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**Robin Dianne Early McGuire Dahl**  
November 28, 1934 – May 20, 2020

Robin Dahl, age 85, of John Day, Oregon, passed away on Wednesday, May 20th, at Valley View Assisted Living with her family by her side.

Robin was born the second of two daughters to Nick and Marie Early in Billings, Montana on November 28th, 1934. Robin married Robert "Mac" McGuire in 1958 and together they had five children. They lived in several Montana cities as Mac began his teaching career and moved to John Day, Oregon in 1967. Mac accepted a teaching position at Grant Union High School and Robin worked as a secretary at Humbolt Elementary.

Robin married Denny Dahl in 1983 and together they owned Denny Dahl Realty in John Day. She volunteered for numerous organizations in Grant County, Bend, and Sunriver. She advocated for organ donors after her oldest son, Rick, required a transplant. She devoted several years of her life caring for Rick before he passed away in 2015.

Robin loved to travel. Some of the places she visited were Paris, France; St. Andrews, Scotland; The Panama Canal, and Alaska. She was an accomplished pianist and she loved classical music and opera. A trip to hear The Three Tenors in Las Vegas was a once in a lifetime opportunity she treasured.

Robin is survived by her daughters Kathy Stinnett (Frank); Laura Stinnett (Charlie), both of John Day; and Dr. Karin Pappadakis (Steven), of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and her son Steve McGuire (Sherri) also of John Day. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Lavon, her former husband Robert "Mac" McGuire, and their son Rick.

For the past eight years Robin lived at Valley View Assisted Living where she loved the view of the mountains from her room.

Robin's family would like to thank the staff at Valley View Assisted Living, Dr. Zach Bailey and staff at Strawberry Mountain Clinic, the staff at Blue Mountain Hospital, and Blue Mountain Hospice, for the compassion and care shown to their mother.

For those wishing to make a donation in Robin's memory, the family suggests Hope for Paws of Grant County, <http://www.hope4pawsgrantcounty.com/our-mission.html>, as Robin was an avid animal lover. A private family service is planned. Online condolences may be shared at <https://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com/>. *Paid for by the family of Robin Dahl.* 5190445-1



**Cory Lynn Smith**

Born December 22, 1959, in Walnut Creek, California, firstborn son of Rodney and Sandra Smith he passed away May 12, 2020. Raised in John Day, Oregon, alongside his brothers Tim and Monty. His parents and brothers say his youth was filled with fishing, camping, and swimming in the creek. His mother recalls that "He grew up outdoors" and "just enjoyed life." He especially loved music, and played trumpet and guitar. He enjoyed socializing through DeMolay and scouting and of course he loved riding his motorcycle!

After high school, his mother Sandra says that "he wanted something bigger; he wanted to find himself." This urge led him to join the U.S. Navy as a young man, only to discover he was prone to seasickness. Fortunately he learned that his seasickness wasn't an issue in a submerged submarine, and he served 12 years, both operating the nuclear reactor on a naval submarine and later instructing at the Naval Nuclear Power School. He told many wild stories about his time at sea. His work in the Navy prepared him for a later transition to civilian life where he worked for 30 years as a project manager specializing in nuclear power and world-class spreadsheets. Colleagues and friends describe him as a man of integrity, empathy, and honor. His good friend Chris Warren says "Cory was transparent. He never had an agenda." Cory was a confidante and saw each person as an individual with unique perspective. Chris shares that Cory always had a listening ear and will be remembered for the comfort he provided, "Talking to understand, not to judge you."

When stationed in Orlando, Florida, Cory met a striking 19-year-old redhead named Teresa Emens. Their courtship continued when she went to college in Idaho, and he was stationed in Idaho Falls. They married in 1981 and together they had two sons, Jared, born in Idaho, and Ryan, born in South Carolina. Teresa was a supportive and dedicated wife. Teresa's mother, Judy Emens, recalls that she was always proud of his high standards. "He could never accept anything less than a 4.0 eval." Cory and Teresa moved 25 times in the course of their marriage.

Cory's travels, both in and out of the military, took him around the country and the world but always back home to his loving family. In 1990, he left the Navy for civilian life. Judy Emens says this choice was prompted by a need to be more present for Teresa as she endured surgery and poor health. His sons add that he wished to be better known by them. He shared his love of cars with both his boys as well as playing sports, such as racquetball. His son Ryan recalls, "Once we got on a plane just to go to Chicago and watch Top Fuel drag races because they don't have Top Fuel in Florida." Ryan also takes credit for inspiring Cory's lifelong love affair with the Dodge Challenger (he owned an RT, an SRT, and eventually a purple Hellcat he named "Vivian").

