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## Lola Marie (Padberg) Springer

Lola Marie (Padberg) Springer, 76, passed away April 18, 2012 at Hood River Care Center with family at her side. Services to honor Lola's life are planned for 11 a.m., Saturday, April 28, at Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River, Oregon 97031. A reception will immediately follow at the WestSide Fire Department #1, Rockford Station 4250 Barrett Dr., Hood River, OR. Graveside rites will follow the next weekend at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 5, at Lexington Cemetery. Family friend and chaplain of the WestSide Fire Department, David Hancock, will officiate.



**Lola Marie (Padberg) Springer**

Lola was born May 1, 1935 in Heppner to John Archie Padberg and Susie (Allstott) Padberg. (Whitman). She attended school in Heppner. There she met the love of her life, Allen E. Springer. They were married in Heppner on November 2, 1953. They lived in Heppner for two years and their oldest son Donald was born there. A short while later they moved to Hood River, OR and their family was completed with the births of their daughter Georgia and their son Jeffrey.

After moving to Hood River, Lola worked at Hamby's Care Center as a Certified Nurse's Aide. She later worked at Luhr Jensens & Sons, Diamond Fruit Cannery and Duckwall Poole, from which she retired in 1998.

Lola loved spending time with her family, traveling, going to the beach, family get-togethers,

bingo, camping, and telling jokes, and, most especially, just being with her beloved family, friends and pets.

Lola is survived and will be dearly missed by: her loving husband, Allen Springer; her children, Don Springer (Chris), Jeff Springer (Jennifer) of Hood River, OR and Georgia Marshall (Bob) of Pendleton, OR; eight grandchildren, Katie Smiley (Karl), Tom Springer (Canela), Ashley Murphy (John) of Hood River, Robert Marshal (Tracy), Jeremy Marshall (Jackie) of Pendleton, Ivamay Tallman (Wibur) of Condon, Michelle King (Shayln) of Yakima, WA, Josh Marshall of Valdez, AK; fifteen great-grandchildren, Brandon and Kyle Smiley, Emily Murphy, Devin, Megan, Ava Ann, Andrea and Collin Marshall, Tallin, Spencer, Caleb, Ethan and Kyle King, Wesley and TJ Tallman; numerous nieces and nephews; her sister, Juanita Ross (Tex) of Hermiston; and longtime close family friends Marlene and Fred Lahti, and Beverly Shapley.

Lola was preceded in death by: her parents and brothers, Vernon and Archie Padberg. Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Lola to the WestSide Fire Department or Cri Du Cat Syndrome/SP, in care of Anderson's Tribute Center. Anderson's Tribute Center is in charge of arrangements. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

## Marie Ella (Bittleston) Blocksom

Marie Ella (Bittleston) Blocksom, 96, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2012. Her funeral was held at RestLawn Funeral Chapel on March 30, with private internment at Douglass Pioneer Cemetery in Troutdale, OR.



**Marie Ella (Bittleston) Blocksom**

Marie Ella was born in Couer d'Alene, ID on February 28, 1916 to Lottie (Wolske) and Cyrus Bittleston. She grew up on a farm in Cougar Gulch and attended one-room Meadowbrook School. She graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School and attended two years at Pasadena Bible College in California. She moved to Terre Haute, IN, where she married Cecil Blocksom in 1944. They moved to Oregon in 1949, driving their brand-new 1949 Oldsmobile across country. They lived in Troutdale for a year before moving to the rural area between Gresham and Sandy, where they lived until 1971. They then moved to Newport, OR. Cecil passed away in 1973. Marie moved to Orofino, ID for a year and then moved to Salem, OR, where she lived for more than 25 years before moving to Sublimity, Oregon's Marion Estates, McKillop Residence assisted living.

Marie was known for making the best pies. She baked pies for McBain's drug store in Gresham for a number of years. She was also known for the best fried chicken dinners on Sunday afternoons, and it was usual to find her pastor's family or

another family from church at their home for dinner. In later years, she made herself busy volunteering for many activities in the west Salem area, and was active in the social activities at Kingwood West. She was active in her church, being a member at Breden Memorial United Methodist in Terre Haute before moving to Oregon, and then Ladds Addition EUB church, Glenfair Evangelical Church and, when in Salem, was an active member at Salem Evangelical Church. Marie was a nurse's aid as well as a physical therapist aid during her career years. Marie's pride and joy was her family.

She was preceded in death by: her spouse, Cecil Edward Blocksom; son-in-law, Donald Melvin Maring; and siblings, Alfred Bittleston, Mabel Montenegro, Irene Petty, Hazel Friberg, Dorthea Curtis and Elmer Bittleston.

She is survived by: her daughter, Darlene Sue (Blocksom-Maring) Marquardt of Athena, OR; son-in-law, Jim Marquardt; two grandchildren, Donica Linette LaMora (Maring) of Tri-Cities, WA and Duncan Tyler Maring of the Bend, OR area; two great-grandchildren, Mikenzee Marie Maring of Martinsburg, WV and Micah Phoenix Maring of Kennewick, WA; one brother, Oliver Bittleston of Lewiston, ID; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Dianna Hamer

Dianna Hamer, 62, passed away April 12, 2012 in Hermiston, OR.

She was born in Youngstown, OH on June 23, 1949, to Walter and Ann Brooks.



**Dianna Hamer**

She married Gerald on August 6, 1966. They moved from Reseda, CA to Flagstaff, AZ. They then moved to Lake Isabella, CA and then to Bakersfield, CA before moving to Heppner in the 1990s.

