

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**GULLA**—John Leonard Gulla, 89, of Florence, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on April 27, 2018.

John was born Dec. 19, 1928, in Philadelphia, Pa., and was one of five kids growing up in Little Italy. After high school, John enlisted in the army and found himself deployed to Germany, where he was destined to meet the love of his life, Phyllis.

They married in Germany and he returned home to Philly with his sweetheart. John eventually took a job transfer and brought his family of four to Seattle in 1966. He created a good life for them all and, after retirement, came to Florence where he was an active church volunteer at St. Mary's — fish fries and holiday bazaars were great fun for him!

He also did volunteer work with the veterans of Florence. He and Phyllis took fantastic country-wide road trips and had a happy retirement together.

John had a big heart and loved his family and friends with gusto. He was a skilled artist and craftsman, loved to visit with neighbors, and spent oodles of time gardening alongside "Phil."

John is survived by his wife of 65 years, Phyllis Gulla. John also leaves behind his son John and

daughter Barbara, both of Seattle, Wash., and his son Stephen and wife Karen, of Corvallis, Mont.

There will be a funeral service for John on Saturday, May 26, beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Please stop by and say hello to the family and share your favorite story about John.

John will be missed by all who knew him.

Rest in peace, John.

**SCOTT**—Stanley Charles Scott passed away April 27, just three days past his 82nd birthday.

He was born to Charlie and Harriet Scott on April 24, 1936, in San Diego, Calif.

Scotty was a Navy brat, and a very active child, but also very focused and determined. At age 12, he won the San Diego City Golden Gloves (boxing) Championship and during the two years he spent at the U.S. Naval base in Florida, he spent every weekend in the Dilby Dunker. He became so good at the drills, in fact, that at the age of 14 he placed third in a class of 150 Navy recruits and received an honorary graduation certificate at their ceremony.

Returning to his hometown for high school, he took a job driving tractors for truck farms

in the valley after school his sophomore year. Seeing where there was room for improvement, he put together a stabilizing/leveler bar on the back of the tractors to keep the machines from digging too deep in the corners and it was incorporated on A. Chalmers equipment for many years after that.

He was also a pitcher for the high school baseball team and awarded a college scholarship, but turned it down in favor of working on motorcycles and cars, thus beginning his lifelong love affair with anything that had an engine and went "vroom," as he once said.

At 18, he was hired by the Lemon Grove Police Department to overhaul its police cruisers and give them more power because all the hot rod street racers would get away every time. He did the job well; their cars became more powerful and faster, but he neglected to mention to them that he was also working on those hot rod street cars at night — so they never did catch many.

Needless to say, that job didn't last long.

A stint in the Merchant Marines off the west coast followed, then he came to Oregon in 1954. Several years later, he and his wife took their first three children and returned to San Diego, where he took a job for a lumber company. Soon after, a horrific accident took his left eye and part of his face. During his extensive plastic surgeries and recuperation, he worked as an engineer for the

Sand Vipers, building and modifying motorcycles for endurance and flat racing in the deserts.

Scotty developed an oil cooling and filtration system that is still an industry standard to this day.

After a full recovery, he brought his family back to Oregon and continued to build his engines and put them to the test on the local track in Hauser. He was three laps into one test run and discovered he had too much power. He lost control on a corner, rolled twice and broke his back.

He didn't let that slow him down, though.

He continued to build and race cars and bikes for many years after that, ending with over 380 trophies that he kept in cardboard boxes in his tire bus and gave away to every child that took a liking to one.

As president of the local sand buggy club at the same time the National Dunes Park boundaries were being set up, Scotty organized the group to successfully lobby for many of the access points off of Highway 101 between Coos Bay and Florence that the public still uses today.

He also became the reluctant star of a commercial promoting dune recreation when his home built buggy scratched its way past professional buggies to become the only one able to climb an extremely steep dune the day they were filming. He and Lyle Knox built over 300 sand rails while he lived in Hauser, and he contin-

ued racing anything with wheels well into the 1970s; he was still helping young racers build stock cars up through the early 90s.

His last Sprint car was so innovative and aerodynamic that it was placed in a museum in Washington State and is still a popular exhibit today.

He purchased his first log truck in his early 20s and began his career as a Gypo trucker, working with countless companies and fellow Gypos over the next several decades. His love of tinkering and ingenuity under the hood as well as his love of speed would show in his beloved red and white Kenworth. He loved to let cars and pickups going up steep hills pull even beside him as he started up with a full load of logs — then he'd laugh and pull the air horn as he dropped a gear and left them behind.

