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Obituaries

Edwin Albert Cutting

Edwin Albert Cutting, 90, of Portland, died on Feb. 13, 2005.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 2 p.m., at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 14700 S.E. Rupert Drive, Oak Grove, OR 97267.

Cutting was born July 7, 1914 at Byron, MN to Fred Everstine and Mary Inez King Cutting. He attended elementary and high school at Byron, MN. He then attended the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture - St. Paul, from 1932 to 1934 and the College of Agriculture in 1934-35. He graduated second in his class from the School of Agriculture. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1965, with a major in history and minors in psychology and art and attended Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, from which he obtained a master of divinity degree in 1965.

He married Doris Emily Whitcomb on Aug. 21, 1937.

Active in scouting in his younger days, Cutting was the first person to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop Number 42.

Cutting worked for his parents at Cutting's Nursery and farmed at Byron from 1932 to 1954. The Cuttings farmed and operated a greenhouse at West Concord, MN from 1954 to 1963. He served United Methodist churches in Tygh Valley and Dufur (1965-1969), Heppner and Echo (1969-1976) and Coquille (1976-1980). He served on the Board of Ordained Ministry in the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church.

He expressed his love of the countryside and outdoor life through his oil painting and watercolors. His interest in storytelling and family history was preeminent in the 12 books on family history and his life that he wrote in retirement. His greatest satisfaction as a pastor was ministering people at the time of death of loved ones and in their times of grief.

He tutored grade school students for nine year. He was involved in Boy Scouts for 26 years, the Grange for 48 years, 4-H for five years and garden clubs for 21 years. He was a prolific reader of history, geology and theology. He kept a diary for 76 years.

One of his paintings was selected by the University of Minnesota at the Town and Country Art School for permanent exhibit.

His warmth, wisdom and humor will be greatly missed by family and friends. His positive outlook on life and his caring ways will never be forgotten.

His body was donated to the University of Oregon Medical School for medical education in accordance with his wishes.

Survivors include children, Ernest and wife Beth, Todd and wife Charlotte, Robert and wife Frances Joan, Rebecca and husband Frank Gutierrez, Vanessa Bruer and Craig and wife April; 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Ralph; and 26 nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; by wife, Doris; by brother, Clyde Raymond Cutting; and by son-in-law, Kevin Bruer.

Memorials may be made to Advance Specials of the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Mary Wilcox Brewer

Mary Margurite "Tussy" Wilcox Brewer, 57, of Boardman, formerly of Vale and Nyssa area, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, in a Portland hospital.

A memorial service was held Feb. 19 at First Christian Church in Hermiston. A graveside service was held Feb. 20 at the Vale Cemetery.

The eldest of six children, she was born March 6, 1947, at Los Angeles, to Jim and Rae Wilcox. She was given the nickname, "Tussy," by her grandmother, Ochoa, who called her La Tussa, "the gopher" in Spanish, which eventually became Tussy.

As a child she moved with her parents from California to Vale, then to Alaska where they homesteaded. She attended grade school at Willow Creek until the family moved to Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela. After returning to Vale she completed her high school education and attended Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario where she met Donnie Brewer. They were married Feb. 18, 1967 at Nyssa.

They entered into several different ventures such as farming and ranching before moving to Hermiston where they farmed potatoes for several years. During that time, Brewer farmed her own little acreage and was a building contractor.

She enjoyed her horses and especially

showing her Morgan; she always had a Pekingese dog, invariably named Baby.

The Brewers moved to the Caribbean in 1990, a lifelong dream of Mr. Brewer's, while Mrs. Brewer always said she hated salt water, it was just too sticky. Mr. Brewer bought into a dive shop and Mrs. Brewer stumbled into a business of her own. She and her friend, Linda, started a maintenance business for rental properties. They had numerous adventures building an international business. Later she and her daughter and sister started a successful online reservation business. It was said she was successful due to her ability to deal with all sorts of unusual situations and people.

The Brewers always had at least one of her brothers or sisters living with them over the years. She was said to be generous with her resources and time and that she impacted and influenced all those who knew her.

After being diagnosed with breast cancer, she did not once complain or ask "why me?" She took it in stride, determined to beat it. She researched all of the treatments and understood fully what the risks were and did not hesitate to become involved in her treatment.

Survivors include her husband, Don; her father, Jim Wilcox; daughters, Sydney Reagan and husband Thomas and Leslie Brewer; granddaughters, Scarlet and Scout; grandson, Hambone; sisters, April Aldred, Juanita Lusher and Carmen Timmins; brothers, Jim Wilcox and Tom Wilcox; and many other relatives. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ramona.

Lienkaemper Chapel in Vale is in charge of arrangements.

Oliver Jay Devin

Oliver Jay Devin, 68, a longtime Morrow County resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A graveside service was held Monday, Feb. 21 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 18, 1936, at Heppner, to Oliver and Stella McDandell Devin. He grew up and attended school at Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School in 1955.

In 1960, he married Maureen A. Groves Howard. The couple later divorced.

On Dec. 23, 1967, he married Claytha Renee Wright. They were divorced in March 1990.

He later married Monique Schroeder and was legally separated from her in April 2003.

He was an avid outdoorsman and loved being outside whether hunting, camping, working or just playing. He loved all kinds of animals and leaves behind his dog, Holly and cats, Mighty and Mini. It was said he lived life to the fullest and always had a smile no matter what life had to offer. He was also noted for his quick wit.

He was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge for 44 years.

