

Winning auction bid for a seat on Bezos' rocket: \$28 million

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Blue Origin raised \$28 million by auctioning a seat to accompany founder Jeff Bezos on a July 20 rocket ride — the first time the company will carry people to space.

The identity of the winner won't be revealed for a few weeks, Blue Origin said Saturday. The day's live auction followed weeks of online bidding with more than 7,000 submissions from people in 159 countries. Bezos' brother, Mark, will also make the trip.

The 11-minute excursion from Van Horn, Texas, will carry as many as six passengers. Blue Origin hasn't yet revealed who else will be aboard the New Shepard spacecraft. The automated flight will be the company's 16th but its first with humans aboard.

Blue Origin is vying with Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies and Richard Branson-backed Virgin Galactic Holdings Inc. to offer trips to space to a small number of wealthy tourists. Bezos

has compared space tourism to the barnstormers whose stunt flying helped fuel public fascination in the early days of aviation and made planes a common mode of transportation.

Passengers aboard New Shepard, named for pioneering astronaut Alan Shepard, must be:

- Between 5 feet and 6-foot-4-inches tall, weighing 110 pounds to 223 pounds.

- Able to climb the seven flights on the launch tower in less than 90 seconds and sit strapped in the vehicle for as long as 90 minutes without access to a lavatory.

Able to withstand gravitational forces of as much as 5.5 times the person's normal weight during descent and 3 times the weight for as long as two minutes on ascent.

Would-be passengers were advised to consult a medical professional about medical conditions and their ability to fly on New Shepard. Customers also must provide informed consent, acknowledging the various risks of flying to space.

SpaceX already ferries astronauts to the International Space Station for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Both SpaceX and Virgin Galactic are preparing to fly nongovernment customers.

Blue Origin will donate the auction proceeds to its Club for the Future foundation, which

aims to inspire young people to pursue careers in science, technology and mathematics.

Bezos, who spends about \$1 billion a year to fund Blue Origin, has been slowly selling off his stake in Amazon.com Inc. to invest in his space endeavors. He will step down as CEO of Amazon on July 5.

OBITUARY

JOANNE ROLFING GEHLERT

August 9, 1929 - May 29, 2021



Today we celebrate the life of Joanne Roling Gehlert, formerly of Bend, OR and recently of Tucson, AZ. As a result of numerous health challenges, Joanne quietly and graciously left us on May 29, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her first

husband, Dudley Seymour Jones, her beloved son, Phillip Dudley Jones, and her husband of 34 years, Fred Gehlert. Joanne is survived by her daughters, Dana Jones Studebaker (Tom), Lisa Roling Jones, Fred's daughters, Lucy Schmidt and Carolyn Jean Gehlert, and three grandchildren.

Born on August 9, 1929 in Charles City, Iowa and raised in Wilmette, Illinois, Joanne was known for her dazzling smile and cheerful countenance. Joanne and Fred lived in Bend for over 30 years. They enjoyed many friends and social activities, often involving the Bend Golf Club. Joanne was a consummate "social butterfly," who loved to cook and entertain her close friends and neighbors in her warm, inviting home. With an avid curiosity about her world, Joanne traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, the Caribbean and South Pacific. Of all Joanne's adventures, the one she treasured the most was the helicopter tour over the Grand Canyon.

Moving to Tucson in her later years to be near her daughters, Joanne dearly missed the natural beauty and her close friends and associates in Bend. She dreamed of her eventual return. Per her request, no memorial service will be held. The family deeply appreciates the compassionate end of life care given at TMC Hospice-Peppi's House. In her memory, we request donations be sent to TMC Hospice-Peppi's House, 2175 N. Wyatt Drive, Tucson, AZ 85712 or at www.TMCHospice.com.

OBITUARY

James R. Smith

November 24, 1944 - June 2, 2021

James R. Smith (Big Jim) passed away 6/2/21 peacefully and surrounded by his family.

Jim was born 11/24/44 in Huntington Park CA. to Clarence and Fern Smith, joining his siblings Ray and Georgia.

