

The Record

OBITUARIES

BRANSON—Micheal “Mike” Ray Branson, 75, passed away Dec. 8, 2018 in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born in Carthage, Mo., Feb. 24, 1943, to Loren and Maxine Branson.

Mike married Betty June Whittenburg on May 1, 1959, in Miami, Okla.

His beloved wife Betty preceded him in death on Feb. 23, 2012, in Florence.

He married his second wife, Glenda Frazier Hart, on Sept. 8, 2013, in Florence.

Mike was a very proud Teamster and retired from the construction industry in California. He moved to Florence in 1998 and had been a resident of Greentrees Village for 20 years. Recently, he was enjoying life traveling between Florence and Mesa, Ariz., and spending the Spring in Kona and Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mike enjoyed everything vehicle related from racing cars in his early years, being an auto mechanic, watch-

ing every NASCAR series he could and buying classic cars to restore and show at car events.

He is survived by his second wife, Glenda; his son Mark “Billy William” and wife Beth; his son Daniel “Danny Ray”; his daughter David; and his daughter Rachel “Diane” and husband Mel; 12 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and his beloved dachshund Maggie Mae.

He was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was the best friend to all who knew him and was always willing to help friends in need. He will be greatly missed by all.

Mike’s family is respecting his wishes for a private family memorial. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in his name be made to the Dachshund Rescue of North American at www.drna.org.

PRICE—Elwin Lee Price was born to Elmer and Alice (Holmes) Price in Langlois, Ore., on Oct. 20, 1932. He had three siblings: Lois, Mary Jo and Lake, all of whom preceded him in death. Most of his young

years were spent in the Reedsport area.

In 1951, he graduated from Reedsport High School, where he played football.

Elwin served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952 - 1955, including 14 months in Japan during the Korean Conflict — he was sailing for Korea when the Armistice was reached, and was therefore diverted to Japan.

He became proficient at operating two types of machine gun but luckily didn’t have to use any in combat. He also participated in an atomic test in Nevada.

He attended Evangelical College, where he studied psychology and occupied his spare time shooting baskets with John Ashcroft, who later became Governor of Missouri, a U.S. Senator and U.S. Attorney General.

After returning to Reedsport, Elwin worked in logging, including at International Paper Company, followed by 22 years or

more employed by the U.S. Forest Service from which he retired in 1993.

His only marriage was in 1969, when he wed Donna Graves Rountree, who survives him. They have lived in Florence for 45 years.

Other survivors include stepson Bryan Rountree and his wife, Cindy; step-grandson Brandon Rountree; two nephews: Dr. Richard Froman and Craig Froman and their families; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Larry and Ada Graves and their son, Todd Graves; and numerous cousins.

Elwin’s interests included religion, philosophy, psychology, reading, chess, emailing, family gatherings and country music, plus having coffee with good friends while discussing politics, religion, world affairs, etc.

On Nov. 28, God called Elwin to his Heavenly home. Per his wishes, no service is scheduled. Burial of cremains is planned for later at Reedsport Masonic Cemetery.

It is suggested that any donations in Elwin’s honor be made to the American Heart Association or American Kidney Fund.



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SALEM — Saturday, Dec. 15, is the last day to get 2019 health insurance during open enrollment.

Oregonians who do not get coverage through their job or another program should visit OregonHealthCare.gov to get started. Missing the deadline could mean going a year without health insurance.

“Even the healthiest among us can face an unexpected injury or illness, along with the expensive medical bills that follow,” said Cameron Smith, director of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. “Health insurance reduces those costs for you, so your finances can recover as fast as your body does.”

Coverage costs less when you get financial assistance, and thousands of Oregonians qualify for it. Last year,

more than 70 percent of people who enrolled in plans through HealthCare.gov got help paying their premium. This year, families of four making about \$100,000 a year or less, and individuals making about \$48,000 or less, may be eligible.

“If you already have coverage for 2019, tell your family or friends about the deadline,” said Chiqui Flowers, administrator of the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. “Everyone knows someone who either does not have insurance, or is paying too much for their plan. We suggest they visit OregonHealthCare.gov by Dec. 15.”

At www.OregonHealthCare.gov, users answer a few Oregon-specific questions to get to the right application for them. They also can use a directory on the site to find

a licensed insurance agent or certified community group to help them with their enrollment.

Anyone with questions about enrolling can call the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace at 855-268-3767 (toll-free).

The marketplace is a division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services and the state-level partner to HealthCare.gov.

After the Dec. 15 deadline, people will be able to buy 2019 coverage only in special circumstances, like when they get married or lose job-related coverage.

The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace helps Oregonians get coverage and financial assistance through HealthCare.gov. It is a division of the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-

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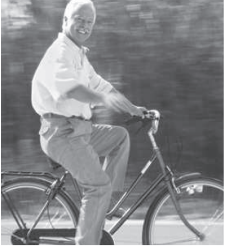
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