

OBITUARIES

Henry Warkentin

Feb. 26, 1927 – March 2, 2017
Henry (Hank) Warkentin was born in Montana on Feb. 26, 1927, to parents Jacob and Justina Warkentin.



Because of the difficulties of the times, the Warkentin family moved to western Oregon in 1937.

Hank attended Dallas High School and, during those years, he got acquainted with Lenora Ediger, both at school and at church.

This is where their courtship began, and their continuing romance lasted for over 65 years.

They were married on May 9, 1947, in Dallas, Oregon.

They raised a family of five children: Timothy and wife Paulette Warkentin, of Christmas Valley; Randall and wife Patti Warkentin, of Salem; Rebekah and husband Gerald Schmucker, of Tangent; Teresa and husband Stan Rolfness, of Prineville; and Peggy and husband Mel Neufeld, of Lebanon.

They have 14 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren — with more on the way!

Preceding Hank in death is his wife, Lenora; his sister, Rosella Peters; his brother, Jake Warkentin; and great-grandchild, Landon James Warkentin.

Hank's joy was to make friends and share the Good News of the Gospel wherever he was.

He spent the last three years at Quail Run Mennonite Village in Albany, Oregon where he made many special friends and got reacquainted with old ones.

Hank passed away in Albany, and went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on March 2, 2017, at the age of 90.

He will be greatly missed and remembered by his family and friends as a loving and godly man.

Robert A. Johnson

April 15, 1929 – March 8, 2017
Robert A. Johnson passed away March 8, 2017, in Dallas.



Bob was born April 15, 1929, in Superior, Wis., to Arthur and Agnes Johnson.

Bob graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in forestry.

He met his wife, Lu, in Duluth, Minnesota and married her Dec. 29, 1951. They moved to Oregon in 1952 and settled in Dallas in 1960.

Bob was the logging manager at Boise Cascade for most of his career. Forestry was his occupation; trees were his passion. Bob and Lu owned their own Christmas tree farm for many years on the outskirts of Dallas, where family and friends joined in planting and harvesting.

He enjoyed singing with the Norwegian Thorsman singers for more than 20 years. He enjoyed singing for many years with the Trinity Lutheran Church choir.

He is survived by his wife, Lu; son, Dan (Judy) Johnson; and daughter, Terri (Richard) Robinson; along with five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Tedd Johnson, of La Crosse, Wis.; and sister, Judy Jackson, of Newark, Del.

Services will be held Thursday, March 16, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dallas. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

To share an online condolence, go to: www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Kevin Allen Staggs

May 3, 1968 – Feb. 14, 2017
Kevin Allen Staggs, 48, of Longview, Wash., died on Feb. 14 at his home.



His adoptive parents were Bill and Betty Staggs. His biological

mother was Patricia Staggs.

He was a cook and a conservative Baptist.

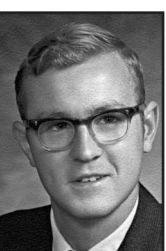
Kevin married Georgia on June 8, 2005, in Salem.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia; children: Tyler, Anastasia, Kevin Jr., Melissa; brothers: Michael and Billie Staggs Jr.; sisters: Bobbi, Melody, April and Summer; and many friends and family; plus stepchildren.

A celebration of life was at Salt Creek Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on March 11. Pastor David Curtis presided.

Michael Lloyd Lalack

Dec. 7, 1951 – March 9, 2017
Michael Lloyd Lalack passed away on March 9 in Salem. He was born in Dallas, the son of William Charles Lalack Sr. and Betty Mae Jones Lalack on Dec. 7, 1951 — the



10th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

The family lived in Dallas, then for several years at a farm on Gooseneck Road in Sheridan before returning to Dallas. Mike attended Morrison Grade School in Dallas, Willamina Grade School, LaCreole Junior High, and Dallas High School.

Mike married Karen Lynn Pegg in Dallas on Feb. 6, 1970.

Their daughter Jennifer Ann Lalack was born May 10, 1970, in Dallas.

Karen passed away on Jan. 21, 2011. Mike later married Elaine Mark on Dec. 16, 2015, in Salem.

Mike was a logger, and sometimes worked alongside his father. He was a log truck driver at the time of his retirement.

Mike participated in many logging shows. He enjoyed the woods, fishing, hunting and motorcycles. Mike also collected tools for the kitchen and enjoyed cooking.

Survivors include Mike's wife, Elaine Mark; mother, Betty Lalack, of Dallas; daughter Jennifer (Larry) Foster, of Dallas; granddaughters Kristina Foster, of Otis, and Kayla Foster, of Dallas; and siblings William Lalack Jr. (Cheryl), of Newport, Patti Lalack, of Portland, and Cindy (Michael) Hayes, of Salem.

