

BIRTHS

Sept. 13, 2016

To Abby and Dane Zoll of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

Sept. 23, 2016

To Jenni Montalbo and Chris Livingston of Creswell, a daughter.

Sept. 26, 2016

To Michael and Candice Van Loon of Cottage Grove, a son.

To David and Kimberly Dorr of Cottage Grove, a daughter.



The reality of being more than a conqueror in life

Romans 8:37 says that Christians are "more than conquerors" in this world. But do we really know what it means to be more than a conqueror? I know it took many years for me to learn what it means and how to live the victorious life Jesus died to give us as believers.

I remember many when I went to church faithfully every week, yet my private life was pathetic. It was so frustrating because I really loved God and was a born-again believer, but

I wasn't experiencing victory over the problems in my life so that I could really live for God and help people.

As I eventually grew in my personal relationship with Christ and spent time studying the Word, I came to understand what it means to be more than a conqueror and how I could get there. And if I can do it, so can you.

To be more than a conqueror

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IN MEMORIAM

Kathleen Ann Hoffman 1945-2016

Kathleen Ann Hoffman, 71, of Cottage Grove died Sept. 21, 2016 from adenocarcinoma of the parotid gland.

She was born May 20, 1945 in Berkeley, Calif. to Martin and Margaret (Holst) Hansen. She graduated from El Cerrito High School, now part of the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Also in El Cerrito, she and John Hoffman were married.

Kathleen raised two children and built several gardens. She had a talent for design and expressed her artistry in her garden and influenced all who met her to appreciate the beauty that surrounds us.

Survivors include her partner of over 21 years, Don Nordin of Cottage Grove, two children, Justin Hoffman of Portland, Ore. and Krista (Hoffman) Thompson of Cottage Grove, a sister, Patricia Righter of Talent, Ore. and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her former husband, John Hoffman.

A memorial was held at her home on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016 at 3 p.m. Her ashes are to be scattered in the garden she created.

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

Holley Jo Gould 1952-2016

Holley Jo Gould, 61, of Cottage Grove passed away Sept. 25, 2016 from cancer.

She was born April 11, 1952 in Cottage Grove to Virginia (Denham) Marsh and Jerry Newton.

She graduated from Cottage Grove High School and worked as a bank officer.

On Feb. 18, 2001, she and Don Gould were married.

Holley enjoyed drag racing, charity fund raising, community service and her dogs. She was a secretary-officer of the Cottage Grove Elk's Lodge.

Survivors include her husband, Don Gould of Cottage Grove, her mother, Virginia Denham of Cottage Grove, a stepson, Chad Gould of Kelowna, B.C., Canada, and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Ray Denham, and father, Jerry Newton.

A Celebration of Life was held Oct. 1 at the Cottage Grove Elks Lodge. Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Elks Scholarship Fund. Cremation under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Kitty Pauline Carson Scott 1938-2016

Kitty Pauline Carson Scott, 78, of Creswell, passed away Sept. 24, 2016.

She was born Jan. 20, 1938 to John and Artie Carson.

On April 27, 1956, she and Gordon Scott, Sr. were married.

Kitty was employed with the Lane County Sheriff's office for many years.

Survivors include her three children, JennieLynn Scott (Jimmie King), Gordon Scott Jr. and Cindy Kulm (Craig), two brothers, John Carson and Tom Carson, one sister, Esther Greenhalgh, nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister, Rebecca Mullanix.

A Celebration of Life will be held at her home on Oct. 9, 2016 from 12-4 p.m. Arrangements under the care of Andreason's, Springfield.

Death notices

Barney Paul, 78, of Moses Lake, Wash., passed away Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 with his wife, Linda Gatewood Paul, formerly of Cottage Grove, and family at his side. Arrangements under the care of Neptune Society, Spokane, Wash.

Danny "Dan" Ray Jackson,

77, of La Pine, Oregon died Sept. 16, 2016. A Celebration of Life was held Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. at Living Word Worship Center in La Pine. Arrangements under the care of Baird Memorial Chapel, La Pine.

Ula Jean Strickland 1926-2016

Ula Jean Strickland, 89, of Cottage Grove passed away Sept. 1, 2016 of cancer.

She was born Nov. 22, 1926, in Seward, Nebr. to Ernest and Myrtle (Kinnett) Priefert. In 1940 her family moved to Corvallis, where she graduated from high school and attended Oregon State University.

On Aug. 30, 1946, she and Robert Strickland were married.

Ula contracted polio in June of 1951 and became wheelchair bound. In 1955 they moved to Fortuna, Calif., in 1971 they moved to Riddle, Ore., then to Cottage Grove in 1972. Ula owned the Hobby Shop in Fortuna and was a receptionist for 11 years for Dr. Tom Creager in Cottage Grove.

She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, knitting and had many hobbies. Ula worshipped God at the Riverside Community Church of God and enjoyed her family.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Sam Braaten of Corvallis, Ore., Debi and Larry Stag of Newberg, Ore., and Tami and Jim Eckstine of Dorena, Ore., nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Strickland, and daughter, Bobbi Jean.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 at Riverside Community Church of God on South River Rd. in Cottage Grove. Memorial contributions may be made to the Riverside Community Church of God. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Delia Rhea Branham 1919-2016

Delia Rhea Branham, 97, of Cottage Grove died Sept. 14, 2016 in Springfield.

