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Obituaries

**Sibyl Marie
'Mountain Lady'
(Howell) Cunnington**

Sibyl Marie Cunnington, 92, passed away in Portland, OR on February 25, 2013 with her family by her side. All are welcome to a Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 9, at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97217.



Sibyl Marie (Howell) Cunnington

She was born December 7, 1920 in Ione to parents James Leroy "Lee" and Mary "Etta" (Barlow) Howell. Her sister Dorothy was born two years later.

She graduated from Heppner High School in 1939 and then moved to Portland, where she attended Northwestern Business School. She met the love of her life, Richard "Dick" Cunnington while working at the Vancouver Shipyards. Together they had two children, Janice Kay Weis and Richard Lee Cunnington.

They resided in Portland, raising their family while running a successful business together. She kept the books for City Radiator & Wheel until their retirement in 1988, when they moved permanently to their mountain cabin on Sunflower Flat Rd., in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon.

All through her life, she enjoyed a wide variety of interests, including basketball, band (she played the saxophone and piano) and entertaining in the grange halls in and around Morrow County. She later took up bowling, pinocle and bridge, and was a very good seamstress. She loved her counted cross-stitch proj-

ects and knitting. Hunting and fishing brought joy, but her favorite was splitting wood and stacking it for the winter. Springtime would find her working in the yard and garden, planting flowers and trying to keep the animals from eating them.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, who is missed dearly. Blessed be her memory.

She is survived by: Her husband of 66 years, Richard "Dick" Cunnington; children Janice Weis and husband Robert of Blackfoot, ID, and Richard Lee Cunnington and wife Connie of Portland; adored grandchildren Brian Lee Cunnington and wife Jennifer of Beaverton, OR, Kate Marie Molony and husband Mario of Portland, Jeffrey David Cunnington and wife Connealy of Austin, Texas, Robert Cunnington Weis and wife Darci of Idaho Falls, ID, Richard Lars Cunnington and wife Rebeka of Vancouver, WA, David Hitchcock Weis and girlfriend Lauren Gallagher of Portland; great-granddaughters Alyssa Raye Molony and Emma Grace Molony of Portland, and Elizabeth Teets of Vancouver; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sibyl was predeceased by: Her parents and sister Dorothy.

Cards can be mailed to 2006 N. Wygant, Portland OR 97217. Anyone who would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers, make a donation in Sibyl's name to Heppner High School, c/o The Band, PO Box 67, Heppner OR 97836.

Gene G. Mulkey

Gene G. Mulkey, 82, of Arlington, OR died Thursday, February 28, 2013 at his home. A graveside memorial service with military honors will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Arlington Cemetery with a reception to follow at the Arlington Masonic Hall.



Gene G. Mulkey

He was born March 1, 1930 at Prairie City, OR, the son of Horace and Bertha Durst Mulkey. He was raised and attended school in Long Creek, Heppner, Portland and Irrigon, where he graduated from high school. It was there, at Irrigon, that he met his future wife, Norine Hinkley. On February 17, 1951 the couple married at Pasco, WA.

In September of 1951 he entered the military, where he served in the U.S. Army. Following his

discharge, the couple began farming at Shuttler Flat near Arlington. They then moved into the city of Arlington, but again found themselves in the country at their Fourmile Canyon ranch between Ione and Arlington. In 1996 they retired and moved back to Arlington.

Gene enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a member of the Condon B.P.O.E. #1869.

Survivors include: His son, Terry Mulkey of Garibaldi, OR and granddaughter Morgan Mulkey of Portland.

His wife Norine preceded him in death in 2008.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arlington Preschool, PO Box 245, Arlington, OR 97812

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Neil Wright

Robert Neil Wright, 86, of Hermiston, OR died Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Columbia Care Cottage in Hermiston. At Bob's request, there will be no service.



Robert Neil Wright

Bob was born July 31, 1926 in Heppner to Orian Elmer and Willa Pearl LeTrace Wright. He was raised and attended school at Eight Mile and Ruggs before entering Heppner High School with the class of 1944. He entered the Navy in 1944 and was honorably discharged in 1946 as a Gunners Mate 3rd Class.

After he left the Navy, he joined his father and brothers on the family ranch until 1955. He then moved to Pilot Rock, OR, and worked for US Gypsum until 1965. He then moved to Umatilla, OR and went to work for Campbell Equipment, then Sperry New Holland, in Hermiston as a farm equipment salesman until his retirement in 1986.

