

On The Record

OBITUARIES

CULVER—Lillian Bradley-Horning-Culver passed away Nov. 23, 2019. She passed peacefully, surrounded by children and grandchildren.

She was deeply cherished by her family and will be missed terribly.

She was born Jan. 3, 1928, in Elida New Mexico, to Melsina Miller Bradley and Walter Bradley.

Lillian lived the first 16 years on the family ranch. She worked hard on the ranch at home and on the land. Her family, including her parents and three brothers — James, Andrew and Chester — moved to Yoncalla, Ore., in 1944, then to Alpine.

She graduated high school in 1947. She married Julian R. Horning in 1947. Six children were born from this union: Richard, Carol, Theresa, Rosemary, Dorothy and Anthony.

She and Julian later divorced. Lillian always provided for her children without help from anyone, except for her mother, Melsina. Lillian worked in nursing homes, owned and ran a restaurant, carwash, was a night watchperson, etc.

She was absolutely selfless. In 1973, she married Edson Earl Culver and they were blessed with two daughters, Laurie Ann and Marci Renee. In 1982, Lillian and Ed moved their family to Florence, Ore., and later retired there.

Lillian was a member of Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church. She and Ed attended mass there and enjoyed going to lunch and taking long drives after church. Lillian lost Ed to Alzheimer's on Nov. 12, 2016. Lillian lived out her life in her home near Florence, always surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She thrived until about one week before passing on Nov. 23.

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

DOWNS—Russell Eugene Downs was born March 8, 1923, in New Philadelphia, Ohio, and died at age 96 on Sunday evening, Nov. 24, 2019, at Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence, Ore.

Russell joined the U.S. Marines in 1942, achieved sergeant in 1944, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1946. He was a member of the Florence VFW, Band of Brothers (Florence) and the Masonic Lodge in Guerneville, Calif.

After being discharged from the Marines, he married Barbara Stephens and moved to California, where he resided until 2002. Barbara preceded him in death

in 2000. Russell was re-married in 2002 to Betty Woerner, who survives him in Florence. He is also survived by a niece, Tammy M. Morris; a nephew, Darrell Downs; and several cousins, including Judith Collin-Lousier of Portland, Ore.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church, 1935 25th St., in Florence on Friday, Dec. 6, beginning at 1 p.m. Pastor Ron Allen will officiate.

Russell will be greatly missed by all. His generosity, sense of humor and pleasant smile will linger on in our memories.

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BEBERGER—Alvira Beberger, 94, was born May 16, 1925 and passed away suddenly on Nov. 18, 2019, to join her soulmate and husband, our Dad Bernard "Barney" Beberger.

Alvira was born in Kandiyohi County, Minn., to Alfred and Ruth Skaal-

rud. On April 10, 1944,

Alvira married Barney Beberger and they lived in Brooten, Minn., until 1952 before moving their family to Oregon.

They Settled in the Mapleton/Swisshome area and lived there for more than 60 years. Alvira worked for many years at the Florence Hospital as a C.N.A and ward clerk until her retirement. Her coworkers and patients knew her as "Bee."

Alvira truly lived life to the fullest, enjoying bowling, sports of all kinds and was a true Minnesota Vikings fan. She also loved spending time with her daughters and grandchildren.

Her sense of humor, infectious laughter and easy-going nature were a joy to family, friends and everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her husband Barney; her parents, Alfred and Ruth; her sisters Jane and Irene; brother Lemoine; a grandson, David; and her son-in-law, Rod.

She is survived by her daughters: Shirley Erickson and Ruth Ann Shepard; her brother, Harold Skaalrud, and his wife Joann; six grandchildren: Brian Erickson (Kate), Brenda Gordon,

Bruce Erickson, Bradly Erickson, Trina Moskal (Jay), and Melissa Dankenbring (Steve); nine great-grandchildren: McKenna Gordon, Joseph Gordon, Joshua Gordon, Nicole Erickson, Brandon Erickson, Tyler Dankenbring, Bret Moskal (Samantha), Amanda Dankenbring and Bo Moskal; one great-great-grandson, Henry Moskal; and many other relatives and close friends.

Private inurnment will be held at Pacific Sunset Cemetery.

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M'GONIGLE—A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Dec. 14 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for John William M'Gonigle, 85, of Florence, who died Oct. 25, 2019, in his home.

John was born May 12, 1934, to Helen and William M'Gonigle in Binghamton, NY, living there before starting his undergraduate work in geology at the University of Rochester NY.

Time spent in the U.S. Army infantry and the Kansas State Highway Commission preceded completion of his bachelors and masters degrees at the University of

New Mexico, and a doctorate in geology at Penn State University.

Career opportunities in field work and office management with the Department of the Interior led him to Wyoming, Montana, Arizona, Puerto Rico and eventually Denver, Colo.

While in Arizona, he worked at the Astro Geological Center in Flagstaff, where he helped devise tools for the Apollo Lunar Mission and mapped the surface of the Moon from photos taken by the Lunar Orbiter.

John enjoyed birdwatching, "practicing" guitar and singing favorite old songs and hymns around the house. He was always kind,

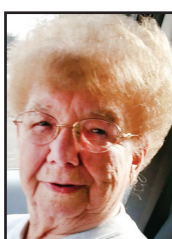
always generous and had an easy sense of humor.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Jo; his daughters: Ruth (Dale Helmstead) and Sharon (Karen Wright); his stepchildren: Chuck Anderson (Terri Tomei) and Kate Anderson (Chris Pires); his grandchildren: Ian Anderson and Cady Rey (Jade); his great-granddaughter, Mia Louise Rey; and a generous supply of loving nieces and nephews.

HERZBERG—a Celebration of Life will be held for Nancy Herzberg in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 2 to 6 p.m.



Lillian Culver



Alvira Beberger



Russell Downs



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