

On The Record

OBITUARIES

KRZYCKI—Leroy J. Krzycki, 82, passed away Friday, June 28, 2019, from heart failure.

Leroy was born Nov. 8, 1936, in Columbus, Neb., to Clarence and Marcella (Zoucha) Krzycki.

He was raised on a farm and, for the first eight grades, went to a one-room, one-teacher country school. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1954. He went on to graduate from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1958 and earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering in 1960.

During his career at the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake, Calif., from 1959 until his retirement in 1991, Leroy was engaged in cutting-edge technology projects employing highly experimental hardware and propellants.

He was the Propulsion Manager for the AGM-53A Condor Air-to-Surface Guided Missile, which involved development of a high-energy liquid rocket powerplant.

Leroy initiated and managed the in-house Project QuickTurn, which developed and flight-demonstrated thrust vector control (TVC) for highly maneuverable air-launched air-to-air missiles, which made quick course corrections.

He then became Missile Systems Manager for the air-to-air AIM-95 Agile dogfight missile, which used the QuickTurn airframe and moveable nozzle TVC.

This was followed by jet vein TVC design and aerodynamics analyses for the Vertical Launch ASROC and anti-submarine missile flight demonstrations. He also participated in the Vertical-Seeking Ejection Seat Demonstration Project.

Leroy helped to develop a self-contained, diver-controlled, carriage lift buoyancy device for underwater object recovery.

He was head of the Aero-propulsion Project to investigate propfan propulsion for cruise missiles. He managed an interactions wind tunnel project of a large-scale propfan powered model of a long-range cruise missile.

Leroy was the U.S. leader on cooperative projects with two foreign governments on the effects of ionized rocket exhaust gases on guidance and telemetry signals.

During his career, Leroy interacted with Wernher von Braun and Edward Teller. Among non-military projects, he was a sitting and design study for the Department of Energy for a demonstration 10-megawatt (electrical) Solar Power Tower. The Power Tower and mirror field were ultimately built and operated at Daggett, Calif.

In 1970, Leroy provided technical information for the Blue Flame rocket-powered land speed car, which broke the absolute world land-speed record at 622.407 mph — a record held for 13 years, and which remains today the fastest American-built car in history.

For most of Leroy's career as he created technologies that comprised seven government patents, he was working in a time when the industry used slide rules, drafting tables, and mimeograph machines; calculators, computers and printers were still in the future.

In Leroy's memoir, he quoted Mark Twain's statement that described his 32-year career in rocketry and physics work: "The secret of

a successful life is to make your vocation your vacation."

Leroy said going to work for him was like having Christmas everyday.

In 1964, Leroy married Bette Meyers and the two purchased Wilhelm Creek Ranch, a beautiful 324-acre piece of property located 15 miles up the North Fork of the Siuslaw River. Here, Leroy and Bette lived part of each year and planned to build a house together. Bette and Leroy were married for 22 years before Bette died in 1985.

Later, Leroy married Katheryn Davis. Leroy made it possible for Katheryn, already an accomplished artist, to paint full time. Leroy was Katheryn's greatest supporter as he framed her artwork and helped to operate Quiet Waters Gallery at their home on Sutton Lake.

With Leroy's help, Katheryn sold over 1,000 paintings during her lifetime. After Katheryn's passing in 2009, Leroy created and published two photo books of Katheryn's works: "The Art of Katheryn Davis," Volumes 1 and 2.

Leroy spent the last years of his life writing his unfinished memoir, "Farmboy Rocketeer."

Leroy is survived by his special friend, Dee Newton; his sister and her husband; Beverly and Carroll Jaixen, Suzanne (Tim) Mueller, Linda (Mike) Embury, John (Cindy) Jaixen, Jerry (Donna) Jaixen, Steve (Laurie) Jaixen, and Jennifer (Bryan) Jaixen-Simmons; many grand-nieces and nephews; step-children: Kely (John) LaRocco, Steven Davis, Tina Davis (Steve Ives) and Susie (Charley) Dewberry; and many step-grandchildren.

A private burial service was held at Pacific Sunset Cemetery in Florence.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to two charities Leroy supported: the Oregon Coast Military Museum (www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com) and the Nicaragua Ruby Ranch Project that helps impoverished children and is implementing clean water projects for the region (www.rubyranchproject.com).

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

GREENE—Suzanne D. Greene, of Florence, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 4, 2019, in the home she loved on Mercer Lake, with her wife, Becky Goehring, by her side.

Suzanne was a curious and passionate lover of life and all the diversity it offers. Born in Norfolk, Va., Suzanne graduated with a master's degree from George Washington University. When Ronald Reagan defunded educational grant

programs, she changed her life course, moved to Bergamo, Italy, and enrolled in the Maria Montessori Teachers' Program.

