

Obituaries

E. Viola Keyes Van Horn

E. Viola Keyes Van Horn died July 9, 1996 at the Valley Vista Care Center in The Dalles. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery in Fossil. A memorial service will be held in Fossil in the near future.

Mrs. Van Horn was born September 15, 1910, in Salem, The daughter of Henry D. and Grace Apple Keyes.

During her early years, she lived in the Deman Fort House at Twickenham in Wheeler County. After her education in Twickenham's one-room county school, Viola attended Wheeler County High School and the University of Oregon. She married Harry Van Horn in 1930 at The Dalles. They spent their early years in Fossil where Harry worked in the grocery business with his father, Thurman. Through their nearly 66 years together, they resided in Arlington, Heppner, Salem and The Dalles.

Viola was a life long member of the Methodist Church, and an active member of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile. She worked for J.C. Penney for nearly 20 years. At her retirement, Viola managed the children's department at The Dalles' Penney store.

Writing and relating stories about her family history in Oregon gave her particular joy. Her great-grandparents, Mary Minor and Robert Booth, crossed the plains in 1852 and settled on a donation land claim near Ft. Yamhill. Robert established himself as a well-known Methodist circuit rider and the statue of the circuit rider on the State Capitol grounds is dedicated to his memory. Mary Minor Booth raised 12 children while acting as a popular midwife and nurse to her settler neighbors.

Mrs. Van Horn was named for her grandmother Amanda Viola Booth who married Zackary T. Keys in 1880. They settled on Keyes Flat near Mitchell where Zackary became one of the first sheep ranchers in Wheeler County. Her father, Henry Keyes, lived his life ranching in Wheeler County and served many years as County judge.

Survivors include her husband, Harry, The Dalles; daughters Diane Hogg of Portland and Susane of Utah; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Judith Kenny of Lake Oswego; and nieces and nephews. Two brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Fossil Methodist Church or in care of Smith Callaway Funeral Home 311 Union St., The Dalles, 97058.

Laurence F. Becket

Graveside service for Laurence F. Becket was held Saturday, July 6 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Becket, 87, of Heppner, died Tuesday, July 9, 1996 at his home.

He was born May 28, 1909 at Heppner to Walter and Carrie Forbes Becket. He grew up and attended school in the Eight-mile and Heppner areas. He farmed on the family ranch near Eightmile for most of his life.

On Sept. 25, 1946 he married Florence Bergstrom at Portland.

He was a member of the Valby Lutheran Church and a 50 year member of the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Florence, son Ronald Becket and daughter Molly Rill, all of Heppner; and three grandchildren. A sister, Margaret Buschke, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Valby Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, Rt. 1 Box 3394, Heppner, OR 97836 or to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Verdie Isom

Funeral services were held for Verdine Belle Isom on Monday July 15 at the Columbia View Community Church in Irrigon.

Burial followed at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon.

Mrs. Isom died Friday, July 12, 1996 at 83, Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

A lifelong resident of Irrigon, Mrs. Isom was born Dec. 19,

1912 at Umatilla to Cloyde and Ada Graybeal Leach. She graduated from Irrigon High School in 1931.

On June 13, 1931 she married Earl Isom at Heppner.

She worked as a cook for the Irrigon School District and later for A.C. Houghton School until her retirement.

She was a member of the Columbia View Community Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System. She and her husband were past grand marshals of the Irrigon Watermelon Festival. She also was a former member of the Hermiston Good Sam Club and the Union Pacific Old Timers Club.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years at the home; daughter Donna Eppenbach of Irrigon; brother Robert Leach of Lomita, CA., and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by brothers Max, Earl and Ned Leach.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International, PO Box 174, Hermiston, 97838.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

Peggie Nadine Flatt

Funeral services for Peggie Nadine Flatt, 65 of Condon, were held Friday July 12, 1996, at the Condon High School Gymnasium with concluding services and burial at the Condon Cemetery.

Mrs. Flatt died Monday, July 8, 1996, at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, after a long and hard fought battle with cancer.

Mrs. Flatt was born on Oct. 8, 1930, at Hood River, to Jessie and Mervin Cloe. She attended school in Hood River and The Dalles, graduating from The Dalles High School.

On July 23, 1950 she married Bill Flatt at The Dalles. The couple lived briefly in Moro, and moved to Condon, soon after the birth of their first child. Except for brief periods when they lived at their second home in Sunriver, the couple lived in Condon for nearly all of their married life.

