

On The Record

OBITUARIES

HAHL—Janis Mae Hahl, 77, of Florence, Ore., passed away Aug. 4, 2019, at RiverBend Hospital in Springfield, Ore., from complications of a head injury incurred during a car accident on Monday, July 29, 2019.



Janis Hahl

The cause of the accident is unknown; doctors suspect she fell asleep or possibly fainted at the wheel.

Family stayed near her side during her final days; her granddaughter was with her when she passed.

She was in good health, driving home from celebrating her 60th high school reunion, at the time of the accident.

Janis returned to Florence from Sitka, Alaska, in 2013, after her husband, Jim Hahl, passed away. Janis and Jim lived in Alaska for over 20 years.

Together, they explored the coast of the Pacific Northwest and enjoyed fresh seafood on their 25-foot sailboat. Janis worked as a manager at Mountain Miss, a rugged gear retail store, where she was known for her diligence and kindness.

Upon returning to Oregon, Janis was greeted with the birth of her only great-grandchild. She rekindled connections with her friends and family in the area, including her two children, granddaughter,

best friend and first husband.

Janis was born in Elk City, Okla., on Nov. 17, 1941. She moved with her parents, June and Daniel, along with siblings Lucille, Betty, Ruth and D.E. Hartman, first to Blythe, Calif., then to Turner, Ore.

Janis excelled at school, participated in cheer and as a member of Future Homemakers of America. She graduated from Cascade High School, where she met her first husband, Jerry Lewis.

Jerry and Janis were married for 22 years. Janis was a dedicated wife and mother, staying home with her children while Jerry traveled for work. Janis later worked with Jerry, preparing paperwork and log scales for his contract logging company.

After over 30 years of separation, Jerry moved in with Janis, and the two operated again as family.

Janis was known for keeping a comfortable home and showing compassion towards others. She was a skilled painter, seamstress and chef, with a unique knack for hospitality, gardening and organization.

She will be missed dearly, and remembered as a caring mother, grandmother and friend.

Janis was a resilient woman who maintained a loving demeanor despite the challenges she faced. She overcame Polio as a small child and was a two-time breast cancer survivor. She endured much loss, including two chil-

dren — first a stillborn infant in 1962, and her eldest child, Valerie Vadakin, in November 2017; her husband, Jim Hahl, in August 2012; her best friend, Doris Cox, in January 2019; and most recently, her eldest sister, Lucille Smith, in July 2019.

Janis is survived by her son, Brian Lewis; granddaughter Chelsea Vadakin; great-grandson, Owen Burris; her brother, Daniel Hartman; and former husband Jerry Lewis.

A memorial service will be held Oct. 19, 2019, at Driftwood Shores Resort in Florence, Ore., from 4 to 7 p.m.

For information about where to address condolences or questions about the service, please contact Chelsea at 541chelsea.mae@gmail.com.

CUFFARO—Margaret Ann Cuffaro, 85, passed away peacefully Saturday, Sept. 7, in Eugene, Ore.

Marge was born Jan. 15, 1934. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Marge and her husband Joseph (Joe) began their life together in San Jose, Calif., where they raised their family. They moved to Florence, Ore., in 2001.

Marge enjoyed her retirement life with neighbors and friends and also took great pleasure in cooking and bak-

ing for friends and family.

Her Christmas gingerbread cookies were the delight of her grandchildren.

Marge is survived by her husband of 69 years, Joe Cuffaro; her four children: son Randy of San Leandro, Calif.; son Steve of Portland, Ore.; daughter Lorri Langin of Acton, Mass., and husband, Richard; son Chris of Hollywood, Calif.; grandmother to Spencer and his wife, Shannon; Madelyn Langin; and Claire Langin.

She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Arleen Cuffaro Austin and her husband, Dr. Harvey Austin, of Mystic, Conn.

She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express its deepest thanks and appreciation for the assistance and care provided by many neighbors and friends in Florence; the community of doctors, home healthcare workers and staff members at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence; Green Valley Rehabilita-

tion of Eugene, Ore; and Hospice care of Eugene Ore.

A celebration of Marge's life will be held at a future

date in Florence.

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

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Award-Winning Jazz-pop singer/songwriter Halie Loren, hailing from Alaska and Oregon, is returning to Florence for the Boys & Girls Club A Taste Of Tuscany Gala October 5th at 5:00pm. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the Boys & Girls Club Administrative Office at 1501 Airport Road or online at <https://bgcwc.org>. Tickets are \$75 each or a table of eight for \$600.

Halie is driven by a passion for authentic storytelling through music. Her award-winning original songs and ten albums to-date have topped international charts. Her multi-lingual performances have delighted audiences and garnered dedicated fans around the world for over a decade in every setting — from intimate clubs with her trio to grand halls with a symphony orchestra and everything in between. "Anyone who walks into a Halie Loren show comes away the better for it... an absolutely riveting and truly original artist." (FestivalPeak.com)

The 2019 Boys & Girls Club Lip-sync Grand Prize Winner, The Coastal Fitness Cuties, will also be performing a jaw-dropping, fun-filled Fraudville encore of one of your very favorite 1960 movie songs. We promise this will be a performance you will never forget, even if you try really hard. You will see moves that arewe are still searching for the right words. You just have to see it to believe it.

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