

On The Record

OBITUARIES

WHITMORE—Barbara Joan Whitmore, 85, of Florence, Ore., passed Nov. 25, 2020, in Albany, Ore.

Barbara was born May 9, 1935 to Joseph Dolor Galarneau and Maria Mad-

er Galarneau in Portland, Ore. Barbara attended Lebanon Union High School and graduated in 1954. She attended Providence Hospital School of Nursing in Portland, Ore., and graduated in 1957 as a Registered Nurse.

She married her High School Sweetheart, Richard (Dick) Nye Whitmore Dec. 28, 1958. On July 9, 1958, they welcomed their first daughter Kaye Lynn and, on April 23, 1962, they welcomed their second daughter, Jacqueline

(Jacquie) Rae.

Barbara worked at Western Lane Hospital and Peace Health Hospital in Florence, Ore., retiring in 1995.

Barbara enjoyed her profession as a nurse and had a passion for helping the ill and delivering babies. She loved working with all her co-workers; they were a second family to her.

Barbara was a kind and compassionate person and most of all she loved being a mother, grandmother and a beloved wife.

Barbara had many talents and enjoyed sewing, cross stitch and beading. Barbara was an avid Oregon State fan; she enjoyed attending college football games and collecting Beaver memorabilia.

She loved camping with family and friends, fishing, reading, visiting with her classmates and caring for her dogs and plants.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband,

Richard Nye Whitmore, in 2012.

She is survived by her daughters: Kaye Lynn Whitmore-Hunt of Gillette, WY, and Jacqueline (Jacquie) Rae Hodges of Albany, Ore.; sons- in-law Joe Hodges of Albany, Ore., and Randy D. Hunt of Gillette, WY; her grandchildren: Kelsie Renee' Packebush of Tucson, Ariz., Brenton (Brent) Ryan Packebush of Bend, Ore., and spouse Nathalie, Roc Richard Hodges and Holland Joe Hodges of Albany, Ore., Kristopher James Hunt of Silverdale, Wash., and Kyle Andrew Hunt of Dickson, Tenn.

A family graveside service will be held summer 2021 in Florence, Ore.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Western Lane Foundation Scholarship Fund — one of Dick and Barb's favorite contributions for Siuslaw High School student's college education in Flor-

ence.

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

WAMPLER-BUSS—Margaret Lucille Wampler Buss passed away Nov. 24, 2020.

Marge was Born Oct. 17, 1922 at home in Wheeler, Ore., to Lewis S. Wampler and Iva (Gantz) Wampler. Margaret was the sixth of eight children.

At age 8, Marge moved with her family to a land grant homestead south of Florence. Their homestead spanned from Highway 101 to the Pacific Ocean. She attended elementary school at Westlake and Gardiner High School.

She graduated from Sius-

law High School in 1941.

Marge married Leslie Walter Buss in Eugene on Nov. 2, 1944. They had two children, Sharon and Les (Butch).

Marge was a great mom. She was a homemaker and loved her extensive family. She also loved playing table tennis, bocce ball, pinocle, reading, birdwatching, gardening and she was a diehard Portland Trailblazers fan.

Marge bowled for several years on a team and made many friends at Holiday Bowl.

She brought smiles to many drivers as she walked along Clear Lake Road for exercise into her 80s.

Marge's favorite time of year was spring into summer, when all of her rhododendrons, azaleas and purple petunias were in bloom.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Steve) Hager of Albany; Stepson, Calvin (Gloria) Buss of Swishhome; her brother Rex

Wampler of Florence; four grandchildren: Mindie, Matt, Angela and Anthony; 13 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie; her son, Leslie Dean (Butch); her parents; her brothers Bob, Thornton, Everett, Ray, William and Floyd; and her sister, Doris Pifer.

She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, and mother. She lived a long and happy life and will be remembered and missed.

Her family thanks Northwest Memory Care for making her last months so comfortable and pleasant.

There are no services planned at this time. Interment will be at Florence Masonic Cemetery.

Early morning fire destroys apartment in 4-plex

On Thursday morning, Dec. 3, at 1:55 a.m., emergency responders from Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue (SVFR) and Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) responded to multiple calls of a structure fire at 2390 Oak St., directly east of Siuslaw Middle School.

The apartment fire was within a 4-plex unit of multi-family residences.

Florence Police Department officers were first on

scene and assisted in evacuating the adjoining units to the one which had become fully involved.

Given that the address was only a few blocks from the main fire station, and under the new 24/7 scheduling, three firefighters on duty at the station arrived within a few minutes and began an immediate exterior fire attack.

The initial crew was able to prevent the fire's spread to any adjacent units.

Within minutes, approximately 20 fire and EMS personnel were on scene and able to keep the fire contained within the first apartment, leaving only some minor smoke and water damage to the other three apartments.

No injuries of residents or responders were reported.

The investigation into the cause of the fire was ongoing as of press time Friday.

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