Upon completion of that program, she taught elementary-aged students at Montessori schools on Hilton Head, S.C., and Puerto Rico. She also taught on St. Thomas. Returning to the mainland, Suzanne moved to San Anselmo, Calif., and accepted a position with Berkeley Montessori, first teaching and then consulting for both Berkeley Montessori and other Montessori schools in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In 1983, Suzanne purchased a 60-acre parcel in the western Sonoma County foothills and converted the primitive communal space into an award-winning inn, which she named Huckleberry Springs Country Inn and Spa.

To prepare as an innkeeper and chef, she enrolled in the culinary program at Santa Rosa Junior College and completed that coursework while designing and building the inn and its cottages. She created "glamping" before glamping was cool.

Suzanne attended many specialty cooking courses, including the International Thai School of Cooking in Bangkok, the New Orleans School of Cooking and courses taught by noted chefs Jacques Pepin, Madeline Kamman, Marcella Hazen, John Ash and Barbara Hom.

Those chefs influenced the wine country cuisine she served at the inn.

As an inn owner, she was a founding member of the Russian River Innkeepers' Association and served on the boards of the Sonoma County Tourism organization and the Russian River Wine Roads.

In 1994, she met her wife and together they ran the Inn until they sold and retired to Florence in 2005. After 19 years of a loving and committed relationship, Suzanne and Becky were finally able to legally marry in November 2013.

In Florence, she re-kindled her passion for the Montessori Education philosophy and was a driving force behind the establishment of the Florence Montessori Preschool, which opened in 2007.

Suzanne loved to travel and did that extensively throughout Europe, the Americas and Asia. Her natural curiosity opened up her world and created global friendships. She was an avid reader, movie-goer, pa-

tron of the arts, news junkie, passionate chef and a proud Democrat.

She loved taking classes at Lane Community College, especially Stretch and Strengthen with Liz Purcell and Move It Or Lose It with Julie Ellingson. She had a biting sense of humor and a strong sense of right and wrong. From that, she did not deviate.

A lifelong advocate for women, Suzanne enthusiastically supported causes and organizations whose missions were to help women achieve an equal footing in this country.

She is survived by her wife, her brother Preston Greene and his partner Sean Hubbard of Napa, her aunt Elizabeth Green of Norfolk, Va., and an extended family of cousins, in-laws, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Mabel Greene.

Becky is grateful for the loving care and support in Suzanne's last weeks from their beloved niece, Ellen Akre, Harry and Elaine Akre, Peace Harbor Hospice, Dr. Glen Buchanan of the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute and the incredible nurses and doctors who cared for her at both Peace Harbor and Riverbend hospitals.

A celebration of life will be planned for the future.

Donations in her memory may be made to Planned Parenthood of SW Oregon, the Siuslaw Education Foundation or Emily's List.

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BENNETT—Doris Anita (Miller) Bennett, 80, of Hemet, Calif., and formerly of Florence, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2019, at Redlands

Community Hospital, in Redlands, Calif.

Doris was born July 28, 1938, in Middletown, Ohio, to Chester and Lillie Mae (Gibbs) Miller. She attended Tecumseh High School in Adrian, Mich.

She started work as a domestic homemaker. Later, she worked several years at the American Chain and Cable Company in Adrian. Moving around the country, she settled in Illinois and worked as a meat wrapper in numerous grocery stores.

On Sept. 25, 1979, she married William (Bill) Bennett at Scott AFB in Ill. They enjoyed 40 years together, traveling and living for six years in Europe, where she was president of the military wives club at High Wycombe AFB, England, and was bap-

tized in the Thames River.

She worked with the military wives at Rhein Main Air Base at Frankfurt, Germany, greeting military personnel and helping with bazzars. Weekends were filled with Volksmarch opportunities to get acquainted with the German people and their culture. Returning back to America, she spent her remaining years living in Kent and Olympia, Wash., Florence and traveling around the country in their motorhome. Finally, she spent her last six years living in Southern California during the winter months.

Doris is survived by her husband, William (Bill) Bennett; sister Norca (Basil) Woodard; daughter Tammy Reeves; nieces: Sheila Albat, Cheryl Brock, Teena M. (Fred) Chiarello, Renee (Bobby) Copley, Myrna Keena, and Misty Parsons; nephews: Howard Baltz, Victor

A. Baraley, David Woodard and Timothy Woodard; and cousins Charles Bailey and Bill Forney.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Stephen Roe; sisters Nina Baltz and Norma Jean Baraley; niece Marisa Baraley; nephew William Alan Lloyd; and her great-nephew Joshua Raney. Also, two best friends, Marilyn Merrick of Adrian, Mich., and Nancy Davis of Tallahassee, Fla., formerly of Adrian, Mich.

Cortner Chapel in Redlands, Calif., provided disposition arrangements.

Services will be deferred until her husband passes and will be interred with him at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash.

COOK—Donna Cook, 93, of Florence, passed away July 2, 2019. Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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July 20th

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Florence Food Share is your local community food pantry. We serve emergency food boxes to all those who qualify financially. Our hours are 9:30 AM to 12:45 PM Monday through Friday. We are open Monday and Wednesday 4 to 6 PM, and 2nd and 4th Saturday from 10 AM to 12:45 PM





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