

OBITUARIES

James D. Anthony

May 28, 1957 – Aug. 3, 2015
James D. Anthony, 58, of Monmouth died of cancer Aug. 3.

He worked as a project scheduler at Bonneville Power Administration.



James was involved in the lives of his family and friends, providing wisdom and care when needed. He was also a strong and stubborn man who loved his family and friends dearly.

Survivors include his wife, son and daughter-in-law, stepdaughter, grandson, mother, three brothers, and large extended family.

Wayne Kester

March 12, 1959 – July 28, 2015
Celebration of life for Wayne Kester, 56, of Dallas is Wednesday (today) at noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 320 SE Fir Villa Road in Dallas.

Contributions are suggested to James2 Community Kitchen in care of Bollman Funeral Home in Dallas, which handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Virginia Vesper

Feb. 19, 1924 – Aug. 3, 2015
Virginia Vesper, 91, of Dallas died Aug. 3 in Dallas.

She was born in Toledo, Ohio, to George and Beatrice (Cook) Schooley.



Virginia married Warren Vesper on May 4, 1940, in Yuma, Ariz. Warren and Virginia were recently featured in the *Itemizer-Observer* for celebrating 75 years of marriage. They lived in Burbank, Calif., and later moved to Lake Tahoe, Nev., where they resided for 27 years. They moved to Palm Springs, Calif., and lived there for 12 years before settling in Dallas in 2013.

She was an excellent seamstress. She made dresses and clothing for her family. She also did needlepoint and shared her work with her family and grandchildren. Virginia was a wonderful hostess and cook. She enjoyed playing bingo, bridge, canasta and pinocle.

Virginia and Warren had many fun camping trips with family and friends. She

watched golf, tennis and baseball with Warren. Virginia loved caring for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Always loving, faithful and kind, Warren and Virginia have been a perfect example of married love for all who have known them.

Survivors include by her husband, Warren Vesper; daughters, Karen (Paul) Box and Linda (George) Potsic; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Service was Monday at the Dallas Retirement Village Chapel. Interment was at Bethel Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to Willamette Valley Hospice in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Elden Ray McKinney

Dec. 6, 1937 – Aug. 4, 2015
Elden Ray McKinney, 77, of Monmouth, and longtime Silverton resident, died of cancer Aug. 4 in Monmouth.

He was born in Silverton to Azel Glenn McKinney and Sylvia Anna (Dick) McKinney.

Elden attended school in Silverton, later serving in the Navy from 1959 to 1963. Upon his return to Silverton, he had various jobs until finding his career as a finish carpenter.

In 1980, Elden married Virginia "Ginger" Neuling, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include his sisters, Glenva Ann Smith of Monmouth and Elma Fay Pack of Salem; children, Susan Preston of Idanha, Carrie Thomas of Oregon City, Frank Preston of Salem, Brenda (Scott) Schulte of Hillsboro, Jim (Laurie) Preston of Idanha and Rogue River; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a large extended family.

Service is Saturday at 11 a.m. at Farnstrom Mortuary, 410 Monmouth St., Independence.

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

Stefan Michael Ernst

Dec. 11, 1978 – Aug. 7, 2015
Stefan Michael Ernst, 36, of Dallas died Friday in Dallas.

He was born in Salem to Michael Ernst and Jody Anderson.

He grew up in Hillsboro where he attended high school and lived for many

years.

Stefan was a person that never met someone he didn't like and ended up being friends with. He always enjoyed spending time with friends and family. Stefan was a prankster and loved to get his family with his antics and have a good laugh.

He was someone that loved the night life and looked forward to going to the next party and hanging out with his friends.

Stefan never really liked to be alone and so he surrounded himself with people he liked, doing the things that he liked. Stefan was a person that didn't judge.

Survivors include his mother, Jody Anderson; father, Michael Ernst; son, Trenton Ernst; brother, Robert Plourd; grandparents Marvinna and Ed Pohrman; and a large extended family. Private family service was held.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To leave an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Joyce Eileen Frank

Oct. 24, 1935 – July 30, 2015
Joyce Eileen Frank, 79, of Dallas died July 30 in Dallas.

She was born in Wiley, Colo. She grew up on a farm and enjoyed horseback riding in her youth and also trained horses.



As a young adult, Joyce's other interests included music, dancing, singing in a church choir and spending time with friends. She married young and had four children.

A loving mother, Joyce spent years at home raising her kids.

When circumstances required it, she went back to work at Hewlett Packard and retired in the 1990s.

She was a wonderful cook and created many needlework projects over the years.

Joyce and her husband moved to Oregon in 1995. There she enjoyed square dancing, gardening, and participating in an RV club. She also liked bird watching and feeding them in her yard.

She was an avid reader all her life. Joyce was active in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colo., and in Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Frank, and her son,

Alan Wood.

Survivors include her children, Jessica Hopkins of Salem, David Wood of Tacoma, Wash., and Paul Wood of Loveland; and nine grandchildren.

Contributions are suggested to a charity of your choice.

Josie Elizabeth Francis

Feb. 13, 1929 – Aug. 7, 2015
Josie "Jo" Elizabeth Francis, 86, of Salem died Friday in Salem after suffering a heart attack.

She was born in Aztec, N.M., to Andrew and Margaret Tyler.

Growing up, she and her older sister Molly were inseparable as kids and remained close all of their lives. Molly preceded her in death in December 2014. When they were younger, Molly played the guitar and they sang together. They cut a record and laughed at the notion that they were asked to go on tour.