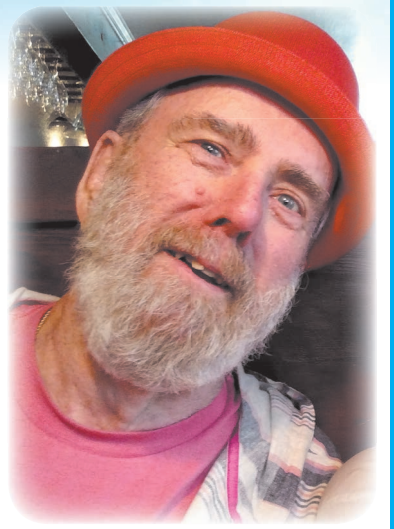
Jim married the love of his life Joanne Thomas on May 25th, 1966. They moved to Bend in 1979 to raise their family.

Jim worked for Consolidated Supply for 30 years making many friends throughout the community and was an avid golfer and fisherman.

Jim was a family man and loved taking an active role as husband, father, grandpa, and great grandpa.

Jim is survived by his wife Joanne, daughters LaDonna, Lynette, and Jennifer, grandchildren Tarah, Kelsey and Taylor, and great-grandchildren Brantley and Landon.

Celebration of life to be announced at a later date.



OBITUARY

Phyllis E. Bauer

April 9, 1920 - March 23, 2021

Phyllis E. Bauer went to be with God on March 23, 2021, just 17 days before her 101st birthday. She passed away peacefully with caring family, friends, and much love all around her.

All who knew her describe Phyllis as a kind, welcoming, and loving person. She was gracious and had a strong belief in God, accepting Jesus as her Savior and into her heart. She was an amazing friend and great cook, always ready to try a new recipe. She loved to read and was an accomplished artist and painter. She was a loving wife and mother and a super fun grandmother. Her bright blue eyes, infectious smile and frequent laugh delighted all around her.

Phyllis was always busy and engaged in the community. She volunteered in the SMART reading program at various schools in Sunriver and Bend, OR., was an active member of PEO for 59 years, and loved playing bridge- which she continued to do until she was 100 years old. She also loved to travel.

Phyllis Edna Gesine Witzel was born April 9, 1920, in Ashton, Illinois, the middle child of Adam and Anna Witzel. After high school, at the age of 17, she attended the University of Illinois and graduated in 1941 with a B.S. degree in Nutrition, Dietetics, and Chemistry. In 1942 she interned in Dietetics at The University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Then she took her first job in Winston-Salem, North Carolina as a Diet Therapist. It was there, while in the hospital recovering from appendicitis, that she met the tall, dashing Donald Bauer, an intern in medicine assigned to her surgery floor. They married in July, 1943 on Long Island and moved to Durham, N.C. where Phyllis worked in Diet Therapy and Don was a resident in Pathology.

The following year Don was called into the Army as a first Lieutenant Medical Corps and was sent overseas to Belgium, France, and then Germany. For the first two years of his service Phyllis stayed in Illinois, but in 1946, after the war ended, she went with their 1-year-old daughter, Pam, to Heidelberg, Germany to join Don for his final year of service. They returned to the U.S. in 1947. Over the course of their 50 years of marriage, Phyllis and Don had five children and moved 9 times. She loved every place she lived and made many friends along the way. Phyllis lived in her own home in Bend until she was 99. Tired of the chores of homeownership, she moved into the wonderful residential facility of Whispering Winds where she continued to meet new friends and renew old friendships. Every place they lived both Don and Phyllis were always active in their church. They attended Hollywood Presbyterian Church for many years, served on the International Christian Scholarship Foundation, and belonged to other Christian groups and bible studies.

Phyllis is survived by her five children, Pam Mueller (Michael), Jack Bauer (Carolyn), Rebecca Bauer (Greg Baker), Annie Bauer, (Dan Melcon, deceased), Donald Bauer (Wendy), 8 grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, August 21st at 11:00 A.M. at the Community Bible Church in Sunriver, OR.

