

# On The Record

## Richard Stephen Howard 1934-2020



Richard Stephen Howard passed away March 27, 2020. He was born to Stephen L. Howard and Alice Mildred Rissue in Cottage Grove, Oregon September 11, 1934. He attended school in Cottage Grove through the 11th grade, when he decided going to work was his priority. His kids were so proud when in 1991 at the age of 56 he returned to education and received his GED.

On November 14, 1953 he married the love of his life, Unica Beatres Crawford. They

were married for 66 years. They had 5 children, Sharon Winona, Stephen Dale, Marion Sidney, Ereena Dee, and Raymond Timothy.

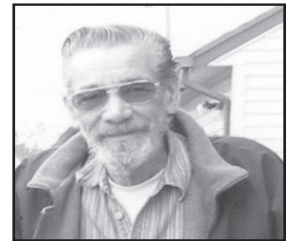
He owned the Cottage Grove Taxi service from 1963 - 65. He worked for Weyerhaeuser Company for 33 years and retired in 1997. After retiring he started working at Magnolia Gardens, where he stayed for 17 years.

He enjoyed bowling and golfing, woodworking and putting a smile on the face of those around him.

He was preceded in death by his brother David L. Howard and his Grandson Anthony Glenn Howard. He is survived by his sister Alice Eleanor Coop, his wife Unica, his children, 14 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was affiliated with the Cottage Grove Congregation of Jehovah's witnesses.

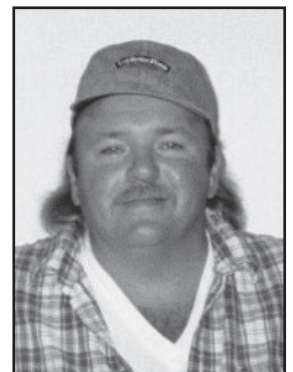
## Ronald "Ron" Lee Ellis 1939-2020



Ronald "Ron" Lee Ellis, 80, of Cottage Grove passed away March 22, 2020. He was born October 27, 1939 in Armathwaite, Tennessee to parents Clarence and Reba (Payne) Ellis. Ron attended Cottage Grove High School and then went into the US Marine Corp Reserves. He married Shirley Stephenson December 30, 1957 in Roseburg, Oregon. Ron was a mechanic working mainly on vehicles in the agricultural field. He tinkered on anything he thought

he could fix. He loved to work on anything with a motor. Ron restored and modified many vehicles in his lifetime. As he became more ill, he would take old clocks and bring them to life, many of which were on his walls at his time of death. Ron was also comforted by his beloved dog Diva. He is survived by his wife Shirley; daughter Debby Roman of Roseville, CA; son Ron Ellis of Pleasant Hill, OR; son Vince Ellis of Cottage Grove, OR; son Russell Ellis of Cottage Grove, OR; sister Wilene Hultberg of Corvallis, OR; sister Jeanie Needham of Pleasant Hill, OR; 11 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. A private family graveside service was held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

## Mark Monsive 1959-2020



Mark Monsive, 60, of Cottage Grove passed away, from unexpected natural causes, on March 22, 2020. Mark was born April 14, 1959 in San Jose, California to Eugene and Jean (Rankin) Monsive.

He was a longtime resident of Cottage Grove and moved to Oregon with his parents in 1969 from California. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1977 and was on the track team.

On September 17, 1987, in Reno, Nevada he married Devone Marie Lockard.

Mark worked for LaValle's

Carbide, Weyerhaeuser and Log House Plants. Mark was an avid greenhouse gardener and enjoyed playing computer games. He had a big heart and was known as the "Gentle Giant" among his friends.

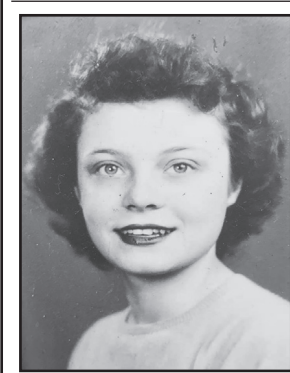
He is survived by his loving wife, Devone Monsive, his father, Eugene Monsive of Cottage Grove, two brothers and their wives, Tom (Debra) Monsive of Cottage Grove and Robert (Colette) Monsive of St. Helens and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves, Tea, his devoted dog. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lorena Jean Monsive and a sister, Pamela Jean Monsive.

Memorial contributions may be made to, The Humane Society of Cottage Grove.

The family plans to hold a Memorial gathering once the current pandemic restrictions are lifted and it is safe for all.