Delia was born Jan. 5, 1919 in Winfield, Kansas to John and Loko (Butts) Winn. On Jan. 5, 1946 in Grants Pass, she married Leroy W. Branham. Delia was past President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 2302, including service to veterans at Camp White. She was a wife, mother, and homemaker by preference.

Former residents of Merlin and Hugo, Delia and Leroy lived on and maintained the Winn family farm on Pass Creek in Grants Pass from 1966 to 1996, moving to Cottage Grove in 1996. Leroy died in 2006, and Delia was living with granddaughter Jennifer Gawith at the time of her death.

Survivors include a daughter, Eileen Price of Cottage Grove, 11 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, a son, Milo E. Branham, and granddaughter, Michelle Rhea Gawith, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at a future date. Burial at Granite Hill Cemetery in Grants Pass with family at a later date. Arrangements under the care of Andreason's Cremation & Burial Service, Springfield.

Rebecca Ann Leake 1951-2016

Rebecca Ann Leake, 64, of Cottage Grove, passed away Sept. 21, 2016.

She was born Nov. 3, 1951, in Eugene, Oregon to James and Virginia (Hunter) Shirley.

Rebecca graduated from Cottage Grove High School and earned certificates in Medical Transcription and Medical Assistant at LCC. She served in the U.S. Navy from 1971-1974. Rebecca worked in several fields of endeavor, including the medical and the grocery industries. She earned a Master Gardener's designation and was a volunteer for S.M.A.R.T., Start Making A Reader Today. Rebecca was the daughter of Mayor James Russell Shirley.

On March 25, 1972 in Reno,

Nev., she and Richard Leake were married.

Rebecca is survived by her brother, Charles Shirley of Katy, Texas; sister, Charlotte Banton of Newport, Ore.; sister, Ellen Gatewood of Cottage Grove, Ore.; and brother, James Russell Shirley II of Emmett, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Leake in 1973.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Cottage Grove. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Memorial notices

Sylvia Merrie Aldrich, 66, of Cottage Grove died Oct. 2, 2016. A service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 at Calvary Chapel in Cottage Grove. There will be a visitation at Smith-Lund-Mills Chapel on Friday, Oct. 7 from 6-8 p.m. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Marvin Dean McAllister, 75, of Cottage Grove died Oct. 2, 2016. A service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Cottage Grove. Burial will be in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. Arrangements under the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

GLADEUS "SIM" PUPKE 1924-2016

Gladeus "Sim" Pupke passed away on September 18, 2016 at the age of 91. She lived all but 4 years of her life in Lane County. She was born in Bishop Hill, Illinois on December 10, 1924. Her parents, Gilbert and Emily (Stoneberg) Simmons had returned to Illinois from Oregon to operate a family farm in Bishop Hill. Bishop Hill was a Swedish community settled and developed by Swedish immigrants about 1850. Her father did not like the hot and cold climate there so they returned to Oregon when she was 2 years old.

Sim grew up in the Coburg area attending the Coburg School all 12 years, graduating in 1942. She then attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for 1 year, where an uncle was on the staff studying and working on developing the growth of corn in the U.S. While there she saw and remembered what life in the south was like in that era.

She then returned to Coburg and Eugene to attend the University of Oregon. While attending the U of O, she worked her way through school by working at the school library. Graduating in 1946 with a degree in education, she taught art and physical education for 2 years in Estacada, OR.

In the summer of 1947, while attending summer school, she met Ron Pupke, husband to be. They were married on June 5, 1948. They taught school in Springfield until 1951. During those years from 1947, they square danced and started mountain climbing and skiing with the Eugene Obsidian group. They climbed 9 of the major mountain peaks between Mount St. Helens and Mt. Shasta with the Obsidians. They also attended their summer camps. Then in 1951, Ron was recalled to active duty by the US Marine Corp because of the Korean War. He had been in the USMC Reserves because he had been a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marines from WW II. His assignment was at the recruitment depot in San Diego, CA.

They returned to Eugene in 1952, he attended the U of O and they had their first child. They eventually had 5 children. In 1953, they moved to Cottage Grove where they have lived since. Sim substitute taught for about 15 years. She was also very active in the First Presbyterian Church for many, many years.

She was church elder, taught Sunday School classes, served as a deacon for years and participated in many other events through the years. Sim was a 44 year survivor of breast cancer and served for about 30 years in the American Cancer Society's Reach for Recovery Program. After 9 years as the librarian and teacher aid at Latham Elementary School, she retired in 1985.

Since the late 1970's, when Dixieland music started a revival in the U.S., they have been involved in listening and dancing to the music. Also German Oktoberfests have been on their fun list. They have been attending festivals for over 30 years, plus 3 Dixieland cruises. They have traveled around the U.S. and as Sim said just before her death, they had a fun and wonderful life together.

They have been married over 68 years, and except for the one year during the Korean War, lived in Lane County all the time. Sim and Ron had 5 children; Starly (deceased), Shauna, Renn, Vonn and Camee. They have 1 grandchild, Vonn's daughter, Mariah. All the children live in the Eugene, Cottage Grove area.

A memorial Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR. There will be time for people to share stories and memories of Sim. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2350 Oakmont Way #200, Eugene, OR 97401.



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