

On The Record

OBITUARIES

XAVIER—Nola Fran Xavier (Carter), born March 2, 1938, passed away June 28, 2020.

Nola was born in Miami, Ariz., to Newell and Frances Carter. As a young child she contracted polio and consequently spent prolonged periods of time in hospitals for treatments and surgeries which eventually allowed her to sit-up, stand and eventually walk “normally.”

Her mother and father gave their all to her and she loved them dearly. She developed a lifelong passion for knitting, crochet, sewing and arts and crafts during the all-too-short summers at her grandmother Whitehead's house.

After learning to drive, she quickly discovered that from behind the wheel of a car there were no physical limitations; the family would like to formally apologize to anyone who has been a passenger in her car.

At age 16, Nola entered BYU on a scholarship but found that it wasn't the right fit for her and returned home to California to continue her studies.

She met Joe Xavier at UCLA in 1964 and they were married before the end of the year in a small chapel on campus surrounded by family and friends. He was the love of her life and she knew it right away.

Nola and Joe were married 55 years and sealed in the LDS Temple. Their ear-

ly married life was spent in Santa Barbara, Calif., raising their two young daughters, Marie and Julie. In 1978, their small family moved to Seattle, Wash., where Joe and Nola lived and worked until retirement in 1997.

At retirement, they found their coastal Shangri-La in Florence, Ore. Throughout her life Nola dedicated much of her time and energy to charitable causes finding purpose in the service to others through Welcome Wagon, Newcomers, PTA, CALM, Rotary, the LDS church, and City Council.

She served as Mayor of Florence, Ore., from 2012-2014, and dutifully contributed in many ways to her small town. Never one to brag, she worked hard to build relationships and get the job done in city government.

She loved her church calling as Beehive Leader teaching young women. Florence LDS young women, you were a bright ray of sunshine in our mother's life.

In early 2015, Nola suffered a major stroke. Her life was saved by the interventional radiology team at River Bend Hospital and forever changed. We reintroduced ourselves to her as family members when she awoke from surgery, scared and her mind a blank — although strangely, she did remember her iPhone passcode.

Tenacious as ever, through intensive rehab she relearned reading, writing, math, talking and walking (again).

In 2016, Nola and Joe moved to Portland, Ore., to live a few doors down from their eldest daughter,

Marie, and her wife, Bonnie, in a home the girls had made completely accessible for them.

Joe and Nola were able to be quite independent in their new home. On warm summer days, Nola could be found driving her motorized chair down the street to go visit Marie and Bonnie. She continued to do everything she possibly could for herself and Joe, until she just couldn't.

She never gave up. Nola and Joe spent Christmas 2019 in rehab together — her with a broken ankle and him with an incurable malady of age related problems. But they were together and that is all that truly mattered to them.

Joe passed away Jan. 13, 2020; Nola passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

She is survived by her daughters, Eva Marie Xavier (Bonnie Jeffs) and Julie Fran Martin (Niels); her grandchildren: Zachary Martin, Madison Owen (Mark), Katie Cooper (Barrett) and Tanner Martin; and a brother, Cole Carter; her brother Shane “Rocky” Cater is deceased.

In lieu of flowers, cards and donations, may we each take inspiration from mom to volunteer our time and energy to make our communities a better place.

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

SINGLETON—James E. Singleton passed away June 28, 2020.

He was born in Brownsville, Texas, at Ft. Brown Army Base, on Oct. 15, 1939.

He is survived by his

wife of 41 years, Sandy; three children, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

Jim entered the US Navy upon graduation from high school and served two tours in Vietnam as a radio man on the USS Hopewell. During his service, he was able to connect his officers and crew mates with their loved ones while overseas via the radio on-board ship; that spoke to his heart because he loved people and loved to help them.

He had been an amateur radio operator since the early 1960s and continued throughout his life, preferring SWAN radios. He was instrumental in many aspects of amateur radio operation, including safety and emergency procedures.