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

## Naomi Mae Toedtemeier McGarry 1933-2020



Naomi Mae Toedtemeier McGarry was born in Halsey, Oregon, on August 30, 1933. She entered peacefully into glory on March 10, 2020, with family at her side. Her parents are Maryann Thompson and Homer Ivan Toedtemeier.

Naomi's siblings are Marjorie Noble and Robert Earl. On July 3, 1950, Naomi was married to Robert Campbell McGarry. Together they raised seven children: Valerie Jean, Edgar Braderick, Robert Homer, Valina Jane, Michael Patrick, Vashti Jewel and Vanessa Pearl. Grandchildren and great grandchildren total 49 and counting! Like a multi-faceted diamond, she has served many other roles as well with a signature flair and diplomacy. She is an active member of the body of Christ and remembered most for her strong faith in God which motivates Naomi to help others in genuine ways. During difficult times, she has said, "Family, faith and caring friends give me courage to keep going; to trust that tomorrow will be better." She graduated from Central Linn High School in Brownsville, Oregon,

and has attended American River College in Sacramento, California, studying Food Management. Naomi was the first woman to serve on the Gervais, Oregon City Council, later becoming the Mayor, Retirement center manager, corporate business owner, teacher aide, foster parent, field laborer in many Willamette Valley harvests including hops, cherries, beans and berries; these are but a few of her endeavors. Mrs. McGarry's hobbies and interests include sewing, quilting, crocheting, stamp collecting, reading, hunting, teaching Sunday school classes, schenchnitte, ceramics, traveling, music, theater and the arts. Always the lady, Naomi has offered to many her wise counsel and guidance in a style that is known for its authenticity, reality and sincerity. Her no-nonsense approach to life is contagious, creating in others an inspiration to be all one can be. She has been ushered in through heaven's door and is in the presence of the LORD. Naomi joins her beloved husband, Robert Campbell, sister, Marjorie, two sons, Edgar Braderick and Michael Patrick, grandson, Marlin Bradley and granddaughter, Naomi Eve.

Naomi Mae Toedtemeier McGarry; "We who remain, salute you." ~ jvc #1

Arrangements entrusted to Musgrove Family Mortuary. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guestbook at musgroves.com

### DEATH NOTICE

**TERRY**—Nina Rene Terry, 78, of Cottage Grove, died March 26, 2020.

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

### ARREST

March 30 — The Cottage Grove Police Department reported an assault having occurred at a residence in Cottage Grove.

Officers responded to a 911 call regarding a physical domestic disturbance. The first responding officer arrived to find the victim's head bleeding.

Upon further investigation, officers determined that Valora Rivera-Waddell, 50, and Jason Peeples, 48, approached the victim's residence and began yelling and making threats to provoke the victim into coming outside. The male victim told them both to leave numerous times when Peeples pushed the victim and a physical fight ensued in the front yard of the residence.

A witness saw the victim being attacked in the yard by both Peeples and Rivera-Waddell. The victim suffered blows to the head. Peeples held the victim down while Rive-

ra-Waddell continued to assault him, according to a police report.

Peeples was cited for Assault 4 and released. Rivera-Waddell was taken into custody at the Lane County Jail and charged with Assault 4, Harassment, Intimidation and Unlawful Sexual Penetration.

The case was referred to the Lane County District Attorney's office for prosecution.

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## Richard V. Vargas 1931-2020



Our father, Richard V. Vargas, age 89 went to be with the Lord on March 23, 2020. He was born on a sugarcane plantation on the Big Island of Hawaii on January 15, 1931, the sixth of eight children born to John and Tomacia Vargas. He graduated from Pittsburgh High School in 1949 and immediately joined the navy. He served as an Electrician's Mate P Second Class aboard the U.S.S. Jason during the Korean conflict, and loved his time traveling Japan. He married Mary Rodrigues on April 10, 1954. The couple were together for almost sixty-six years. For thirty years he worked as a telecommunications installer for AT&T and was proud of

his crew's record for earning high efficiency marks. The job combined physical and mental work, building the phone system when cables, switches, and relays were housed in a physical plant. Many of his colleagues became life-long friends. He divided his life between Hayward, California and Cottage Grove, Oregon.

As a Hawaiian-born Puerto Rican, he was very proud of his heritage. The unique music, food, and customs of Puerto Rico blended beautifully with Hawaiian culture. Richard was a believer in the King James Bible, a proud member of The American Legion, and an avid golfer. He is survived by his wife, Mary Vargas, his four children Jamie Vargas (Diane), David Vargas (Richelle), Marita Vargas, and Laurie Hammond (Scott), thirteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and three sisters, Priscilla Maschek, Libby Luxemburg and Marilyn Sanchez, and a large number of nieces and nephews. Details for a memorial service at Cottage Grove Bible Church will be announced later.