Survivors include sons, Mifflin J. Devin of Ione, Oliver Jeffrey Devin and his wife, Yvonne of Mesa, AZ, and Jay Devin of La Grande; daughters, Lynn Dee Ramos and her husband, Bink, of Ione, and Dawna Ann Dougherty and her

husband, Cliff, of Heppner; brothers, Ellis McRoberts, Arlo McRoberts and Lee McRoberts; sisters, Caroline Goodwin, Frances Wright and Alice Wagner; grandchildren, R.J. Ramos, Makenna Ramos, Taighler Dougherty, Ryan Dougherty, Koby Dougherty and Desireea Devin. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, John McRoberts.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice, directly or through Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Joe Henry Key

Joe Henry Key, 67, a longtime Ione resident, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at his home.

A funeral will be held Wednesday, Feb. 23 at the American Legion Hall in Ione. Concluding service and burial will be at High View Cemetery in Ione.

Key was born Sept. 19, 1937, at Eustace, TX, the only child of Boley Franklin "B.F." and Bernice Hastings Key. His parents moved to Mayville to work on a relative's, Clarence "Shorty" Stout, wheat ranch when he was one. He began school in a one-room schoolhouse named Buckhorn near Mayville, riding his horse "Bonnie" to and from school each day. The family later moved to a ranch on Butte Creek near Fossil and he attended Wheeler County High School through his junior year. He graduated from high school at Gresham in 1955.

After graduating he moved back to Eustace, TX. While living with his grandparents in Texas, he attended Henderson County Junior College. After graduating, he attended Texas A&M. While enrolled there, he decided to pursue a career in the military and joined the Army Security Agency. After his first enlistment, he retired due to his father's failing health and returned to Eustace to work on the family cattle and hay ranch.

He married Marie Burkett and the family later moved to Oregon. He worked at the mill at Kinzua until it closed then the family moved to Ione in 1978 and he worked at the Kinzua Mill at Heppner. After that mill closed, he went to work for the Oregon Department of Corrections in Pendleton where he was employed at the time of his death.

He enjoyed woodworking and built many nice pieces of furniture for family members. He was an avid chess player and was seldom beaten. Spending time with his family and helping others were his greatest joys.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Key at the home in Ione; son, Tim R. Key and his wife, Shelly, of

Lexington; son, Jeffrey Key of Ione; daughter, Lenora McClard and her husband, John of Ione; grandchildren, Gabe Nevala, Ryan Nevala, Justin Key, Stephanie Hudson, Jennifer Henry, Savannah Henry, Emily Key and Abby Key; one great-grandson; two aunts and several cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione American Legion Post 94 Building Fund, P.O. Box 334, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald R. Zacher

Ronald R. Zacher, 58, of Heppner, died Feb. 18, 2005, at home after a long battle with lung cancer.

Due to Zacher's wishes, there will be no graveside or memorial services, but rather a Celebration of Life potluck at Meg and Rod Murray's ranch, located on the right side, five miles up Rhea Creek Road off of Hwy. 74, Ione area, March 5 at 1 p.m.

He was born April 15, 1946, at Oregon City to Ray and Florence Zacher. He lived most of his life in Canby where he attended school and enjoyed playing sports. He joined the Army National Guard, serving for six years, then stayed in the Canby area working at a variety of jobs.

His first love was cars and he built many of them for his own enjoyment and was an auto mechanic for years in Canby. Staying active in sports, Zacher played league fast pitch and slow pitch softball and bowled.

Quietly and without fanfare, he helped several people out of tight spots, doing what he could for them and their families.

Later, he moved to the Molalla area and lived in Shady Dell, marrying Sandra Haynes of Molalla in 1992.

After Zacher received his general contractor's license, he and Sandra built their cabin in the woods where they lived a life they loved among the tall cedar trees. He continued to remodel houses until the area he lived and grew up in became crowded with new people moving in.

After falling in love with the Heppner area, he and Sandra moved there in 1998, finding the small town, its citizens and the open spaces very familiar to them, much like the earlier Canby and Molalla areas were a few years ago. Zacher found a job driving truck for Amstad Farms of Echo and worked for them for about five years.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Haynes of Heppner; parents, Ray and Florence Zacher of Canby; and sister, Rosalie Trost of Hubbard.

Lillian May Greene

Lillian May Greene, 76, of The Dalles, a former Heppner/Hermiston area resident, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Mid-Columbia Medical Center.

A graveside service was held Feb. 18 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Renton, WA.

The oldest of four children, she was born March 30, 1928, at Heppner, to Edward and Millie Pearson Canifield. She was raised in Hermiston and graduated from Hermiston High School.

In 1954, she married William C. Greene at Seattle. They lived at Pendleton, Pullman, WA, and raised their family at Renton, WA.

Greene later lived at Goldendale, WA for a time before moving to The Dalles.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, crocheting, crafts and fishing.

Survivors include her children, Edward Smith of Murdock, WA, James H. Greene of Kent, WA and Glenn Greene of Seatac, WA; numerous grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews; brothers, Roswell Canifield of Finley, WA and Brian Fletcher of Goldendale, WA; and sister, Carol Garcia of Goldendale, WA. She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Greene, in 1991 and by her son, Mark Smith in 2000.

Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home of The Dalles is in charge of arrangements.

Business recognized at Ione basketball

Heather and David Julio, of Mike's Mobile Slaughter and Processing, were recently given special recognition at an Ione basketball game. Mike's Processing has been an outstanding supporter of Ione Schools. The business is located in Stanfield.



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