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Obituaries

Laurel Ann Cannon Robert DeSpain

Laurel Ann (Jug) Cannon was born to parents Albert and Echo Palmateer Dec. 12, 1929 in the old Heppner hospital which was located on Quaid Street. She died peacefully in her sleep at Willow Creek Terrace on Aug. 29, 2018.

As a young girl Laurel lived at the Palmateer ranch and attended school at Morgan for first and second grades. Following the death of her father, the family moved to Ione where Echo worked as the Ione City recorder and public librarian and also took in boarders in their home. Laurel attended grades three-12 in Ione, graduating from Ione High School in 1947. At Ione High, she was the volleyball captain, yell queen and was involved in all school activities. Jug was well known for her roller- and ice-skating abilities. Following graduation Laurel was a member of the Heppner Rodeo Court with Francine Hisler, Shirley Wilkinson, Corabelle Nutting and Queen Merlyn Kirk.

After graduation, Laurel moved to Portland where she worked for the telephone company for a short time before returning to Ione to marry Pete Cannon. Pete and Laurel married on Laurel's birthday, Dec. 12, 1948 and made their home in Ione for their 55 years of married life. The newlyweds lived in town while Pete worked on the Palmateer ranch before going to work for Morrow County Grain Growers. Laurel was a lifeguard at the swimming pool and taught countless young people to swim. She worked for many years at the Ione Post Office and occasionally drove the school bus.

Laurel was an avid collector, usually with the Ione United Church of Christ auction in mind. She scoured old dump sites and attended every yard sale in the area searching for treasures for the auction. Laurel and Marilyn Rietmann spent countless hours in Marilyn's garage refinishing furniture, talking and laughing. The tight-knit neighbors were a source of

joy for Laurel as they met for morning coffee and then sat on Bristows' porch in the summer evenings catching up on the latest events of the town.

Laurel was a staunch supporter of the Ione Cardinals and an active member of the Cardinal Booster Club. Everyone who attended Ione games would see Laurel with a stack of community calendars and a sales pitch. While she especially loved watching her grandchildren Ryan, Jason and Allison play sports, she enjoyed cheering on all members of the teams from her corner of the gym.

As Laurel's health deteriorated, she made the decision to move to Willow Creek Terrace in Heppner. She moved in July and said over and over that she wished she would have moved much sooner. "Laurel so enjoyed the people who lived and worked there, and raved about the delicious food. Even though her stay was short-lived, it was the perfect place to live out her final days."

Laurel is survived by her children: son, Terry of Tillamook; daughter Cathy Halvorsen and her husband Frank of Ione, and Arlene of Phoenix, AZ. Her grandchildren were the light of her life and she is survived by Ryan and his wife, Mollie and their three daughters; Ziya, Tru and Eila of Henderson, NV and Allison and her husband A.J. Tetrick of Portland. Preceding Laurel in death were her husband, Pete; grandson, Jason; brother, Ted Palmateer and sister, Doris Stract.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Sept 7 at 11 a.m. at the Ione Community Church with potluck to follow.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship Fund, PO Box 106, Ione, OR 97843, to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Willow Creek Terrace, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836.

The online condolence book is available at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Robert DeSpain was a sixth-generation Oregonian born in Pendleton, OR in 1947. In Ione, he was known as Red or Bobby. He graduated from Arlington in 1965 and began at O.S.U. with dreams of becoming an electrical engineer, before embracing a love of music. He became marching band assistant director, student union activities coordinator and composer of full concert band pieces and woodwind quartets.



Robert DeSpain

His first degree was a B.S. in music composition and theory. In Italian class, he met Linda and they married in 1971. Their daughter, Arwen, was born in 1972. Linda and Robert parted but maintained a close relationship throughout the years. At the U of O, Robert received a master's in electronic music composition and held a teaching position.

He worked for Worker's Trust Organically Grown Co-op, then drove backhoe and mastered the trades of demolition and environmental clean-up. Much of Robert's life was devoted to the Oregon Country Fair, where he served as a role model for the multitudes he organized. At the fair, he met his best friend and future wife, Laura. They enjoyed 18 years of a dynamic, fun-loving adventurous partnership.

"Robert's goodness defies words. Throughout his life, his values of integrity and community brought people together. For him, each interaction was an invitation to curiosity and learning. His way of living profoundly affected many people's lives. Robert had a gravitational pull that made you feel seen, heard, important and empowered." As his grandson

says, "Whenever we were down, he would bring us back up."
"Authentic, kind, loving, present, available, real, safe, a great listener, giver of the best hugs, preparer of the finest steak and garlic mashed potatoes known throughout the galaxy, an unhesitating helper for those in need, he was all of those things."

