

Obituaries

Glenn B. Coxen

Glenn Burl Coxen passed away on December 23, 2010, of Parkinson's disease in Port Townsend, WA.

Glenn was born in Heppner to James and Edna Coxen. During his high school years he worked on local ranches, in a saw mill, and traveled to Alaska two summers to work on bridge construction. He was very interested in photography and built his own dark-room.



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He graduated from Heppner High School in 1947 and enrolled in photography school in Portland. In 1948 he enlisted in the Air Force. He served in the 3200th Photographic and Measurements and Data Reduction Squadron at Eglin Field in Florida. His work focused on photo theodolites for photographing rocket trajectories and radar jamming. Glenn developed new methods for using photo theodolites for these applications. He was discharged in 1952.

Glenn married his high school sweetheart, Maylis Johnson on June 10, 1951.

In 1955 Glenn began working for the Oregon State Department of Revenue as an appraiser. During his work as an appraiser he was invited to New York University to present The Oregon Position - The Use of Industrial Profit and Loss Data to Develop Value. He retired in June 1986 as the Industrial Section Supervisor, Assessment and Appraisal Division.

While stationed in Florida Glenn developed a desire to own a sailboat. In 1958 he built an 18' powerboat which he used for fishing across the Columbia River Bar and discovered his love of the San Juan Islands. A 30' Arthur Piver design trimaran sailboat was built in 1964. Many family trips were made on the Columbia River and summers sailing in the San Juan Islands. In 1974 Glenn began building a Bruce Roberts 44' ketch in his back yard in Salem. Glenn worked every evening and weekends for 8 years, launching the Mariah in 1982.

After retiring Glenn and Maylis moved aboard and sailed to La Paz where they spent four years. They returned to the Northwest and sailed the waters for

another six years. Glenn also sailed with friends to Trinidad and Belize. Mariah was sold in 1996.

Glenn loved adventure. In 1988 Glenn and Maylis bicycled and camped in Sweden, Finland, Denmark, England, Scotland, and The Netherlands. They rode 1800 miles over a 3 1/2 month period. In 1997 they bicycled and camped in France for seven weeks.

Glenn and Maylis settled in Port Hadlock in 2003, close to the ocean Glenn so loved.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Ferol, and his sister Betty Hoyt.

He is survived by: his wife of 59 years, Maylis; his daughter and son-in-law Teri and Larry Braun of Redmond; his son Michael of Port Townsend, WA; his son Richard of San Diego, CA; his son and daughter-in-law Larry Coxen and Beth Perkins of Portland; his son and daughter-in-law Russell and Celeste Coxen of Fall City, WA; 12 grandchildren, one great grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Glenn are scheduled for 2 pm, Saturday, March 26, 2011, at the Evergreen Coho SKP Community Hall, 2401 Anderson Lake Road, Chimum, WA.

Contributions can be made to the National Parkinson Foundation.

Donald J. Dority

Donald J. Dority passed away of a heart attack at his home in Vancouver, WA on December 24, 2010. He was 66-years old.

Don was born in Ogallala, NE on February 25, 1944. He was the second of eight children born to Mary Bernice (Peg) and John Dority. Don spent his childhood years in Nysa where excitement seemed to follow him. After graduating from high school he joined the Army. Don was stationed in Germany and later served in Vietnam. After his honorable discharge from the Army he traveled throughout Europe returning to Oregon to attend Portland Community College. He married Joanne in 1974. They moved to Hermiston where they spent 20 years running a fish market and Dority Auto Sales. Don



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served as President of Oregon Independent Auto Dealers Association for three years. He raised and trained mules, competing in shows and rodeos. In 1998, Don moved to Jackson Hole, WY, began his journey to recovery and joined AA. In 2003 he settled in Vancouver, WA where he operated Dority's Pressure Washing until he retired. He loved to meet his friends at the coffee shop and talk politics. Don was an avid reader, outdoorsman and bike rider.

