

On The Record

Man arrested on murder charges in Cottage Grove

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Police have arrested James Edward Brown, 63, on the charges of Murder in the Second Degree following a death investigation at 96 Palmer Ave. in Cottage Grove.

Just before midnight on April 22, Brown called 911 to report his girlfriend was dead in the living quarters on the second floor of the location.

Cottage Grove Police Department (CGPD) officers arrived on scene and found a female victim deceased.

The name of the victim has not yet been released.

Brown was detained and later transported to the CGPD, where he provided a brief statement and later invoked his right to speak to an attorney.

CGPD immediately treated the case as a homicide as a death investigation was launched.

"Officers found the circumstances suspicious,"



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said CGPD Chief Scott Shepherd. "Any time there is a death that is not readily explained, we treat it as a homicide."

The Oregon Police Forensics Lab and Lane County District Attorney's office provided resources in the investigation and the Eugene Police Department assisted with digital imaging.

Through investigations of the scene, area video surveillance and forensic evidence collected, it was determined that the female

Harriett "Eileen" (Harpole) Burkeen 1927-2021



Harriett "Eileen" (Harpole) Burkeen, 93, passed away April 17, 2021. Eileen was born July 6, 1927 in Elmira, Oregon to Marvon and Rosetta (Marsh) Harpole who both preceded her in death. When only three months old the family, including a brother, Howard, moved to the Cottage Grove area where she lived until her death. She attended local schools and graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1945. She later returned to that school to work as a secretary and bookkeeper where she retired after 25 years, in 1986. She previously worked for several years at a local bank. Eileen was married to Charles (Chuck) Burkeen who passed away in 1991. She was an active member of the Church of

blunt force trauma.

Based on evidence and interviews, Brown was arrested and charged with Murder in the Second Degree.

He was then transported and lodged at the Lane County Adult Corrections Facility on the charges.

Because this is an ongoing investigation and more evidence must be examined, CGPD stated in a press release that additional information may be released in the coming weeks.

Robert "Bob" Wilson

1954-2021



On the evening of April 13, 2021 Robert "Bob" Wilson at his home in Cottage Grove, succumbed to his seven-year battle with cancer, with his loving wife by his side. Bob (Bobby to his close friends) was born October 29, 1954 in Murphy, North Carolina to Lyle and Irene (Hogsed) Wilson. Bob held a special place in his heart for his Aunt Barbara Maney who took care of him until he turned two. At that time, the family plus three older brothers moved across the

country to Culp Creek, OR, settling in Dorena, OR.

After high school he worked in the woods for Bohemia, then Bohemia and Weyerhaeuser mills. C-2 Utility Contractors in Coburg was his last employer. He married Victoria L. Larson in June 1980. He loved to make people laugh, being with family, hunting and deep-sea fishing. He volunteered being a soccer coach for his children, also volunteering for his children and grandchildren's school. Bobby is survived by his wife Victoria, his daughter Amanda Ronan (James), grandchildren Ella and Trevor of Cottage Grove, OR; son Bryce Wilson, Portland, OR; daughter Nicole Bittick (Bo), grandchildren Rex, Max, Dakota, and Travis of Soldotna, AK. A celebration of life is pending because of Covid restrictions. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

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To my loving Granny Betty Ann Hutchinson, I dedicate this letter

by Seth Harris

I want to start by telling you how much I love you, God loves you, the whole family loves you. You have been a blessing to all of us, a blessing from God. I am a true believer in our lord, and I know you are. Sometimes we just have to be reminded of his grace, his love our ultimate destination in Heaven. You have been the best Granny in the whole world to all of us kids, more than we could have asked for. Taking care of us from the time we were all little babies till becoming big babies, feeding us, cleaning up after us, bathing us and being there for us. Stacey, little precious, Gracie and I have all the respect for you, we know nothing is easy in this life, so thank you for everything Granny. Thank you for your love and compassion.

I want this to be a comforting letter for you so what we must remember is that God is number one. He crafted us to know him as lord and friend simultaneously. He died for us, our sins to set us free, to live free in him. The father, the son, the holy spirit is as one. Granny, I believe in all of these facts. I have read the scriptures, bible verses for years now and I have experienced so many good and wonderful things that lead me to places I never imagined. I have discovered the reality of the lord's presence, he exists, he is closer that we ever imagined. Heaven is both present and future all we have to do is have faith, open our hearts and receive the lord's peace and love in full measure. As we walk on this earth with Jesus in our hearts and the Holy Spirit to guide us step by step we are already in touch with the essence of heaven. This all hard, but if we can trust in the lord, have faith, have eyes that can really see, then the door will be opened to us.

Power of prayer is a powerful weapon. Stacey, Gracie and I have been praying for a healing for you and mom and pa and others too. We all have to be strong and hang in there praying for the best remembering that with god anything is possible, by the power of the Holy Spirit invested in me, I believe in miracles and I know others so we just have to open our hearts and mind and let god do his work, doing what is best for us. Little Gracie was the biggest miracle in our lives, with no doubt that she was born, it was gods will.

Scriptures and bible verses from Jesus calling, rest with me awhile, you have journeyed up a steep, rugged path in recent days. The way ahead is shrouded in uncertainty. Look neither behind you nor before you. Instead focus your attention on me, your constant companion. Trust that I will equip you fully for whatever awaits you in your journey. I designed time to be a protection for you. You couldn't bear to see all life at once. Though I am unlimited by time, it is in the present moment that I await you. Refresh yourself in my company, breathing in deep thoughts of my presence. The highest level of trust is to enjoy me moment by moment. I am with you, watching over you wherever you go. Psalm 143:8

Relax in my healing, holy presence. Be still while I transform your heart and mind. Let go of cares and worries so that you can receive my peace. Cease striving and know that I am God. It is through knowing me intimately that you become like me. This requires spending time alone with me. Let go, relax, be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10 John 3:2

I, the creator of the universe, am with you and for you. What more could you need? When you feel some lack, it is because you are not connecting with me at a deep level. I offer abundant life; your part is to trust me, refusing to worry about anything. It is not so much adverse events that make you anxious as it is your thoughts about those events. Your mind engages in efforts to take control of a situation to bring about the result you desire. Your thoughts close in on the problem like ravenous wolves. Determined to make things go your way, you forget that I am in charge of your life. The only remedy is to switch your focus from the problem to my presence. Stop all your striving and watch to see what I will do. I am the Lord! Romans 8:31-32; Micah 7:7

I am the way, the truth, and the life. In me you have everything you need, both for this life and for the life yet to come. Don't let the impact of the world shatter your thinking or draw you away from focusing on me. The ultimate challenge is to keep fixing your eyes on me, no matter what is going on around you. When I am central in your thinking, you are able to view circumstances from my perspective. Peter 5:6 John 14:6

Granny, Stacey, Gracie and I love you very much, and no matter what happens we will always be together. Everyone loves you; you are a very wonderful person. Trust in the Lord and don't be afraid for he is our strength and shield.

Love Stacey, Gracie and Seth

