

IN MEMORIAM

Edward James Howell
1919-2015

Edward "Ed" James Howell, 96, of Cottage Grove passed away July 29, 2015 from age related causes.

He was born July 16, 1919 in Pittsburg, Penn. to James and Nettie (Staats) Howell.

On Nov. 30, 1938 in Venice, Calif., he and Miriam Louise Staats were married.

From 1937 to 1948 he was an airplane mechanic, then was a flight inspector at a Los Angeles Airport. He moved to Oregon and worked for Blue Mountain Lumber Company. He was a foreman for Madonna and Arnold Lumber and logged for Booth Kelly. He was involved in building Interstate 5 working for Summer and Stacy Construction. He worked for Kimwood for many years and finally started Mosby Creek Forest Products.

Ed enjoyed flying double winged open cockpit airplanes and anything to do with welding and mechanics, but especially spending time with his family.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas Howell (Linda) of Veneta, Ore., Gerald Howell (Barbara) of Cottage Grove, two daughters, Jenny Justice (Larry) of Roseburg, Ore., and Marjorie Howell of Roseburg, Ore., three sisters, Alice Martin of Cottage Grove, Pauline Ralston of Cottage Grove and Doris Pappas of Cantil, Calif., 20 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall.



Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Margarita Aguilar Hernandez
1945-2015

Margarita Aguilar Hernandez, 70, of Cottage Grove passed away July 28, 2015.

She was born June 10, 1945 in Chantepec, Jalisco, Mexico.

Margarita was a homemaker and enjoyed needlepoint, crocheting, being with her grandchildren and gardening. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Survivors include her children, Aida Becerra, Silvia B. Erney, Mario A. Becerra, Francisco Becerra, Victor Becerra, Marisol Becerra, Edith Becerra, Teresa Becerra, Imelda Becerra and Sergio Becerra; a sister, Rosario Aguilar Hernandez and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a son, Jose Becerra.

A Rosary will be held Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. with a visitation to follow until 8 p.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held at 5 p.m. Aug. 7 at OLPH Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mexico.

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Laurie Lou Blackburn
1940-2015

Laurie Lou Blackburn, 74 of Creswell, Ore. passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

She was born Sept. 4, 1940 in Washington D.C. to Harold and Victoria (LaFleur) Swanson.

Laurie worked and retired as a legal secretary and court reporter for the USAF.

She was a member of the Elks Club and the Saginaw Church of Christ. Laurie loved reading, quilting, knitting and counted cross-stitch.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Harold Swanson of Everett, Wash.

Laurie is survived by her three children: Debi (Dawson) McKay of Cottage Grove, Kirk Triplett of Waipahu, Hawaii and Angela Le of Bellevue, Wash., four siblings: Phyllis Kirby of Spokane, Wash., Arnie Swanson of Aloha, Ore., Dale Swanson of Palmer, Mass. and Gale Swanson of Great Falls, Mont., four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.



field, Oregon, she and James J. Stewart were married.

Jody was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening and her grandkids.

Survivors include a son, Lester Stewart (Denise Smith) of Cottage Grove, a daughter, Paula McManus (LeRoy), a grandson, Justin McManus, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 2, 2013, a son, Larry Stewart, and a daughter, Linda Faye Cochran.

No service is planned. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Lorraine "Rainy" Jahnsen
1953-2015

Lorraine "Rainy" Jahnsen, 62, of Cottage Grove passed away at River Bend Hospital on July 27 of COPD that she had been fighting for years.

She was born at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, Oregon to Sid Sr. and Georgia Cooke.

Rainy is survived by her husband Bob, sister Nancy, brother Sid Jr., son's Shane and James, five grandchildren and scores of friends.

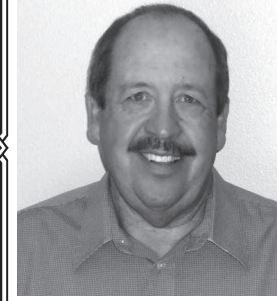
Rainy enjoyed fishing, camping, long drives in the woods, gardening, canning, Yahtzee, cooking, and her cat Bud. But most of all Rainy loved to laugh and smile. She will be greatly missed and loved.

