

IN MEMORIAM

Brady Rubidoux 1956-2015

Brady Rubidoux, 58, passed away Aug. 20, 2015.

He was born Sept. 4, 1956.

Brady served in the U.S. Army from 1976-1980. He worked and retired from the Federal Way Mail Handlers in Washington.

Brady enjoyed keeping up with current events and had been residing with his sister, Robin, in Dorena.

He is survived by his brother, Cecil A. Rubidoux (Art), and his sister, Robin L. Grim of Cottage Grove/Dorena.

No service is planned. Arrangements under the care of Andreason's Cremation and Burial Service, Springfield.



ha, Oregon, he and Robin Nedrow were married. She passed away in February of 1990. On May 8, 1993 in Chula Vista, Calif., he and Candace Brown were married.

Randy worked as a mechanic and handyman. He enjoyed TV and music and spending time with his grandkids.

Survivors include his wife, Candace of Cottage Grove, two daughters, Athena (Ryan) Intros of Cottage Grove and Kayla (Matthew) Russel of Bristol, Conn., a sister, Kathie Funderburk of North Plains, Ore., and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, a son, John Arthur and a daughter, Ashley Elizabeth Nicole.

A memorial will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. at Jessie Mays Community Center, 30975 NW Hillcrest St., North Plains, OR 97133. Memorial contributions may be made to gofundme.com/6z2nqwg4. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Randall Arthur Jaatinen 1960-2015

Randall "Randy" Arthur Jaatinen, 55, of Cottage Grove passed away Aug. 24, 2015.

He was born Feb. 9, 1960 in Cottage Grove to Arthur and Joye (Johnson) Jaatinen.

In May of 1982 in Alo-



Lorene Williams 1929-2015

Lorene Williams, 86, passed away July 29, 2015 in Bend, Ore.

She was born in June 1929 to Pete and Genieve Gerstner, moving to Oregon in 1942 and attending Cottage Grove High School.

On July 4, 1946, she and



Frank Williams were married.

She was co-owner of Eastside Garage and later Eastside Motorcycles in Springfield, Oregon.

Lorene loved traveling, fishing, shopping and, above all else, her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Frank of La Pine, Ore., a daughter, Patricia Williams of La Pine, Ore., a daughter-in-law, Julie Ann Williams of Molalla, Ore., two sisters, Irene Hird of Dorena, Ore. and Gerty Pritchard of Drain, Ore., two brothers, Martin Gerstner of Reedsport, Ore. and Pete Gerstner of Cottage Grove, three sisters-in-law, Ethel Gerstner, Joy Gerstner and Dorothy Gerstner, and 11 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Mark Williams, and three brothers, Julius, Isadore and John Gerstner.

No services are planned at her request.

Jim Akins 1935-2015

Jim Akins, 79, passed away in Cottage Grove surrounded by his family on Aug. 28, 2015.

He was born Dec. 2, 1935 in Rosie, Ark. to Luther James and Zephra Mae Akins.

On July 15, 1955, he married Patricia Mae Beers. Together, they had six children. Jim and Pat enjoyed traveling together, as well as spending



time with family. Jim was a logger with Weyerhaeuser for over 24 years, where his heart, dedication, and devotion to providing for his family was the driving force behind everything he put his hand to.

As a young man, he gave his heart to Jesus Christ, which sustained him all the days of his life. He was faithful to his God, his church and his family. It was Jim and Pat's faith that saw them through both good and hard times throughout their 60 years of a truly rich marriage.

Jim's special interests and hobbies included raising a family, being an avid Civil War history buff, and caring for those in the church. Some of his favorite times revolved around watching his grandchildren grow, and completing home improvement projects.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Patricia; children, Jim, Dan, David (Patti), Bob (Samantha), Becky (Mark), and Tom (Janine); 14 grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. at Living Faith Assembly, 467 S. 10th St., Cottage Grove. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Memorial Notice

Roy "Gene" Bryant, 73, of Cottage Grove passed away Aug. 30, 2015. A memorial will be held Friday, Sept. 4 at 10 a.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

day as I spent time with God in prayer and studying His Word. I made progress little by little.

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Truman "David" Lawson May 18, 1938 - July 26, 2015

David passed away peacefully on July 26th from pneumonia after a lengthy hospital stay, with his family by his side.