When the logging industry died out, he paid to have his Kenworth refitted as a dump truck and kept on trucking for many more years, hauling sand, dirt, gravel and whatever else was needed for the people around this area. He kept a thriving business built on word of mouth right up until he hung up his keys and sold his last truck at the age of 79.

Scotty never met a stranger, was always willing to lend a helping hand, had a gift when it came to teaching others and loved to share his stories and knowledge.

His youngest daughter will tell you it wasn't always easy being a teenager in a town where everyone knew you as "Scotty's daughter", but she will also be the first to credit him on teaching her so many skills and life lessons that she's so thankful to have.

Scotty was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife (Babe), his oldest son (Darrell) and a granddaughter (Aspyn). He is survived by brothers Gary and Jerry; daughters Liana and Lori in Texas; son Denton in Arizona; daughter Kaye here in Florence; as well as two children he raised from early childhood to adult, Linda and Terry Haas; grandchildren Lucinda, Lucretia, Darrell Jr., Analee, Jenny and Adrian; great-grandchildren Moira, Aaron, Jaxson, Whitney and Jack; along with 17 nieces and nephews.

A remembrance for Scotty will be held June 2, beginning at 11 a.m. at East Woahink picnic area.

His children will visit via Skype.

Rest easy, Roadrunner, and know you will be greatly missed.



John Gulla



Stanley Scott

## POLICE

### May 8

Hit-and-run accident was reported in the 700 block of Highway 101.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Tamarack Street.

Harassment was reported at Siuslaw High School.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 1500 block of West 12th Street.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 3000 block of Highway 101.

Trespass was reported at Ninth and Maple Streets.

### May 9

Driving while suspended was reported on Heceta Beach Road.

Animal Abuse was reported in the 1400 block of Spruce

Street.

Trespass was reported in the 84000 block of Branch Road.

Driving while suspended was reported at 22nd and Oak Streets.

Theft was reported in the 1700 block of 12th Street.

Dispute was reported in the 1700 block of 12th Street.

Driving while suspended was reported on Munsel Lake Road.

### May 10

Arrest, with warrant was reported in the 900 block of Greenwood Street.

Accident, with unknown injury, was reported in the 5900 block of East Glenada Road.

### May 11

Theft was reported in the

1200 block of 35th Street.

Alarm was reported in the 9000 block of North Fork Road.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 4700 block of Highway 101.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported at Spruce and 23rd Street.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported at 15th and Pine Street.

Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 1500 block of Second Street.

### May 12

Fraud was reported in the 16000 block of Rhododendron Drive.

Accident, without injury, was reported at 21st Street and Highway 101.

Dispute was reported in the

1500 block of Highway 101.

Accident, without injury, was reported on Goose Pasture Road.

### May 13

Alarm was reported in the 400 block of Highway 101.

Alarm was reported in the 1300 block of Bay Street.

Arrest was reported at 35th and Siano Streets.

## 'Click it or Ticket' campaign underway through June

Law enforcement across Oregon will be reminding motorists and their passengers about Oregon laws during a campaign that focuses on using the right safety child safety restraints.

Studies show using the proper restraint can reduce the risk of major injury or death by 65 percent.

Yet in Oregon in 2016, crash data shows lack of a safety belt or a child restraint system was a factor in 26 percent of the 343 motor vehicle occupant deaths.

Extra law enforcement, funded

by a grant from ODOT's Transportation Safety Division, will be on the lookout to assure motorists and their passengers are traveling as safely as possible through June.

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## WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
May 8	62	42	0.14
May 9	62	51	0.05
May 10	58	46	0.37
May 11	60	45	0.00
May 12	61	47	0.00
May 13	57	47	0.00
May 14	58	49	0.02

Rainfall Week: 0.58"  
Month: 0.62" Year: 33.59"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

## Florence Garden Club says Thank You

generous donations from these merchants for our raffle helped make the 2018 plant sale and marketplace a huge success!

- Abby's Pizza
- Bj's Ice Cream Parlor
- Beyond The Salon – Quinn Gates
- Bone's Nursery
- Bonjour
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- Waterfront Depot
- Waterlily Studio
- Winter Green Farms
- Serenity Cove
- Three Rivers Casino
- Evelyn & Owen Marsh

Thanks to community members for purchasing raffle tickets, plants and goods. Your enthusiasm for gardening generates beauty for Florence and scholarships for local students seeking higher education.

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