

# OBITUARIES

## Calvin Richard McFarland

March 30, 1944 – Jan. 19, 2016  
Calvin Richard McFarland, also known as "Rick" or "Cal," 71, of Salem, died of cancer Jan. 19.

He was born in McMinnville to Arlie and Juanita McFarland.

Calvin graduated from Dallas High School.

He worked as a logger until finding his career as a truck driver for River Bend Sand and Gravel of Salem for 35 years. His hobbies were hunting and fishing.

Calvin was married to his first wife Marilyn for 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn, and second wife, Karen; and sister, Gerry Lynn.

Survivors include his sons, Weldon, Mark, and Todd McFarland; siblings, Lonnie McFarland, Larry McFarland, Mary Lou Smart, Marjorie Kirkland, and Chuck McFarland; three grandchildren; five grandchildren and great-grand-



children; and extended family.

Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem.

## James 'Jim' Irving McFie

June 30, 1927 – Jan. 1, 2016  
James "Jim" Irving McFie, 88, of Salem died Jan. 1 in Salem.

He was born in Florence, Colo., to Stanley and Mae McFie.

Jim married Laura Lou Baker and in 2015 they celebrated 69 years of marriage.

During World War II he served in the Merchant Marines and then attended Abilene Christian College.

Later he ministered to Churches of Christ in Arkansas, California, Washington, and Oregon.

He received his teaching degree from Southern Oregon College while residing in Riddle.

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He later moved to Virginia, where an accident caused him to lose the use of one knee. He returned to Salem and lived in his home in North Salem until he was placed in a care home in May 2015.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Lou; daughters, Jimmie Lou Coons, Kathleen Sue Well, Melisa McFie de Lua, and LoAnne Martin; sons, Samuel Andrew McFie and Tomas McFie; 26 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Restlawn Memory Gardens in Salem.

Condolences may be shared by visiting Melisa McFie de Lua on Facebook.

## William 'Bill' Simpson

Aug. 29, 1938 – Jan. 17, 2016  
William "Bill" Simpson, 77, of Salem died Jan. 17.

He was born in Rapids City, S.D., to Chester and Kathrin (Fischer) Simpson.

He lived in South Dakota until age 10.

He moved to Burien, Wash., where he attended high school and then entered the U.S. Navy. He served his country from 1956

to 1960. After the military, he married his wife, Sandra Lambert, in 1961.

Bill worked for Albertsons until 1974, when he moved to Rickreall and began working for the city of Albany.

In 1976, Bill went to work at Caterpillar in Dallas, where he worked for more than 18 years until he retired in 1995. He then worked for Rip Construction for 10 years.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He also enjoyed playing pinocle and spending time with and watching his

grandchildren play sports.

Survivors include his children, Scott (Donna) Simpson, and Brian Simpson; brother, Donald (Jan) Simpson; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

Howard G. Hanson

July 23, 1937 – Jan. 19, 2016  
Howard Gordon Hanson, 78, of Independence died Jan. 19 in Independence

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Howard will be remembered for the friendship he shared, his impish smile, his stories and his presence at the nursery.

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# VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

These Polk County groups would welcome individuals who have time or expertise to volunteer. Organizations that would like to be added to this list should call 503-623-2373 or email [10news@polkio.com](mailto:10news@polkio.com).

- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide – 503-930-7636
- After DARC – 503-623-9501
- Arc of Polk County – 503-949-5552
- Central School District – 503-838-0030
- City of Dallas – 503-831-3502
- City of Independence – 503-838-1212
- City of Monmouth – 503-751-0145
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 503-623-9268
- Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce – 503-623-2564
- Dallas Fire Department – 503-831-3532
- Dallas Food Bank – 503-623-3578
- Dallas Kids, Inc. – 503-623-6419
- Dallas Police Department – 503-831-3582
- Dallas Public Library – 503-623-2633
- Dallas Retirement Village – 503-623-5581
- Dallas School District – 503-623-5594
- Delbert Hunter Arboretum – 503-623-7359
- Girl Scouts of Southwest Washington and Oregon – 503-581-2451
- Ella Curran Food Bank – 503-838-1276
- Falls City Arts Center – 503-559-6291
- Falls City School District – 503-787-3531
- H-2-O – 503-831-4736
- HandsOn Mid-Willamette Valley – 503-363-1651
- Heron Pointe Assisted Living – 503-838-6850
- Independence Health and Rehabilitation – 503-838-0001
- Independence Public Library – 503-838-1811
- Kings Valley Charter School – 541-929-2134
- Luckiamute Watershed Council – 503-837-0237
- Luckiamute Valley Charter School – 503-623-4837
- Meals on Wheels – 503-838-2084
- Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce – 503-838-4268
- Monmouth-Independence YMCA – 503-838-4042
- Monmouth Public Library – 503-838-1932
- Northwest Human Services – 503-588-5828
- Oregon Child Development Coalition – 503-838-2745
- OSU Extension Service - Polk County – 503-623-8395
- Perrydale School District – 503-623-2040
- Polk County Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) – 503-623-9268, ext. 1301
- Polk Community Development Corporation – 503-831-3173
- Polk County Community Emergency Response Team – 503-623-9396
- Polk County Museum – 503-623-6251
- Polk County Public Health – 503-623-8175
- Polk County Resource Center – 503-623-8429
- Polk Soil and Water Conservation District – 503-623-9680
- Reading for All – 503-623-9664
- SABLE House – 503-623-6703
- Salvation Army – 503-798-4783
- SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) – 503-391-8423
- West Valley Hospital – 503-623-8301
- Willamette Valley Hospice – 503-588-3600

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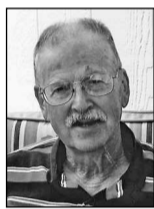
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For more information: Nancy Adams, 503-623-2373.