He was born in Palo Alto, California to Clarence Cottier Lawson and Ella Agnes (Birdsell) He had an older brother Eldon and younger sister Joyce. After the marines he met his wife Suzy (Hovis) in Palo Alto and it was love at first sight. They were married in 1967 and shared 48 years.

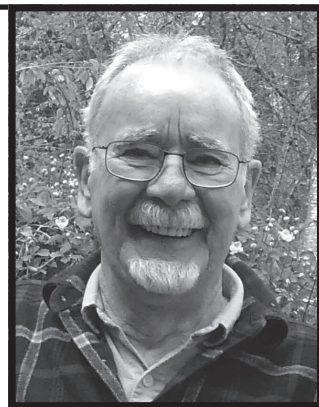
David and Suzy were blessed with three children - Dove (Linger), Tia (Waggoner) and Seth Lawson, and grandchildren - Noah, Eden, Hayden, Isaac, Avery, Zane, Gabriel and Connor.

An artist in many mediums he also played the conga drums, accordion and the ukulele. David loved the Lord with all his heart, was a faithful prayer warrior and shared Him with anyone the Lord brought his way.

David held many and varied positions of employment. He loved to travel and he and Suzy shared adventures in many countries. We all miss him and will love him into eternity.

David was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Eldon. He is survived by his wife Suzy, his 3 children and 8 grandchildren, his sister Joyce (Cearley), and sister-in-law Monica Lawson.

An informal Celebration of Life open house will be at First Baptist Church of Eugene (3550 Fox Meadow Rd.), in the Garden Room, on September 11, 2015, from 2-4 pm. Family and friends are welcome. A book of remembrances will be available. Please RSVP via facebook (Suzy Lawson) or suzyndavid@yahoo.com.



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God loves you and He has an amazing plan for your life. He wants you to be happy and He wants to bless you, but there's so much more to His plans and purposes for you than that.

First and foremost, God wants a personal relationship with each of us. And He wants us to partner with Him in sharing His love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who don't know Him. He wants us to care about them, to pray for them and to show them His love and what it means to really be a Christian.

I remember a time years ago when I wanted to serve God and witness for Him, telling others about Him, but I didn't have His power in my life to BE a witness. I was going to church every week and was part of the group that went out in the city and handed out Gospel tracts about how you can become a Christian to people on the street. But I didn't enjoy it, and I was just doing it to fulfill an obligation to witness for God.

Then, in 1976, God touched my life in a major way when I was crying out to Him for something more. I knew there had to

be more than what I was experiencing in my relationship with Him at that point. God heard my prayer and He did a work in my heart that actually changed my desires so that more than anything else, I wanted to be what He had created me to be.

This is when I got really serious about studying the Bible, and I discovered the key to having true freedom in Christ.

In John 8:31-32 (AMP), Jesus said, "If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free." These verses clearly show us that it's not possible to be free without facing the truth.

It's important for us to understand what truth really is. Truth is the way things really are—not the way we think they are or would like them to be or wish they were. It's reality from God's point of view and it is a central theme in His Word. Jesus is the Word of Truth (John 1:14, 17). The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, and He guides us into all the Truth (John 16:13). And as children of God, we belong to the Truth (John 8:31).

Find real freedom by embracing real truth

But if you want to have the freedom to be who God has created you to be and have the life Jesus died for you to have, then you have to face the truth. And it starts by facing the truth about yourself. I know about this from personal experience, because when I started studying the Word, the Holy Spirit went to work in my life.

I remember one day when I was praying for Dave to change. God spoke to my heart and said, "Joyce, Dave is not the problem." I thought, "Well then, who is it? There's just me and him, so if it's not Dave, then who is it?" Isn't that amazing?! I was so self-deceived that it didn't even occur to me that I could be the problem.

For the next three days, God showed me what it was like to live with me. I was so sorry for the attitudes I had, the way I behaved, the anger I displayed every time I didn't get my way... and it was so hard! But I needed to face the truth about myself so I could have freedom from sin and the things that were keeping me from the love, peace, wisdom and joy that God had for me in Christ.

It took time for me to change; 2 Corinthians 3:18 says that as we look into God's Word, we "are constantly being transformed into His very own image...from one degree of glory to another..." (AMP). But each

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