Jo grew up in the Dallas area where she met Donald Ray Francis. They were married on Jan. 9, 1947, in Vancouver, Wash.

He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 2002.

Before she married, she and her sister worked at the Salem State Hospital.

They were both very young and they talked about how scary that job was. For most of her life she raised her family and enjoyed cooking great meals and keeping her home immaculate.

When her children were older she worked as a maid in a motel, a waitress, and, ultimately, as a dietician for the Veteran's Hospital in Roseburg.

One of her proudest achievements was that she studied for and earned her GED.

After retiring from the Veteran's Hospital she moved to Salem to be closer to her family.

She and her husband spent the next 10 years traveling to Arizona and across the United States before her husband's stroke prevented them from traveling.

For the next four years she devoted her life to taking care of her husband.

After his death she spent her free time working in her yard, crocheting hundreds of doilies and afghans, watching old westerns on TV, traveling with her daughter and son-in-law and treasuring times with her daughter's family.

Everyone who knew her said she was an elegant lady.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Dale LeRoy; and sisters, Pearl Mae Tyler Bowser and Molly Nora Tyler Goforth.

Survivors include her sons, Donald Joe Francis of Bow, Wash., Michael Ray Francis of Brownsville; daughter, Linda "Lyn" Francis Jobe (Bill) of Monmouth; brother, Andy (Peggy) Tyler; five grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; and extended family.

Memorial service is Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 200 Monmouth Independence Highway in Monmouth.

Contributions are suggested to Faith Lutheran Church in her memory.

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

Leslie Kay Pedigo Wilson

Nov. 9, 1953 – July 20, 2015
Leslie Kay Pedigo Wilson, 61, died July 20 in Mesa, Ariz., from complications of myotonic muscular dystrophy.

She was born to Alan L. and Betty L. Pedigo in Salem.

She graduated from Central High School in Independence in 1971. She lived in Seattle for eight years and worked for Travelers Insurance Co. She returned to Salem and finished her working career with Oregon Cascade Plumbing.

She enjoyed reading, family gatherings and playing board games with family. She was also quite a movie buff. She was baptized at the First Christian Church in Monmouth.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alan L. Pedigo and brother, Steven A. Pedigo.

Survivors include her sons, Christopher Svehaug and Kevin Wilson; mother, Betty (Ron) Kline; stepmother, Patty (Jack) McElravy; sisters, Shirley (Rick) Davis, Lori (Rob) Coffman, Melinda (Mike) DeRochier; and extended family.

No service will be held. She was cremated in Mesa, and her ashes will be placed at Fir Crest Cemetery in Monmouth.

Contributions are suggested to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 4800 SW Macadam No. 205, Portland, OR 97239.

Farnstrom Mortuary in Independence handled arrangements.

Eileen Holmes

Dec. 17, 1927 – July 29, 2015
Eileen Holmes, 87, of Liberty Lake, Wash., and former longtime Dallas resident, died July 29 in Liberty Lake.

Memorial service is Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. at Guardian Angel Homes, 23102 E. Mission, Liberty Lake.

Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society at www.runforana.com or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

To send an online tribute: www.hennesseyfuneralhomes.com.

Garland Bennie Roy 'Ben' Goforth

Sept. 5, 1935 – Aug. 6, 2015
Garland Bennie Roy "Ben" Goforth, 79, of Willamina died Aug. 6 in Willamina.

He was born at home in Howe, Texas, to Opal Mae Brannon and Sadler Garland Goforth.

Ben left home at the age of 14 and worked odd jobs

until he joined the Army at the age of 17. He served in Germany during the Korean War. He played for the Army football team, was an expert marksman and received the Good Conduct Medal. He was chosen to drive his commanding officer because of his sharp dress and keen attention to detail.

When he left the Army, he fell in love with cooking and began a career that would last his lifetime. Ben had a God-given gift and whatever he did was done with excellence.

He married his wife, Terry Slack on Nov. 12, 1974, and they raised three children together.

He and Terry operated the Fireside Café in Sheridan from 1978-1981. On April 30, 1981, they opened the Fort Hill Restaurant, which they still own and operate today.

In 1992, he opened the Arbor Inn Restaurant in McMinnville and operated it for eight years. He had a generous spirit and gave to the community in various ways. He loved sports and especially liked feeding the Willamina Bulldog football team before their games. He operated a concession stand at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds for many years and was very active with the 4-H horse program.

In December of 1977, he committed his life to Jesus Christ.

He was a recovering alcoholic and loved sharing his story of redemption. He was a member of the Sheridan Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Patrick Fortner.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Terry of Willamina; daughters, Julie Marston of Oceanside, Calif., Pamela Fortner of Lincoln City, Sarah (Josh) Jones of Salem, Oretha (Jaron) Dunn of Willamina; son, John (Shelly) Goforth of McMinnville; brother, Gene Goforth of Louisville, Ky.; and five grandchildren.

Service was Monday at the Sheridan Baptist Church.

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

Leta Velma Watson

Dec. 30, 1916 – Aug. 9, 2015
Leta Velma Watson, 98, of Dallas died Sunday in Dallas.

Viewing is Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

Graveside service is Saturday at 1 p.m. at Salt Creek Cemetery.

To send an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Fred Carlton Griffith

May 24, 1925 – March 13, 2015
Memorial gathering for Fred Carlton Griffith, 89, of Dallas is Sunday at 1 p.m. at Oak Grove Grange, 2760 Oak Grove Road, Rickreall.

Sudoku solution

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9	8	7	1	4	2	3	6	5
3	6	1	8	5	7	4	9	2
4	5	2	9	3	6	8	1	7

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