

OBITUARIES

Delpha Jane O'Harra Daniel

Sept. 22, 1950 – Dec. 29, 2014
Delpha Jane O'Harra Daniel, 64, of Falls City died Dec. 29 in Falls City.

She was born to Marion Edward and Muriel Isabell Schumacher O'Harra.

Delpha graduated from high school in Santa Clara, Calif. She was briefly married to John Daniel in Santa Cruz, Calif.

She had worked as a model, window designer and grocery cashier-checker.

She retired after working 35 years with Blue Lake Producers (later Agripac and Chiquita Processed Foods) as a lead supervisor.

Delpha's love for animals was exceptional; she volunteered at the Salem Cat Coalition and walked dogs daily in Falls City. She also volunteered at the Dallas Food Bank. One of her great joys was paper crafting, which she enjoyed with her sister and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her four brothers.

Survivors include her companion of more than 35 years, Les Weigel of Falls City; sister, Dalene Cobine of Independence; and extended family.

An open house and potluck will be held to celebrate her life on Feb. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Independence. For directions, contact Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, which handled arrangements, at 503-623-2325.

Contributions are suggested to the Salem Cat Coalition or any other animal-related foundation.

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Cherri Ann Smith

Nov. 17, 1941 – Jan. 4, 2015
Cherri Ann Smith, 73, of Independence died Jan. 4.

She was born in Pendleton to Paul and Jean Smith.

Celebration of her life is Wednesday (today) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at her home, 510 S. 12th St., Independence. Graveside service was Monday at Smith Cemetery in Monmouth.

Farnstrom Mortuary, Independence, handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: www.FarnstromMortuary.com.



Kelly M. Wheeler

Jan. 5, 2014
Kelly M. Wheeler, 57, of Independence died Jan. 5 in Independence.

Kelly was born in Boise, Idaho, to Ira Dee Wheeler and Virginia Arlene Wheeler (Peckham).

He lived most of his life in Idaho and Oregon. He loved to go fishing and camping. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife and best friend, Cathy; siblings, Ira, Don, Candace, Rodney and Emma; children, Erica, Cat, John, Matthew, Amanda and Aaron; and 10 grandchildren.

Celebration of life was Saturday at Independence Masonic Lodge.

Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

To send an online condolence: www.FarnstromMortuary.com.

Jackwelyn L. Nastari

Sept. 6, 1931 – Jan. 7, 2014
Jackwelyn L. Nastari, 83, of Dallas died Jan. 7 in Dallas.

She was born in Norfolk, Neb., to Jack and Dixie Atkins Yenter.

Her family moved from Nebraska to California, where she met her future husband after his violin concert. On June 3,

1951, in Stockton, Calif., she married A. John Nastari. Jackie was the quintessential pastor's wife and mother. She kept the household running while John was pastoring and involved in the community. Her family was the most important thing to her.

Jackie and John moved from Redmond to Dallas eight years ago.

She did beautiful stained glass work and was a member of Dallas United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by three sisters.

Survivors include her husband, John of Dallas; sons, Michael of West Linn, Mark of Clackamas and Paul of Dallas; daughter, Lynn of Eagle Crest; sister, Luella Kipp of Ontario, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial service was Saturday at Dallas United Methodist Church. Private interment will be at Redmond Memorial Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to the donor's local

church or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Robert Leroy Rogers

Dec. 16, 1941 – Dec. 10, 2014
Robert Leroy Rogers, 72, of Dallas died Dec. 10.

Private family service was held.

Farnstrom Mortuary, Independence, handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: www.FarnstromMortuary.com.

William 'Buck' Martin Sharp Sr.

Oct. 17, 1935 – Jan. 6, 2015
William "Buck" Martin Sharp Sr., 79, of Dallas died Jan. 6 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born in McMinnville to Hazel and Tommy Tharp.

Bill spent his younger days in the North Bend area working in the family mill. There, he met Shirlee Prosa; they had three children together and later divorced. Bill moved to the Dallas area with his three children. He met and married Jolene Hansen, who had two small children that he raised as his own. Bill and Jolene had three children together. After many years of marriage, they divorced.

Bill was a logger for many years in the area. In his later years he was a janitor at LaCreole Middle School in Dallas and retired from there.

"Buck," as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, was a quiet, kind and gentle country boy at heart. He loved the outdoors, hunting, leatherwork and animals — especially horses and mules. He loved rodeo and participated in team-roping events. He was a talented self-taught master leatherman and made beautiful saddles, bridles, purses and belts. He was an extremely hardworking family man who never sat idle, as there was always something to do or fix. He was a kind and talented father, friend and a true cowboy at heart.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dianne, and son, Bill Jr.

Survivors include his children, Cindy Beck, Nickie (Doug) Inman, Randy (Sherie) Ball, Brad Tharp, Kelley (Dan) Detzel and Craig Tharp; sister, Mary Phillips; brother, Steve Tharp; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside service is Friday

at 1 p.m. at McMinnville Masonic Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Cornelia 'Corkie' Colen

Nov. 3, 1932 – Jan. 3, 2015
Cornelia "Corkie" Colen, 82, of Bend, former longtime Monmouth and Independence resident, died Jan. 3 in Bend of complications from Alzheimer's.

