

# On The Record

## Beware of wildfires burning near roads

Drivers should be prepared for fire conditions as they travel this summer. The calendar is flipping to August and wildfires are already burning along I-5 in southern Oregon and along other roads in central, eastern and western Oregon.

"You may find reduced visibility due to smoke and active fires near the highway," said Darrin

Neavoll, ODOT District 7 maintenance manager in Southwest Oregon. "When driving through smoky fire zones, make sure your headlights are on and you're watching for firefighters and equipment, not taking pictures."

Neavoll said one of the best tools is to be in the know by checking tripcheck.com for any road restrictions or closures.

## Wayne Clair Hall 1931-2019

Wayne Clair Hall of Cottage Grove died on July 19, 2019 at the age of 87. He was born in Coburg, OR on August 24, 1931, to parents Howard Henry and Cora (Pitkin) Hall. He was an equipment operator for Pacific Power for 35 years, beginning the job when he was 19. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and wood-working. He was a member of the London Church. He married Ula Bell Small on October 19, 1957 in Eugene, OR. She

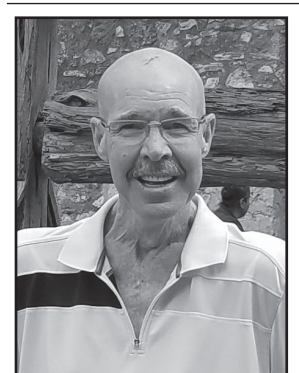
preceded him in death in 2013.

Wayne is survived by son, Mike (Bobbi) Hall; son, Rod (Renee) Hall; daughter, Stacie (Mark) Mootz; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be

held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the London Grange, 72746 London Road,

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

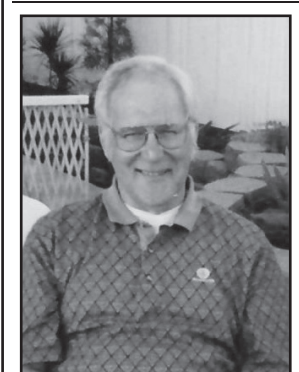
## William Ray "Bill" Wright 1961-2019



William Ray "Bill" Wright of Elkton, OR, passed away July 30, 2019 at the age of 57. He was born in Myrtle Point, OR on September 9, 1961 to parents Herbert and Rosemary (James) Wright. Bill graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1979. He joined the Navy for construction electrician. He married Becky Eichner February 10, 1990 in Cottage Grove, OR. Bill worked for Kerns Construction and Cabinets where he retired after working many years there. Bill was an avid pool player in Eugene, Creswell and Cottage

Grove, and he bowled on a local bowling league. He loved fishing on the Umpqua River and Row River, and enjoyed hunting, camping and gardening with his wife. Bill enjoyed spending time with his family and coaching his daughters t-ball and coach pitch team. Bill is survived by his wife Becky Wright; father Herbert Wright; daughter Ashley Rose Wright of Cottage Grove, OR; daughter Alissondra (John) Jones of Oceanside, CA; sister Cindy (Chris) Jacobs of Independence, OR; brother Jeff (Vivian) Wright of Springfield, OR; and granddaughter Jemma Rose Wright. He is preceded in death by his mother Rosemary Wright. Bill was honored to know that he could be a donor, and the family is thankful that Lions VisionGift could assist them fulfilling his wishes. At his request there will be no services at this time. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

## Stanley Eugene Harris 1940-2019



Stanley Eugene Harris, 79, of Palmdale CA passed away peacefully at his residence after a long battle with Parkinson's. He joins his wife, Carol Lee Harris, who passed away 12 years earlier.

He is survived by his two sons, Guy and Dale, and his grandson William Stanley Harris.

Stanley was born and raised in Cottage Grove, OR, the son of Dale and Dorothy (Wittekind) Harris.

He graduated from Cottage Grove High School Class of 1958 after distinguishing himself in athletics. He then attended Shasta College where he met Carol who would become his wife in 1960. Two years later their son Guy was born. Stanley joined the United States Air Force and the family was stationed in Puerto Rico when their second son Dale

was born.