Donations can be made in memory of Phyllis to: Partners in Care 2075 NE Wyatt Ct. Bend, OR 97702, or at their Website www.partnersbend.org for the new Hospice House.



WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

Star dog handler hurt in wreck en route to show

Associated Press

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. — The road to this year's Westminster Kennel Club dog show passed through a pandemic and a major change of date and venue. For one of the nation's best known dog handlers, the road also proved dangerous.

Bill McFadden, who has guided two Westminster winners, was rear-ended and injured while driving a van full of dogs cross-country to the show, his wife and fellow star handler, Taffe McFadden, said Saturday. He was hospitalized for a time after the crash Tuesday in Wyoming and is now recuperating at home in Acampo, California, she said. He will be off the show trail for a while.

Despite the shock and worry, "I'm really glad to be here. I wish my husband was with me," Taffe McFadden said as she and the couple's assistants readied their canine charges. "It's a highly coveted dog show to be at, and for them to work this hard to make it happen is pretty awesome."

The Westminster show moved from New York City to a suburban estate, and from February to June, so it could be held outdoors as a pandemic precaution; organizers also closed the show to the public. Judging began Saturday toward the best in show prize, which will be awarded Sunday night.

Four of the seven finalists get chosen Saturday night.

OBITUARY

Margaret "Holle" Young

April 22, 2021



Margaret "Holle" Young passed away on 4/22/21 at the age of 73, after leading a full and rewarding life that was defined by her generosity in actions as well as in spirit. She will continue to be loved by her two children, Jessica and Chris, sisters Allyson and Valerie, as well as extensive family and friends.

Holle dedicated her life to the advancement of science, women's rights, reading, and the continued advancement and spread of knowledge. In that spirit, she acted on those foundational principals through her career as a public-school teacher in South Central Los Angeles for over 25 years, teaching Science to 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. Beyond being an educator, she also volunteered to oversee a drug, alcohol, and abuse program, for children in need of support as an additional way to give back to her community and have a positive effect on the lives of her students.

Having been born in the small mining camp of Palmer, Alaska and growing up in mining towns throughout the Western US, Holle gained the spirit of adventure as well as the strength to stand on her own principles. She had the spirit of a true wanderlust as she traveled Europe after high school and which laid the bedrock for her beliefs that only through knowledge of other people and cultures, could one truly be able to understand and help those around her.

She obtained a masters degree and two bachelor's degrees before starting her career as a mother, teacher, and mentor, which she used to positively affect everyone she came in contact with.

Holle retired to Bend Oregon in 2011 where she continued her devotion to service through her volunteering with the Deschutes Historical Museum as well as continued philanthropy for both local and international causes.

OBITUARY

Bernard Raymond Shapen

January 23, 1930 - April 7, 2021

Bernard R. Shapen ("Bernie"), passed away in Bend, OR at age 91. He was born Bernard Schapendonk in Chicago to Nicholas and Loretta Schapendonk, who changed their surname to Shapen in 1945.

Bernie is survived by his wife of 59 years, Virginia Shapen of Bend; son Rodney (Amy) Shapen of Bend; son Kevin (Della) of Post, OR, and daughter Therasa (Keith) Brandt of Bend. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Zane, Ian, Eva, Morgan, Parker, and Victoria.

Bernie served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, discharging in 1953. Prior to his service, Bernie worked as a landscaper in Griffith Park in the City of Los Angeles, and continued with the City of LA driving a street sweeper for 30 years. He retired in 1980 and moved the family to Bend.

Bernie was immersed in hot rod culture growing up in Southern California. He had a passion for automobiles for his entire life, owning many classic cars over the years. The cars were both beautiful and functional, and were driven to car shows across the country with Virginia at his side navigating.

Bernie and Virginia enjoyed many trips and drives. Annual summer road trips during their boys' growing up years made many good memories. Bernie got a kick out of hosting family and friends in Bend and sharing the beauty of the area with others. Bernie never met a stranger who didn't end up a friend. He was a "character" and used many funny and unique sayings remembered by his family with a smile.

Contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House of Bend. Visit the guest book at www.niswonger-reynolds.com. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

