

RECORDS

OBITUARIES

BATTLES—Bill Michael Battles, 70, of Cottage Grove, passed away June 14, 2018.

Bill was born at Cottage Grove Hospital on June 19, 1948, to Bill and Willa Battles.



Bill Battles

Bill attended schools in Cottage Grove and graduated high school in 1966.

Bill married Sue Kavitz and they moved to Montana, where they raised their family. He is survived by his wife, Sue; daughter Maria Molzhon; son Mike Battles; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and his sisters: Sandra Fox, Judy Kuskie and Bonnie Rutherford.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Paul and John.

No service is planned. **WILLIAMS**—Herbert Eugene Williams, 78 of Creswell, died June 10, 2018, following a stroke.



Herbert Williams

He was born to O d u s and Jessie Williams on Oct. 7, 1939, in Cottage Grove.

He was preceded in death by his parents and eight siblings. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Charlotte, of Creswell; son Roger Williams of Pleasant Hill, Ore.; daughters Diane Mattoon of Bonney Lake, Wash., Kathy Middaugh of Cottage Grove; sisters: Marie Jackson of La Pine, Ore., Arlene Giffen of Springfield, Ore., Linda Helton of Cottage Grove; brothers: John Williams of Drain, Ore., and Douglas Williams of Cottage Grove.

Herb was a mechanic and truck driver in the wood products industry.

No services are planned. Arrangements by Andrea-sons of Springfield.

KEPHART—Betty Jean Kephart, 84, of North Bend, Ore., (formerly of Cottage Grove) went to be with the angels in Heaven on June 16, 2018.

Betty was born in Murphy, N.C., on Feb. 22, 1934, to Oliver and Grace (Marcus) Kephart.



Betty Kephart

She married Owen L. Kephart in Blairsville, Ga., on June 4, 1949. She was also known to many as "Grandma Betty." She opened her heart to all that came through her door and will be greatly missed.

Betty worked for a short

time as a waitress, but mostly she was a homemaker. She enjoyed working in her flower garden and watching her hummingbirds.

She was very crafty, talented with crocheting, quilting and making jewelry.

She is survived by her daughter, Trudy Miller, of North Bend; her son Tony Kephart of Coos Bay, Ore.; her sisters: Earnestine Kephart of Cottage Grove, and Pauline Beaver of North Carolina; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Owen.

A funeral will be held at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove on Friday, July 6, at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Fir Grove Cemetery in Cottage Grove.

Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel. Please access the guestbook at smithlundmills.com.

WOLF—Norma Lee "Boo" Wolf, 78, of Cottage Grove, passed away June 17, 2018.

She was born April 2, 1940, in Pecos, Texas, to Juan and Katherine (Klippert) Maling.

Norma graduated from high school and held many jobs throughout her life. She and her life partner, Mitchell Reynolds, were together for 26 years.

She is survived by her partner, Mitchell Reynolds, of Cottage Grove; her brother, Mike Graves, and sister,

Carolyn L. Workman 1928-2018

Carolyn L. Workman of Cottage Grove was born Carolyn LaVelle Johns on Sept 7th, 1928 in Eugene, Ore. As most children of the depression era, Carolyn learned swiftly the value of sanctuary in an uncertain time. In her youngest years her father left her struggling mother, Arlene, with little Carolyn and infant sister, Geri still in arms. Baby Geri went to a neighbor who could properly care for her while Carolyn was raised by foster parents, Shorty and Adeline Kyte. Adeline's way was that of strict faith and selflessness all of which rooted seeds of generosity, hospitality and charity later to bloom in Carolyn's life. Her desire to nurture a family of her own, to whom she would vow to accept nothing less than cohesion and harmony, began here and would motivate all of the actions that would define her life.