## GERALD "GERRY" WAYNE BERNHEISEL

Nov. 29, 1935 – Jan. 3, 2016



Gerald "Gerry" Wayne Bernheisel, 80, of Dallas, Oregon died January 3, 2016 in Dallas as a result of pancreatic cancer.

He was born in Medford, Oregon to Elizabeth and Nye Bernheisel.

Gerald graduated from Coquille High School in 1954.

He married the love of his life, Charlene Vee Fellows in 1957 and they had three children.

Gerald worked in the produce department for Safeway at the age of 16 in Coquille and then in Coos Bay and then worked for United Grocers/Cash & Carry, working up to Manager of the store in Coos Bay. He retired from there after 30 years.

Gerald served in the Naval Reserves for several years and enjoyed this very much. He also was a longtime member of the Elks and was an avid NRA member.

Gerald loved his family very much and was a great role model. He was a very special man to his family and friends and will be missed very much. He loved going to second hand stores looking for treasures, fishing, hunting and to the beach, looking at the stars and taking pictures of the clouds and all types of airplanes.

Survivors include his sister Janet Cagley, half-brother Milton Bernheisel, his children Bruce Bernheisel, Kimberly O'Harrow and Lisa Weidman, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Burn's Riverside Chapel in Florence, Oregon handled arrangements for his burial and a celebration of life will be held in early summer in Florence, Oregon.

## KATHRYN LOUISE MITCHELL

Jan. 6, 1923 – Jan. 8, 2016



Kathryn Louise Mitchell, known to friends and family as Jackie, was born in Spencer, Indiana to Anna Elizabeth and Wayne W. Mitchell. She grew up on her grandparents' farm near Bloomington, surrounded by uncles, aunts and cousins. At 8 her job was to get up early and build the fire in the cook stove. Soon her Grandmother taught her how to cook

and serve the boarders at the house. This began her lifetime of cooking with love for family and friends.

A local boy, the 'floor manager at the roller rink, caught her eye and when he joined the Navy she wrote letters to him regularly. In 1945, while home on leave Clyde L. Adams married Jackie at the courthouse. She would spend her life spoiling this man she had chosen. His short leave left her to stay with his sister who taught her about canning, which she did her entire life. When he returned they both worked at RCA until their son, Clyde Jr. was born. They left Indiana for California when her Doctor recommended it for her health.

California brought them a wealth of new friends but they returned to Indiana when her grandfather's health was failing. While there, their daughter Donna Kay was born. After the loss of her grandfather they moved their family back to California. When Clyde found a good job they moved into a cabin in the country in Dulzura where they met lifetime friends and became enmeshed in their community. Jackie was the first one to take meals to the sick and help whoever needed it without thinking twice. The family then moved into the town of Chula Vista where she won the hearts of everyone who tasted her cooking. It was her home where all the teenagers hung out since there was always laughter, cookies and sometimes dinner too. She would regularly pack up the family to go camping in the Borrego Desert near Ocotillo Wells where the whole family rode sand-buggies and motorcycles. Her campsite was known to be the place for a good meal and lots of fun. One Thanksgiving she prepared a turkey dinner for 28 people crammed into their 24' camp trailer. That day was well remembered by everyone there.

With her kids at school Jackie took a job at a drapery store where she learned it all and became proficient in the business. Later she worked for a veterinary office who wanted the women to wear dresses. She got this policy changed after having to straddle a huge dog to subdue him for the doctor.

In 1981 Clyde retired and they decided to leave their large home in California and buy a home with a couple of acres outside of Monmouth. It wasn't long before she knew half the town and was always asked to bring her Famous Hand-cut Fried Chicken, Cowboy Baked Beans, pies or cookies to the parties. An invite to Jackie's for a "Country Dinner" was a treat never to be ignored. Her grandchildren were frequent guests in summer and she doted on each of the 6 with their every wish for meals and desserts. She would have liked to enjoy the opportunity to do the same with her 6 great-grandchildren.

Jackie was a most generous, giving soul, full of good humor, an attentive mother, a hard worker, a devoted wife and a very loving person. She never met a stranger. Losing her husband (just short of their 70th anniversary) was a major loss for her. She continued to struggle with it until her own death. She will be missed terribly by a great number of people, but we will all have wonderful memories of her silliness and her laughter, and always aiming to please. There will be a gathering for friends to celebrate her life and her husband's at the Monmouth Senior Center on January 30, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.

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