

On The Record

OBITUARIES

GRAY—Hazel Gray, 87 of Florence, Ore., passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on March 10, 2021.

Hazel was born Jan. 19, 1934, in Gobel, Ore., to Grace (Armstrong) and Walter Fowler.



Hazel Gray

Hazel was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved her family above all else and enjoyed building special memories with each of them. She was happiest in the outdoors and treasured her nature walks and gardening.

She looked forward to her summer kayak adventures well into her 80s! She will be remembered for her kid, generous and loving heart, as well as her wonderful mischievous sense of humor.

She was employed by Murphy Company as an office manager for many years.

Hazel married Leslie Gray, May 27, 1961. Together they enjoyed many travels, camping, excursions and family adventures. They loved a competitive game of marbles.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by her loving husband of almost 60 years; children Linda Gray, Arnie (Rita) Gray, Brian Chapman (Tess Mae), Valerie Rowlands, Jan Andrade (Darrel), Cathy Leben, Kenneth Gray (Pat); 21 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, as well as her loving caregiver and companion, Deborah Brookhart.

A celebration of Life is planned for a later date.

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

JAMES—Russell (Russ) Martin James, 94, passed away March 8, 2021, after a short illness.

Russ was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, father-in-law and friend of many.

He was born Jan. 7, 1927, in Portland, Ore., to parents Juanita May Martin and George Russell James. Raised as an only child with a single mother, Russ and Juanita moved to Roseville, Calif., in 1931 and then to Sacramento, Calif., in 1935.



Russell James

Before graduating from Sacramento High School, Russ applied for appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marines. After graduation, he attended the Kings Point Maritime Academy

in California. He was then officially appointed as Cadet Midshipman of the U.S. Merchant Marine Reserves and the U.S. Naval Reserves and was assigned to a new ship: The SS Xavier Victory.

Russ served in WWII's Pacific War zone, spending time in Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, New Caledonia, Japan and Shanghai, China. Russ left the Merchant Marines with an Honorable Discharge in 1946.

Upon his return to Sacramento, Russ met the love of his life, Patsy (Pat) Braun. After a two-year courtship, Russ and Pat married in Mill Valley, Calif., and honeymooned in San Francisco. During their time in Sacramento, they were very active in the Twenty-Thirty Club and loved to entertain friends in their infamous "Bat Attic."

In 1958, Russ took a promotion with the Mel-Williams Co. (a company he would eventually own) in

San Francisco and moved the family to Fremont, Calif.

In the community, Russ was active in the Presbyterian Church and a founding member of the Fremont Sailing Club.

Russ was a very successful salesman, winning many awards during his career. Often, these awards included travel for he and Pat, taking them to places like Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, England, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Family was everything and Russ ensured that the family took many trips together, including annual trips to Carmel, Calif., and house-boating on Lake Shasta and the Delta where he taught all his children to fish. He loved family days at the beach, tide-pooling with his kids until everyone was wet.

After selling Mel-Williams in the 1980s, Russ and Pat moved back to Sacramento, where he was a vice-president at Sierra

Spring Water until he retired in 1994.

They then moved to Florence, Ore.

Russ loved the Florence community. He was very active with the Presbyterian Church and Habitat for Humanity, publishing their newsletter for many years. Russ loved to write, paint, travel and golf.

Russ spent the last three years at Shorewood Senior Living, where he maintained many friendships. He was always there with a shoulder for those that needed it, or to brighten their day with his quick wit.

Russ is preceded in death by his wife, Pat James; and his son, Marty James.

Russ is survived by his son, Mickey James; daughters, Pam James and Tracy Ricketts; grandchildren: Christopher James and CarlaRae James Arneson; and great-grandson, Levi James Arneson.

State, federal income tax filing, payment deadlines extended to May 17

The Oregon Department of Revenue is joining the IRS and automatically extending the income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year from April 15, 2021, to May 17.

Both the IRS and the Oregon Department of Revenue will be providing additional guidance in the

coming days.

Individual taxpayers can also postpone state income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15 to May 17 without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed.

This postponement applies to individual taxpayers, including individuals

who pay self-employment tax.

Penalties and interest will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 18. Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by May 17.

Individual taxpayers do not need to file any forms

or call the Department of Revenue to qualify for this automatic tax filing and payment relief.

Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the May 17 deadline can request a filing extension until Oct. 15 by filing federal Form 4868 through their tax professional or tax

software or by using the Free File link on IRS.gov.

Oregon recognizes a taxpayer's federal extension.

An extension to file is not an extension to pay. Additional extension information is available on the Revenue website.

To get tax forms, check the status of your refund

or make tax payments, visit www.oregon.gov/dor or email questions.dor@oregon.gov.

People also can call 800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish) or 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon. For TTY we accept all relay calls.

City of Florence to host Yard Debris Disposal Days each month through October

The City of Florence's Yard Debris Disposal Day returns again in March and will take place through October as weather permits.

Bring your yard debris to the Kingwood entrance of the Florence Municipal Airport, Kingwood and 27th streets, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on collection days.

Collection days will be the third Saturday of each

month, with the exception of May when Yard Debris Collection Day is moved to May.

Disposal costs are \$11 for a standard pickup truck load or small utility trailer (single axle) or less; \$16 for a medium utility trailer (10-12 feet in length); and \$21 for a large utility trailer (12-18 feet).

Over 20 cubic yards is

\$21 plus \$5 for each additional cubic yard.

Please bring cash for payment.

Scotch broom cannot be accepted after the June collection date due to the possible spread of seeds during transport to the disposal site.

This collection is for tree clippings, leaves, grass clippings, weeds, prunings,

brush, etc.

People are asked to not bring food and household waste, animal waste, plastics, construction debris, hazardous waste, etc.

2021 Collection Dates are generally the third Saturday of every month:

- March 20
- April 24
- May 8
- June 19

- July 17
- August 21
- September 18
- October 16

For more information, visit www.ci.florence.or.us/publicworks/2021-yard-debris-disposal-days.

EcoGeneration, Master Recyclers offer online 'Take Back' workshops

Recycling plastics has become a very problematic and confusing venture lately. With the many different shapes, types and numbers of plastics, how do you determine what is really recyclable and where and how it can be recycled?

Master Recyclers of Florence have teamed up with the non-profit recycling guru's at EcoGeneration to provide two online informational training workshops for the residents of Florence to take the guess work out of plastic recycling.

These hour-long Zoom sessions will help decipher the differences in the types of plastics to ensure proper disposal for effective reuse of all these plastics and answer your questions about recycling.

The first session will be held Tuesday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to noon. It will highlight the proper collection and sort-ing of Number 1, 2, 4 and 5 plastics.

The second session will be held on Thursday, April 6, from 5 to 6 p.m. This session will highlight the various other important exclusive waste streams that EcoGeneration collects, such as Personal Care Products and Health and Nutrition packaging.

Both sessions will also discuss what to expect from the upcoming Florence Recycling Take Back Events and how to prepare. These training workshops are also for community members interested in volunteering at the

upcoming Recycling Take Back Events.

Sign up at www.ecogeneration.org by clicking on the Florence Recycling Take Back Events Tab and Sign Up Genius link.

After signing up, a link to the zoom event will be sent to your email address prior to the sessions.

The 2021 Recycling Take Back Events (Sundays, May 2, Aug. 1 and Oct. 3) will be an opportunity for Florence residents and businesses to bring a variety of plastic recyclables for collection and

as with all other past collections, all items must be clean,

dry, label free and sorted by number and type.

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