

OBITUARIES

Walter Gibson

Oct. 16, 1926 – April 5, 2016
Walter Gibson, 89, of Keizer, died April 5 in Woodburn. Walt was born in Oakland, Calif., to Lawrence and Ethel (Doolittle) Gibson. Walt went to school in Richmond, Calif. In 1943, Walt enlisted in the Navy, where he spent three years and nine months.

In January of 1949, Walt enlisted in the Air Force. He spent time in Japan and Korea as a radar operator and radar navigator.

Walt retired from the Air Force at Camp Adair in 1968 as a chief warrant officer four.

Walt married Billie Louise Humphrey in 1946. Together they had five children. They divorced in 1983. Walt married Linda Haskins in 1984.

Walt lived many years in Polk County. He worked as a general contractor and also for the Polk County Housing Authority.

Walt loved to play golf. At McNary golf course, Walt made eight holes in one.

Survivors include his wife

of 32 years, Linda; brother, Tom Gibson, of Ohio; sons, Ted (Patty), John (Kris), Jerry (Gwen); daughter, Bette McKibben (David); stepson, David Kaehler; stepdaughters, Kathy Davies (Bob), Joni Smith (Ricky); 15 grandkids; 19 great-grandkids; and two great-great-grandkids.

Daughter Sharon Carver and his sister Bette Owens died before he did.

Interment will be Tuesday at Willamette National Cemetery.

Celebration of life will be held May 21 at McNary Golf Course at 2 p.m. Contributions may be made to Serenity Hospice, 285 Liberty St. NE Salem, OR 97301. Flowers for the memorial service may be sent to McNary Golf Course on May 21.

Keizer Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Robert Lee 'Bob' Boswell

June 14, 1931 – April 11, 2016
Robert Lee "Bob" Boswell, 84, of Dallas, died April 11.

He was born to Harry and Elsie Wayburn Boswell in Maywood, Calif. The family moved to Compton, Calif.

Robert graduated from Burbank High School in 1948.

He had grown a great love for Ham radios and received a Ham ticket, W6NKI. Robert joined the Navy in 1948, and was stationed in San Diego at the Naval Hospital in an E.N.T. Unit as a hospital corp man.

In 1949, Robert married Nancy Ann Good. Robert left the Navy but was only out for a year before they called him back in 1953.

He served at Camp Pendleton at the Naval Hospital and at the MARS Station.

Robert left the Navy and began working with the Federal Aviation Administration in Los Angeles.

Robert and Nancy divorced.

In 1961, Robert married Lee Otis Hacker.

In 1968, they moved their family from California to Seattle, where Robert worked for the Seattle Center Federal Aviation Administration. Robert's call sign was changed to W7LOU. He was a member of the King County Reserve Deputies.

In 1976, they moved to Dallas, where they built their house.

He was a bee keeper and began working for the Oregon State Department of Agriculture in 1978 as a bee and crop inspector, inspecting corn, walnuts and other

crops. Robert was part of the Polk County Reserve Deputies in 1978 until 1982.

Robert worked as an air traffic control instructor in Oklahoma City at the Federal Aviation Administration Academy and at the air route traffic control center in Los Angeles.

He also worked at radio station KSLM in Salem, and at channel 22 KECH.

He retired in 1995.

Robert helped found the R.O.A.D.S. group, Radio Operators Association of Dallas, and was the president for a period of time. Robert and Lee divorced in 2007, after which Robert married Irene Joy Abbott.

Robert is survived by his wife, Irene; daughters, Marjory, Connie, Lori, Tamara and stepdaughter Kimberly; sons, Gary, David, Zachary, and stepson Timothy; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, with interment to follow at the Dallas Cemetery.

There will be a gathering to follow at The Majestic. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

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

Ronald James Voth

Aug. 11, 1936 – April 29, 2016
Ronald James Voth, 79, of Salem, died April 29.

He was born in Dallas to Albert C. Voth and Minnie Dyck Voth.

Ron was stricken with polio at the age of 13 and had to be in an iron lung for quite a long while. It affected his speech and his lungs.

Ron graduated from the Salem Academy High School in Salem, and went on to get his undergraduate degree from the University of Oregon in 1958.

After working for the Oregon State Public Welfare Department in Salem for a short while, he went on to get his master's degree in social work from Tulane University in New Orleans.

In 1964, he went to work as a case worker for family services in Philadelphia. He was later appointed as district director of the Northeast Office of Family Service.

Upon his return to Oregon, he worked at the Fairview Training Center until his retirement.

He is survived by his brothers, Bill, of Dallas and Paul, of Tasmania. Brother Richard died in 1998.

At his request, no service will be held. Private inurnment will be in the Salt Creek Cemetery. To leave an online tribute: www.dallastrIBUTE.com. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

Jacklynn Teena Lewetag

Oct. 25, 1992 – May 4, 2016
Jacklynn Teena Lewetag, 23, of Dallas, died May 4.

She graduated from Perrydale High School.

Survived by parents, Kenneth and Teena Lewetag, of Dallas; and brother, Zachary Lewetag, of Salem. Restlawn Funeral Home and Memory Gardens handled arrangements.

Patrick Cleavland McGee

July 20, 1933 – April 30, 2016
Patrick Cleavland McGee, 82, died on April 30.

Pat was born to Wallace and Mildred (Fitzgerald) McGee in Long Beach, Calif. Pat graduated from Whittier High School in 1951. He attended Mt. San Antonio College and Western State College of Law.

He married Mitzi Jenkins in the summer of 1961. He owned a several businesses in Whittier, Calif., over the years including nursery, landscaping and street sweeping. He later worked as a maintenance mechanic until declining health in 1981.

