

PULSE NIGHTCLUB MASSACRE

Victims remembered 5 years later in Orlando

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ORLANDO, Fla. — The 49 people killed in a mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Florida were honored in Orlando and around the world on Saturday, the fifth anniversary of the attack.

City of Orlando officials say more than 600 places of worship worldwide tolled their bells 49 times to honor each victim who died in the Pulse Nightclub shooting. The First United Methodist Church of Orlando gathered loved ones and community members and read the victims' names.

Elected leaders and activists said throughout the day that the people who died need to be remembered not just with words, but with actions. U.S. Rep. Stephanie Murphy, a Democrat who represents Orlando, said during a livestreamed national discussion hosted by a coalition of human rights and gun safety groups that she was inspired to run for public office following the tragedy.

"After five years, I still can't fathom why someone would do this. How could their hate be so strong?" Murphy said. "But today I have an even harder time understanding why some politicians still refuse to take the most basic steps to prevent the next shooting."

President Joe Biden said Saturday he will sign a bill naming the nightclub as a national memorial. He emphasized in a statement that the country must do more to reduce gun violence, such as banning assault weapons and closing loopholes in regulations that enable gun buyers to bypass background checks.

Brandon Wolf, media relations manager for the LGBTQ



A visitor looks over a display with the photos and names of the 49 victims who died at the Pulse nightclub memorial Friday in Orlando, Florida. Saturday will mark the fifth anniversary of the mass shooting at the site.

John Raoux/AP

rights organization Equality Florida, recalled being at Pulse the night of the massacre and losing two of his best friends. He said during the panel discussion that he has since dedicated his life to making sure they didn't become a statistic.

"My job every single day is to defend our community against violence and hatred in every form it takes," Wolf said. "This work is a constant reminder that the shooting at Pulse was not an aberration. LGBTQ people are still under attack."

The deadliest attack on the LGBTQ community in U.S. history left 49 people dead and 53 people wounded as "Latin Night" was being celebrated at the club on June 12, 2016. Gunman Omar Mateen was killed after a three-hour standoff by SWAT team members. He had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State.

Dozens of survivors, family members of those who died and first responders were invited to a ceremony Saturday night on the grounds of the former club, south of downtown Orlando.

DEATH NOTICES

Choicey Condley
of Bend, OR
Dec 1, 1921 - March 21, 2021

Services:
Memorial services for Choicey Condley will be held Thursday, July 1st at 11:00 am at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Bend, 21129 Reed Market Road. Burial will be in Monument, OR for family members

Sharon Marie Suydam
of Sisters, OR
May 16, 1960 - June 4, 2021

Arrangements:
Autumn Funerals, Redmond
541-504-9485
www.autumnfunerals.net
Services:
Private family services will be held at a later date.

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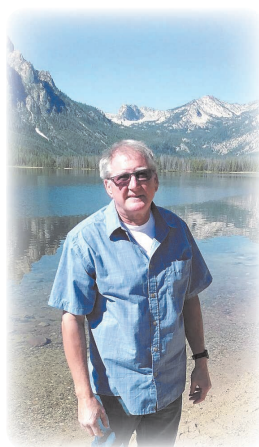
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OBITUARY

Robert Breen

July 1, 1953 - June 3, 2021



Robert Breen was born and raised in Bend, Oregon. He passed away peacefully in Bend as well, on June 3, 2021 at the age of 67. Robert battled colon cancer for 7 years; he was extremely tough and lived life on his own terms despite his illness. Robert was a man of integrity, he was patient, kind, honest, and had a great sense of humor. He loved animals, especially dogs and cats,

and every animal he met loved him back. He had a lot of love for his family and close friends who he considered family.

Robert and his wife, Donna, had been married since 1983. They spent a lot of time in the desert east of Bend, and in recent years got into e-biking out there. They also travelled to Hawaii, Disneyland, Ireland, England, the Oregon Coast, went to Mariners baseball games in Seattle, and had many family camping trips over the years. Robert loved fishing and hunting and also loved to go work on his 'farm' in Mitchell, OR. From his teenage years, Robert spent a lot of time in Jeeps and on four-wheelers out in the Badlands and the China Hat area. He knew every road, every landmark, and the name of every butte around. He was pretty close to being a live encyclopedia of Central Oregon.

Robert attended St. Francis of Assisi school and church through his childhood, and graduated high school from Bend Senior High in 1971. He then went on to obtain an Associate's Degree at COCC and became a journeyman electrician. His father, Mike, opened Breen Electric in 1968 where Robert was employed, and eventually ran the company. Robert loved complex electrical work and worked on large electrical programming projects from here in Oregon, to Alaska, all the way to Georgia. He was a hard worker and always provided quality work.

Robert is survived by his wife Donna, his daughter Katie Jalo (and son-in-law Adrian), his son Greg Breen and (and daughter-in-law Adrianna), two sisters Julie Breen and Peggy Scofield, two grandchildren, Paige Breen and Aiden Breen, brother-in-law John Campbell and family, and many wonderful cousins.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Shirley Breen, his cousin, Cindy Ogle, as well as many loving aunts and uncles. The loss to those close to Robert is devastating and he will be severely missed, but we are honored to have known this great man.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the caring nurses and doctors at Partners in Care. Robert spent his final days at the Hospice House which was full of compassion and excellent care. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in Robert's name to go to Partners in Care or the Central Oregon Humane Society.

A funeral service will be held on June 19, 2021 at 1pm at Pilot Butte Cemetery.