After losing his beloved Teresa in 2015, he found love again with his cherished second wife, Michelle John. In their time together, they were dedicated missionaries for their church, where they were assigned to counsel and support those struggling with addiction. Cory found great meaning in this work and encouraged others to find peace in their faith as they began a new life. Michelle and Cory began a new adventure in 2018 as they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. There, they made many faithful friends and Cory had the opportunity to serve as a leader and counselor to the teenage boys in their congregation. Bishop Matthew Squires, leader of their congregation, described Cory's service, "Cory was an example of faith, diligence, and calm strength to the 16-18 year old young men. He was an example, leader, teacher of faith, and true friend to the next generation."

Cory passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020, after a long battle with cancer. He died in his home, surrounded by loved ones. He is survived by his loving wife, Michelle; his parents, Rodney and Sandra Smith; his two brothers; his sons and stepchildren; and his five beautiful grandchildren. We mourn his absence and rejoice in the life he lived.

A Graveside Service was held at Canyon City Cemetery in Canyon City, Oregon on Sunday, May 17th. Due to the COVID-19 virus, a celebration of life will take place at a later time. *Paid for by the family of Cory Smith.* 5190639-1



**Betty Inez McGetrick**  
12/10/1927 - 5/10/2020

Betty Inez McGetrick The gates of Heaven opened to welcome a new angel, Betty Inez McGetrick. Betty went home to be with the Lord suddenly on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020. This beautiful woman touched the lives of so many throughout her 92 years. She was loving, kind, thoughtful, loyal, wise, humble, grateful, creative, resilient, perseverant, and a wonderful role model. She loved her family with all her heart and was a truly remarkable wife, mom, mother-in law, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She was a "Rock Star" in the eyes of many.

Betty was born in Prairie City, OR on December 10, 1927, and raised in Canyon City, OR. She attended Grant High School in John Day, OR and Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR. Betty and Herb were married in 1946 and had two children, Ron and Marcia. While living in Grant County, Herb and Betty ran several businesses including Nugget Lanes in John Day, the Canyon Shopping Center and The Boat Shop.

The family moved to Redding, CA in 1964. In 1978 Betty and Herb built a home just outside of Redding where they lived together until Herb's death in 2010. Betty lived in and cared for that home and property until it was destroyed in the 2018 Carr Fire. Her resilience and strength were evident when she escaped the fire and reestablished herself in the City of Redding at age 90. She continued to live a vibrant and active life until her death.

An outstanding seamstress, Betty lovingly made beautiful dresses for her daughter and granddaughter as they were growing up. She also enjoyed making creative costumes and beautiful matching Christmas outfits for her children and grandchildren. She was an excellent cook and made delicious dishes enjoyed by her family and friends. She was a voracious reader and loved to work in her garden.

Betty was known for her kindness, helpfulness and thoughtfulness, always ready to lend a hand to help others. Betty and Herb shared their Grant County entrepreneurial experiences with a team of members of All Saints Episcopal Church in Redding to help establish the All Saints Thrift Shop. Once established, Betty worked in the Thrift Shop and also served as a team leader on the Altar Guild at All Saints for 26 years.

Betty worked at the Crocker/ Hibernia/Wells Fargo Bank in Redding for 28 years. She started working with Consumer Loans, then was promoted to the Bank Manager's Secretary for most of her career.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Marcia McGetrick-West and her husband, John, in Redding, CA; her son, Ron, and his wife, Sandy, in Summit, NJ and their children/Betty's grandchildren: Cristin, in Denver, CO, and Michael in Springfield, VA; sister, Penny Hicks Brommer in Bend, OR; and brother, James Hicks in San Francisco, CA. She was pre-deceased by her parents, Prentice and Vina Hicks of John Day, OR and her beloved husband Herbert McGetrick. Betty's ashes will be interred in the Mid-County Cemetery in Canyon City, OR. A memorial service in Betty's honor will be held in Redding at a later date. Donations may be made in Betty's memory to: All Saints Episcopal Church, 2150 Benton Drive, Redding, CA 96003 or to Samaritan's Purse P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 (please note "In memory of Betty McGetrick" on the check) or online at Betty's memorial page at [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org). Betty was a unique treasure. While she will be greatly missed, we rejoice knowing she is in the presence of the Lord where she will dwell forever. *Paid for by the family of Betty McGetrick.* 5189654-1

**Hospital addresses concerns about rapid COVID-19 testing**

Blue Mountain Eagle

Blue Mountain Hospital District has several ways to order COVID-19 tests, including a rapid test on an Abbott ID NOW machine, as well as, utilizing St. Charles Medical Center and Oregon State Public Health laboratories, according to a press release from Health Information Manager Lori Lane.

