

On The Record

OBITUARY

LaTOMME—Andrew John LaTomme, Jr., 99, of Florence, passed away July 18, 2019.

Andy was born Jan. 9, 1920, in Patterson, N.J.

He delivered milk throughout Bergen County, N.J., in the days of back porch boxes, glass bottles



Andrew LaTomme

and motor truck routes. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a staff sergeant and C-47 crew

chief who was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. After the war he worked as a machinist for Uniroyal, Inc's research and development section in New Jersey and in Connecticut.

Andy served as a volunteer fireman and officer in the Waldwick, N.J., Volunteer Fire Department

from 1951 to 1972. He was an active member of the Waldwick Methodist Church and later the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, where he was recognized as an Honorary Life Member of the Presbyterian Women for his assistance to them.

A life-long supporter of youth, Andy served as a little league coach and was an enthusiastic fan of Waldwick Jr-Sr High School football and wrestling. He gave over 30 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Roundtable Commissioner and district and council trainer.

He also served on the staff of several Wood Badge training courses. For his dedication to Scouting, he was awarded the Brotherhood Honor of the Order of the Arrow and the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth.

In 1990, Andy was in-

ducted into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge #1858, Florence, Ore. He was known for his cheerful and faithful service in a variety of lodge programs and to the Ladies of Elks. His lodge brothers will fondly remember him for his prowess at the pool table and for making the motion that "all the bills be paid" during their weekly meetings.

In 2000, Lodge #1858 named him their Elk of the Year.

Andy was also well-known as a woodcarver, agate polisher, counted cross-stitch artist, and a pinochle and cribbage player extraordinaire.

An article detailing his making and giving away over 3,400 wooden Celtic cross necklaces appeared in the July-August 2019 edition of Presbyterians Today magazine.

He was the husband of Alice Irene Giese for 62 years; father of Andrew

John LaTomme, III (Susan Gehring); grandfather of Matthew John LaTomme (Suzanne Day), Andrew Ryan LaTomme, David Jeffrey LaTomme (Sherie Call) and Amy Christine LaTomme; great-grandfather of Hannah, Colin, Zachary, Jaden, Andrew John IV, Korbin, Tobias, Skyler and Allicyn; and brother of Elizabeth Leddy.

He was preceded in death by his parents (Andrew, Sr. and Catherine), his wife, two sisters (Mary Schultz and Catherine Ahl), and a grandson (Andrew Ryan).

A celebration of his life will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 11 a.m., at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101, Florence, Ore., 97439.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight at www.svw.honorflight.org/donate.

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L.C. Sheriffs seek shooting suspect

Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is seeking assistance in locating a shooting suspect in Florence.

On Monday, July 29, at 5:50 p.m., LCSO responded to PeaceHealth



Gene Joseph

Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence regarding a gunshot wound victim who was reportedly shot in the leg earlier in the day in an area south of Florence off Highway 101.

Detectives responded and their investigation has identified 35-year-old Gene Manuel Joseph from Florence as a suspect in the shooting.

Joseph is described as a white male standing 5'10" tall and weighing approximately 200 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes, and may have a long, black beard.

LCSO is asking anyone who has seen Joseph since Monday or knows where he is to call 541-682-4141.

Do not attempt to contact or apprehend Joseph as he is considered armed and dangerous.

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DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
July 23	69	52	0.00
July 24	72	47	0.00
July 25	72	46	0.00
July 26	71	50	0.00
July 27	73	56	0.00
July 28	71	48	0.00
July 29	71	52	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.29"
 Month: 0.29" Year: 0.29"

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