

IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Freeman Bassett 1932-2016

Jerry Freeman Bassett, 84, of Springfield, Ore. passed away June 15, 2016.

He was born Feb. 7, 1932, in Springfield, Ore. to Earl and Zada (Packer) Bassett.

In 1953, he married Marjorie Lou Bell in Lubbock, Texas.

Jerry lived in Springfield, Mo. until the age of five, when he moved with his parents to southern California. He lived in the San Bernardino and San Diego areas, where he graduated from high school, attended college in Abilene, Texas and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Personnel Management from San Diego State College. He served in the U.S. Air Force from Feb. 1951 until Nov., 1954. Jerry was a gospel preacher working with local Churches of Christ in California and Oregon for more than 50 years. He served as an Elder with the Church of Christ on Coburg Road in Eugene. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, backpacking and camping. He was also interested in baseball, football and basketball, both collegiate and professional teams. He was a member of the Emerald Empire Gun Club and the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by his son, Darrell Freeman Bassett; son, Gregory James Bassett; daughter, Leanna Cymbala; brother, Don Bassett; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, at the Coburg Road Church of Christ, 1005 Coburg Rd., Eugene, OR 97401. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.



Charlotte Evangeline Burkleo 1932-2016

Charlotte Evangeline Burkleo, 83, passed away peacefully in her home on June 18, 2016 from age related causes.

She was born Sept. 21, 1932 in Cottage Grove to John and Laura (Kraher) Willian.

She graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1951. After graduating from high school, Charlotte began working for the Pacific Northwest Bell telephone company where she worked faithfully as a telephone operator for over 30 years.

While still in high school, she met "the love of her life", Ernest Burkleo, and after a lengthy courtship of nearly ten years, they were married on Nov. 21, 1959. They enjoyed 45 wonderful years of marriage.

Charlotte and Ernest enjoyed living out in the country (the Saginaw area) and raising their two daughters in the house they had built on the small acreage of land that was given to them by her father. Charlotte loved planting flowers in the yard and all around the house and watching them bloom in the spring. Charlotte also enjoyed going to church. She and Ernest attended the Church of Christ on Pennoyer Ave. for many years. In her later years, she enjoyed being very involved in the lives of her daughters and being surrounded by her grandchildren. She also became an avid reader, enjoying many different kinds of books and reading her Bible every day.

Survivors include her brother, Dennis Willian of Umatilla, Ore., two daughters, Mary Cook and husband, Randal, of Cottage Grove, and Candace (Burkleo) Eheler of Stockton, Calif., and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, on Feb. 23, 2005.



A funeral service is planned for Tuesday, July 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

Linda Jo Hickey 1940-2016

Linda Jo Hickey, 76, of Cottage Grove died June 23, 2016.

She was born on May 2, 1940, in Dubach, LA, to Marvis and Lou May (Terral) Colvin.

Linda was a church secretary for many years and also was a kindergarten teacher. She enjoyed antique shopping and was an avid reader. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

She married Kendall Hickey on Dec. 19, 1981 in Cottage Grove.

She is survived by her husband, Kendall Hickey; daughters, Stephany Gabaldon and Stacy Gabaldon, both of Yoncalla; brother, David Colvin of California; brother, Gary Colvin of Washington; eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Hanks; son, Don Hanks; and grandson, Kurtis Gabaldon.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Church of Christ, 6th and Gibbs, Cottage Grove. Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Orvil Lee Wooden 1946-2016

Orvil Lee Wooden, 69, of Cottage Grove died June 14, 2016.

He was born Dec. 18, 1946 to Hack and Shirley Marie (Mainwaring) Wooden.

Orvil graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1965 and attended Lane Community College from 1965 to



1967 taking heavy equipment diesel mechanic classes. He served in the Navy during Vietnam (1967-1970) on a wooden mine sweep boat.

Orvil worked as a heavy equipment diesel mechanic for 43 years.

His hobbies and interests were hunting, fishing, dirt bike riding, and working in his garden. In his younger years he enjoyed participating in Boy Scouts with his two sons.