As with all other laboratory tests, the results of the rapid COVID-19 test need to be interpreted by trained medical professionals. For example, the Abbott has been shown to miss some positive cases, which is why the providers at BMHD know to not use the results of this analyzer or others solely in their diagnosis. Preliminary studies are showing that the rapid Abbott test catches up to 94% of positive COVID-19 tests, which means they miss about 6%.

If a patient has concerning symptoms, a negative result on a rapid Abbott test would need to be confirmed by another kind of test. However a positive rapid Abbott test can be considered to be correct.

One thing that has impacted the accuracy of the rapid Abbott test is the swab collection. BMHD has five highly trained medical laboratory technicians and one medical laboratory scientist performing the testing, all of whom are ASCP certified. They are also highly familiar with the testing since it is almost identical to the influenza testing that is performed on the ID NOW the district has had for the last two years.

**Rental assistance available**

Blue Mountain Eagle

Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. announces the release of \$162,250 in rental assistance funds for the counties of Baker, Grant, Union and Wallowa to assist households who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Households qualify if they have lost income or employment due to COVID-19, if they are self-quarantining due to COVID symptoms or if they are unable to find work due to COVID-19. Households must also be under the income limit for their county, which for Grant County is \$21,500 for one-person households, \$24,600 for two people, \$27,650 for three people, \$30,700 for four people and \$33,200 for five people.

Community Connection also has energy assistance funds available to help with home heating and electricity costs.

Contact the local Community Connection office at 541-575-2949 for more information.

**OBITUARIES**

**Paula Dianne Martin**

June 23, 1961 — May 18, 2020

Paula Dianne Martin, age 58, of Long Creek passed away on Monday, May 18, 2020, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. At her request, a small family memorial service is planned for a later date.

Paula was born June 23, 1961, to John and Carol (Reed) Barquin in Downey, California. She married Ray Martin in 1986, and they had three sons, Dr. Levi Martin, Dr. Mathew Martin and Michael Martin. They were the loves of her life.



The family moved from La Grande to Long Creek in 1994. Paula had a rural mail route between Long Creek and Kimberly and also drove the route between Fox and Ritter. They were some of her happiest years. She also loved to watch the kids play ball.

Paula was a good friend to everyone who knew her and will be dearly missed. A special thanks to the doctors and staff at OHSU, St. Charles Cancer Center, Blue Mountain Hospital and the angels at Blue Mountain Hospice in John Day.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To light a candle for Paula or to offer online condolences to her family, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

**Louann Marie Rasmussen**

1936 — May 8, 2020

Louann Marie Rasmussen, 83, of Talent, Oregon, passed away Friday, May 8, 2020. She was born in 1936 to Albert and Mamie Abram in Los Angeles, California. She attended Catholic School in Glendale, California.

She married Jerry Holland in 1956 and had four children: Kathy (Paul), David (Lisa), Richard (Kim) and Robert (Alisa). In 1971 the family moved from California to John Day. In 1979 she married Cliff Rasmussen who had two children: Teri and Steve (Kris). She moved to Ashland in 1980 and then to Talent in 1996.

Louann was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was blessed with eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren in her life.

Louann worked as a bookkeeper and court clerk secretary at the Grant County Courthouse. While living in Ashland she was involved in the Catholic church, working and teaching ministries for RCIA and youth coordinator. Louann worked for the Ashland Community Hospital for 20 years in various positions.

Her favorite activities were planning family gatherings, reading, sewing, crocheting, crafts, cooking and gardening. Louann's special love for people was so evident in her gracious personality and her caring for others.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ashland St. Vincent De Paul. A funeral mass was held at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church in Ashland on May 16, 2020. Arrangements were in the care of Litwiller-Simonsen Funeral Home, Ashland, Oregon.

**Last Week's Temps**

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday .....	55/42
Wednesday .....	53/43
Thursday .....	53/38
Friday .....	52/37
Saturday .....	64/36
Sunday .....	71/40
Monday .....	75/47

24/7 FORECAST  
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ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM  
NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY  
162.500 MHZ

**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27 TO JUNE 2**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Chance of thunderstorms	Chance of showers	Slight chance of showers	Cloudy
<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>