



Jesus came to Earth to show us the love of God, and to give His life so we could have eternal life. He was perfect...sinless...and He willingly took our sin upon Himself on the cross to pay the price for our salvation. God's love for us is so amazing!

Isaiah 61 says Jesus came "to proclaim good news to the poor...to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...to comfort all who mourn...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair" (vv. 1-3 NIV).

And Psalm 147:3 says, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Jesus wants to heal our wounded souls, give us His joy, and work through our lives to help others discover same restoration and hope that we have!

My Story  
I've had a lot of experience in this area. I used to be such a mess on the inside...in my soul. The pain of years of abuse caused me to become a miserable, bitter, angry, emotionally unstable woman. I didn't trust anyone and I believed I had to take care of myself because nobody else would. I was

afraid if anyone really knew me – the real me – they wouldn't like me or accept me.

For years I lived this way, and I didn't understand why. But when I got serious about my relationship with God and started really studying His Word, I discovered His amazing love and how I needed Him to heal my wounded soul.

Once I had this revelation, I made a decision that I was going to go all the way through the healing process with God, and I refused to live with the pain, secrets and regrets from my past. By God's grace, I have experienced healing and wholeness in my soul in many ways. And now I am passionate about sharing my story and helping others find the love, healing and hope they need so they don't live trapped in pain from their past.

We all go through hard things in this life, and we all experience wounds in our soul. Those wounds cause pain that can then cause us to hurt others. I like to say it like this: Hurting people hurt people.

Your soul is the inner part of you – your mind, will and emotions. And the condition of your soul is felt by those who are in relationship with you.

Maybe you struggle to have healthy relationships because of fear of rejection and insecurity based on past disappointments or betrayals of your trust. Or you may be angry and have bitterness and unforgiveness in your heart because of what someone has

done to you. There are many reasons people have wounds in their soul.

Living with this kind of pain makes a person unstable emotionally and hard to get along with. I remember when Dave and I were first married and I was like this. I'm speaking from experience when I say there is nothing worse than being controlled by your feelings, angry and unhappy when things don't go your way.

But there is hope because Jesus can heal us everywhere we hurt! And God's Word contains the power to save our souls.

James 1:21 (AMP) says, "Get rid of all uncleanness and all that remains of wickedness, and with a humble spirit receive the word [of God] which is implanted [actually rooted in your heart], which is able to save your souls."

Through a serious commitment to study God's Word and spend time with Him every day in prayer, God has radically changed my life! My mind has been renewed by God's truth (Romans 12:2), and I don't live by my feelings anymore. My will has also been transformed.

Being healed and having real peace, joy and love in my heart are so much better than living with pain of a wounded soul.

One of the best things you can do for yourself is let God heal you on the inside and restore the brokenness in your life. Then you can be example of God's amazing love and grace, helping them see that if He can do it for you, He can do it for them, too.

The truth is you don't have to stay broken, living in self-pity, hating yourself, burdened by regret, shame or fear every day of your life. I promise that if you will make a determined decision to trust God and believe His Word more than anything else – more than your thoughts, past experience, feelings or what others say – then you will experience healing in your soul!

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## IN MEMORIAM



**James Lee (Jim) Welch, Sr.**, of Cottage Grove died Oct. 14, 2017 from cancer.

He was born March 10, 1946 in Modesto, Calif. to Leota (Horton) and Chester Welch.

He attended school through the tenth grade and worked as a welder. He enjoyed music and movies.

Survivors include his mother, Leota Welch of Cottage Grove, two children, James Lee Welch, Jr. and Elton Welch, both of California, and

two sisters, Karen Marshall and Linda McDonald, both of Oregon. He was preceded in death by his father, Chester Welch. Cremation services under the care of Andreason's, Springfield.



**Mary Elizabeth Hoisington**, 90 of Drain, Oregon passed away Oct. 23, 2017.

She was born Oct. 5, 1927, in Roseville, Illinois to Axel and Grace (Nevius) Elander.

Mary was an elementary school teacher and taught in Cottage Grove.

She collected buffalos, en-

joyed gardening, camping, making jams and jellies, and traveling to Europe to meet relatives. Mary was a member of the Methodist Church and the Eastern Star.