A memorial gathering for

Mike will be held on March 19, which was his father's birthday, at the Dallas Senior Center, 955 SE Jefferson St., from 2 to 4 p.m. Casual attire only, as Mike would have preferred.

Those who wish may honor Mike with a contribution to the Michael Lalack Memorial Fund in care of Bollman Funeral Home, who is caring for the family. To leave an online condolence for the family go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com.

Robert 'Bob' Guy Miller

Nov. 12, 1926 – March 4, 2017
Robert "Bob" Guy Miller was 90 years young when he passed away on March 4, 2017.



Born in Sioux City, Iowa, to Martha Mae Harrison Wynn Miller Hixson and Guy Miller, on Nov. 12, 1926, he spent his young childhood years in South Dakota.



He dearly loved the Black Hills and recalled watching as the Mt.

Rushmore monument was being carved.

Bob had six siblings and was the youngest. He has only one surviving sister, Delores Wynn Thompson, of The Dalles.

When he was a teenager, Bob and his family moved to Vancouver, Wash., where he attended Vancouver High School.

At the age of 17, he entered the Navy. While in the Navy he completed his high school education and received his GED.

He spent four years of active duty during World War II, and another four years of active duty in the Korean occupation.

He loved the destroyers he served on in WWII, but was not as fond of the cargo ship he was assigned to in the Korean occupation.

Bob started college at Vanport College in Portland, then after his stint in Korea, he returned to college at Pa-

cific University in Forest Grove, where he graduated with a teaching/coaching degree in 1954.

Between his naval career and a return to college, Bob met and married his wife of 65 years, Evelyn Bonita "Bonnie" Updike Miller on Sept. 20, 1951.

They have two children. Marilyn Miller-Colistro, of Portland, and David Warren Miller, of Depoe Bay.

Bob began his teaching career in Cove, then relocated his family to Glide, where he taught and coached for eight years.

After Glide he taught and coached at Central High School in Independence. His final 23 years of teaching were at Whiteaker Middle School in Keizer, until he retired in 1989.

Retirement years were packed with lots of activities, mostly traveling in the motor home, camping with many friends, Good Sam friends and lots of family outings.

Bob loved hunting and fishing, reading, and listening to good music.

He always was a history buff, and enjoyed taking many classes and listening to lectures.

Bob dearly loved his children; wife; grandsons, Peter Colistro (Ashley) and Joe Colistro, both of Portland; and granddaughter, Natalie Ayre, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

He will be missed and is loved by all.

Memorial contributions are suggested to be made to Polk County Fire District No. 1, Independence, or Willamette Valley Hospice, Salem.

Private interment will be in Willamette National Cemetery with military honors.

Final arrangements are being made by Farnstrom Mortuary. Please share your memories and condolences at FarnstromMortuary.com.

Audrie Catherine Turner

Oct. 28, 1924 – March 4, 2017
Audrie Catherine Turner died peacefully in her sleep on March 4, 2017. She was 92 years old.



Audrie was born in Shamrock, Okla., on Oct. 28, 1924, to Andrew Lee Brittain and Jessie Halsted Brittain.

She married Claude Allen Turner on Feb. 14, 1940, in Oilton, Okla.

They lived in Oklahoma, Kansas, and California, before moving to Oregon in 1950.

Audrie had a gift of making the people around her feel loved and cared for. She was a loving and generous mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

She was very creative, and would share generously whatever she had.

She was a founding member of Egg Artists of Oregon, and taught her craft to many

others.

She created two decorated eggs for the White House that now reside in the Smithsonian.

Audrie was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, grandson, brother and two sisters.

She is survived by her children, Anna Gallaher (Edward), Kathryn Goe, David Turner (Becky), Clifford Turner (Kandace Brewer); 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her family of choice, Carol Bispham Hashagin (Keith), Julie, Trevor, Matthew, Preston and Phil Krussow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Willamette Valley Hospice.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at St. Hilda's Episcopal Church, 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, OR 97361.

Charles Ralph Richter

Aug. 18, 1949 – March 6, 2017
Charles Ralph Richter, 67, of Dallas, died March 6 at his home.

He is survived by his brother Paul Richter, of Dallas.

Private interment will be in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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

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Most funeral homes handle obituary information and provide it to the newspaper. However, information can also be submitted directly from family members.

Color and black-and-white photos can be submitted, but photos will only be published in black and white. The *Itemizer-Observer* uses a flag logo in the obituaries of people who served in the armed forces.

Obituaries — like all information submitted to the news department — are subject to editing for style, content and length.

Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-Observer*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or emailed to ionews@polkio.com.

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