In the Air Force, Stanley's love of animals served him well working in the veterinary clinic and taking care of military working dogs, dependents and civilian pets and animals. During his tour of duty in Vietnam he cared for working dogs and treating civilian animals like the Vietnamese water buffaloes. During a tour of duty in Italy with his family, Stanley started SCUBA diving in the Mediterranean Sea. He trained to become a SCUBA instructor and would often take his sons on the trips. Stanley also volunteered his time as a Little League Baseball Coach for his son's teams.

Stanley took advantage of the G.I. Bill and earned his Business Administration Degree. He retired from the USAF in 1982 and cross-trained to be a radiology technician. He worked at the hospital in Fortuna, CA where he worked until 2006 before retiring. Learning was a life-long adventure for him. In 2013 he was inducted into the Cottage Grove High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Stanley and Carol's remains will be interred at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside California.

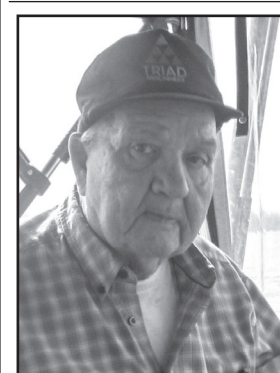
## Lenoa Kathleen Stoneman 1927-2019



Lenoa Kathleen Stoneman, 91 of Elkton, Oregon passed away June 25, 2019. She was born August 7, 1927 in Fresno, California to parents Marcus and Laura Mae(Greer) Quinn. She married James Watson Stoneman March 13, 1955 in Boise, Idaho. Lenoa graduated from Columbia Academy in Battle Ground, Washington in 1945. She then attended Walla Walla College for 4 years. Lenoa worked as a secretary for the President of Idaho Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for 3 years, and then secretary

for John Inglis Frozen Foods, in Modesto, California for 9 years. She enjoyed playing the piano, accordion, and singing. Lenoa also enjoyed growing flowers, oil and oil painting. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventists Church as a music director, Sabbath School Superintendent. Lenoa is survived by son Jon Marcus Stoneman of Elkton, OR; stepdaughter Joyce Yvonne Stoneman of Elkton, OR; stepson James L. Stoneman Salt Lake City, UT; sister Doris Stark of Tacoma, WA; brother Leland Quinn of Walla Walla, WA; brother Floyd Quinn of Denver, CO; 7 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held Sunday, August 25, 2019 at the Yoncalla Seventh Day Adventist Church at 11:00 AM. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

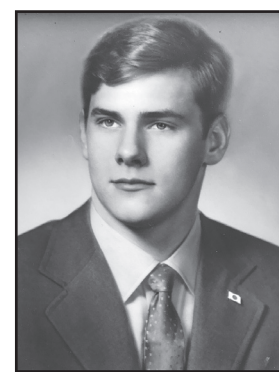
## William L. Potter "Bill" 1933-2019



William L. Potter "Bill" of Cottage Grove died July 30, 2019 at the age of 86. He was born July 18, 1933 in Cottage Grove to parents George Raymond "Ray" and Lillian Cathrin (Krishner) Potter. Bill graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1951. He joined the Army and became a Corporal in the Korean War as a field illumination (search light) crewman. Bill married Mary Ellen Dickinson August 20, 1955 in Reno, NV. They were married for 59 years. He retired in 1997 after working 40 years for Weyerhaeuser. Bill enjoyed fishing, gambling, traveling, and loved visiting with family and friends. He was proud to be from a family of Oregon pioneers that settled in Oakland, OR in 1858. He was a member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) post 3473 of Cottage Grove, OR. Bill is survived by daughter Sandra (Dale) Ireland, Ketchikan, AK; daughter Deborah (Michael) Schueller of Cottage Grove, OR; daughter Marie (Ted) Pi-

