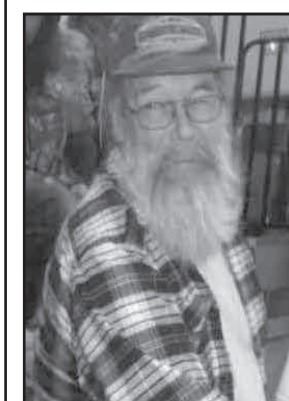


On The Record

Dale D. Ware 1953-2019



Dale D. Ware of Thorn Bay, Alaska passed away June 25, 2019.

Dale graduated from Cottage Grove High School in

1971 and served in the United States Navy.

Dale worked for Southeast Road builders and PAPAC Logging and Construction.

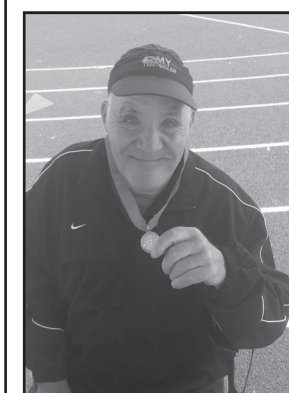
Dale called Thorn Bay, Alaska home for 30 years.

Dale is survived by his daughter; Jannette, Stepdaughter; Brenda, Stepsons; Curt, Craig, Randy and Kenny; his brothers Dick, Jerry, Randy, Donald and several grandchildren.

Dale was preceded in death by his brother Roger.

No service is planned.

John Carl Yates 1949-2019



John Carl Yates, age 69, of Springfield, Oregon, passed away Thursday, June 20, 2019. He was born at Emanuel Hospital on December 12, 1949 in Portland, Oregon to parents Robert and Ilene (Trunnell) Yates. He married Debbie (Dixon) Yates January 20, 1981. They were married 21 years. John graduated from Sheldon High School in 1968 and worked as a custodian and handyman for grocery stores and the DMV in Cottage Grove. He was an avid

Elvis fan and model car collector. He loved attending car shows and show and shines. John also loved shopping for diecast cars at any local thrift stores. He enjoyed family gatherings and traveling with the family. John was a member of the Lane Auto Modelers. He was also a member of the Special Olympics bocce team. If you ever had a question for John, he would respond, "that's fine". John's grandson Hugh is the 6th generation on his family's farm, where John enjoyed working in the hay fields and tending to the animals. He is survived by his stepfather Robert Grimes; daughter Angela Yates; and Brothers Thomas "Tom" Yates, and Robert "Bob" Yates both of Eugene, Oregon and a grandson Hugh. There will be a private family graveside at Fir Grove Cemetery. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Orville "Keith" Stiff 1929-2019



Orville "Keith" Stiff, a longtime resident of Cottage Grove, Oregon who resided in Springfield for the last four years, died on June 24 at the age of 90.

He was born in Boise, Ada County, Idaho to Roland Bertrand and Ellen E. Patton Stiff on 20 February 1929. He lived in the Boise, Idaho area until the family moved to Oregon in 1943. His family had deep roots in Idaho and he was proud of his maternal and paternal grandparents' pioneering spirit. He had fond memories of living on the Stiff Homestead in the Dry Creek area north of Boise and of spending a lot of time south of Marsing at the Patton Homestead. At an early age, his father Bert taught him how to fish and hunt. He helped his father pack in supplies for the Forest Service up to Yellow Pine, Idaho in the summer. Keith loved that area of Idaho and later in life Yellow Pine became his home away from home. He spent almost 20 years as Master of Ceremonies for the Yellow Pine Harmonica Festival and enjoyed jamming with the other musicians while playing his washtub.

Keith was a natural-born storyteller and was the narrator during the last several years for The Blue Goose, an excursion train in Cottage Grove. He entertained thousands of guests with stories about historical sites along the tracks up to Culp Creek and back. He loved to reminisce about this time and after retiring he traveled all over the United States and Canada to ride narrow gauge and other steam excursion trains.