In 1942, at the age of 14, she moved to Cottage Grove where she was reunited with her mother and worked in her uncle's ice cream shop on 6th and Main called, "Gussie's". Carolyn's classic beauty made her the obvious choice to promote the family's product in newspaper ads and other promotions as the "Dutch Girl" alongside her cousin Nonda Stenshoel of Eugene, Or. She graduated from CGHS and shortly thereafter married Bill Workman on June 23, 1946. Bills family owned and operated "Sunnyside Greenhouse", also in Cottage Grove, where she worked tending to the flowers and bookkeeping.

Carolyn and Bill built their first home on South River Road where they raised three children, Kathy Lusk-Miller of La Grande, Julie Fox of Cottage Grove and Mike Workman of Puyallup, Wa. She kept her house spotless whilst maintaining as bookkeeper and dispatcher for Bills shipping business, "Workman's Sawdust service" and as representative for Cottage Grove's foreign exchange Program not to mention copious bridge club gatherings. In the years when her own children were growing up, she reached out to host students from Chile, Australia, Bolivia, Switzerland, Denmark, Germany and Japan providing not only a warm bed, good food and a look at American life for the students but a broader appreciation of humankind to her own children. The Workman home was well known for being a buzz of activity. Go-cars put-putted in circles about the perimeter of the property, a zip-line carried venturesome playmates from one side of the yard to another, a mega-giant inner-tube served and an adequate substitute for a bouncy house and cardboard sleds precariously wove betwixt large Weyerhaeuser barrels as all were careening down a grassy slope in the back yard. Imagine the gangly arms and legs of neighbor kids hanging out, hollering, and having the time of their lives. There was always something happening and it was usually quite loud. To Carolyn it was pure heaven.

After Bill's tragic death in 1983 she showed remarkable strength and stamina by keeping the family business in tact with son, Mike, until all the promised product orders had been met and all responsibilities satisfied. She was never a quitter and when faced with unfavorable odds would just focus harder until the outcome was within acceptable parameters. Once the challenging detour of wrapping up the sawdust business had resolved, Carolyn took time to travel. She visited many of the families of the exchange students she had hosted in their home countries, made a trip to Africa on a photo safari and chaperoned a group of high school and University of Oregon students to Mexico on a mission. She also served as a teacher for Cottage Grove's Evergreen Child Evangelism program where she adored and ministered to many local children. It wasn't until recent years that Carolyn realized she has a passion and gift for writing poetry and short stories. She wrote an entire book of poems for children, another for adults and an unfinished autobiography that was as much about the lives of her beloved, mostly harmonious and absolutely cohesive family as it was about her own.

Carolyn remained active in the lives of her grand-children and great-grandchildren up until her very last hours which ended peacefully in her home early Saturday morning, the 16th of June of this year. Her unshakable faith and compassion for all people will forever serve influential as her legacy. She is survived by her sister Geri, all three of her children, six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held June 30th at 2:00 P.M. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove. Interment was at Fir Grove Cemetery in Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel. Please sign the online guestbook at smithlundmills.com

Martha Ann Enriquez, both of California; numerous nieces and nephews; and her critters.

No service is planned. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. Seventh St., Cottage Grove, Ore., 97424.

DEFFERDING—Joy Ellen Defferding, 89, of Eugene, Ore., passed away June 13, 2018.

She was born December 24, 1928, in Kaukauna, Wisc., to Fredrick and Emma (Stelzner) Melchert. Joy graduated from Kaukauna High School. She was a homemaker and raised three children, caring for one with special needs, until she was unable too.

Joy enjoyed knitting, crocheting, making sweaters, feeding the deer on her property and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eugene.

Joy married Richard Defferding in 1948 in Kaukauna, Wisc..

She is survived by her son, Chris (and Viki) Defferding, of Tigard, Ore.; daughter Diana Lee Defferding of Eugene, Ore.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Joy was preceded in death by her spouse; daughter Cindy Defferding; and sister Pearl.

A graveside service was held June 15, at West Lawn Memorial Park, in Eugene.

Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. Seventh St. in Cottage Grove.

HOWELL—Kenneth Lynn Howell, 70, of Cottage Grove, Ore., died June 11, 2018.

