

IN MEMORIAM

Willa Allen Hoopes 1923-2016

Willa Allen Hoopes, 93, passed away Saturday morning, April 23, 2016, in La Pine, Ore. where she was residing.

She was born in Taloga, Okla. on Oct. 16, 1923, one of 10 brothers and sisters born to Everett Anderson and Laura Myrtle (Tarr) Allen.



At the age of five, she and her family moved to Cottage Grove, Ore. where she resided for 86 years. There she met Wilbur Hoopes, and they were married on Nov. 15, 1945.

She loved hunting, fishing and camping with Wilbur and her family. Willa focused her life on being a good housewife, taking care of her children and studying the word of God. She enjoyed spending time watching birds and taking care of her plants.

Willa had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Cottage Grove since she was 12 years old.

Survivors include Linda Geer of La Pine, Ore., Vern Hoopes of Cottage Grove, Ore., three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements under the care of Baird Memorial Chapel, La Pine, Ore.

Roger Alvin Wetzell 1942-2015

Roger Alvin Wetzell, 72, of Yoncalla, Ore. passed away Oct. 15, 2015.

He was born Dec. 19, 1942 in Eugene, Ore. to Elmer A. and Helen (Randall) Wetzell.



He graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1961. Roger retired from the U.S. Air Force and had been a welder on submarines in the U.S. Navy. He was an entertainer in many different bands, playing Fender guitar. Roger also played guitar and sang in competitions for the Air Force. He enjoyed rock-n-roll, country western and loved the blues.

He married Donna (Hutchinson) Hoefliger on Feb. 14, 2013 in Drain, Ore.

Roger is survived by his wife Donna, two daughters, Diana of Alabama and Tina of Florida, two stepdaughters, Lillian of Idaho and Tamara of Calif., two stepsons, Rory of Yoncalla, Ore. and Jimmy of Idaho, three brothers, Bob Wetzell of Portland, Ore., Darrell Wetzell of Springfield, Ore., and David Wetzell of Molalla, Ore., two sisters, Connie of New Mexico and Bonnie of Prineville, Ore., 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Doug Wetzell.

A Memorial Service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 149 Curtis Creek Road in Yoncalla. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Memorial Notice

A celebration of life will be held May 7, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church at the corner of Sixth and Quincy in Cottage Grove for John Wesley Meisner, 84, of Cottage Grove, who passed away April 14, 2016. It is asked that, in lieu of flowers, remembrances may be sent in his name to the National Watch and Clock Museum, 514 Poplar St., Columbia, PA 17512.

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

Death Notice

Vivian H. Rohm, 81, of Cottage Grove died Monday, April 25. No service is planned. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

Helen M. Picknell-Allen 1955-2016

Helen M. Picknell-Allen, 61, of Cottage Grove died April 9, 2016 of COPD and heart failure.

She was born in Arcata, Calif. to Roy and Agnes (Sanders) Picknell.



She graduated from high school in 1973 and attended Lane Community College.

On Dec. 31, 1975, she and Floyd Allen were married in Cottage Grove. They later divorced.

She was a laborer at Agripac for 22 years. After illness hit, she enjoyed watching TV and eating out. She was a member of AA/NA.

She is survived by a daughter, Amy A. Short of Creswell, two sisters, Shirley Picknell and Dottie Frizelle, both of Cottage Grove, a brother, Larry Smith of Sutherlin, and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John Smith.

A graveside inurnment will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 at Fir Grove Cemetery in Cottage Grove. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Cha-

pel, Cottage Grove.

Gayland Lavern Osburn 1926-2016

Gayland Lavern Osburn, 89, of Lafayette, Ore. died April 29, 2016.

He was born in Mountain Air, N.M., on Dec. 8, 1926 to Otis Lee and Violet Brunett (Bass) Osburn.

He was a Glendale, California High School graduate.



Gayland started traveling with Evangelist Paul Nichols at the age of 17.

He did the work of an evangelist most of his life, traveling the U.S. He helped start the church work in Malawi, Africa, and also several locations in the Northwest U.S.

On June 12, 1952 in Glendale, Calif., he and Coleene Roetta Everett were married.

Besides the ministry, he worked for South Lane School District for 27 years as a bus driver and retired as Head Custodian of Harrison Elementary School in 1989. Since then he has worked with several churches in the Northwest.

He and his wife settled in Lafayette, Ore. to be close to two of their children. He was a Do-it-yourself-er!! He did mechanic work, carpentry, and remodeling, training his children to work with him. He also enjoyed hunting. But he was most passionate about serving the church.

Gayland is survived by his wife, Coleene Roetta, four sons, Glen Roland (Reba) Osburn of Blanchard, Okla., Terry Wayne (Vicky) Osburn of Bakersfield, Calif., Ralph Douglas (Roberta) Osburn of Newberg, Ore., and Tracy Alan (Sandie) Osburn of McMinnville, Ore., two daughters, Paula Jean Osburn of Kennewick, Wash. and Linda Marie (Wendell) Birdsong of Jacksboro, Tenn., 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, with a ninth on the way.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel with a funeral service following

at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Sears Cemetery.

Elton Lee Hale 1930-2016

Elton Lee "Reno" Hale, 85, died April 29, 2016.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1930 in Tujunga, Calif. to Harris Garner and Cleo Anita (Burcky) Hale.

He served in the U.S. Navy as an MN2 in Kodiak, Alaska and in Japan until an electrical accident resulted in the loss of his arm and a subsequent medical discharge.



On Oct. 27, 1951 (Navy Day) in Long Beach, Calif., he and Parna Pinkley Finley were married.

After completing his family, he went on to earn an Associate Degree in Physics, and was self-taught in art, carpentry, and welding. Elton worked in custodial and maintenance, and was a Tech Writer for Hughes Aircraft until a down trend in the Aerospace industry.

He enjoyed trains, model trains, science, being outdoors, and creating art. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Dorena Grange in Cottage Grove.

He is survived by this wife, Parna, of Cottage Grove, three daughters, Connie Lane of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lyndi Holst of Cottage Grove and Lori Mingus of Cottage Grove, a son, David Hale of Sandy, Ore., a sister, Dagna MacGill of California, 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Cottage Grove. Memorial contributions may be made to DAV (Disabled American Vets) or to the Dorena Grange. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

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