Don inspired others to be the best they could be and always tried to make someone's day better. He was a storyteller and enjoyed making people laugh or leaving them wondering if the story was really true. Don was a wonderful grandpa who loved having his grandchildren for sleepovers and taking them swimming. He loved his family and took great care to ensure their happiness and well being. He is survived by: his daughters, Lindsey Dority (Scott) and Molly Dority (Monty); his stepson Russ Rhode (Nancy); his best friend Jerry Kush; his ex-wife Joanne Dority; and his five grandchildren. His siblings include Jerry Dority, Patrick Dority, Kathleen Casey, Margret Dority, Mary Ann Elguezabal, and Anna Klug. He also leaves behind many loving friends as well as his nieces and nephews who enjoyed Uncle Donny's spirit.

He was preceded in death by his sister Patricia Frender, his niece Roxanne Dority and nephew Roger Dority.

Don's wishes were to be cremated and have his ashes spread in the Columbia River. The Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 4 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church located at 1700 NE 132nd Ave, Portland OR 97230. A Color Guard Ceremony at Willamette National Cemetery will occur before the Celebration of Life. Donations can be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Ruth Lillian Green McCaleb

Ruth Lillian Green McCaleb, 90, passed away November 22, 2010, in Gresham. A celebration of the life will be held on January 8, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Powellhurst Baptist Church in Portland.

Ruth was born in Heppner to Stephen Alexander (Alex) and Mattie Belle Bryant Green. The

Greens came to Heppner as newlyweds from Grayson County, VA in 1907 after Stephen had worked on a sheep ranch in the area from 1903 to 1905 with his uncle.

Ruth joined a growing family of one sister and three brothers. When Ruth was five year old she prayed for a little sister and received Eva Louise who would round out the family to include six children.

The Green family survived much loss while Ruth was growing up including the family ranch during the Great Depression. In her own words, Ruth wrote of her parents, "We were not deprived or downtrodden. With a strong faith in the Lord Jesus, they met adversity expecting to find a proper solution. They lived responsibly and provided for their own with an attitude of diligence and honesty. Their lives were well invested and the wealth they left their children was in the values they instilled and the example they set."

Ruth suffered from polio in 1925 including illness and extreme pain which left her legs crippled and feet twisted. She had to relearn to walk. She was separated from her family when she was sent to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Portland. She would return to the hospital in 1933 for a second surgery which made it possible for her to walk with only a limp. That "Green" determination stayed with her for the next eight decades as she eventually came to need a leg brace, a cane, and finally a walker. She continued to walk until the day the Lord called her home. It wasn't easy, but she exercised regularly and refused to give in to pain or discomfort. Ruth was an over-comer.

In 1944, Ruth traveled by train to Oklahoma to marry her sweetheart, (Heppner native Omer K. McCaleb), who had been drafted into the Army Air Corps at the outset of the United States entry into WWII. They married on May 18, 1944. They were married for exactly 65 years and one month when Omer passed away on June 18, 2009.

Ruth and Omer raised three daughters in Portland where they lived for 50 years before moving to Gresham to an assisted living apartment. Mary Elizabeth was born in Corvallis, Barbara Kay in North Bend, and Beverly Louise in Heppner, all before the couple moved to Portland in 1954.

After the youngest of the girls started school, Ruth took a part-time job at an insurance agency. She was always home when the girls arrived home from school except for election days when she served as a precinct worker. Later, she worked as a secretary for the Portland Public Schools. After her retirement in 1988 she and Omer spent the next years traveling, writing, gardening and supporting worthwhile organizations. They were charter members and supporters of the David Douglas Historical Society and Trinity Bible Church. They supported the origination of the Morrow County Agricultural Museum with a contribution to the Green Family mural.

Ruth's life was framed by family, a talent for writing, garden landscaping, oil painting, and her love for the Word of God. On Ruth's last day, before taking a nap, she enjoyed listening to a book about the 23rd Psalm. She always had time to listen to the Bible and loved to discuss how faithful God had been to her.

Ruth missed her brothers, sisters, in-laws, and especially her parents, husband, and best friend Kathryn Hoskins who had all gone on before. It was her desire to be in heaven with the people she loved and missed so much. Survivors include: her daughters and spouses Mary E. and Roger Welliver of St. Helens, Barbara K. and Tom Coon of Junction City, and Beverly L. Tobias of Portland; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; cousin Howard Bryant of Heppner; and sister-in-law Betty McCaleb of Idaho.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Morrow County Agricultural Museum c/o Larry Mills, PO Box 515, Heppner, OR 97836.