Keith was a lumberman. His first experience in a mill was before he graduated from high school, when he took a job at the Chambers Mill in Lorane

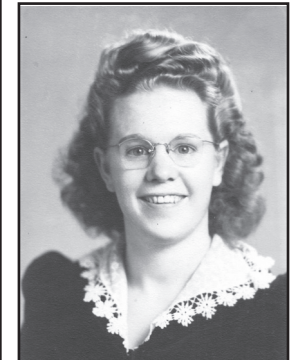
to help support his family. He spent his entire working life in mills with the exception of setting pins in bowling alleys in Boise and Cottage Grove, and as a surveyor helper during the construction of Dorena Dam. Lumbering was natural for Keith and in the 1950s he became part-owner of Cottage Grove Lumber Company. He later worked for Leo Rickard at Rickini Lumber in Saginaw, then for Bohemia, Inc. as Yard Superintendent until he retired.

Keith was an avid sportsman playing football and baseball in high school, even playing a short time with the Drain Black Socks. It was not unusual to see him with two TV's and a radio by his easy-chair, as he kept up with different games simultaneously. He loved to bowl and was on the Master's team in Eugene. He also served on the Eugene Men's Bowling Association as a board member and president. He was an outdoorsman who had a passion for rockhounding as well. Many family vacations were geared around the best rock hunting locations. He passed this hobby on to his children and grandchildren.

On 28 August 1948, he married Evelyn "Joy" Imel in Cottage Grove. They were married for 66 years before her passing on 19 January 2015. Keith met Joy at Lorane High School, where they both graduated in 1948. They raised five children: daughter, Kay (Conley) Phillips of Cottage Grove; daughter, Rhonda (Robert Kerrison) Whetham of Fisher, ACT, Australia; son, Dan (Umi) Stiff of Tempur, Jawa Timar, Indonesia; daughter, Debra (Tom) Monsive of Cottage Grove; and daughter, Toni (Bruce) Bevard of Eugene. Keith is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons. He is also survived by his sister, Nita Bachelor of Springfield.

A graveside service was held at 10:00 am on, Saturday, June 29th, at Fir Grove Cemetery in Cottage Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

Barbara Irene (Bobbie) Michaelson 1924-2019



Barbara Irene (Bobbie) Michaelson of Cottage Grove died on June 22, 2019, of complications from Alzheimer's. She was 95. She was born on February 12, 1924 in Holtville, CA to parents

Irene (Viele) and George Hass. An important person who raised Barbara and was a father figure to her was Peter D. Kuiper. Barbara graduated from high school, and worked for Western Union at Ft. Lewis, WA during WWII. Afterwards she was a stay-at-home mom. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge, bowling and

crocheting. Barbara loved her community. She was generous in providing contributions to the OLPH Catholic Church in Cottage Grove, and the Cottage Grove Hospital. She married Clarence "Mike" E. Michaelson on March 29, 1947 in Tacoma, WA. She is survived by her daughter, Pam Duffy and husband, Dan, of Cottage Grove. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence E. Michaelson, and sons Steven and Kenneth. No service is planned. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.



Janice Jean Neely 1927-2019



Janice Jean Neely went home to be with Jesus and her twin sister Jean Janice on June 16, 2019 at the age of 92.

Jan was born along with her twin sister Jean to Myrtle and Roy Neely on February 12, 1927 in Grants Pass, Oregon. Her forebearers were pioneer settlers in the Grants Pass area. She had many cousins that she and Jean enjoyed playing games with and picking wildflowers.

Jan graduated from Grants Pass High School in 1945 where she played on several sports teams. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1949. She received her Masters Degree from the University of Washington. Her first teaching job was in Roseburg teaching Health and P.E. In 1952 she moved to Cottage Grove where she taught Health and P.E. at Cottage Grove High School. Jan developed the girls' sports program. Her favorite sport was tennis and her team went to state several times. She was named Teacher of the Year by the South Lane Education Association for 1971-72. She eventually went into counseling and retired in 1987. Jan was inducted into the Cottage Grove High School Athletics Hall of Fame on April 10, 2010. Then in April of 2012 the Coach Neely Fitness Trail, a 2/3-mile loop trail was developed and dedicated to honor her.

Jan and Jean were always very close and after retirement they lived together in their house on the hill, traveled to Italy, Africa, Alaska and Hawaii and hiked, camped, looked for rocks and searched for wild-

flowers. They loved birds, animals and all God's creation.

They cared for their mother who continued to live in Grants Pass, taking turns driving back and forth, often over treacherous, icy roads to honor their mother's wish to stay in her own home. She finally acquiesced and moved to their home where she died one day short of her 100th birthday.

