

On The Record

OBITUARIES

GARRISON—Lucretia Margaret Garrison (known to her friends as Maggie) passed away in Reedsport, Ore., on Jan. 30, 2021.

Maggie was born in Freemont, Neb., in 1950 but attended North Bend High School in North Bend, Ore.

She was the daughter of Edward and Ethel Garrison of Springfield, Ore. She is survived by two sisters, one brother, two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

It is well known she loved animals more than humans and actively sup-

ported Reedsport K-9 shelter. As a resident of Reedsport, she enjoyed supporting community activities and was loved, protected and cared for by her many friends in the community.

MARKLE—James Rodney Markle, Jr., 67, of Florence, Ore., born April 29, 1953, in York, Pa., to Helen and James “Jim” Markle, Sr., passed away Dec. 31, 2020, at his home in Florence.

He was married Feb. 14, 1998, to Carolyn Harvey Markle, of Florence; she survives him.

Jim lived in Florence

24 years. He was a graduate of York High School, where he played football as a full-back. He also played football in college.

Jim graduated from York College of Pennsylvania with degrees in History and Sociology.

Later, he completed his Master’s degree in Social Work there. After he moved to Florence, he completed his doctorate in Human Services.

After graduation from college, Jim took a road trip on his motorcycle from York, Pa., across the United States to Oregon, where he discovered Florence — which he thought was the town of his dreams.

Eventually, he secured employment as a case manager of Senior and Disabled Services in Florence. A highly educated

man, Jim also enjoyed climbing mountains, riding his motorcycle and jogging on the beach in Texas when he was young.

Before he moved to Florence, he also worked in on oil rigs in Galveston, Texas and in Arizona.

Jim will be missed. He always said that his greatest accomplishment was staying clean and sober for 37 years. He was active in Alcoholics Anonymous in Florence, where he served as a leader in that program for many years and helped many people.

He was also a member of the Florence Seventh-day Adventist Church and was baptized there in January 1998. His favorite Bible text was James 5:16 — “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth

much.”

After battling diabetes for many years, Jim died from heart and lung disease.

Jim was preceded in death not only by his parents James and Helen Markle of Pennsylvania, but also by his two sons: Eric “Jake” Markle of Tacoma, Wash., and A.J. Markle when A.J. was just a young child.

Jim is survived by his wife Carolyn of Florence; stepdaughter Lela Soards Graf and her husband and three children, of Honolulu, Hawaii; his sister Jennifer Markle Stouter of Lago, Fla.; sister Alice Markle Twiford of Williamsburg, Va.; his brother David Markle of Chicago, Ill.; sister-in-law Joan Harvey Case; brother-in-law Ronald L. Case, MD, of Lacey, Wash.; nephews Edward P. Case, MD, of

Olympia, Wash., and Brian W. Case, MD, of Indianapolis, Ind. and their families; sister-in-law Betty Malm and brother-in-law Donald Malm of Springfield, Ore., and their family; and Jake’s widow, Courtney Markle Buckholz, and their two children.

Jim will always be remembered for his love for his wife Carolyn; for his love for his animals; for his love for Jesus; and for his care for those who struggled with alcoholism.

Burns’s Funeral Home in Florence, Ore., is in charge of arrangements. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, a Celebration of Life service is planned for a later date in the spring.

Repairs, partial closure continues on Highway 101 near Yachats

Beginning last Wednesday, Feb. 17, a section of U.S. 101 has been closed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is expected to continue for two weeks to build a retaining wall to shore up a shifting portion of the road at milepost 170.5, 2.5 miles south of Cape Perpetua.

The closure will be between Sea Lion Caves

and Cooks Chasm, areas that have space for larger vehicles to turn around, between Yachats and Florence.

Local traffic will have access beyond the closures on either side of the project during the day.

Between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m., traffic will be flagged through the project area in the northbound lane.

Work will not be done at night because of safety concerns and the need for full visibility.

Road status information boards will be placed on U.S. 101 at Newport, Waldport and Florence, and on OR 126 Florence-Eugene Highway in Florence and Veneta.

Once the repair project is complete, the road will

close completely for several days for a drill rig to be recovered from the rocks below.

A 200-ton crane will block the entire road and there will be no access through, day or night.

Travelers should expect closures or extended delays in the area for the next few weeks. Check Trip-Check.com or call 5-1-1

for the current road status.

A project to repair the section of road held in place by a historic retaining wall began Monday, Feb. 6. That Friday, the northern half of the wall collapsed and an employee of GeoStabilization International and the drill rig he was operating fell about 150 feet to the rocks below.

The person is recovering

from injuries sustained in the accident.

A crack in the road was reported in January. Monitoring found that it was becoming larger because the containment wall was failing and an immediate repair was required. The southbound lane was built on fill, which relies on a retaining wall to remain in place.

SNAP benefits offering to replace lost food

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is able to replace food purchased with SNAP benefits if there was a loss of food due to the recent power outages.

Food may be replaced for SNAP recipients who:

- Lost food due to a power outage, home damage or other misfortune
- Make a request to replace the food loss within 10 days of the date the food is destroyed in a household misfortune.
- SNAP households that lost or tossed food that was unsafe to eat, can request SNAP replacement benefits — but they need to do so within 10 days of the loss.

For example: If your food was damaged Feb. 13, Feb. 23 would be considered the 10th day.

Replacement benefits are not automatic. The amount of replace-

ment benefits each SNAP household will receive is based on the value of the food that was destroyed.

More information is

available online at www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/Replacement%20-Benefits.aspx.

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