## Lora Lee Jensen 1936 - 2020



Lora Lee Jensen, also known as "Lori", of Cottage Grove, OR passed away peacefully in late afternoon on March 21, 2020 with her family nearby, and with the warmth of spring sunshine and fresh garden air at her opened patio door. She was 83 years old. The staff at Pete Moore Hospice House in Eugene provided care and comfort during her final days. She received visits from her son and daughter-in-law Mark & Mary Storaasli, grand-daughters Hannah and Amanda Storaasli, great-granddaughters Helen and Amelia, and their sweet Labrador named Sage. All seven had just arrived via automobile from Austin, TX. Daughter Jeri Carson of Cottage Grove also got to spend precious final moments with her best friend that she called "mom".

Lora Lee was born April 23, 1936 in Kalispell, Montana to parents Harry and Hazel Hoiland. She joined two older sisters, Shirley and Carol, completing the Hoiland family of five. As the youngest in her family, she enjoyed a privileged and carefree childhood in a small town, attending public schools, and forming important

early friendships that she nourished carefully and maintained throughout her lifetime even after moving miles away in later years. Her capacity for loving others unconditionally, and for cherishing the uniqueness of every individual, was certainly a key trait.

Devoutly Christian, her parents had shared with her their deep faith in God. Her mother was the pianist for the local Assembly of God church so this pretty much guaranteed Lora Lee would attend church and Sunday School on Sunday mornings, Sunday evening church, Wednesday prayer meetings, revival meetings, and church camps. She learned that the most important of all Jesus' teachings was that we should "Love One Another". Indeed, she exemplified that ideal for her entire lifetime. Observant, sharp, and sensitive to those needing compassion or help with life struggles, Lora Lee always sought and found many opportunities to help ease others' pain and suffering wherever she could.

In 1952, Lora Lee Hoiland married her high-school sweetheart, a local boy named Dale Storaasli. Together they had a 1950's family of young "baby-boomers", and they remained mostly in the town of Kalispell, in Montana's Flathead Valley near Glacier National Park. Dale and Lora Lee were blessed with four children that they named Mark, Jeri, Victor, and Harry.

Her first marriage lasted over nineteen years. Then, she found herself facing new challenges as a single mom of teenaged children at Silver Strand Beach in Ventura County, CA. It was a big change. She had loved being a stay-at-home-mom in Montana, but she had to accept the reality of being on her own for the first time in her life. Determination to succeed and a strong work ethic helped her to build a new life where she very capably supported her children. She went back to college, and

she began a long career working for the State of California, initially as a Psychiatric Technician at Camarillo State Hospital. Later, she moved into higher management as a Nursing Coordinator at Agnews State Hospital in northern California where she worked until her retirement.

A second brief marriage in the San Francisco Bay area to Samuel Brannen was happy but ended just a little over a year later when Sam died young, stricken by a heart attack. Her third marriage in 1982 to Phillip Jensen in Fremont, CA was much longer and a joyful endeavor for both. Since Phil had children previously with his first wife during the same years that "Lori" had been having her own children, their children were almost all grown and gone. Over the next 33 years together until Phil's death in 2015, they had adventures abroad, enjoyed museums, attended art and music events, acquired treasures at garage sales, and just generally enjoyed life keeping busy with multiple interests and hobbies at home, particularly after moving to Cottage Grove in 1999.

Lora Lee is survived by her son Mark and his family, her daughter Jeri, and many nieces and nephews in addition to the much-loved and large blended-extended family she acquired during her marriage to Phillip Jensen. Lora Lee was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, her son Victor, her son Harry, and her late-husband Phil.

A memorial gathering has not been planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of flowers, Lora Lee's family suggests that perhaps a donation to NAMI Lane County, or to South Lane Mental Health, or to any worthy charity of one's choice would be appropriate in honor of this wonderful woman. Lora Lee Jensen will be remembered fondly and missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

## Final Arrangements Handled with Care

- Cremation Options
- Memorial & Funeral Planning
- Monuments & Memorials • Cemetery Options
- Family Owned & Operated



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## South Lane Wheels comes to temporary stop

The South Lane Wheels (SLW) board of directors recently announced its decision to suspend all transportation services locally and to the Eugene/Springfield areas.

The decision went into effect this past Monday, March 30.

This will continue until further notice.

"Our directors and staff know this community supports and depends upon our services, so we will be working hard to restore services during the challenges of the coronavirus," said Ruth Linoz, Executive Director. "Because the SLW office will be closed during this time, please send messages to info@southlanetransit.com or call 541-942-0456 ext.3 to receive a response as soon as possible."