She is survived by: husband, Gerald; brother and sister-in-law, Bob and

Cindy Brooks of Sacramento, CA; son, Jerry (Jr.) of Heppner; daughter and son-in-law, Veronica and Gregorio of Bakersfield, CA; son, Steven Saletzki of Junction City, KS; brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Peg Michel of Heppner; and many grandchildren.

Dianna loved watching movies and going to yard sales.

Donations may be made to Burns Mortuary in Hermiston on behalf of Dianna Hamer to help offset funeral expenses.

## Ione kindergarten visitation planned

Ione Community School will hold a kindergarten visitation on Tuesday, May 22, at 9:30 a.m. All children who will be five years old by September 1, 2012 are invited to attend.

Children will visit the classroom, play at recess, and do an activity with the teacher. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch; lunch is \$2 per student.

Parents are asked to bring birth certificates, immunization records and social security cards. There will also be registration papers to fill out. Please contact the school at 541-422-7131 with any questions.

## Obituaries

## Evelyn Simons

Evelyn Simons, 93, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2012 in her home in Spokane, WA, surrounded by her family. A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 28, at the Creston Christian Church, PO Box 69, Creston, WA.



**Evelyn Simons**

She was born on March 2, 1919 in Tamani, ID to Walter and Hazel McKenzie. Her family moved to Spokane, WA, where she attended North Central High. After graduating, she attended Spokane Jr. College for a short time. She married Donovan Simons in June of 1938 in Spokane. After their marriage, they moved to Creston, WA. They farmed there for several years before moving to Kirkland, WA, where they worked at the shipyards during World War II. After the war, they returned to the family farm in the Creston area and continued to farm until Donovan's death in 1960.

Evelyn later married Jack Lee and worked as a secretary at Creston High School. She and Jack later moved to Davenport, WA where she worked for the Davenport Times newspaper and later for the Lincoln County Assessor's office. After she and Jack divorced, she moved to Spokane, where she worked as a caregiver for many years until she retired at the age of 75. When her

health began to fail, she was very lovingly cared for by her daughter Bette in their home. Evelyn was surrounded by her son, daughters and caregivers Deborah and Louise in her last days.

She was a member of the Creston Christian Church, where she served on CWF,

sang in the choir and was a Sunday school superintendent. She enjoyed dancing, singing, sewing and the Simons family reunions. She enjoyed her view of Audubon Park, watching the change of the seasons.

Evelyn is survived by: her four children, Danise (Jim) Tarbert, Donovan (Van) Simons Jr., Bette Simons and Merilee (Bill) McDowell; three grandchildren, Kathi Storer, Deanna Tarbert and Danielle Burnside; and three great-grandchildren, Jesse, Taylor and MacKenzie. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; husband, Donovan Simons Sr. and a brother, Walter McKenzie.

Memorials may be made to Family Home Care & Hospice, 22820 E. Appleway Ave, Liberty Lake, WA 99019 or the Creston Christian Church, PO Box 69, Creston, WA 99117.

Strate Funeral Home in Davenport is in charge of arrangements.

## Audie Joe Privett

Audie Joe Privett, 74, passed away peacefully at home in Denver, CO on April 15, 2012, surrounded by his family and friends. Joe will be buried with his parents in Heppner at a date to be determined later.

Joe was born in Ava, MO on February 7, 1938 to Chalmer (Bill) and Floy Privett. In 1940, at the age of 2-1/2 years, he relocated with his parents to Heppner.

He graduated from Heppner High School in 1956, and entered military service in the Navy in 1957. His service in the military took him to Vietnam, as well as many other countries of the world. After 24 years of service to our country, Joe retired in 1981 at the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer.

Joe then relocated to Benton City, WA and worked first at the Hanford Facility and then at Washington Public Power as a nuclear instructor. In 1991, he retired for good

and enjoyed working on his property and traveling. Some of his favorite hobbies were restoring classic Mustangs, helping friends and gold panning.

Joe was preceded in death by: his parents, Chalmer and Floy Privett.

Joe is survived by: his siblings, June (Alan) Brown, Jean (Leon) Taber, John (Frances) Privett; his children, Mark (Chris) Privett, Sheila (David) Roppel, Melissa Gallant and Kevin (Anastasia) Privett; grandchildren, Amanda, Jarrod, Kaitlynn, Matthew, Nicole, Brittney, Trinity, Astraia, and several more adopted grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, close friends, and countless people who were touched by his life and presence.

For more information on date of funeral or any additional items, contact Kevin Privett at 720-854-8270 or 1185 Youngfield Street, Golden, CO 80401.

## Puppets in the pulpit

This Sunday, April 29, the puppets will be preaching at Heppner United Methodist Church in the celebration service, which begins at 10:30 a.m. All young and young at heart are encouraged to join the church for this presentation.

## Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, May 2, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include egg frittata, sausage, hash browns, sliced cucumbers and tomatoes, garlic bread and cake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

**If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.**

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment. If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk: Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175 Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161 OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

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**FISHERMAN'S NIGHT**  
**CATFISH AND OYSTERS DINNER**

**THURSDAY APRIL 26TH**  
**DINNER 6PM**  
**DRAWING FOR GUN & OTHER PRIZES 8:00 PM**

**NEXT WEEK - Thursday, May 3rd**  
**LADIE'S NIGHT & MOTHER'S DAY CEREMONY**  
**BAKED PORK CHOP DINNER**

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