

IN MEMORIAM

Helen M. Green 1924-2015

Helen M. Green, 91, of Cottage Grove passed away July 22, 2015. She was born on Feb. 26, 1924 in Scobey, Mont. to Fred and Ester (Gross-eth) Holliday. Helen graduated from Nashua High School in Montana and received her certification as a licensed real estate agent. She married Les Green on March 4, 1960 in Glasgow, Mont. Helen loved garage sales and collecting antiques for Granny's Cupboard. She and her husband Les owned and operated Green's Village Market on Mosby Creek and Row River Road from 1962-1981. Helen also worked as a real estate agent. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Mast; son Alan Day and wife Sharon; daughter Mary Haller; son David Day; stepson Jere Green; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. A graveside inurnment will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Yoncalla Applegate Cemetery in Yoncalla, Ore. followed by a reception at Yoncalla Christian Assembly Church, 195 Birch St., Yoncalla, OR 97499. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove. Please sign the guest book at www.smithlundmills.com



Daniel Wayne Asquith, Jr. 1983-2015

Daniel Wayne Asquith, Jr., 32, of Cottage Grove passed away July 15, 2015. He was born Jan. 3, 1983 in Las Vegas, Nev. to Daniel Wayne Asquith, Sr. and Kathy Rae Asquith. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School and received an Associate degree from Lane Community College. On Sept. 17, 2005 in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., he and Anne Willis were married. He worked in the field of auto body and paint. Daniel was an avid motorcycle enthusiast of all sorts and enjoyed riding motorcycles on and off-road. He also loved spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, his mother, his grandmothers, Frances Dennis and Pat Bruni, and two sisters, Andrea Asquith-Ross of Temecula, Calif. and Leah Asquith of Cottage Grove. He was preceded in death by his father. A Celebration of Life was held on July 19, 2015. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.



Michael A. Owens 1949-2015

Michael A. Owens, 65, passed away July 12, 2015 at the home of his daughter in Moscow, Idaho. Michael was born Aug. 31, 1949 in Eugene, Ore. to C.W. and Anna (Reidinger) Owens. Michael grew up in Port Orford, Ore., where he attended school. Following graduation from high school, Michael entered the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Oregon. He married Maggie Calaway and they had two daughters. Michael and Maggie later divorced. He recently retired from the City of Cottage Grove after spending over 20 years supervising the wastewater treatment plant. Upon retirement, Michael made his home in Reedsport, Ore. Michael loved his family, especially his four grandchildren. He enjoyed sailing and collecting, as well as guns and ammunition. He was a member of the Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club in Florence, Ore. Michael loved the Oregon Coast and enjoyed the time he spent there. He felt like he belonged there. Michael is survived by two daughters, Holly (Jason) Hunsinger of Moscow, Idaho and Kathy (Jared) Ralphs of Mountain Home, Idaho, a sister, Diane Huey, a brother, Terry Owens and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Kimball Funeral Home and Crematory of Pullman, Wash. is caring for the family. Online condolences may be sent to www.kimballfh.com



JoAnn S. Brooks 1931-2015

JoAnn S. Brooks, 84, of Cottage Grove passed away July 25, 2015. She was born May 8, 1931 in Mount Pleasant, Utah to Harold and Fern (Olsen) Spencer. She graduated from Brigham Young High School and attended two years at Brigham Young University. JoAnn was co-owner and manager of restaurants for 14 years in Tillamook, Oregon. She built and ran Sud-N-Shine car wash on Davidson Avenue in Cottage Grove from 1993 to 2003. She had been retired since the sale of the car wash. She enjoyed collecting and refinishing antiques, and doing needlepoint and counted cross stitch. She sewed clothes for herself and others, receiving many awards for her sewing. She loved interior decorating. On Sept. 12, 1953 in Tillamook, she and Jack N. Orr were married. They later divorced. On March 17, 1991 in Cottage Grove, she and Bob Brooks were married. They later divorced. Survivors include three sons, Jim Orr of Cottage Grove, Marti Orr of Cottage Grove and Sam Orr of Everett, Wash., two brothers, Richard Spencer of Salt Lake City, Utah and Ron Spencer and wife Pat of Maple Valley, Wash., four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. No service is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to LDS Church, 531 S. 10th St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.



Amber Lynn Cobiskey July 12, 1995 – July 13, 2015

Amber Lynn Cobiskey, age 20 passed away on Monday July 13, 2015. She was born in Springfield, Oregon on July 12, 1995. A resident of Creswell, Oregon, she graduated from high school in 2013. Amber enrolled and is registered in the Federal Recognized Tribe Chickasaw out of Oklahoma. She loved animals, especially her pet rooster "Red". Amber had many interests, swimming, camping, hunting, fishing, and painting. She is survived by her mother, Sandra Cobiskey (Grammie) of Cottage Grove, Papa Todd, sisters; Brittany Cobiskey and Nikkie Johnson, brothers; Andrew K. Williams and Forest Cobiskey, aunts; Joyce Babcock and her husband Mike and son Noah, Ronda Perkins, and Sabrina White, great uncles; Charles Cobiskey of Saginaw, OR, Mike Cobiskey of Lowell, Oregon, and many cousins and friends. A celebration of Amber's life will be held on Friday July 31, 2015 at 5:00PM in Coiner Park, Cottage Grove. Please bring memories of her life to share with the family. Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.