atkiewz of Fairfield, CA; brother George Raymond "Ray Jr." Potter of Gardiner, OR; grandson Gregory (Sarah) Ireland of Springfield, OR; granddaughter Jennifer Ireland (Mikey McLavey) of Ketchikan, AK; granddaughter Heidi (Tanner) Walston of Cottage Grove, OR; granddaughter Lacey (Josh) Messenger of Fayetteville, PA; granddaughter Danielle Piatkiewicz of Prague; grandson Trevor Piatkiewicz of Copenhagen, Denmark; great grandchildren Dexter Percial, Aizen McLavey. Lorelei Messenger, Junette Hornilla-Piatkiewicz and Joshua Messenger. A Funeral will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 2, 2019 at Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR. Interment at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Springfield, OR. Reception following the interment will be held at 1:00 PM at the VFW, 3160 Hillside Dr., Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel.

## Erik Woodley Rasmussen December 16, 1952 - July 26, 2019



Erik Woodley Rasmussen, 66 of Stayton died peacefully Friday, July 26th. Erik was born December 16, 1952 in Vernonia, Oregon to parents Hans Ronholdt Rasmussen and Inger Pilegaard Rasmussen. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School and was employed in many capacities usually around heavy equipment. He owned Shoestring Valley Logging for many years and after that was an Owner/Operator of a Long Haul Truck specializing in oversized loads. Erik enjoyed spending time with his friends, hunting, fishing and horses. His family describes him as a "lifelong hard

worker," always willing to stop and help. Always.

Erik is predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his daughter Anna (and Kyle) Tupper; brother Chris (and Alicia) Rasmussen; grandchildren Wesley Tupper and Landen Tupper; nephew Andrew Rasmussen.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday August 10th at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Home 123 S. Seventh St., Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424. A light reception will follow the service. Assisting the family in Salem is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

## Debra Ellen Levings 1952-2019



Debra Ellen Levings, 66 of Roseburg, OR passed away from cancer on July 23, 2019. Debbie was born in Cottage Grove, OR on December 10, 1952, to Barbara Lynn (Godard) and Paul Loran Levings. Living amongst her many animals and flowers, Deb made her home in Lookingglass with Ron Breyne, her domestic partner of forty years. She is survived by Ron, step-daughter Brittany Breyne, grand-daughter Calliope Breyne-Abernethy and her sisters Sue Kruse of Shedd, Lori Eckstine of Cottage Grove, and Patti Eckstine of Creswell. Deb's many nieces and nephews were much-loved and will miss their Aunt Debbie.

Deb graduated from Cottage Grove High in 1971 with honors, and upon graduating from Southern Oregon State College in 1976 with a Bachelor's in history and music, went on a solo journey traveling America's historic sites and back roads. President Ford invited Deb to enjoy the 200 year anniversary of The Declaration of Independences' signing, waving to the "girl from Cottage Grove, Oregon" watching the fireworks celebration sit-

ting on the White House Lawn. She went on to become one of the first female EMTs in Douglas County, and, as an EMT III in the late 70's, helped run the first, and only, dedicated cardiac care ambulance between Seattle and San Francisco. Deb became an RN and Emergency Room Charge Nurse at Cottage Grove Hospital. She later helped fragile children who needed 24/7 care, designing care plans, and training nurses to make in-home care possible. As an Oregon Research Institute employee, she helped design and conducted a community tobacco cessation program for Creswell's Youth that gained national recognition as a model for changing community attitudes toward tobacco use. That experience led her into teaching vulnerable youth attending the Phoenix School in Roseburg. In later years, she pursued another life-long passion, creating Up Starts! Plant Nursery, growing and wholesaling perennial shrubs and flowers. The common thread in all of Deb's life pursuits was nurturing, loving to play a role in seeing life's potential fulfilled.

All are welcome Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 11:00 AM for a graveside gathering at Fir Grove Cemetery, 2148 Cemetery Rd., Cottage Grove. Following the graveside, a reception will be held at Deb's sister Patti's residence, 32724 Camas Swale Road, Creswell. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel.

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