Joseph Daniel Way

Joseph Daniel Way, 87, a resident of The Dalles, passed away at his home on Saturday, January 1, 2011.

He was born in Echo on December 31, 1923, the fifth of 10 children, to Daniel Joseph Way and Iva Elsa (Vinson) Way. He grew up in Eastern Oregon and graduated from high school in Lexington.

Joseph proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II as Radioman 2nd Class

aboard the USS Beaumont, a weather observation ship, patrolling in the North Pacific. After his discharge in 1946, he became an electronics maintenance technician in the Federal Aviation Agency.

Joseph married Betty Jean Lovgren on September 15, 1950 in Ketchikan, AK. His 34 year career with the FAA took Betty and him from Annett Island, AK, to Las Vegas, NV, to Salt Lake City, UT to Yreka, CA, and finally to The Dalles where he retired.

He was very active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was a founding charter member of the chapter in Yreka, CA. Joseph had a lifelong passion for gathering genealogical information about the Way family and could be found at the annual family reunions filling out his forms documenting newborns, marriages, and any changes that took place in the family during the year. He never knew a stranger, loved talking, and joking with anyone, and many times could be heard rooting for both sides while watching many of his granddaughter's athletic contests.

He is survived by: his wife Betty; his son, Dane and his wife Darlene of The Dalles; his daughter, Janna and her husband Randy Thorp of Corvallis; his granddaughters and their families, Karissa and Eric Hamm of The Dalles, and Elizabeth and Christopher Wheeler of Fairbanks, AK; his great granddaughters, Drew, Lillian and Josephine; two living brothers, Marvin of Stanfield and Asa of Sandy; and many nieces and nephews living all around the world.

He was preceded in death by his older brother Stanley; three older sisters, June Field, Maxine Harshman, and Zelma McDaniel; and two younger brothers Claude and Kenneth.

A viewing will be held, Wednesday, January 5, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, January 6, at 1 p.m. at Lexington Cemetery in Lexington. Everyone is invited to join the family for a short gathering at the Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 N. Main Street, Heppner, OR.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or a Veterans' charity of your choice.

"Age of the Earth" seminar to be held

Heppner Christian Church will host "Age of the Earth" seminar January 9 and 16 at 6 p.m.

The video seminars by Creation Science Evangelism will answer various questions including how the age of the earth is calculated.

First Friday Friends of Jesus to be held

The arrival of a new month means that it's time for another session of "First Friday Friends of Jesus," a morning filled with Bible stories, games, songs and crafts. All children in the community, ages four through sixth grade, are invited to attend even if they haven't been able to attend prior sessions.

This month's session of First Friday will be held at the usual time and place: at All Saints Episcopal Church on Friday, January 7, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding at noon. A free lunch is included, and there is no cost to attend.

For more information, call the church office at 541-676-9970.

BMCC offering Conversational Spanish Class in Heppner

Blue Mountain Community College will be offering a Conversational Spanish Class in Heppner during winter term. The class is for adults and is geared toward beginners who have some experience with Spanish.

While the course is designed to build upon material presented in the fall term, anyone with some basic knowledge of Spanish is welcome to join. The instructor, Amy Blauer, will focus on correct pronunciation of new words, and work on helping learners build a basic vocabulary set designed to enable the students to communicate in Spanish. Classes will include a brief review of information covered last term, instruction on common phrases, days of the week, numbers, question words, pronouns, key verbs, and more.

The eight-week class will take place at Heppner High School on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and will run from January 18 through March 15. The cost is \$62. Register online at www.bluecc.edu or contact Anne Morter for more information at (541) 422-7040.

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We would like to cordially invite you to attend an Open House Friday January 14th 2010 at the Morrow County Courthouse to formally meet the County's newly elected

District Attorney Justin W Nelson

Refreshments will be served upstairs in the Court Room from 3:00pm until 5:00 pm.