

# On The Record

## OBITUARIES

**CAPLES**—Anne Lloyd Caples, 79, of Florence, passed away peacefully Jan. 22, 2019.

She was born Dec. 16, 1939 in Norfolk, Va., to Martin Hutchinson Caples and Alice Leigh Caples.

The family later moved to Princeton Junction, NJ., where Anne graduated from Princeton High School in 1958. In 1961, she received a diploma in nursing from Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

In 1964, she received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The University of Virginia. In 1980, she received a Master of Arts from Eastern Michigan University; in 1985, she received a Post Masters Certificate for Nursing Administration from Villanova University.

In her career, Anne held many positions in the medical field: staff nurse, head nurse, Director of Staff Development, Director of Nursing, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Director of Nursing Education, Director of Healthcare Education, Director of Teleconference Networks for Health Services and President of International Healthcare Inc.

Anne's true passion in life was birding, she traveled the world in search of any and all of her feathered friends.

She was always looking to add to her life-list, which was quite extensive and impressive.

She had an adventurous and can-do spirit that served her well in her career, travels and life in general.

Anne touched many lives. She embraced and accepted everyone without hesitation. She loved sharing stories of her life experiences with anyone willing to listen. Her friends weren't just friends they were her family and there were many.

She had the kindest soul and easily gave the best hugs; she will be missed by many.

Anne supported and volunteered for numerous organizations throughout her life with some of the more recent being Cascades Raptor Center, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Florence Garden Club, Habitat for Humanity, Institute for Applied Ecology, International Crane Foundation, Malheur Field Station, National and Local Audubon Societies, Nature Conservancy, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Oregon Public Broadcasting, Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, Shoreline Education for Awareness, Soroptimist International of Florence and Umpqua Discovery Center.

She is survived by her brother, Martin Leigh Caples (Josephine); multiple cousins including Sarah Leigh Kinberg, Sue Minkel and James Leigh Frazier; Nieces Tuyet Demick (Rob) and Annie Nyquist (Todd) and multiple grandnieces

and grandnephews.

A celebration of life will be held at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m., 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to CoastWatch, Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, P.O. Box 33, Seal Rock, OR 97376 or Malheur Field Station, 34848 Sodhouse Ln, Princeton, Ore., 97721.

**LARGE**—Gregory Beckwith Large, 92, of Walla Walla, Wash., passed away on Dec. 28, 2018, due to age-related causes.

Greg was born April 25, 1926, in Seattle, Wash., to Webster and Alice (Vanderburg) Large. After Webster was killed in a railroad accident when Greg was 8, Alice moved to the family home in Florence on the North Fork family homestead. After attending Siuslaw schools, Greg joined the Army in 1945 and served as a military policeman in Japan.

Upon returning from the Army, Greg bought a portion of the Vanderburg North Fork homestead. On June 2, 1948, he married Jessie Wilma Miller.

Together they operated a dairy farm while Greg also worked in local mills and drove a school bus. During

this time, Greg attended night school in Coos Bay where he received electrical apprentice training.

In 1968, they moved from the Florence area where Greg pursued his electrical interests and, in 1970, became the head electrician of a nursing home and retirement center construction firm.

In 1974, he formed Greg's Electric in Renton, Wash., specializing in nursing home and retirement center construction which included nurse call, fire alarm and emergency power systems.

Greg and Jessie divorced in 1979.

In 1980, Greg and Ramona Starr were married and after retirement moved to Walla Walla, Wash. They enjoyed traveling in their motor home, went on various construction mission trips, and built a new house overlooking the Walla Walla valley.

Greg's second passion after his electrical pursuits was woodworking. He often surprised his family with beautifully hand crafted end tables, mirrors and even wooden puzzles.

Greg had an ingenious mechanical aptitude and enjoyed tinkering with anything having moving parts.

Greg joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church in 1958 and lived by its beliefs and principles throughout his life.

Greg is survived by his wife Ramona; son Donald Large of Florence, Ore.; daughter Linda (Large) Vandehey of Banks, Ore.; son Gary Large of Rent-

on, Wash.; seven grandchildren, seven great-grand children, one great-great-granddaughter, three step-daughters and seven step-grandchildren.

Greg was preceded in death by his father, Webster; his mother Alice; his first wife, Jessie; and brother Forest Eugene (Gene); and a step-son.

**STEWART**—Geoffrey T. Stewart, 55, passed away Feb. 10, 2019.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1115 28th Ave., in Albany, Ore.

Geoff passed away unexpectedly at his home.

His passing has left a giant hole in the hearts of his family and friends. A life ended that was so full of love, fun, joy and unreserved giving.

Geoff was born Oct. 23, 1963, in Florence to Don and Pat Stewart, the first of

three sons. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1989 with a degree in literature.

Geoff served in the U.S. Army, stationed in El Paso, Texas, from 1986 to 1988. Geoff was married to Melinda Martin on Sept. 15, 1985.

They had three children: Jacob, Sidney and Hallam.

Geoff is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Berg, of Eugene; his three children: Jacob Stewart of Portland, Sidney Stewart of Las Vegas, Nev., and Hallam Stewart of Portland, Ore.; his parents, Don and Pat Stewart of Florence; and his two brothers: Stephen Stewart of Damascus, Ore., and Rodney Stewart of Springfield, Ore.

Geoff was extremely generous giving his time, money and talents to his family and friends; his people were his priority.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be forwarded to "Spread the Word Nevada" which distributes books to needy children in Geoff's memory.

The address is 1065 American Pacific Drive, Suite 160, Henderson, Nev., 89074.



Anne Caples



Gregory Large



Geoffrey Stewart

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