

# OBITUARIES

## Raymond Kenneth Watkins

March 20, 1940 – Nov. 28, 2017  
Raymond Kenneth Watkins lived his life on his own independent terms through to his passing on Nov. 28, 2017.



He was born in Arkansas, but spent most of his years in Oregon.

Raymond was one of five children to Cecil and Lela Watkins, who are all deceased now.

He is survived by his children, Dennis Ray (57), Ivan Cecil (52), Dean Martin (46), and Angel Rayle Watkins (24).

Raymond moved to Killeen, Texas, in his retired years to be near his oldest son Dennis. Raymond had a few jobs before and after his primary occupation, which was a musician.

Raymond performed as Ray Concho with his bands for nearly three decades playing bass guitar and singing all over Oregon and the Midwest earning him a comfortable living.

For five years from 1976 to 1982, Raymond's oldest son Dennis played drums for him.

Raymond had recorded one album back in the '70s. He has a copywritten Christian song that he wrote in September of 2014, "Yes Jesus Reigns."

While here in Killeen, Raymond became the oldest student and began to begin studying Comjuka-Kali Systems, a Filipino Combat Martial Art.

Raymond's hard work and accomplishments was recognized when he was inducted into the Filipino Martial Arts Hall of Fame for Outstanding Achievement of the Year in July of 2017.

Sadly Raymond is gone now, but was loved by many and will live on in all our hearts. We love you Pops.

## Emmett E. Staniford

Sept. 21, 1928 – Dec. 11, 2017  
Emmett Staniford, 89, was a man with many hobbies.



Hunting and fishing occupied his time when he wasn't spending it with his beloved family, or buying and selling logging equipment.

Emmett believed in putting his heart and appearance into everything that he did.

As his family would say, he worked hard, played

hard, and looked good doing it.

Born in Issaquah, Wash., to Edgar Staniford and Mabel Russell, he had the pleasure of growing up with two brothers, Kenneth and Virgil, and two sisters Betty and Dorothy.

They later moved to Dallas, where he then stayed for a majority of his life.

Emmett had the pleasure of raising two sons, Emmett L. Staniford Jr. and Alan Staniford, and a daughter, Joy (Bob) Kreuger.

Emmett's family taught him the values in life that he passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Having a strong work ethic, knowing the difference between right and wrong, taking pride in your appearance when leaving the house, and was always grateful for having what he had.

Emmett was preceded in death by his brother Virgil Staniford; and parents Mabel and Edgar Staniford.

He is survived by his children Joy (Bob) Kreuger, of Salem, Emmett L. Staniford, of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Alan Staniford, of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; his brother Kenneth (Martha) Staniford, of Dallas; and his sisters Betty (Harold) Wells, of Springfield, and Dorothy (Don) Courter, of Dallas; along with his seven grandchildren and many other friends and family.

There was a service held at Restlawn Funeral Home in Salem on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at 2 p.m., with viewing from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please visit our website at [www.restlawnfh.com](http://www.restlawnfh.com).

## George Charles Wagner

Sept. 29, 1939 – Dec. 10, 2017  
George C. Wagner passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017. He was 78.



George was born Sept. 29, 1939, in Marshalltown, Iowa, to Harry and Helen Switzer Wagner.

George was the youngest of six children.

After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and served his country for 10 years.

He earned various medals during his time of service, including the Vietnam Service Medal.

George married Patricia C. Jacobson in Portland on

Oct. 29, 1960.

They were married for over 57 years.

The couple had four children and raised their family in the Canby area.

He was employed as a computer programmer in the banking industry and later for Oregon State University.

In 1993, George and Pat relocated to Monmouth to be closer to George's work at Oregon State University.

George and Patricia were avid equestrians.

As members of the Willamette Wranglers Horse Club, they spent a lot of their leisure time caring for their horses and participating in various functions with the Wranglers, including participating in parades, competitions and charity events.

He also served as a volunteer for the Polk County Historical Society Museum for a number of years and was a member of the American Legion Post 20.

While George was passionate about his horses and volunteering for the historical society, George's greatest love was for his family.

Always happiest when he was surrounded by family, he began an annual family campout in the 1970s.

As the family expanded and grew over the years, the once small campout had over 75 family members attending last year.

He will be remembered as a kind, generous thoughtful person and family man whose unconditional love for his family and friends was evident in all that he did and said.

George was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Patricia; children Kenneth (Lisa), of Powell Butte, Karen, of Bend, John (Paris), of Salem, and Joel (Rachel), of Dallas; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren (with one on the way).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in George's name be made to the ALS Association of Oregon, 700 NE Multnomah St. No. 210, Portland, OR 97232.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Mt. Scott Funeral Home 4205 SE 59th Ave., Portland, OR 97206. A graveside service with full military honors followed at Willamette National Cemetery.

Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

## Donna Gail Wilson

April 24, 1934 – Dec. 10, 2017  
Donna Gail Wilson was born in Ontario on April 24, 1934, to Jule H. and Grace E. Houston.

She went to be with her heavenly father on Dec. 10, 2017.

She married Ronald R. Wilson Dec. 29, 1952, in Ontario.



Donna went to beauty school in Payette, Idaho, while still in high school.

After graduating high school, she completed her beauty schooling and married Ron.

They moved to Madras and started their family.

She enjoyed hair styling and worked many years as a beautician.

Ron and Donna lived in several locations throughout Oregon including Prineville, Hermiston and Medford before settling in Dallas.

Donna enjoyed golfing, shopping, traveling in their motorhome and taking cruises.

She sang with the VA Medical Musical Group and toured through China, Spain, Greece, Prague and Vienna, singing as a soprano with the group.

Donna was most importantly a homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many.

Donna is survived by her husband of 65 years, Ron; daughters Ronda Wilson and Debra Heather Wilson; son Bill Wilson; sister Mary Warren; and grandsons Jesse and Chase Cota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Jean Houston; and youngest daughter Mary Dianne Wilson.

A celebration of life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Dallas, on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, at 2 p.m.

Donations can be made to Union Gospel Mission of Salem in her memory.

To share an online condolence, go to: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

## William W. (Bill) Rowe

Oct. 20, 1935 – Dec. 10, 2017  
Bill was born on Oct. 20, 1935, in Hubbard, and passed away on Dec. 10, 2017, in Independence.



He attended grade school at Eola, part of middle school at West Salem Junior High, and graduated from Salem High School (now North Salem High School) in 1953.

Bill spent over eight years in the Naval Reserve.

Bill started employment with the Telephone Company in 1955 in Salem, and spent 31-and-a-half years with the company.

Throughout the years he worked for "Ma Bell" in Corvallis and Dallas.

He retired from Pacific Northwest Bell on May 1, 1987, from network engineering and switching.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

As a young man, he spent many an hour hunting ducks and geese on the Willamette River.

In later years he liked to go duck and goose hunting at Summer Lake in Eastern Oregon.

He also liked fishing on the Rogue with his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

He was a life time member of the Elks Club in Independence.

He was also a member of the Polk County Livestock Association as well as the Marion County Livestock Association for many years.

Bill married Maureen Gibbons (Gibby) on June 22, 1957.

They celebrated 60 years of marriage in June.

Bill and Gibby lived in South Salem for five years before moving to acreage south of Independence.

Bill bought and sold livestock for over 50 years from the farm (cattle, sheep, goats, etc).

It was a hobby for him, and he enjoyed every minute of the hours spent talking to others and attending many cattle and farm auctions throughout the Willamette Valley and coastal areas.

Bill is survived by his wife Gibby; daughter Denna Melton (Brian), of Corvallis, daughter Valerie Sewell (Steve), of Cloverdale, and son W. Raymond Rowe (Lori), of Keizer; six grandchildren: Brianna Melton (Joel Purvis), of Albany, Kacie Melton Dunning (Parker), of Boise, Idaho, Anissa Rowe, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Joel Rowe, of Phoenix, Ariz., Taylor Sewell, of Springfield, and Jennifer Sewell, of Gresham; one great-grandson: Kolt McCoy Purvis, of Albany.

He is survived by a sister: Leda Wright (Pete), of Salt Lake City, Utah, and one cousin: Ray Magee (Connie), of Tehachapi, Calif.

He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents William and Arline Rowe preceded him in death.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Contributions in Bill's name may be directed to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

## George W. McEachran

July 8, 1948 – Nov. 30, 2017  
Memorial Service at noon on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at The Elders Center Grand Ronde.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

## Jean Lowe Cherry Fleming

June 17, 1938 – Dec. 16, 2017  
Jean Lowe Cherry Fleming, 79, of Salem and formerly of Dallas, died Dec. 16, 2017. She was born in Dallas on June 17, 1938.

She is survived by her daughters Jane Susan Cherry Weal, of California, and Joyce Ann Cherry, of Salem; stepson Dan (Zoe) Fleming; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson Jordan Thomas Weal in 2017 and a sister Janet Lowe.

Viewing will be from 9 to 10 a.m. with funeral services beginning at 11 a.m. on Dec. 23, all in the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Private interment will be in the Restlawn Cemetery.

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

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Obituary information must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday publication to be included in the newspaper due to early deadlines.

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.

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Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-ObsERVER*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or emailed to [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com).

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