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Obituaries

Dale L. Simpson

Dale L. Simpson, 67, of Sherwood, OR died Monday, July 11, 2016 at his home. A graveside service was held Friday, July 15, at 1 p.m. at the Spray Cemetery in Spray, OR. Following the service, a potluck reception was held at the Rock in Spray.

He was born on April 12, 1949 at The Dalles, OR, the son of Gilbert P. and Ada M. Anderson Simpson. He was raised and attended school in Spray until the family moved to Pendleton, where he graduated from high school.

Hawaii became his home after high school, living there for four years

while working in construction. Moving back to the mainland, Dale lived in many areas—Montana, Bend, Pineville, Heppner, Portland, and lastly Sherwood. While living in Bend, he owned and operated A-1 Glass Company in both Bend and Redmond until ill health forced him to retire.

When his parents fell to ill health, Dale became their caregiver, which he did for many years.

Education was a big part of Dale's life; he earned a Bachelor of Science de-

gree from the University of Oregon and continued to take classes of interest beyond that. Music was also

a big part of his life; he played the guitar and was a big BB King fan—seeing him in concert was one of the highlights of his life. Dale enjoyed growing roses and grapes, fly fishing and hunting in his early years. He was a collector of guns, and a computer geek. He made wonderful pies and was an all-around good cook.

Dale loved his nieces and nephews; he taught his

nephews to shoot and hunt and many other skills he felt a man should know.

He is survived by his sisters, Rene Fisher and her husband Bob of Prineville and Nova Simpson of Heppner, and by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding him in death were his parents, brother James Simpson, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Humane Society, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR 97211.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.



Dale L. Simpson

Heppner Christian Church welcomes new pastor

By Andrea Di Salvo

Heppner Christian Church welcomed a new pastor to the pulpit this week. Pastor Ray DeLoe preached his first sermon at the church this past Sunday, July 17.

DeLoe, 64, and wife Rhonda, 63, come to Heppner from Salinas, CA. However, DeLoe's story begins on the Oregon coast, where he was raised in Bay City, near Tillamook. He graduated from Neah-Kah-Nie High School in Rockaway Beach in 1970. After high school, he headed to Boise Bible College in Idaho. It was while there that he met Rhonda, at a garden party the first weekend of college in 1971.

"She was wearing a gray dress with pink flowers on it and sitting by herself," he recalls. They married a year later, Aug. 19, 1972, and now have three adult daughters and seven grandchildren. Aside from raising three daughters, Rhonda DeLoe is a registered nurse. She graduated with her associate's degree in 1973, and then went on to graduate with her bachelor's degree from California State University—Chico (Chico State).

"Her and our baby

daughter graduated the same weekend from Chico State," DeLoe recalls.

Rhonda later earned a master's degree from Walden University, and spent several years as the head of home health at Hazel Hawkins Hospital in Hollister, CA.

However, DeLoe himself didn't go straight into ministry; rather, he left school before earning a degree and went to work. He worked for Safeway from 1977 to 1987, first helping open a store in Enterprise, OR before transferring to Tillamook. He then went back to Boise Bible College and earned his Bachelor of Science in theology in 1989.

After he graduated with his degree in 1989, DeLoe first spent three years in the ministry in John Day, OR. The family then moved to San Jose, CA, where he ministered for 19 months before they moved on to Gridley, CA, where he pastored for 13-1/2 years. They then moved to Salinas, CA. There, DeLoe spent three years working as a courier supervisor for IBA Molecular, a company that transported radioactive isotopes used to detect cancer. He then went back into the



Ray and Rhonda DeLoe

ministry, serving at Crossroads Christian Church in Salinas for the next six years.

They accepted the call to the Heppner church because they wanted to return to Oregon, away from the hustle and bustle of California. Despite still having parents and family on the coast, though, DeLoe says he had no desire to return to the coast, "because it rains all the time." He was acquainted with Heppner residents Andrew and CJ Johnson from college days, and knew of Heppner from his time in John Day.

"I've actually chased deer around outside of town a few times," he says. "I was familiar with the area."

He also says the church just seemed to be a good fit.

"Talking with the leaders of the church it seemed I was a good fit for them, and they were a good fit for me."

The DeLoes have been here a little more than a week, with Rhonda—whom he says is in charge of unpacking—still trying to make sense of the boxes. However, Ray DeLoe says they are eager to dive into life in the community.

"I look forward to getting to know the community and the people and finding out what we, as individuals and as a church, can do to be of service to the people here," he says.

Kinzua Lunch Group

July 15 the Kinzua Lunch Group met for a meal at the Landing and a visit on the patio at the OHV Park on the Spray-Heppner highway. Those attending were Bill, Tom and Marilyn Ledford from Prineville; Tim Adams from Heppner; Bob and LaVonne Slinkard from John Day; Charles and Janet Nelson, Linda Dunn, Rollene Allen, Mike and Terry Todd, and Marilyn Garcia from Fossil; and Windy Liptak from Condon. Mike and Terry Todd also work at the OHV Park.

The group decided to meet Aug. 19 at Service Creek and Sept. 16 back at the OHV Park. Both lunches will be around 11:30 a.m.

Car wash planned to help Ione music program

A car wash fundraiser is planned for Sunday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Ione Fire Hall, with all proceeds to go to the Ione band and choir students' fund for their music trip to Hawaii next year. Donations are gladly accepted.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

July 12, 2016: -Scott Allen Dixon, 50 of Victoria, BC and Shelby Ann Henrichs, 43, of Irrigon.

July 14, 2016: -Angela C Tricker, 38, of Umatilla and Warren Jess Bassett, 49, of Umatilla.

July 15, 2016: -Latosha Christine Bowles, 25, of Heppner and Jared Wade Hedman, 23, of Heppner.

OTLD board to meet

Oregon Trail Library District will have its monthly board meeting Wednesday, July 20, 7 at p.m. at the Irrigon branch. The public is welcome.

ODFW Recreation Report

With fishing good for crappie, bass, brown bull head and trout, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife reports that angling for warm water fish should be taking center stage at Willow Creek Reservoir. The lake has been stocked with trophy trout and should provide good angling.

Community lunch menu

All Saints Episcopal and Hope and Valby Lutheran church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, July 27, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include barbecue chicken, jo-joes, broccoli salad, mixed vegetables, bread sticks and cherry parfait.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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