

**PJ Patterson  
1960-2016**

PJ Patterson of Cottage Grove died on July 21, 2016 in a logging accident. He was 55.

He was born on December 2, 1960 in Eugene, OR to John "Pat" and Colleen (Mohr) Patterson, Cottage Grove. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1979. He married Jeanie Eckstine on July 11, 1981 in Cottage Grove. PJ worked for Bohemia Lumber running the fire crew. He found his love and passion in falling timber, and was owner/operator of PJ Patterson Cutting Inc. He also worked alongside his logging partner, Tom Evans. PJ had three things he absolutely loved: God, family and friends, and elk hunting. He also had a great love for prayer, and it was said that he often "talked God's ear off." If you talked to PJ more than twice, you were considered family, and he treated you as such. He was a member of Riverside Community Church of God in Cottage Grove. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Jeanie Patterson; his parents, Pat and Colleen Patterson; son, Brendan (Laura) Patterson of North Carolina; son, Jeffrey (Nikkie) Patterson of Thurston, OR; brother, Michael (Teresa) Patterson of Astoria; sister, Robin Patterson of Eugene; sister, Molly Patterson of Cottage Grove; grandchildren, Chase and Anneva; and more nieces and nephews than you can count. A Celebration of Life will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Cottage Grove High School football field. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.



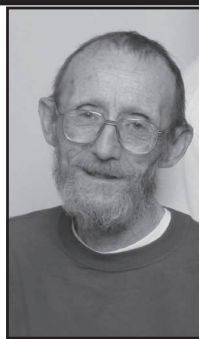
**Vincent Leon VanHouck  
1942 - 2016**

Vince VanHouck passed away peacefully on July 3, 2016 at the age of 73. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend.

Vince worked in the carpenters union in the 60's, at Kennecott Copper in the 70's, he worked at several saw mills and in the metal industry at Clark sheet metal, Schrader Stoves, and Dow Corning Corp where he took early retirement at age 50. He then started J & V Home Improvement Inc., a construction business with his son. He retired from there at the age of 63.

Vince is survived by his wife, Sue and his son John (and Tracy), his son in law Mike McKenzie, his step son Willie Buchannan his grandchildren Michael McKenzie (and Kaycee), Tiffany McKenzie, and David Buchannan, along with 5 great grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be held at Hope Luther Church, 1369 B Street Springfield, OR on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 2:00 pm.



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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Barbara Jane Letsom  
1934-2016**

Barbara Jane Letsom, 82, of Cottage Grove passed away July 21, 2016.

She was born March 2, 1934, in Litchfield, Minn. to Roy T. and Lydia (Schultz) Anderson.



On June 2, 1951 in Drain, Ore., she and Eldon Letsom were married.

Barbara and Eldon were business owners of Drain Cable and Appliance for 34 years and retired in 1984. In 1994 they purchased Safe Lock Storage in Cottage Grove and Mini Storage in Junction City.

Barbara enjoyed sewing her children's clothes as they grew up, gardening vegetables and canning, cooking and trying new recipes for her family to try and she loved her Chihuahua.

Barbara is survived by two daughters, Cynthia (Tony) McDonald of Junction City, Ore. and Linda (Mike) Bradley of Drain, Ore., two sons, Timothy Letsom of Eugene, Ore. and Jon Letsom of Reedsport, Ore., three sisters, June Dahlhaeuser of Texas, Joyce Thompson of California and Mary Lou Garrett of Oregon, Wesley Anderson of Oregon, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lowell Anderson, and a sister, Geraldine Neal.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2016 at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel with burial following at East

Drain Cemetery, Drain, OR. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

**Caitlian Marie Stuner  
1999-2016**

Caitlian Marie Stuner, 17, of Cottage Grove died July 16 in an auto accident.



She was born in Eugene, Ore. to Sheenna and James (Stuner) Martindale.

She had completed 11th grade at Cottage Grove High School. Along with being a student, Caitlian was a hard worker who cleaned homes with her mom for Maid in Oregon. She loved horses, did barrel racing and helped build a round pen for her horses. She enjoyed gaming shows, fishing, hunting and trapping with her boyfriend, along with babysitting her younger brother and sister. She was in love with her new English Mastiff puppy and her silver lab and hound. Caitlian loved hiking and being outdoors. She was good natured, very big-hearted with both people and animals, enjoyed working and getting her nails done.