Jim loved to travel and experience new places. He and Sandy traveled all over the U.S. in their RV. Jim was full of life, loved his family above all, loved people and enjoyed talking with everyone.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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NENCINI—Leo Nencini, 98, a longtime resident of Florence, Ore., passed away June 30, 2020.

He was born Sept. 8, 1921, in Gate, Wash., to Italian immigrants Emilio and Bruna Nencini, who preceded him in death,

along with his brother, Robert.

Leo graduated from Rochester High School in 1940. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, he joined the U.S. Army. But before he left for basic training, he married his high school sweetheart, Juanita Mackan.

During his enlistment, he fought in three major battles in the Eastern Theater of Operations, including the Battle of the Bulge, for which he received the Combat Infantry Badge and Bronze Star.

He was honorably discharged in 1945. Looking for a job, he moved his wife and daughter, Donna, to Westfir, Ore., where he worked in the logging industry hauling logs for Hines Lumber Company. He continued there until the mill was sold, after which he drove truck for Pope & Talbot, residing in Oakridge while Donna attended and graduated school in 1960.

Leo and Juanita began a project in 1963 building a

cabin on lakefront property north of Florence at Sutton Lake, where he learned to water ski. After retiring in 1983, Leo and Juanita became permanent residents of Florence, spending summers recreating on the lake, beachcombing; they spent winters in their motorhome in Arizona, traveling the western United States visiting family and friends — including two trips to Alaska just for fun.

Juanita passed away in 2014.

During the last 4 years, Leo resided at Spruce Point Assisted Living in Florence.

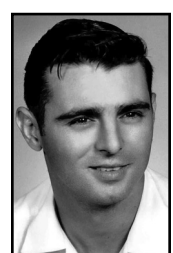
He is survived by his daughter, Donna Pedersen (Fred) of Redding, Calif.; grandson Todd Pedersen (Sherri) of Redding, Calif.; and granddaughter Renee Stillely (Mark) of Mount Shasta, Calif.; one great-grandson, three great-granddaughters, two great-great-grandsons and one great-great-granddaughter.

Services will be held on Oct. 23, beginning at 12:30 p.m., at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in honor of Leo to NCVC P.O. Box 76 Igo, Calif., 96047.



Nola Xavier



James Singleton



Leo Nencini

COVID-19 STATS

State and County COVID counts

(As of July 14, 2020)

Lane County Public Health (LCPH) —

Lane County has 317 cases (+8), 52 cases that are currently infectious (-3), and 3 suspected COVID-19 deaths as of 8 a.m. on July 14. Four people are currently hospitalized (+1). At least 29,661 tests have been conducted for Lane County residents** (+377) (Note: The total includes confirmed and presumptive.)

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) (As of July 14)

COVID-19 has claimed seven more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 244, the Oregon Health Authority reported at 12:01 a.m. on July 14. The last time Oregon saw seven deaths in a single day was on April 28.

Oregon Health Authority reported 380 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on July 14, bringing the state total to 12,805.

The new cases are in the following counties: Benton (3), Clackamas (21), Clatsop (1), Columbia (3), Coos (1), Crook (1), Deschutes (9), Douglas (2), Hood River (3), Jackson (7), Jefferson (2), Josephine (6), Klamath (2), Lane (8), Linn (2), Malheur (35), Marion (46), Morrow (7), Multnomah (76), Polk (1), Tillamook (3), Umatilla (76), Union (3), Wasco (3), Washington (53), and Yamhill (6).

For statewide daily count updates from OHA, as well as Lane and Douglas counties, visit the Siuslaw News' all-access Coronavirus Updates page online at www.TheSiuslawNews.com

Rods n Rhodies cancelled

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WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 30	64	54	0.04
July 1	65	53	0.00
July 2	66	49	0.00
July 3	65	45	0.00
July 4	64	50	0.03
July 5	66	44	0.05
July 6	63	50	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.07"
Month: 4.63" Year: 43.74"

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