She married Stephen Brown, later divorced, then married Albert Hoisington.

Mary is survived by her children; Gregory, Gerald, Jeffrey, Tina, Stephen, Bonita and Franklin.

She was preceded in death by spouses, Albert Hoisington and Stephen Brown, and great-grandson, Kyler Brown.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Drain United Methodist Church in Drain. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

## DEATH NOTICES

Peacock – George Dillon Peacock, 85, died October 28, 2017. No Services are planned.

Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Kerry Denise Draeger, 57, of Drain, died Oct. 25, 2017. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Drain Civic Center, 205 W. A Ave., Drain. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

## BIRTHS

Destiny and Charles Rhodes of Cottage Grove welcomed a baby boy on October 10 at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center RiverBend.

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### Hazel M. Vaught 1917-2017

Hazel M. Vaught, 100, of Cottage Grove passed away on October 21, 2017 of natural causes.

She was born Hazel Margaret Fields on May 31, 1917 to Mary Ellen (O'Halloran) and James Albert Fields in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was the last of seven children, four surviving to adulthood. She was extremely close to her three siblings as her father passed away when she was only two and a half. Her mother Mary Ellen worked long hours to support the family, while her beloved grandmother Mary Scholl took care of the children.

Hazel attended Mount Saint Mary's catholic school in Oklahoma City.

At the age of 19 Hazel was working for Armour Star Meat Packing Company where she met the love of her life Wayne Lamar Vaught. After three months of going together they were married on August 17, 1936. Three years later they welcomed their first son Phillip.

In 1940 the family moved to Santa Monica, California, and after a few more years they welcomed their second son Thomas. They raised their sons and lived a very happy life in Southern California.

She was an active member of Venice United Methodist Church for over 20 years, and was involved in the women's circle group and bible study.

In 1963 they bought a piece of property in Cottage Grove, Oregon where lifetime friends Jim and Opal Nelson had settled. Every summer they went camping with family and friends on the 30 acre tree farm with just a truck camper and a pony barn. The summer vacations evolved over the next 25 years to six month stays in a mobile home on the property and finally in 1992 the purchase of a house in town and a permanent move to Cottage Grove.

The Vaught's attended Cottage Grove Bible Church. Hazel also attended LCC extension classes over the years and was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Hazel and Lamar were happily married for 62 years until his death in 1998. Hazel never left his side. She volunteered at Coast Fork Nursing Center for the years he resided there. She stayed 10-12 hours a day so she could be with him as much as possible. Hazel was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She had a very green thumb and could snip a sprig of just about anything and make it grow into a beautiful plant. Roses were her specialty. She loved her roses. She enjoyed children, animals, dancing, baseball, crafting, gardening, sewing, camping, pot lucks, and spending precious time with family and friends.

In 2004 Hazel met Albert Stacks. They shared many good years together. RV-camping, dancing on Friday nights, and enjoying each other's company for over a decade.

Hazel has resided at Middlefield Oaks Assisted Living since August 2015 due to memory care needs.

Hazel is survived by son Phillip and Linda (Raade) Vaught, son Thomas and Turid (VanLier) Vaught, granddaughter Kelli (Vaught) and Steve Wesolowski all of Cottage Grove, Oregon, grandson Travis and Suzanna (Martin) Vaught of Maryland and 3 great-grandchildren Autumn Elizabeth Vaught, Ian Dwyer Vaught and Meredith Hazel Vaught. Also many cherished nieces and nephews and several extended family members.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband Wayne Lamar Vaught, parents James Albert and Mary Ellen (O'Halloran) Fields, 6 siblings Henry Lester Fields, Edna Mae Fields, Mary Fields, James Albert Fields, Loretta Marie (Fields) Ballard, Bernadine Elizabeth (Fields) Page Porter and granddaughter Kimberlie Ann Vaught.

A special thank you to Middlefield Oaks Memory Care staff and Peace Health Hospice. Services were held on Saturday, October 28, at the Cottage Grove Bible Church. Interment in Fir Grove cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Legion Calvin Funk Post #32, 826 West Main Street, P. O. Box 4, Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove



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