kodiak and also traveled to the mainland to work on the Valdez pipeline.

In 1977, they moved to Hillsboro, Ore., where he continued to work in the electrical trade and made local 48 his home. He was a member of all three local unions.

When Mike retired in 2002, they moved to Westlake, Ore., where they built their dream home. Mike took pride in the fact that he did all of the electrical work himself. Their home in Florence became the family gathering place where many years of memories were made.

Mike was an avid outdoorsman. He was an accomplished hunter and fisherman. Many of the best times in his life were spent camping, hunting or ocean fishing with his family. He passed on his love of the outdoors to his children and grandchildren. They all brought out the best in him and held a special place in his heart.

Mike obtained a general HAM radio operator's license in the eighth grade. He built

much of his own equipment. He was a born handyman and was always working on various projects. He also enjoyed cultivating and tending in his greenhouse.

Mike is survived by his wife, Marji; his children: Ryan and wife Heather, Darren and wife Erin, Jennifer and husband Steve; five grandchildren: Wyatt, Gavin, Emma, Charlotte and Anthony; and his brother, Jeff.

He is preceded in death by his two other brothers, Bob and Ken.

A military service is scheduled for June 22, at 2:30 p.m., at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mike's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mike's chosen charity, Wounded Warriors Project at [www.support.woundedwarrior-project.org/Donate](http://www.support.woundedwarrior-project.org/Donate).

**GOTTSHALK**—Wilma Jean Gottshalk, 72, of Florence, passed away April 15, 2018.

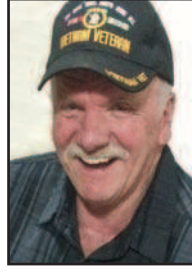
Arrangements held by Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.



**Darleen Markee**



**Christopher Nickolaus**



**Michael Brown**

### BIRTH

**BILLINGS**—Nolan Billings, a boy weighing 8 lbs., 10 ozs., was born to Sara Bolton and Sean Billings of Florence on April 16, 2018, at 8:06 p.m.

### Rose Hill Road to be closed

Lane County Public Works has announced a road closure that will take place Tuesday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The closure will occur on Rose Hill Road, between milepost 0.20 and 0.35, for a realignment project. There will be no alternate route, so travelers should plan accordingly.

For more information, contact Devon Ashbridge, public information officer, at 541-682-4526.

### WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
April 17	52	39	0.07
April 18	57	38	0.00
April 19	59	35	0.00
April 20	58	34	0.00
April 21	55	38	0.11
April 22	56	31	0.00
April 23	76	38	0.00

**Rainfall** Week: 0.18"  
Month: 6.16" Year: 32.64"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

### Rhododendron Drive to partially close on Monday

On Monday, April 30, the contractor for the Harbor Vista Campground Sewer Collection System Project will be extending the new sewer system into Rhododendron Drive. This will necessitate the closure of the south bound travel lane of Rhododendron Drive at South Harbor Vista Drive. Specifically, the contractor will be installing a section of gravity sewer line and a manhole.

Only one lane will be closed. A travel lane will

remain open and controlled by flaggers during the duration of the activity. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are advised that the construction and lane closure will take place on Monday, April 30 between 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and short delays are possible. An emphasis will be made to provide accessibility to emergency vehicles and school buses.

Florence Public Works would like to extend our thanks to the public in advance for

their patience as we enter the final stages of this very important project that will bring improved sanitary sewer service to the community.

Residents are encouraged to call the City of Florence Public Works office with any concerns and questions at 541-997-4106.

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**Thursday, May 3  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Homegrown Public House**  
294 Laurel St., Florence  
Beverages, appetizers & giveaways!

RSVP and Questions to Lyndse Neppl,  
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