Bob was married to Kathryn Burns on February 4, 1947 in Portland, OR. They divorced in 1974.

Bob was always an avid hunter and enjoyed going up to the family mountain

place to either hunt or just relax and play cards with his lifelong friend, Skip Connor.

Bob was a member of the VFW and, for years, member of the B.P.O.E. and the Eagles.

He is survived by: Sons Gary Neil Wright of Cinebar, WA and Robert

Lee Wright of Hermiston; seven grandchildren, Kevin Wright, Kimberly Wright McNair Scott, Shane Wright, Joy Wright Barberg, Gail Wright, J.J. Wright and Logan Wright; seven great-grandchildren, Katie and Alexis Wright, Lilly and Addison Wright, Davin and Lucas Barberg, Niko McNair Scott; five nieces; two nephews; and sister-in-law Beverly Maness Wright of Heppner.

He was preceded in death by: Parents Orian Elmer Wright and Willa Pearl LeTrace Wright; sons, James Orian Wright and William Michael (Mike) Wright; brothers Clayton and Albert Wright; and sister Joan Wright Zimmerman.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Bill Labhart

Bill Labhart, 88, of Salem, died December 19, 2012. He was buried at Willamette National Cemetery.

Bill was a B-17 bomber pilot during World War II. In 1947, he joined Oregon State Police and was stationed at Heppner, where he met and married his wife, Jackie Tetz.

In 1961, he was pro-

moted to corporal at John Day. He was then promoted to sergeant at La Grande in 1972. He remained at La Grande until his retirement in 1979 after 32 years of service.

After his retirement the couple moved to Salem, OR.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie, in 2009.

Funeral Notice

Katherine "Katie" Monahan Hager—Katherine "Katie" Monahan Hager, 99 of Hermiston, OR, died on March 4, 2013. A recitation of the rosary will be held on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. Funeral mass will be held on Saturday, March 9, at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. A full obituary will appear in next week's issue of the Gazette. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Lexington to hold public hearing

There will be a public hearing before the Town of Lexington's regularly scheduled meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, March 11. The meeting concerns a \$2 increase in the base rate for water planned for July.

Prices for water parts, pipes, meters, etc. have increased by seven percent

since January, which the city says precipitates the need for the increase so the town can continue to provide good, quality water.

Lexington residents are invited to show up and share at 425 F Street, Lexington or write a note and put it in the drop box or mail to PO Box 416.

WCCC to offer beginning golf class

Willow Creek Country Club will offer a beginner's golf class this spring, beginning April 1 and running into May.

The class is for people with limited or no prior golfing experience. It will cover the basics of play, rules and game etiquette. The skills of putting, chipping, pitching, approaching, fairway shots and teeing-off will be covered, with emphasis on proper grip, stance, alignment and swing.

Each student must have a basic set of clubs, including putter; 5, 7 and 9 irons; and a wood. Balls and tees will be provided by the class.

Classes will be held 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Mondays or Tuesdays on the following dates: April 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30; and May 6-7.

The class is limited to eight students per session, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$30 for the series of six 1-1/2 hour lessons. This includes a temporary membership in Willow Creek Country Club for non-members and provides unlimited practice play for the duration of the classes. A half-price membership will be provided for students who were not previously members. The class fee will be waived for regular members of Willow Creek Country Club.

Anyone interested in taking the class should notify John Edmundson at 541-676-5177. Make checks payable to Willow Creek Country Club and send them to John Edmundson, PO Box 146, Heppner, OR, 97836.

Ione Legion plans poker fundraiser

The ninth annual Ione American Legion Post 95 & Auxiliary Texas Hold 'Em poker and bingo fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 9 at the Ione Legion Hall.

The event will include a bake sale, rifle raffle for a Ruger 10-22 with 10-shot clip, and two raffle drawings for a half beef each, cut and wrapped.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for the bake sale and a sandwich and salad bar meal;

beverages will be provided by Route 74.

Poker buy-in is \$40. Sign-ups begin at 6 p.m.; play begins at 6:30 p.m. with regulation tables courtesy of Wildhorse Casino. No late buy-ins will be allowed. Cash prizes will be awarded.

For more information on the tournament or raffle tickets, contact Arlynda Gates at gatesarlynda@hotmail.com, 541-422-7534 or 541-256-0334.

Community lunch menu

Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, March 13, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The meal will include corned beef and cabbage; potatoes, carrots and onions; carrot salad; black bread; and cupcakes. Milk is served at each meal.

Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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