She is survived by two brothers, Tyler Stuner of Cottage Grove and Jacob Stuner of Thurston, a sister, Abigale Stuner of Cottage Grove, cousins, Jesse Irvin and Shelby Stuner, both of Cottage Grove, two uncles, Jeremy Stuner of Cottage Grove and Sean Martindale of Eugene, grandparents, Blane and Wendy Stuner of Cottage Grove, grandmother, Ester Martindale of Eugene, great-grandparents, Dan and Pat Stuner, great-grandmother, Janis Collins of Cottage Grove, her boyfriend, Will Vann, and many other family and friends.

A memorial was held Saturday, July 23 at Calvary Chapel in Cottage Grove.



**Peggy Joanne Bernucci  
1931-2016**

Peggy Joanne Bernucci died at age 84 on July 10, 2016 in Creswell, Oregon. She was born in Kansas City, Missouri on September 9, 1931 to Joseph and Margaret Fraizer Theis. The family moved to California when Peg was 11 years old. Peg married Vincent Bernucci in Berkeley, California in 1952. They later divorced.

Peg graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1952 with a BA in English. She received a Masters of Library Science from San Jose State College in 1969. She worked as a librarian at Bret Harte Junior High School in San Jose, California for 23 years.

Peg enjoyed nature, birding, dry martinis and traveling the world. She volunteered at a bird refuge on the San Francisco Bay for many years. She loved leading bird walks along the Bay and giving classes to school kids on the native birds of California.

Peg is survived by her daughters Suzy Bernucci, Katy Bernucci Vaughn, Julie Bernucci and Beth Bernucci (Greg Johns); her granddaughters Ariel Vaughn and Elena Vaughn; brothers Joe Theis (Jill), Jerry Theis and Jim Theis and numerous nieces and nephews.

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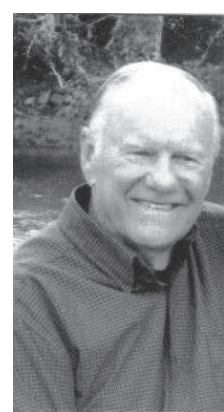
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**Charles "Bud" Tedford Pryor  
1934-2016**

Bud passed away with his wife by his side, July 18, 2016 from cancer. He was born Oct. 13, 1934 in Iva, S.C. to Joseph L. Pryor and Minnie Lee (Autrey) Pryor. He graduated from Greenwood High School in Greenwood, S.C. He served in the Navy from 1954-1957. He was an Engine-man 2nd class aboard the USS Tom Green County, LST 1159 and USS Fort Marion, LSD22.

In December of 1957, Bud married Carol Lynn Downer, who passed away in June, 2011. They had two sons: Scott J. Pryor (Pam) of Sacramento, Calif. and Craig S. Pryor (Melinda) of Cottage Grove, Ore. He served in the Air Force from 1958 to 1974 where he retired Senior Master Sergeant, Missile Maintenance Supervisor. While in the military he received degrees from Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, Calif. and Park University in Parkville, Mo.

After retiring from the military, Bud worked at Piper Aircraft in Santa Maria, Calif. from 1974 to 1979. In 1980 he built their home in Cottage Grove. In 1985 he became a home builder/remodeler in the area and retired in 1999.

He loved to travel, especially to Hawaii, Florida and Key West. On July 3, 2014, Bud married Carol A. Hetherington.

Bud is survived by his wife, Carol, his two sons, Scott and Craig, granddaughter, Breanna (Rob) DeVerger, two great-grandsons, Max and Parker, of Quincy, Ill., and granddaughter, Melissa Hammonds of Springfield, Ore., a grandson, Brian Scot Lincoln and great-granddaughter, Ripley, of California, a sister, Margaret Ann Allbee of Salem, N.H., and two brothers, Bobby Joe Pryor of Troy, S.C. and James Donald Pryor of Nederland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Eugene Mission or Humane Society of Cottage Grove. A celebration of life will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at 71864 London Rd. in Cottage Grove.



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