Jan was a member at Riverside Community Church of God for all her years in Cottage Grove. After retirement Jan and Jean became a force at the church. Together they developed a beautifully organized Wednesday night program for children called Bible Explorers. The emphasis was on Bible memory work and understanding. Jan was church treasurer for several years, served on the board and maintained an unending interest in the budget. Jan and Jean sang in the choir for many years. Jan worked in the church library and led a Sit and Be Fit exercise class in her eighties.

Jan lost her beloved twin, Jean, in 2009. She moved to Magnolia Gardens in December 2013 and enjoyed her life there very much. She was very active leading exercises often, playing Bingo, Skipbo and going on many of the excursions.

Jan loved sports all the days of her life. She always had a competitive spirit. She played badminton at 4th of July BBQs, racquet in one hand, came in the other and hiked some of the Bohemia Mountain Trail in her 80's. She maintained an avid interest in TV sports, especially tennis and Duck football.

Janice Jean Neely was an amazing woman who will be remembered and missed by many.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Riverside Community Church of God, Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Joey Deon Strebe 1969-2019



Joey Deon Strebe of Cottage Grove, OR died on June 8, 2019 at the age of 50. She was born on March 25, 1969 in Arcata, CA to parents Randy Cooper and Jeri Hunter (McCutcherson). She attended Chemeketa Community College in Sa-

lem, OR. She worked for U.S. Bank for more than 20 years. Joey enjoyed spending time in nature with her family, friends, and pets. She enjoyed plants, animals, and rocks. She loved to have gatherings and campouts at her house. Joey married Jon Strebe on July 7, 2010 in Eugene, OR. She is survived by her parents; husband, Jon; daughters Jennett Hoch, Elissa Ivie, and Ivory Stillman, all of Springfield, OR; brother, Dax Cooper of Jefferson, OR; and 5 grandchildren. A Memorial service will be held Saturday, July 13, at 2:00 pm at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Rose Marie Mootz, 88 1931 - 2019



Rose Marie Mootz passed away peacefully at home. Rose was born to her loving parents Charles and Marie Dvorak in South Gate, California. Rose was the youngest of three children.

Rose graduated from California State University at Los Angeles with a degree in teaching. As her first teaching assignment, Rose taught first grade in Kettleman City, California for mostly children of migrant farm workers.

In 1953, Rose married James Thomas Mootz. Rose and Jim produced nine children in Norwalk, California before moving to Oregon in 1968. They settled their family on a forty acre ranch south of Cottage Grove on the banks of the Coast Fork of the Willamette River where they lived for the next thirty two years before moving to a home in Cottage Grove.

All her life Rose was a nurturing and kind teacher of young children. She taught first grade at Blue Mountain School from 1969 to 1974 and at London School from 1974 to 1991. Rose loved her own children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were continually in her thoughts and prayers. She encouraged them in all their endeavors and loved to be surrounded by her family.

Rose loved gardening. Rose's gardens produced much of the food for her young growing family. She produced many wonderful flower and food gardens throughout her life.

Rose and Jim were devout Catholics and active members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Church in Cottage Grove. For over twenty five years, Rose was active in the Altar Society, Catholic Daughters, the Society of the Sacred Heart, and the Saint Vincent De Paul Society as well as other ministries for the church. She performed many acts of mercy to help those in need. Rose was an active member of Al-Anon for many years where she helped bring hope to those in despair.

Rose is survived by her children Pat (Julie Campbell) Mootz, Yelm, Washington; Melinda Denson, Springfield, Oregon; Chuck (Laurie) Mootz, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Joseph (Shannon) Mootz, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Margie (Rick) Lawler, Portland, Oregon; Matt (Arlene) Mootz, Canyon Country, California; Mark (Stacie) Mootz, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Monica (Kevin) Yoss, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Jim Mootz, Jr, Bentonville, Arkansas. Also surviving are twenty two grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Rose's sister Mildred Stock lives in La Habra, California.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Marie, husband James, her brother Gene, her son in law John, her granddaughter Skyla and grandson Matthew.

The family wishes to thank Hospice of Sacred Heart for their guidance and support. Also, many thanks to all of Rose's caregivers for the wonderful care provided for her in her last months. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Saint Vincent De Paul.

A Rosary will be held at 7pm, Friday, July 5th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Cottage Grove.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30am, Saturday, July 6th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Services will be followed by a reception. A private burial will follow the reception. Arrangements made by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

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