Services were held Saturday, August 1 at Andreason's Cremation and Burial, Springfield, Oregon.



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COMING UP

Wine and Shine

The fourth annual Wine and Shine car show is coming to Saginaw Vineyard on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 12-4 p.m. The Wine and Shine is billed as a family-friendly event that features barbecue, two live bands, games for everyone, complimentary wine tasting, car awards and prizes, local vendors and lots of cars. The event is a benefit for EWEB's Customer Care Program, which provides financial aid to income-eligible customers having trouble paying their utility bills. More than 4,000 households are helped annually due to this charitable program.

Saginaw Vineyard is located two miles north of Cottage Grove. The vineyard is open daily and offers complimentary wine tasting to its guests. Live music can also be enjoyed every Friday night from 6-9 p.m.

Book signing at Axe & Fiddle

Author Rod Williams will hold a book release for his work, "Celestial Springs and Other Stories" on Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Axe

& Fiddle Pub, located at 657 Main Street in Cottage Grove. The pub's poetry night will immediately follow at 7 p.m.

BIRTHS

July 23, 2015

To Rebecca and Timothy Moore of Dorena, a daughter.

July 28, 2015

To Sherrie Sharp and Barry Goddard of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

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ROBERT LEE O'RENICK
Jan. 25, 1930 – July 29, 2015

Robert Lee O'Renick was born January 25, 1930 in North Kansas City, Missouri to Neva Hayes and Nicolas O'Renick. He passed away of heart complications on July 29, 2015.

In his youth Bob raised tropical fish to sell to a pet store and individuals in Sugar Creek. He worked on a farm milking cows and delivering milk and he also worked on cars for a local mechanic.

After High School Bob joined the Coast Guard, serving in Iwo Jima, and in Port Orford, Oregon.

Robert is survived by his brother Jack, sister-in-law Beverly and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members in Missouri. Also by his first wife, Sharon Ponting and their nine children; four boys, John, Patrick, Daniel and Robert and five girls, Becky, Susie, Melissa, Karen and Brenda.

He is also survived by his second wife Diane, of over forty-five years and her four children, Michael, Patrick, Timothy and Kelly, as well as forty Grandchildren, twenty-two Great Grandchildren plus one due in August, and numerous foster Grandchildren.

Life on the farm was not only work, but a joyful experience for Bob to be able to teach his large family about animals, farming and life itself. Bob's favorite activities included hunting with Diane, the Boys and Bob Smith his boss and friend. He liked fishing and camping, as well as riding horses with his best friend Bud Evers. He also enjoyed dancing and traveling with friends. But most of all he loved playing all kinds of cards especially "Garbage" taught to him by Skye, Jana & Faye, three of the foster Grandchildren. For the past couple of years he was known for shooting an elk out the kitchen window or off the back deck of the house. He would always comment, "Why did I ever go hunting and walk those hills for miles?"

Bob's love of flying afforded him the opportunity to get his private pilot's license and he enjoyed flying for several years. Retiring from construction at S-2 Contractors, allowed Bob and wife Diane the opportunity to purchase and run KNND radio station in Cottage Grove, where they loved working with the community. Bob was also fortunate enough to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity in Cottage Grove and Drain, as well as going to Honduras to build houses for those less fortunate. He was also the straw boss at WOE Family Fair and built the existing barns while his kids were in 4-H. Bob's Catholic Faith was very important to him, and when there was a fire in the OLPH Parish Center he volunteered his time along with others to refurbish it.

His Kids, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren were the light of his life. Helping those who needed to find their way became a tradition. There was always someone at the house because they needed a family and a home. A large heart for giving to those less fortunate describes Robert O'Renick to a tee. He will be loved and missed by his family and friends. May he always rest in peace.

A special thank you to all of the Hospice Nurses, the O'Renick and Ewing families and friends for all of their help, love and support. It really meant a lot to Bob.

A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life will be Monday, August 10th at Noon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church followed by a potluck in the Parish Center on Harvey Road in Cottage Grove.

Bob's wishes were respected by the family by donating his remains to Bio Gift for medical research and education.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to: South Valley Athletics c/o Bob O'Renick Scholarship Fund PO Box 1565 Cottage Grove, OR 97424

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