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Robert Peter "Pete" Christensen, Jr. May 12, 1943-July 21, 2015

Pete Christensen, of Cottage Grove, passed away on July 21st, 2015. He was born in Oakland, California in 1943 where he and his sister, Toni, were raised by their parents, Robert Peter and Louise (Anderson) Christensen. Pete graduated from Fremont High School in Oakland where he enjoyed writing a column in the school newspaper about the students' cars. He served in the National Guard from 1961 to 1967. Pete met his wife, Diane Gouveia, while she was getting off the bus outside the tire shop where he worked. They were married on June 6, 1964. He worked for the State of California highway maintenance, as a lineman for PG&E and for General Motors. He enjoyed riding dirt bikes, racing a Sportsman at Petaluma and Antioch Speedways and building engines. Pete and Diane moved to Cottage Grove in 1979 with their daughter, Debbie. In Oregon, he worked as a mechanic and a truck driver until he was injured in a truck driving accident on Christmas Eve 1985. During this second chapter of his life, Pete enjoyed fishing, working on cars and reading his ever-growing stack of hot rod, VW Bug and motocross magazines. Pete will be remembered by his family and friends for his positive attitude, sense of humor, kind-heartedness and devotion to his family. He loved being a grandpa and enjoyed watching his grandson race cage karts at Cottage Grove Speedway. He was also very excited that his granddaughter and son-in-law are building a VW dune buggy. Pete will be remembered at a memorial service and reception at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel on Saturday, August 1st at 2:00 p.m. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Diane, his daughter, Debbie, and son-in-law Brock Ferguson and two grandchildren, Jake and Rachel. In Lieu of flowers please donate to Cottage Grove Humane Society.



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things don't go the way we planned. It's so wonderful when you get to the point that you can be happy even when you don't get your way!

I've learned that since the world probably isn't going to change, then I need to change my approach to circumstances—my attitude and my expectations. And it was a great breakthrough for me when I discovered that God wants me to have great expectations of Him. He wants me to put all of my hope in Him and exercise my faith in Him to do great things in my life.

What does God want to do for you?

Ephesians 3:20 says that God's power that is working in us "is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]" (AMP). I love these words: superabundantly, far over and above ALL that we dare to ask or think!

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It seems there are very few people who are consistently content with life. It's more common to be up and down mentally and emotionally, depending on what our circumstances are. So I want to ask you: How content are you? Are you consistently enjoying your life?

God loves us and has a good plan for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 says His thoughts and plans for us are "for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome" (AMP). And John 10:10 says Jesus "came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)" (AMP).

It was such a revelation for me when I realized that God wants me to enjoy my life now, and not just barely get by, hanging on until I get to Heaven. It was also a life-changing revelation when I understood that my joy and contentment don't have to

be based on my circumstances. In Christ, I can learn "how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am" (Philippians 4:11 AMP).

What does it mean to really be content?

Being content doesn't mean you never want change or to have anything else in your life. It means you can be satisfied to wait with a good attitude for whatever God chooses to do in your life. It means that even when you want something to happen, you still trust God enough to believe that if He doesn't give you what you want, He has your best interest at heart. And you'll find that what He gives you is better than what you thought you wanted to begin with.

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YVONNE R. ELLER 1929-2015

Yvonne R. Eller passed away on July 19, 2015 at 86 years of age. Yvonne was born January 16, 1929, in Cottage Grove, OR to Harry and Agnes (Flaherty) Stoneburg. She married Harold S. Eller on July 7, 1949 and they resided in Cottage Grove until 1963, when they moved to Springfield, OR. While living in Springfield, Yvonne worked and retired from Agripac. When Harold was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1998 they moved back to Cottage Grove to be close to family. After Harold passed away in 2001, Yvonne began working at Walmart as a greeter and retired in 2010. Yvonne loved working in her flower gardens, antiques, shopping and spending time with family and friends. Yvonne is survived by her daughters, Karen O'Neil (Bruce Rogers), Debbie Nease (Alan), and son, Scott Eller (Catherine), and by her sister, Betty Jeanne Deere, all of Cottage Grove. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren: Kristen Burke (Jamie), Geoffrey Gerg (Sarah), Daniel Gerg (Tracy), Jacob Eller (Kim) and Michael Eller, and 5 great grandchildren, Selena Tilton, Dion Burke, Hyde Williams, Carson Williams, Sidney Eller, and Mathew Eller. Yvonne is also survived by her great-great grandson, Alam Booth and by many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death are her parents, her sister Lucille, Margaret, Alice and Lavern and her brother Vern. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, August 9 at 12:00 noon at Shady Oaks Nursery, 77380 Hwy 99S, Cottage Grove. The family would like to offer their heartfelt appreciation to the staff and residents at Magnolia Gardens for the love and kindness mom received during the time she lived there.