Mrs. Flatt was very active in her family life and in the life of her community. She was involved in Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lady Elks and was a private pilot. She spent many years as a Mother Advisor and Grand Deputy in Rainbow for Girls. She served three terms as Worthy Matron in the Order of Eastern Star and she was an honorary life member of Condon Elks Lodge number 1869. She spent two terms as Condon's first city councilwoman and was instrumental in development of the Condon Ci-

ty Golf Course and renovation of the city park. She was also chairman of Condon's first 4th of July breakfast, an annual tradition now in its 33rd year. For the past 40 years, Mrs Flatt was secretary./treasurer. of Mid Columbia Bus Co., Inc., actively managing the family owned school and charter bus business. She also served on the board of directors for the Betty Hise Trust for Cancer Research.

Mrs. Flatt enjoyed flying, sewing, golf, bridge, cooking for large gatherings, travel, friends and caring for her grandchildren.

Survivors include her mother, Jessie Sweeny of Pendleton, her husband, Bill at their home sons Doug, of Pendleton, Kevin, a lieutenant colonel stationed at Columbus AFB in Columbus, Miss., Bruce of Condon, and Jeff of Twin Falls, Id., a daughter, Laurie Roberge of Vancouver, Wa., 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, brothers, Merv Cloe of Reedsport, and Lonnie Cloe of Wapato Wa. Her father, Mervin, and her stepfather, Ken Sweeney, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Betty Hise Trust for Cancer Research, through the Condon Elks Lodge, Condon, Or., 97823, or to the South Gilliam County Ambulance "Jaws of Life" fund, through the Gilliam County Medical Center, Condon, OR, 97832.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon was in charge of arrangements.

Steffanie Lynne Flatt

Steffanie Lynne Flatt, 16, of Pendleton, died Saturday, July 13, 1996, as a passenger at the scene of a one-car accident on Hwy. 206 west of Condon.

Services were Wednesday, July 17, at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton. A luncheon reception followed at the Pendleton Elks Lodge. Graveside services will be conducted at the Condon Masonic Cemetery at 7 p.m. in Condon.

Steffanie was born to Doug and Cindy Flatt on June 22, 1980. She lived briefly in Condon, until 1982 then moved to Pendleton. She attended Pendleton High School, where she maintained a 4.0 GPA. Steffanie would have been a junior this year.

Steffanie was very active with her family, her school and her community. She was a counselor at Outdoor School, a member of the Pendleton High School Leadership Club, National Honor Society, was elected co-captain of the Rhythmic Mode High School dance team, where she earned a varsity letter and was a member of the 1995/96 State AAAA championship dance team and member of the Spanish, French and drama clubs. She was active in advance placement classes and school publications. She was an acolyte at her church and an exchange student to Japan in 1995, and a past member of the Jr. Jam dance team.

Steffanie enjoyed skiing, swimming, volleyball, reading, writing, camping, being with her many friends, dancing, family gatherings, and caring for children as a babysitter. She worked part time at Michaelangelo's in Pendleton.

Survivors include her father and mother, Doug and Cindy Flatt, and a brother Lloyd Flatt of Pendleton; grandparents, Bill Flatt of Condon, and Jay and Nona Standerfer of Pendleton; great-grandparents, Jessie Sweeney and Elsa Leathers of Pendleton; and a number of aunts and uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Peggie Flatt, five days earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Steffanie Flatt Memorial Fund, c/o Pendleton High School, 1800 NW Carden, Pendleton, Oregon, 97801.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements.

Morrow County Jail dilemma

By Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, Jr.

I was contacted today the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and informed of the fact that the Franklin County Jail in Pasco, Wa., could no longer accept Morrow County prisoners because of their own overcrowding. I spent last night beginning about 1:30 a.m. drafting a search warrant to search a residence in Irrigon for stolen property taken during three burglaries committed in the Boardman area. We arrested two individuals and wanted desperately to lodge them in jail. Because we were at our six-person cap in Umatilla County and Franklin County wasn't accepting prisoners, we had no choice but to release them.

In April the inter-agency drug task force processed 22 indictments charging possession and sales of drugs in the Heppner area. The task force was not able to jail any of these individuals. Why? Because of the overcrowding in neighboring county jails and the fact that we have no jail in Morrow County.

This situation is about to get worse because of the imposition of Senate Bill 1145.

Historically when individuals violated felony probation, the circuit courts in Oregon had the right to commit those people to prison in the state system for a period of six months. This six month period is set by statute. With the imposition of SB 1145 judges will no longer be able to sentence those violators to prison for the six month period, but will instead have to sentence those people to a county jail for that amount of time.

This places another burden on our county jail system which we simply can't handle.

Death Notice

Harriet H. Evans

Graveside memorial service for Harriet H. Evans will be held Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Evans, 88, Heppner, died Monday, July 15, 1996, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

A complete obituary will be in next weeks Gazette Times. Sweeney Mortuary Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

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