She was born in Marshfield and graduated from the University of Oregon with a teaching degree.

She spent many years raising her children before returning to Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) to obtain her master's degree to work as a media specialist for the Salem-Keizer School District.

Corkie had lived in the Monmouth and Independence area for more than 50 years before moving to Bend. She had been a member of the Central School District Board, Polk County Mental Health and many other civic organizations. She had been an active member of St. Hilda's Episcopal Church and Philanthropic Educational Organization.

Survivors include her children, Eric Oppliger of Bend; Leslie Byrne of San Leandro, Calif.; and David Oppliger of Monrovia, Calif.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial service is April 11 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem.

Contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Hilda's Church or Friends of the Monmouth Library.

Margo Read

Nov. 29, 1953 – Nov. 21, 2014
Margo Read, 60, of Dallas died Nov. 21 in Dallas from the early onset of Alzheimer's disease.

She was born and raised in Salem.

Margo attended Willamette University in Salem as a music major. Playing the flute for her children was an enriching lifelong offering. Around this time, Margo began her 25-year career as a hospital phlebotomist, working at Salem Hospital, but mostly at Valley Community in Dallas.

In 1975, Margo met Bob on a Maui, Hawaii, beach; they were together from that day until her death. Her two children, Ian and Kelly, were born in their home on their acreage in the Oregon forest just outside of Dallas.

Margo had many pursuits, including sewing, gardening, cooking and being in the great outdoors. She was a prolific reader and lover of music, but it was Margo's character that most bears witnessing. Margo was a wonderful mother, great friend, loving sister and dedicated partner to Bob. She lived a genuine life imbued with grace and humility.

She had been chosen as the honoree for Nelson's Alzheimer's Walk for Memories in Nelson, British Columbia, Canada, on Jan. 25. The family asks that you walk with them wherever you are on that day to raise awareness of the disease that touches so many.

A gathering to celebrate Margo's life is Feb. 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Redhawk Vineyard and Winery in West Salem.

Ruth Turner Berger

April 6, 1925 – Jan. 7, 2015
Ruth Turner Berger, 89, of Salem, died Jan. 7 at Capital Manor.

She was born in Port of Spain, British West Indies, to Donald D. and Faith Hollingsworth Turner.

Ruth met William Robert Berger in Santa Cruz, Calif., and they were married on July 15, 1945, in El Monte, Calif. They returned to Kentucky to live and were home missionaries for several years under the Southern Baptist Convention in Louisville, Ky.

Ruth received a master's degree and had worked toward a doctorate degree in psychology. She taught in public schools for 18 years. She felt very strongly about quality education and began working with home-schooled students, which she did for many years. Ruth retired in 1983.

She was a member of Salt Creek Baptist Church and Evangelical Bible Church, both in Dallas, as well as Wycliffe Bible Translators Association and Gideon Auxiliary. She was a Kentucky Colonel of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. She enjoyed family, friends, church, Sunday school, and especially rose gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, on Aug. 11, 2011.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol (Jonathan) Gilbert of Beaverton; sons, David (Athena) Berger of Lebanon, Don (Georgiann) Berger of Salem, and the Rev. Daniel Berger (Glenda) of Redding, Calif.; brother, Glen (Jeannie) Turner of Waxhaw, N.C.; sisters, Joy Tuggy of Batesburg S.C., and Lucille (Dick) Cole of DeKalb, Ill.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial service is Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Capital Manor Chapel. Private family interment will be at Salt Creek Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to Hand in Hand Farm in Lebanon or to the Wycliffe Bible Translators in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, which handled arrangements.

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Patricia Mae Tilgner

June 20, 1931 – Jan. 4, 2015
Patricia Mae Tilgner, 83, of Dallas died Jan. 4.

She was born to Donald and Bessie Rickard in Watertown, S.D., and moved to Oregon at age 11.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Contributions are suggested to Willamette Valley Hospice.

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Joanne Carol (Ross) Melius

Feb. 9, 1947 – Jan. 7, 2015
Joanne Carol (Ross) Melius, 67, died in Portland on Jan. 7.

She was born in Dallas to Eugene A. Ross and Elizabeth J. (Kathriner) Ross.

Survivors include her husband, Roger L. Melius; son, Anthony S. Melius (Delie Payne); daughter, Barbara A. (Melius) Pennington (Randy); sisters, Bonnie Overholser and Alice McAllister; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Celebration of her life is Friday at 1 p.m. at Rickreall Grange in Rickreall.

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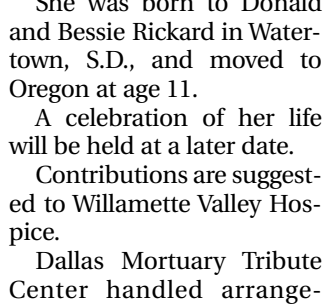
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