He moved to Astoria in 1983 to manage the John Day Mini-Mart.

Due to illness, he was forced to retire in 1997, and moved to Polk County to be with family.

Pat could always be found with a crossword puzzle nearby and a good joke or story for anyone that would lend an ear.

He enjoyed reading Garfield and other funnies, teaching his woodworking skills, showing off his Budweiser mug collection and a good pastrami sandwich.

He is survived by his daughters, Ginger Perez (Raymond), Corrine Bauserman (Michael), Christine McGee, and Michelle Carmona (David); son, Ronald Gaynor (Laura); siblings Wallace "Mike" McGee and Joleen Harshman (Jim); 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Brother David McGee died in July 2015.

Services will be private. Crown Memorial, in Salem, handled arrangements.

Dorothy Elizabeth Kent

Dec. 12, 1924 – May 3, 2016
Dorothy Elizabeth Kent, 91, of Dallas, formerly of Salem, died May 3, in Dallas.

She was born in Hood River to Oregon Ross and Martha Francis (June) Cooper.

She graduated from Hood River High School in 1942. She worked in the office of a fruit company there.

She was proud of having been named "Miss Apple Blossom" and made the cover of National Geographic.

Dorothy married Calvin (Bud) Vern Kent on Feb. 14, 1952, in Salem. She was a stay-at-home mother.

They enjoyed camping together.

She was a talented homemaker who excelled at gar-

dening and sewing, cooking and baking; and designed the floor plan and interior finishes for their two custom homes in Salem.

She became an artist later in life. She was active in whichever local church they attended; most recently as a library volunteer at Dallas Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Dorothy worked briefly for the Boy Scouts of America in Salem. Bud and Dorothy lived in Salem for most of their lives. In retirement, they moved to Dallas where daughter Diane and her family lived.

Bud and Dorothy enjoyed traveling, camping and fishing, and traveled through the American Southwest and into Mexico; to Canada and all through the Pacific Northwest.

Her husband, Calvin, and stepson Jimmy Hildman died before she did.

Survived by daughters, Lori Ritchie, Diane (Don) Andrews, and Janet (Jay) Jackson; stepdaughter JoAnn Haynes, of Nashville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Donald, of The Dalles; and extended family.

Burial was in Salem at Restlawn Memorial Gardens.

Celebration of life will be on May 28 at 2 p.m. at Dallas Alliance Church, 775 E. Elendale Ave. Donations may be made to the Dallas Alliance Church. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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

Beverly A. (Brooks) Tricker

March 20, 1955 – May 6, 2016
Beverly Ann Tricker, 61, of Independence, died Friday.

She was born in Salem to Richard and Pauline

(Ramona) Brooks. She excelled at art and singing before graduating from Central High School in 1973.

After graduation, Bev met her future husband and constant companion while waitressing at The Blue Garden. She and Mark Tricker were married on Jan. 17, 1974, in Independence. They lived in Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Prineville, Bend, Dallas, and Reno before returning to Monmouth and Independence in 2006.

Bev improved the wellbeing of others, whether as a candy stripper, pharmacy technician, or in housekeeping at Renown Hospital in Reno and Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis.

Bev took every opportunity to celebrate occasions (particularly Halloween) with laughter, treats, and fun, but she was equally at home enjoying a new television show, contemporary music, or classic movie re-runs into the wee hours.

Survived by husband Mark Tricker, of Independence; daughter, Melanie (Ryan) Harper, of Seattle; one grandson; brother, Randy (Lynnette) Brooks, of Prineville; sister, Cindy (Rodney) Weston, of Dallas; sister, Ramona Best, of Jefferson; and extended family.

Private viewing was held in Independence and a private memorial gathering is pending.

To leave an online tribute: FarnstromMortuary.com.

David E. Hamm

Dec. 10, 1920 – April 9, 2016
David E. Hamm, 95, of Dallas, died April 9 in Dallas.

He was born in Chicago to Henry D. Hamm and Susan Fast Hamm.

David graduated from Dallas High School and went on to graduate from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (now BIOLA University).

He married Evelyn D. Russell in Corvallis on June 27, 1943. Together they were missionaries for 26 years in Chile.

He was the founder and pastor for three years of the Keizer Community Church. David retired as a pastor with the Evangelical Free Church.

He was a member of the Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas. He enjoyed woodworking and cooking, especially waffles.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn on Feb. 2, 2013.

Survivors include his son, Leroy Hamm, of Carmichael, Calif.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was held. Private interment was at Dallas Cemetery.

Contributions are suggested to the Gospel Mission of South America in care of the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, which handled arrangements.

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

Valerie Jean Carraher

July 20, 1949 – April 23, 2016
Valerie Jean Carraher, 66, of Dallas, died on April 23 in Dallas.

She was born to George Colling Morgan and Mary Jane Harris in Lewiston, Utah.

She worked as a veterinarian assistant.

She was married to Ronald E. Carraher on July 21, 1992, in Reno, Nevada.

Survivors include sisters, Patricia Jo Smith, of Dallas, and Janie Marie Koch, of Florida; brothers, Billy Augback and Randy Price, both of Washington, and Jack Morgan, of McMinnville; and extended family.

Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Crown Memorial in Salem handled arrangements.

Contributions may be made to GoFundMe; Friends of Felines or Willamette Valley Hospice.

Carson 'Kit' Newton Culbertson

Sept. 11, 1931 – May 1, 2016
Carson "Kit" Newton Culbertson, 84, of Corvallis, formerly of Buena Vista, died on May 1 in Corvallis.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on May 21 at New Hope Center, 6225 SW Philomath Blvd., Corvallis.

McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis handled arrangements.

Obituary Information

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

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