OBITUARY

Susan Lee Hillesland

August 28, 1953 - May 27, 2021

Susan Lee Hillesland, age 67, passed away peacefully in her home in Bend, Oregon on May 27, 2021. Susan was born in Eugene, Oregon on August 28, 1953. She graduated from Portland Episcopal School, then completed a Bachelors in business and a Masters in special education from Lewis and Clark



College. She moved to Bend in 1975 with her husband (Jed Langley). She excelled as an escrow officer (Bend Title Company), cabinet designer (Jed's Woodworking), and teacher with experience managing 6-12 graders in math, business, and special education. She volunteered for the Cascade Cycling Classic and served on the Bend-La Pine School Board.

Susan was outgoing, humorous, generous, adventurous, creative, quirky, cherished, and FUN! She was a debater, prankster, and self proclaimed rule breaker. She loved dog walking with her friends, traveling, trips to the coast for sunsets, fairs with squealing pigs, rocks, fish ponds, tennis, hiking/skiing (Todd Lake), pet parades, pumpkin carving, painting, egg dying, cooking (Bar-B-Que Crab and Dim Sum), food (butter, bacon, potatoes and Jello), Broadway Musicals, magazine subscriptions, statuary, golden retrievers, GoodWilling, chandeliers, canning, collecting, ice cream, wool, rug hooking, excessive gifting, treasure hunting, flower pots, parties, and lemon drops. Our Su lived life with a free spirit of curiosity and the wonder of a child... always seeing the best side of a situation with joy. She is missed already, but remembered with a goofy smile and a hearty laugh.

She is survived by: daughter Kory Langley (Bend, OR), son Werner Langley (Portland, OR), granddaughter Veraina Langley, brother Steven Hillesland (Portland, OR).

She is preceded in death by: Jed Langley (spouse), John Hillesland (brother), Julie Hillesland (sister), Linton A. Hillesland (father), Grace S. Olsen (mother).

The memorial service will be for both Susan Hillesland and Jed Langley (husband who passed in January) on Saturday, July 17th at 2pm at Nativity Lutheran Church in Bend, Oregon. She threw the best parties, so there will be a celebration of life at The Hilliards: 20561 Dorchester East in Bend. (Su requests that you bring whatever it is that you want to drink).

Memorial Contributions: In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to: The Humane Society of Bend, The Deschutes Children's Foundation, or The National Wildlife Federation

Funeral Home: Niswonger-Reynolds

OBITUARY

Charles Blackshear

May 14, 1934 - May 19, 2021

Charles Blackshear passed away on May 19th, 2021. He is survived by a son Mark Blackshear of Las Vegas, Nevada and a daughter Shannon Martelli of Appleton, Wisconsin and a sister Dolores Walter-Ford of La



Pine, Oregon. He is preceded in death by his father Earnest Blackshear, his mother Clara, brothers Ernest Edward and Ronald and by his son Paul Blackshear. He was an amazing man, kind, generous, with a huge heart and a great sense of humor. He was loved by many and will be missed greatly. He will be singing in the angels choir. There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday June 26th at 1:00 pm at Journey church at 70 NW Newport in Bend Oregon. In lieu of flowers contributions may be sent to Partners in Care Hospice 2075 NE Wyatt Ct. Bend, Oregon 97739

OBITUARY



Nancy Anne Hill

May 30, 1955 - June 1, 2021

Nancy Anne Hill, 66, of Bend, Oregon passed away on June 1, 2021 surrounded by her family.

Born in Portland, Nancy grew up in Tigard, Oregon, with a brief stay in Redwood City, CA. In sixth grade, she discovered a natural affinity for riding when the family bought their first horse. Preferring the view from between the ears of a horse to any other, she never spent another year of her life without one.

Nancy graduated from Tigard High School in 1973. During her summers at Foxfield Riding Academy, Nancy spent time as a counselor teaching young equestrians, and this is where she fell in love with her second major passion: teaching.

While studying science at Portland State University, she worked as a groom for Joan Carron to earn the opportunity to ride as an amateur equestrian, winning top prizes in hunter-jumper events with her horses Filly and Annie.

After graduating from Portland State University in 1980, she began her career as a science teacher, settling at Mountain View High School in Bend, Oregon, where she taught chemistry and physical science from 1984 to 2013. She enjoyed exciting chemistry labs, often ending with shattered objects and blown-up garbage cans, and was popular with her students. An engaging and much appreciated educator, she received several awards for teaching excellence: the Oregon Science Teachers Association Science Teacher Award in 1991-1992, and the Tandy Technology Scholars Outstanding Teacher Award in both 1992-1993 and 1993-1994. She was also a 1993-1994 GIFT Fellow. In 1998, she participated in an educator exchange, traveling to Japan and teaching in the classroom there.

She loved teaching, talking often about the "lightbulb moment" where her students grasped a concept, even if that moment was how to prove Darwin right. She helped multiple students achieve careers in medicine and research or attend prestigious military service academies. Teaching also taught her why some tigers eat their young.

Attracted to cowboys and fighter pilots, she wisely married neither. She focused her attention on riding fast horses, being everyone's favorite aunt, and raising hundreds of young scientists. It was impossible to go anywhere in Bend without meeting a student who loved her. Her irrepressible curiosity, dry wit and agile mind were invaluable to science education and memorable to generations of students.

Nancy had a way of telling you exactly where your head was stuck and why you should fix it without making you feel bad about it.

After a long battle with primary biliary cholangitis and a successful liver transplant, Nancy passed away from complications of liver cancer occurring from her original liver. An educator to the end, Nancy donated her body to OHSU.

Nancy is survived by two brothers, Martin and Thomas Hill, one sister, Margaret Smith (Betsy), and her nieces and nephews. She leaves behind her horse, Woody, her dog, Jackson, her cat, Leonie, and a deeply connected community of friends. She enriched all of our lives.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name to the OHSU Foundation and Healing Reins would be appreciated.

Dearly loved, she will be sorely missed.

