

IN MEMORIAM

Steven Douglas Egger 1960-2015

Steven Douglas Egger, 55, of Cottage Grove passed away Nov. 13, 2015.

He was born Aug. 17, 1960 in Portland, Ore. to Howard Patrick and Roila Lee (Jones) Egger.



Steven graduated from South Eugene High School in 1978 and attended Oregon State University and Lane Community College.

He owned the Village Green Chevron and enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching college sports.

On July 14, 1990 in Creswell, he and Jerrilyn Cabaniss were married.

Survivors include his wife, a brother, David Egger of Spokane, Wash., and two sisters, Carolyn Cantrell of Eugene and Linda Blankenship of Vancouver, Wash., in addition to numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

No service is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Malcolm Ernest East 1930 - 2015

Malcolm Ernest East passed away Nov. 12, 2015 in Ferndale, Wash.

He served as principal of Culp Creek, Bohemia, and Delight Valley schools throughout the 70s and 80s.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, daughter Amanda, sons Malcolm and David, their wives and four grandsons.

A celebration of his life will be held on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 at Correll Commons in Ferndale, Wash.

Earl Sheridan Petty, 1921 - 2015

Earl Sheridan Petty was born June 29, 1921 to Mamie and Riley Petty in Goshen Oregon, and died November 6, 2015 in Springfield, Oregon, of natural causes. Earl was married to Hilda Mae DeBerry Petty for more than 60 years. Hilda preceded him in death in 2006. Earl served in the Army during WW II. He worked for Georgia Pacific and Lane County as a heavy equipment operator, and farmed most of his life raising beef, hay, cherries and berries. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners Club, Eastern Star, Grange and Creswell Presbyterian Church. Earl is survived by his four children; Stephen, John, Merline (Smith) of Oregon and, Frank of Colorado. He has 7 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Joseph of Washington State. A Celebration of Life will be held November 30th at 2 pm at Creswell Presbyterian Church 75 S 4th Street Creswell, Oregon.

Arrangements entrusted to Musgrove Family Mortuary. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guestbook at musgroves.com

BIRTHS

Nov. 13, 2015

To Melissa Joy Higgins and Richard Higgins of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

Nov. 17, 2015

To Katelynd Jones and Joseph Haynes of Cottage Grove, a son.

Beds for Freezing Nights activates

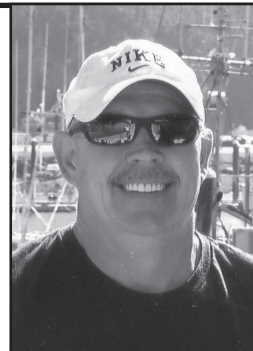
Cottage Grove's Beds for Freezing Nights warming center will be open Tuesday, Nov. 24 and Wednesday, Nov. 25 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church located at

1025 N. 19th Street in Cottage Grove. The shelter will remain open on consecutive evenings after Nov. 25 IF the overnight temperature is predicted to be 29 degrees or less.

John Carl Walter 1954-2015

John Walter, 61 of Cottage Grove, OR passed away on November 17, 2015 from complications of cancer. John attended school in Cottage Grove where he graduated in 1971. On June 26, 1982 he married his best friend and the love of his life Kris Couturier.

John worked in the logging industry for 42 years. He was an equipment operator for Heath Logging for 17 years and then a shovel operator for Rose Logging out of Dexter for the past 12 years. John loved spending time with his three boys; Micah, Jonah and Justin, they enjoyed hunting, fishing and just being together. He loved being surrounded by his six grandchildren and two lovely daughter-in-laws; Jessica and Anna, his in-laws; Rip and Pat Couturier and the best dog ever, Gunner. John was a family man who often had people over for barbecues where he enjoyed watching his nieces and nephews play and teach them sports. His favorite things to do were to get a big game of volleyball going and then load the boat up to take the kids to the lake for a day of tubing and skiing. His family brought much joy to his life. John was blessed with four sisters, Cheri Fisher, Vickie Link, Maryann Carras and Kathy Rinecker who spoiled their brother very much. He was preceded in death by his parents Lee and Helen Sondenaa and brother Snook Walter. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Riverside Community Church of God, 1255 S. River Rd., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.



MOVING UP HIGHER

with
Joyce Meyer



Discover real joy in your daily journey

Back in the 1970s, I used to bowl on Friday nights. I remember one night when I wasn't doing very well and I heard the Lord speak to my heart, "Ask Me to help you bowl!" I immediately thought, I can't ask You to help me bowl! But I went ahead and prayed, "Okay, Lord, please help me bowl better." And He did!

I remember this experience so clearly because it was a great eye-opener that made me realize God cares about every part of our lives, and He wants to be involved in everything we do.

John 10:10 (AMP) says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)." Jesus died so we can have life—not just a barely-get-by, "I'm hanging on till Jesus comes back" existence.

God wants each of us to have a deep, intimate, personal relationship with Him so we can enjoy our everyday lives and learn how to "do life" with Him. This means we do every single thing in our daily life with and for God. And when we realize we are just as close to Him at home doing laundry or at the grocery store as we are at church or during our time in prayer, then we are serving Him in everything we do.

It's all about balance

The first several years I was in ministry, I didn't enjoy it. I worked too much and was too concerned about what others thought about me. I had a tendency to be this way because growing up, it seemed that the more I worked and the more I accomplished, the happier people were with me. Over time I became a first-rate workaholic.

It took me awhile to realize that "all work and no play" is not healthy, and God wants me to have abundant life. This

meant I had to learn how to balance my priorities so that my relationship with God is always first, and then everything else follows. This includes my relationships with family and friends, along with work and taking time to relax.

It's not wrong to work hard, and I like to work. But if I don't make time to rest and just have fun, it won't take long for me to get out of balance and lose my joy.

Turn the ordinary into the extraordinary

So much of life can become a mundane routine that we only really enjoy it when we do something out of the ordinary, like go on vacation, go to a special event or do something exciting, like shop for a new dress. And many people have a "working for the weekend" mentality. But this type of enjoyment is based on emotional excitement, not the joy God gives.

The joy of the Lord is much greater than simply feeling hap-

py. It brings peace and contentment to your soul, even when your circumstances are difficult and it doesn't make any sense. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

This kind of joy makes the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday routine enjoyable. And since most of life is Monday through Friday, we need to enjoy it!

The world can't give it to you

In John 15:11, Jesus says, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." The Amplified translation says "that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing." In the ten verses leading up to this one, Jesus is talking about abiding in Him, because that's the key to living with His joy.

Abiding means "to live, dwell and remain in"; it's not just visiting once a week at church. It's having a personal relationship with Christ, being one with Him and doing life together. The truth is apart from Jesus, we can do nothing of real value,

but with Him, we can bear much good fruit (John 15:5).

God wants to abide with you every day, all throughout the day. He doesn't just want you to seek Him when you go to church or when you're desperate. His desire is to have a personal relationship with you, so you can experience His presence in everything you do. That's when your everyday life is really enjoyable!

Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored 100 books, including *Battlefield of the Mind* and *The Mind Connection* (Hachette). She hosts the *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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