

OBITUARIES

Robert L. Comella

June 1, 1928 – Jan. 24, 2016
Robert "Bob" Comella, 87, of Dallas died Jan. 24 in Dallas.

He was born in Portland and attended high school at Benson Technical School.

During his youth, he spent a good amount of time at the Oaks Park Roller Rink, where he competed in dance skating. He won a West Coast dance skating competition and later went on to compete nationally in Detroit.

He was married and had his first child before being called into active service during the Korean War. Bob was a radio operator on flying status with the Air Force.

Bob built almost every home he lived in, including a horse arena and stables in Sherwood known as the WelComella Ranch.

Bob retired three times. After working 31 years for RTE, an electrical transformer company, he then worked for General Electric rebuilding generators on hydroelectric power plants (dams). After retiring from GE, he and his wife, Lois, moved to a resort community on Puget Sound planning to spend their golden years enjoying themselves. That did not last long, as his need to be busy soon took him to the field he loved, building homes. He got his contractor's license for the state of Washington and became Edgewater Homes Inc. This was one of the joys of his life, as he spent the next 14

years building beautiful custom homes.

In 2006, they moved back to Oregon to be able to spend more time with their children and grandchildren. After finding the perfect spot in Ceres Gleann Dallas, he continued to fulfill his calling by helping the community doing odd jobs, landscaping needs and teaching line dancing. He also enjoyed bowling, leather tooling, having dinner with friends and, lately, jigsaw puzzles.

He regularly attended Grace Community Church in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; brother, Ray; children, Lavelle, Debra, Mark and Renee Michelle, Paul and Renee Christine; 22 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Service was held at Restlawn Funeral Home in Salem.

Contributions are suggested to Willamette Valley Hospice.

Berna Dene Howry

Nov. 30, 1921 – Jan. 24, 2016
Berna Dene Howry, 94, of Dallas died Jan. 24 in Dallas.

She was born in Englewood, Kan., to Frank and Vera Walker.

After high school, she attended business college in Dodge City, Kan., and worked in the Ashland Selective Service Office. Other work through the years included grocery clerking and insurance record keeping. Her last career was with the Forest Service at the Detroit (Oregon) Ranger Station.

In 1944, she moved to Oregon, living and working in Portland. She married John A. (Bud) Howry in 1946. He preceded her in death in 1999. Berna moved to Dallas in 2000.

Throughout her life, Berna enjoyed music, playing, and teaching piano. She also sang in choirs and attended concerts whenever she could. She spent many hours sewing and quilting,

making quilts for each of her grandchildren. Berna also enjoyed playing golf into her 70s. At Dallas Retirement Village, she was involved in many activities, including singing, Wii bowling, dominoes, and bridge. Berna was also active in PEO Sisterhood and in her church, including Presbyterian Women.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Darrell, Ordell, Lyle, and George Walker; and sister, Gail Tucker.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan (John) Buckingham of Dallas; son, John W. "Bill" (Vicki) Howry of Pacific City; sister, Phyllis Blankenship of Virginia; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial service is Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Dallas First Presbyterian Church. Private family inurnment will be in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Contributions are suggested to the Willamette Valley Hospice or PEO Sisterhood.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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

Clyde Bruce Pruett

Sept. 20, 1930 – Jan. 25, 2016
Clyde Bruce Pruett, 85, of Dallas died Jan. 25 in Dallas.

He was born in Bakersfield, Calif., to Burton and Clarice Miller Pruett.

At the age of 9, Bruce moved with his family to Marion. He worked in the fields picking crops as he grew up in Oregon, and attended schools in Marion and Aumsville. Bruce enlisted in the Army at the age of 16, giving a false year of birth so that he could enter. He transferred to the Air Force when it was established and retired after 20 years with the rank of chief master sergeant. For a time, he worked

for Boeing in Seattle and then bought a Western Auto Store in Issaquah, Wash. He moved to Oxnard, Calif., where he purchased an Interstate Battery franchise.

Bruce married Aloma Rae Barnes Malone on Dec. 29, 1990, and they recently celebrated 25 years together. In February of 1991, Bruce retired and they moved to Scio to live on a farm. In 2012, they moved to Dallas to be close to family. He enjoyed gardening.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Aloma of Dallas; children, Bruce Pruett of Monroe, Wash., Gerary Pruett of Shelton, Wash., Laura Goldsborough of Issaquah, Matt Pruett of Capali Crossing, Wash., Tawnza Church of Dallas, J.R. Malone of Paso Robles, Calif., Mike Malone of Leitchfield, Ky., and Shellee Murphy of Salem; sisters, Barbara Baker of Salem and Joyce Jones of Albany; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a large extended family.

