

On The Record

OBITUARIES

BORDNER—Wanda Bordner, born May 8, 1926, passed away Aug. 1, 2021.

She was a former member of the art association.

BROWNE—Susan L. Browne, née Richardson, passed away on

Dec. 26, 2020, at the age of 78. She was born in Portland, Ore., to I.E. “Ernie” and Frances R. (Schneider) Richardson. The family moved to Florence, Ore., in 1943, where she lived for more than 47 years.

Susan attended Siuslaw High School and was crowned Queen Rhododendron at the annual Rhododendron Festival in 1959. She graduated with highest honors and attended the University of Oregon, where she was a member of the Theta Delta Chapter of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

As a young wife and mother, Susan was active in civic life and sports in Florence. She was a member of the Florence Ladies of Elks, serving as president in 1969, and a member of Soroptimist International of Florence and Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. She was a volunteer chaperone for the Junior Rhododendron Court in 1968 and volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

She was also an amateur competitive bowler and golfer.

Susan had a lifelong interest in real estate and passion for homes, renovation and interior decorating. After raising her family, Susan studied for her real estate license at the Real Estate School of Oregon and received it in 1980. She received her broker license in 1983.

She was a highly regarded real estate professional for 34 years and worked in Florence and Canby, Ore. She was a member of the Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors, serving as president in 1991, and was a member of the National Association of Realtors.

One of the many notable sales during her years in Florence was the sale of the Florence Golf Club in 1989, which became Ocean Dunes Golf Links, and was designed by William G. Robinson.

Thirty-three years after their graduation from high school, Susan married her classmate, first valentine and lifelong friend, Dr. Lee Hazen. They were married in Canby, Ore., in 1993 and later moved to Molalla. Together they renovated and created their beautiful ranch-style home and property, which became the family gathering site for holidays and many other happy occasions. Susan resided there until her death.

Susan is survived by her husband, Orval “Lee” Hazen, DMD (retired) of Bend, Ore.; daughter, Kim L. Knowlen (Patrick) of Eugene, Ore.; stepchildren, Heidi Spencer and Tyrone Hazen, both of Bend, Ore., and Jessica (Browne) Farnsworth of Spanish Fork, Utah; brother, Scott A. Richardson (Pamela) of Happy Valley, Ore.; niece Amber Richardson; and nephews Matthew (Sara), Erik and Sean Richardson. Her parents preceded her in death.

At Susan’s request, a private graveside service and interment were held at Pacific Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Florence.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to: Molalla Fire District, Foothills Community Church Resource Center, Siuslaw Outreach Services or Florence Food Share.

DeBORD—Larry Wayne DeBord passed away on July 27, 2021, at 12:15. He was 79 years

and 41 days old.

Larry was born on June 18, 1942, in Missouri.

And now it is time to write these final words that let the people

who loved him in this community he chose know of his passing. That is what an obituary is meant to do, it is meant to announce the occasion of this sad event in our lives. Larry DeBord was a gift to all of us who knew him for each of those 79 years and 41 days of his life.

In the introduction to his book, “Face,” Larry’s life before Florence is described: “DeBord’s fascination with imagery began as a child as he crawled through the woods photographing insects and birds. These pursuits led him to graduate studies in biology, using photography as a data-collecting tool. Changing lenses, Larry jumped the academic track and wandered through different woods — he became a carpenter and then a designer of houses.

“His interests in the external habitats of people evolved to an interest in their inner habitats — with ultrasound he imaged living hearts to evaluate coronary artery disease. After a decade in dark exam rooms, he stepped outside into the sunlight, picked up the camera and returned to being a photographer, this time for the Environmental Protection Agency. The crawling was now through the brambles of government bureaucracy. In 2007, he dusted off his knees and brought his focus to Florence, Ore.”

Larry was a drywaller, a farmer, a father, a good ole hippy, a photographer, a mushroom hunter, a biologist, an explorer, a gardener,

a handyman, a generous host, an imaginative cook, a wine aficionado and, most importantly, a friend — a good and true friend.

He was a man of unlimited curiosity who searched enthusiastically for the truth and delighted in a lively exchange of ideas. He was generous, quietly giving his attention and resources to the most in need in our community.

No memorial service is planned.

Should you wish to remember him with a contribution, Larry valued Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS), Florence Food Share, Florence Habitat for Humanity and any organization that supports the young people of our community.

KIEF—Thomas Bruce Kief, 77, of Hanford, Calif., passed away on Jan. 29, 2020.

Born as Thomas Bruce Dahlgren to Alice Louise McClelland and Ernest M. Dahlgren, Thomas “Tom” was born on Sept. 27, 1942, in the city of Monroe, Snohomish County, Wash.

Adopted by Dorothy S. Kief and Alonzo “Lon” Kief, Thomas Bruce Kief grew up in Florence, Ore., where he shared many fond memories.

After graduating from Siuslaw High School, Tom enlisted in the United States Navy, retiring after 22 years of service as a Chief Quartermaster.

Tom is remembered for his love of fishing and his passion for music. From a young age, Tom learned how to play the guitar. Throughout his life, he shared his love of music with his family and continued to play his collection of guitars until his passing.

He is survived by his brothers: Lonnie “Cork” Kief and Arthur Dahlgren; his children: Rey Kief, Zaldy Kief, Kimberlee Kief-Carroll, Cynthia Kief and Catherine Kief Belantes; 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Thomas Bruce Kief will be laid to rest at Pacific Sunset Memorial in Florence on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021.

Afterwards, a “Celebration of Life” will be hosted by Lonnie and Connie Kief.

Our family would like to thank Mr. Alan Burns of Burns Funeral Home for assisting in the transition of our father’s final resting place and to Lonnie and Connie Kief for arranging and opening your home to celebrate and remember our father’s extraordinary life.

OROZCO—Henry Orozco passed away on Aug. 6, 2021, at the age of 90.

He served his country in the United States Air Force as a staff sergeant in Strategic Air Command.

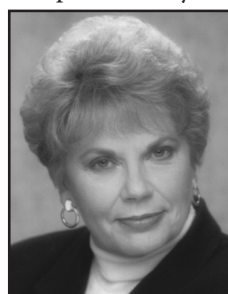
After his military service, Henry was hired by Lockheed Martin, rose through the ranks and retired in 1990, when he relocated to Florence.

He was an avid golfer, and played on the Pro-AM Tour twice, partnering with Chi Chi Rodriguez.

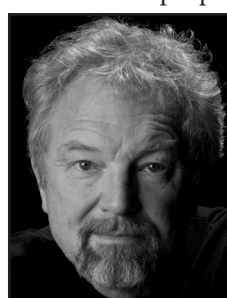
Henry is survived by his wife, Pauline; beloved dog, Cookie; and a large extended family. His presence will be sorely missed.

No services are planned. At Henry’s request, inurnment will be at Roseburg National Cemetery.

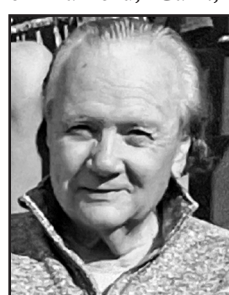
Burns’s Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



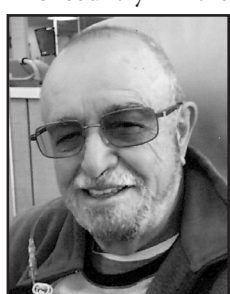
Susan L. Browne



Larry DeBord



Thomas Bruce Kief



Henry Orozco



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- ★ **Food & Ice Cream:** No cash? Don't worry! We will have free food and BJ's ice cream!
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