He was a Buddhist; his religion was kindness tempered with a repertoire of cheesy one-liners. Later in life he was ordained in the church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster and officiated weddings with a colander on his head.

He loved experiencing the awe and wonders of nature. In his spare time, he studied astronomy, geology, indigenous history, world religions, evolution of humanity, genetic discovery, mysterious phenomena, koi pond maintenance and the art of happiness. Above all, he valued family and meaningful connection. He has graduated on to become a beloved ancestor. He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.

Robert is survived by his wife, Laura Stuart; brother, Chris DeSpain; sister, Merry Chandler; children, Arwen Maas-DeSpain, Luke Warden, April Warden, Kenin Warden and thousands of others who he considered family. His family says, "We know Robert will bless and watch over us forever."

There will be a celebration of life Sept. 22 at noon at the Oregon Country Fair main stage. For more information or to send condolences, email rememberingrobertdespain@gmail.com.

SWCD, weed advisory to meet

The Morrow SWCD Weed Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Ag Service Center beginning at 6 p.m. Agenda items include a weed supervisor report, review of June minutes, SWCD financial update, partner and staff

reports and director election update.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public and accessible to persons with disabilities. For more information contact Kevin Payne at 541-676-5452 ext. 111.

Community lunch menu

All Saints, Hope and Valby volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, September 12 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be pork chops, scalloped potatoes, zucchini and squash, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake and for dessert.

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

Laurel H. "Bud" Wilson

Laurel H. "Bud" Wilson of Heppner, was born on Feb. 17, 1930 in Centralia, WA to parents, Edwin and Doris Butler Wilson. He died on Aug. 29 in Heppner at the age of 88 years.



Laurel H. Wilson

Bud graduated from Dayville High School in Dayville, OR. He was united in marriage to Delores F. Baker on Sept. 9, 1952 in Lewiston, ID. Bud worked as a mechanic/welder for Dennis Logan for many years.

The couple lived in Lexington, Boardman and Hermiston. Bud returned to his roots in Heppner and has lived at Willow Creek Terrace for many years. He enjoyed the mountains, hunting, riding four-wheelers, reading and playing bingo. Bud loved spending time with his family and especially enjoyed watching his great-grandchildren's sporting events, "Go Mus-

tangs."

He is survived by his sons: Danny Wilson and wife Melanie, Donny Wilson and wife April, both of Heppner; daughter: Carmen Wilson, Lexington; brothers: Wayne Wilson and Tracy Wilson, both of Lexington; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bud was preceded in death by his wife Delores in 2008 and his parents.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, Sept. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Lexington Cemetery.

Those who wish may make contributions to Bud's memory to Willow Creek Terrace. The online condolence book is available at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

A View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies play-day hosted 20 ladies on Aug. 28, a cool and sunny day.

Low gross of the field was Nancy Propeter. Low net was a tie between Shirley Martin and Bunnie Lindsay. Least putts of the field went to Mary Riggs.

Low gross for flight A was Eva Kilkenny and Virginia Grant got low net.

Flight B low gross went to Betty Burns, low net to Judy Harris and Pat Edmundson. Least putts was

Sharon Harrison and Della Heideman. Karen Hague-wood got the long drive and Lorrene Montgomery got KP.

Kathy Martin and Lorene Montgomery split low gross on flight C and low net was Kim Carlson. Jeanne Creswick and Sue Edson had the least putts and Sue Edson also got a long drive.

Mary Riggs, Bunnie Lindsay and Pat Dougherty each had a chip-in. Nancy Propeter and Bunnie Lindsay scored a birdie.

Funeral Notices

Paul William Tews – Funeral services for Paul William Tews of The Dalles are planned for Saturday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 W 10th St, The Dalles, OR 97058.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center – Celilo Chapel, 204 E. 4th St., The Dalles, OR. To leave condolence notes for the family visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com.

LCAC to meet

LCAC will hold a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 9 a.m. in the upstairs conference room of the Bartholomew building located at 110 N. Court St. in Heppner.



21ST ANNUAL N.E. DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2018
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IN HEPPNER, OR
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Sunday September 9th at 6pm
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EVERYONE INVITED, BRING CHAIRS, BLANKETS & JACKETS

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ALSO, don't forget to come support the Elizabeth Allen Swim Lesson Fund by purchasing desserts at the Ione Community Church

Music in the Park sponsored by the Ione Library Board and funded by the MC Unified Recreation District