Graveside service was Thursday at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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

Lt. Col. David Malcolm Fry (ret)

April 11, 1922 – Jan. 27, 2016
David M. Fry, 93, of Buena Vista, died Jan. 27.

He was born in Taft, Calif., to Malcolm and Sara Fry.

David served his country through war time. During World War II, he was a fighter pilot in the European Theater and was a prisoner of war in Germany. During the Vietnam War he flew reconnaissance missions over Vietnam, out of Thailand. He retired from the Air Force in November 1976, after 34 years of serv-

ice and moved to Buena Vista.

David was a Mason, serving as Worshipful Master of Lyon Lodge in Independence three times. He was a member of many veteran organizations. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, but he loved working on his farm.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Richard, who was killed in the invasion of Guam in 1944.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Bennie Fry; daughter, Penny Fry Mendheim (Dudley) of Jacksonville, Fla.; sons, Dr. David M. Fry Jr. (Linda) of Montgomery, Ala., and Rich Fry (Stephanie) of Salem; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland with full military honors.

Celebration of life is March 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, 4090 Commercial St. SE, in Salem.

Farnstrom Mortuary handled arrangements.

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

Kathryn Louise Adams

Jan. 6, 1923 – Jan. 8, 2016
Kathryn Louise Mitchell

Adams, 93, of Monmouth died Jan. 8.

A gathering for family and friends was held at the Monmouth Senior Center on Saturday.

Her full obituary, Kathryn Louise Mitchell, appeared in the Jan. 27 issue of the *Itemizer-ObsERVER*.

Arianna Mattson

March 4, 2003 – Jan. 29, 2016
Arianna Mattson, 12, of Dallas died Friday.

Celebration of her life is Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Sundial Mobile Home Park Community Center, 2300 Lancaster Drive SE, in Salem.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

Obituary Information

Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the Monday before publication to be included in the newspaper.

Most funeral homes handle obituary information. However, information can also be submitted directly by family members.

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AMELIA ROSE DELANEY

May 2, 1929 – Jan. 28, 2016



AMELIA ROSE DELANEY, 86, a resident of Dallas died Thursday, January 28, 2016. She was born on May 2, 1929 in Newberg, Oregon, the daughter of Harry Pierce and Mathilda Gemachlich. She was the eighth of ten children and the last surviving sibling. She grew up in Silverton, OR and graduated from Silverton High School in 1949. In 1959 Frank, Amelia and the girls moved to Valszet, OR and in 1972 they moved to Dallas. Amelia was one of the first women to go to work at the Valszet Plywood Mill where she worked from 1966-1984 a total of 18 years. She was proud of her hard work, being able to work alongside of men, and being able to produce as much or more patched veneer in a day. She was probably the longest working woman at the Valszet Mill.

Amelia and Frank moved to Dallas in 1972 and continued to work at the Valszet Boise Cascade Plywood Mill until 1984 when the mill was closed. They made the hour drive from Dallas to Valszet every day until Frank retired. After that she would ride along with co-workers to make it to work. After the mill shut down, she took secretarial classes at Chemeketa Community College and went on to work at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem in the Superintendent's office and later at the Polk County Community Development Department. Amelia stayed in Dallas the rest of her life, living the last three years at the Dallas Retirement Village.

She enjoyed reading, going out to dinner, the casino and spending time with her family. For many years she loved going on our annual Mother's Day trip to the Flying M Ranch with her children and grandchildren. A sweet and caring person to her family and friends, her caregivers at the Village knew her to be spunky even though she was living with a lot of pain from rheumatoid arthritis and Parkinson's disease.

She is survived by her daughter Michele Delaney Kliever and husband Robert of Dallas, Son-in-law Bill Elliott of Dallas, grandson Jason Elliott of Pacific City, granddaughters Amanda Elliott of Beaverton and Jessica Kliever of Pacific City. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Frank Delaney in 1986, oldest daughter Colleen Delaney Elliott in 1999 and grandson Alex Kliever in 2009.

Viewing will be from 10:00am to 8:00pm Tuesday, February 2nd and Wednesday, February 3rd from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Graveside services will begin at 2:00pm Wednesday, February 3rd in the Dallas Cemetery. A reception will follow at Murphy's Grill. To leave a message or memory for the family please go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

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