## **OBITUARIES**

## Sylvia Beatrice Kallina Goodman

June 4, 1921 — March 1, 2015

Sylvia was born June 4, 1921, in Garwood, Texas. The middle child of John Kallina and Anna Dornak Kallina, she had two brothers, Johnny and Buren.

Sylvia left home to attend Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos the summer she turned 16. Graduating with honors, she began teaching home economics in the Texas public school system by the age of 20. She met her husband, Henry Harris Goodman Jr., while boarding at his family home during college.

With World War II looming, Sylvia took the train to Baltimore and married Harris on Dec. 20, 1944, prior to Harris attending mid-shipman's school and receiving his commission as Naval lieutenant. Nine months later their first daughter, Sylvia June, was born, followed closely by Sharon Kay and Virginia Adele.

After the war, the family moved to Austin, Texas, and Sylvia raised the three girls while Harris completed his PhD in chemistry. They subsequently moved to Wilmington, Del., where Harris was a research chemist for DuPont, and their fourth daughter, Susan Jean, was born.

In the 1960s the family moved to Bloomfield Hills, Mich., their home for 25 years. Sylvia became active in the local schools, community, and St. Owens Catholic

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Church. Here, her faith grew and she came to know and love Jesus personally, developing lifelong friendships in her prayer group.

Drawn by the beautiful scenery, Sylvia and Harris retired and moved to Cannon Beach. They loved the beautiful coastal scenery of Cannon Beach and developed many close friendships at both the Community Presbyterian Church and St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. Sylvia was also actively involved in the Cannon Beach Garden Club, Library Club, Presbyterian Women's group and the Seaside Hospital Auxiliary.

Sylvia loved her four daughters and their husbands, June and Bart Blout, Sharon and Paul Kinnison, Ginny and Jim Chenet, and Susan and Mark Johnson. She treasured her seven grandsons, Kyle and Matt Chenet, Kevin Kinnison and Colin Kinnison, Garrett Johnson and Michael Johnson and Jonathon Blout, and her one granddaughter, Kim Chenet.

A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Sylvia often wrote letters to her family. She had an innate sense of style, loved flowers, gardening, and sewing, and enjoyed traveling with Harris. Sylvia was independent and strong, choosing to live by herself for seven years in her Cannon Beach home.

Sylvia appreciated the many family and friends



SYLVIA GOODMAN

who helped her maintain her independence in Cannon Beach. She was especially grateful to the memory care staff at Hearthstone Murray Hill in Beaverton, for their care and affection. As Sylvia's health declined, she consistently expressed love to her family and those caring for her.

"Mom, you are lovely, smart, strong, determined, resourceful and brave. You have a compassionate heart, always caring for your family and community. Thank you for sharing your love of flowers, nature, beauty and your faith with all of us. We miss you and love you! We are forever blessed." ~ Your Loving Family

A memorial service was held April 2, at Cannon Beach Community Church.

Remembrances may be made to Cannon Beach Community Church at 132 E. Washington St., P.O. Box 37, Cannon Beach, OR 97110.

**Cannon Beach resident** David O'Brien dies at 81

## **Founder of Tryad Ministries leaves a** legacy of love

By Erick Bengel Cannon Beach Gazette

David O'Brien, a long-time Cannon Beach resident and the founder of Tryad Ministries, died in his home of a prolonged illness the morning of April 1 at age 81. He was in the presence of his family, friends and his cat, Nala.

"David was always the joker, always up to pulling tricks on people, and his final trick was passing away on April Fool's Day," his younger brother Mike O'Brien said. "David would have gotten a kick out of that."

Born in Portland on Dec. 27, 1933, David O'Brien had cerebral palsy and was often seen greeting people as he rode around Cannon Beach in his motorized scooter.

'He was always so happy to see people," said Marlene Laws, a Cannon Beach resident and friend of David's who saw him for the last time the weekend before he passed. "It was hard to understand David sometimes, but, after you got to know David, you could.'

Though David's condition affected his mobility, it didn't touch his intelligence, according to his younger sister, Ellen Clibbon.

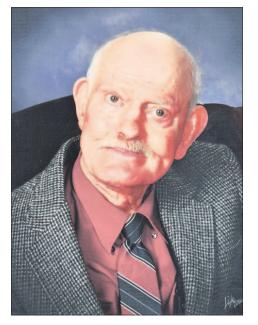
She described David's mind with awe. Her brother, she said, had a "fantastic memory." He had no trouble re-"It was like a Rolodex up there" — and performing quick mental calculations with intimidating ease.

Though David possessed "such a keen mind," he will be remembered best for "his open heart, his easy laugh, his smile, his being so interested in what others were doing, and caring about them," Laws said.

"David will be remembered because of the way he dealt with people — and the love he had for the people who were

around him," Mike O'Brien said. Cat Wollen, who knew David through his involvement with the Cannon Beach Community Church, said "there was always a countenance about him of joy ... There was something in his demeanor that, when he left, your day was better."

"He was like the father I never had," said Jenee Pearce-Mushen, a Cannon Beach resident who knew David for



David O'Brien Dec. 27, 1933, to April 1, 2015

about 15 years, and whose father died when she was less than a year and a half old.

David's love for his fellow travelers found its highest expression in Tryad Ministries, a ministry he founded in 1975 as an annual conference held at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center for disabled folks and their caregivers - a ministry which continues to this day. It now organizes an annual conference in Denver, Colo., that draws attendees from across the Northwest, Clibbon said.

'Under his leadership, Tryad Ministries became involved in bringing God's word to the handicapped in a variety of ways," Pearce-Mushen wrote.

David had been making plans to commemorate Tryad's 40th anniversary later this year, but "the Lord had other plans for him," Mike O'Brien said.

'Tryad Ministries, hopefully, will carry on," said Laws, who sits on the organization's board of directors.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Shaun O'Brien, and his older sister, Carolyn Haley.

Our community and his family will always remember David as an individual that loved God, life and had the tenacity to always deal with adversity with a smile," Pearce-Mushen wrote.

A celebration of life is schedule for 3:30 p.m. May 17 on the Christian Conference Center grounds.

"I'm going to miss that man," she said. "I think we're really blessed that we had him."

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