Survivors include his two sons, Gene Wooden of Coos Bay and Jer Wooden of Bend, and a sister, Betty Voigt, of Cottage Grove.

A celebration of life will be held July 9 at 4 p.m. at Orvil's residence in Cottage Grove. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

James Randall Elder 1964-2016

Jim passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 surrounded by loved ones at the age of 52. He is survived by his wife, Denise, daughters Michelle and Jennifer, his father, two brothers and two sisters.

He worked at Marvin Smith Auto Repair for over two decades and was on the safety crew at Cottage Grove Speedway for many years. He was active in planning numerous family gatherings and activities. He especially enjoyed creating and documenting family memories. His hobbies included fishing, camping, sports and lawn mower racing.

There will be a celebration of life gathering at the Calvary Chapel in Cottage Grove on Friday, July 1 at 1 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to West Lawn Memorial Funeral Home. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guestbook at musgroves.com



EUGENE FRANK CUTTS February 20, 1922 - June 16, 2016

Our Dad, Eugene (Gene) Frank Cutts of Cottage Grove, Oregon, died on June 16, 2016 at the age of 94 years. He was the sixth of seven children born to William Robert Cutts and Nettie Matilda Witt in Sidney, Iowa.

Dad grew up in southwestern Iowa on farms where his parents sharecropped. He attended Grade School in a one room schoolhouse where he was tasked with building a fire, when needed, for a nickel a time. Gene graduated from Iowa's Shenandoah High School in 1939.

Dad met our Mom, Alma Pearl Hodson, on a blind-date and married her December 14, 1941. He served in the Navy during World War II from October, 1942 until November, 1945. He and Mom moved to Cottage Grove, Oregon in 1946 and opened an auto repair shop and towing service. Then, from 1959 until 1980 Dad owned various car and truck dealerships in this same town.

Dad is remembered for a very giving spirit. He always found time to lend a helping hand to family as well as strangers and was known as quite a handyman. He built us a playhouse, skillfully accomplished major remodeling on our house, and built a vacation cabin at Crescent Creek. -- Dad also made time to do volunteer work in Cottage Grove, from being a volunteer fireman for 12 years to his help in building the local race track.

Dad was very civic minded and held many leadership positions in various organizations. In Cottage Grove, Dad was elected Cottage Grove's Junior First Citizen in 1955, Boss of the Year in 1968, and was given the JCI Senatorship in 1968. Dad was active in, and served as an officer in, each of the Oregon and National Independent Car Dealers Associations.

Dad was an ambitious, hardworking, reliable, and honest businessman. He was known for his unique "no barter" approach to vehicle sales. He would set a fair market price for his vehicles and "that was that". -- We remember Dad sacrificing for his family many times to provide opportunities for us, working many long hours to provide and care for our family.

Our memories of Dad are not complete without thoughts of Mom as well, since they were always together--best friends and companions--whether at work in the office, in the Motorcycle or Dance Club, RVing, or at home. Family and friends were very important to them as evidenced in much of their lives, from their hosting many family reunions to family vacations and all their social and civic involvement. They were "good folk" -- generous, honest, hardworking, and very loving. Their commitment and devotion to one another was punctuated by a marriage of 71 years! -- We thank God for blessing us with such special parents!

Dad was preceded in death by Mom in 2013, our brother Kenneth in 1970, his parents and six siblings. He is survived by his daughters Sharron (Ron) Gibson, Carolyn (Bruce) Rippy, and Colleen (Darrel) Hanson, as well as his 11 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.



BIRTHS

June 12, 2016

To Kelli Stevens and Michael Hamm of Yoncalla, a daughter.

June 15, 2016

To Heather R. Jackson-Haller and John Haller of Cottage Grove, a son.

June 16, 2016

To McKendrianna Dodson and

Aaron Purdy of Cottage Grove, a son.

June 20, 2016

To Daniel R. Garcia and Amanda D'Angelo of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

June 24, 2016

To Molly Turner and Michael Emory of Cottage Grove, a son.

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