No service is planned. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

BRADFORD—Norma Louise Bradford, 90, of Creswell, Ore., died May 23, 2018.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, at the Creswell Church of Christ, 380 Kings Row, in

Creswell Ore., 97426.

Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

GANZEL—Barbara Ann Ganzel, 88, of Cottage Grove, Ore., died June 5, 2018.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 23, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Eugene.

Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

HAND—Allen Eugene Hand, 60, of Eugene, Ore., died on June 15, 2018.

Services are pending. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

Minnery-Francis Larie Minnery, 79, of Cottage Grove,

died June 21. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

BROWN—Verna Rea Brown, 88, of Sun City West, Ariz., formerly of Cottage Grove, died June 7, 2018.

No service is planned. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

ROWLETT—Bebe Fay Rowlett, 95, of Creswell, died June 22, 2018.

A funeral will be today, June 27, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Creswell Church of Christ in Creswell. A burial will be at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Eugene.

Arranged by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.



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Erik G. Engen 1954-2018

Erik G. Engen, of Cottage Grove, passed away at age 63 on May 27 at RiverBend Medical Center, with his wife and close friends around him. His health had been gradually declining over the past couple of years.

He was born to Per Engen and Dorothy (Clements) Engen in Loma Linda, California on August 17, 1954. He graduated from California State University at Los Angeles with a business degree and worked in real estate around LA for a while. He also got a degree in electronics from Chaffey College, which went along with his awesome ability to fix almost anything. Later on, he also taught himself the intricacies of trading commodities and spent a year doing that. Most recently, he worked for Eugene 4J School District before retiring in March.

True to his Viking heritage, he loved all kinds of adventures. He was a certified SCUBA diver, and also spent time surfing at Huntington Beach, sailing to Catalina Island, skiing at Mammoth Mountain and Big Bear, and riding motorcycles with his brother, Tor, in the San Gabriel Mountains. He went panning for gold in Mexico with his friend John, and also spent two summers on Amchitka Island, Alaska, working for his uncle, a government contractor, dismantling structures around the site of underground nuclear bomb detonations a few years earlier.

He moved to Oregon in 1989 and met Denise Seitz Brady in 1991 when both were starting jobs at Sacred Heart Hospital. They were partners for 27 years, married for 18 of those, and enjoyed remodeling and other kinds of projects around the property; swimming and biking at nearby Cottage Grove Lake; trips to the coast and Cascades for hiking, camping, and sightseeing; and driving all over western Oregon for concerts, quilt shows, car shows, lavender festivals, and other fun things. One special adventure was buying a 20-foot ocean-going sailboat and hauling it back from Lake Tahoe. Downtime included watching episodes of This Old House and Gold Rush; enjoying the deer, crows, and hummingbirds that gathered around the field; and making a loving home for 10 cats over the years. He started growing his first garden at age 7 and enjoyed having one almost every year since, and when he planted sunflowers for a few years, some of them grew more than 10 feet tall.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Brady Engen; his brothers, Tor Engen and Chris Engen; several nieces and nephews; several cousins and other relatives in Norway; and four beloved cats. He was preceded in death by his parents; his favorite uncle, Ed Clementsen; and also by Shanti, his rescue dog from LA, and six kitties. His friends and co-workers enjoyed his quiet, but sometimes quirky personality, and he will truly be missed.

A celebration of Erik's life will take place Saturday, June 30 at 2 pm at his and Denise's home. For directions, call 541-913-8590. Please wear your favorite beach shirt to honor our surfer boy, and please bring a lawn chair; carpooling is encouraged.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there; I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there; I did not die.
(Mary Elizabeth Frye, 1932)

BIRTH

DONAGHY—Celeste Woody and Alexander Donaghy of Cottage Grove welcomed a baby boy on June 10, 2018, at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center-RiverBend.

SCHINDLER—Sierra and Johann Schindler of Cottage Grove welcomed a baby girl on June 15 at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center-RiverBend.