

Obituaries

# Darlene Jessie Scroggins

Darlene Jessie Scroggins, 84, died at Providence Medical Center Hospital, Portland, OR, on May 15, 2022, with her three surviving sons at her side, due to complications from an aneurysm. Darlene was born June 29, 1937, in Spokane, WA, the daughter of William Louis and Jessie Anna (Whorral) Smith and was the eldest of four sisters.



Darlene Jessie Scroggins

Darlene graduated from Roosevelt High School, class of 1954. Crowned queen of the Lake City Pioneer Days, Darlene became a princess for Seafair, the gala annual Seattle-King County water festival that continues today. "As family lore goes, she was fitted with the gown and crown to be coronated Queen of the Seas but as she was not picked up by her father the evening before the coronation, but by her boyfriend, and this infraction 'stripped' her of her crown. Either way, she remains Queen in all our hearts, regardless," stated a family member.

After high school, Darlene visited a cousin in White Salmon, WA where she met Larry Monroe Scroggins and they were married shortly thereafter in Seattle, WA in June of 1955. Married for nearly 40 years, Larry preceded Darlene in death in 1994 while living in Heppner, OR.

As an enlisted Navy man, Larry and Darlene moved to the navy base in San Diego, CA and had their first son, Larry. Later, they moved back to Seattle, and Darlene briefly worked at Boeing before she went on to have three more boys, Jesse, William (Willy) and Lloyd. They moved to Portland in the early 60s where together Darlene and Larry opened their own company called, Floor Design Contractors out of Multnomah Village, where she worked the books and Larry worked the labor.

Raising four rambunctious and athletic boys, Darlene actively volunteered in all their activities, as did Larry who coached most of their team sports. An avid member of the community, Darlene started the district 4 Little League softball program and was integrally involved in Regional Series Softball. Darlene was also one of the driving forces of bringing the Softball World Series to Alpenrose Dairy; she was specially honored at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016 at the same time her granddaughter, Taitum was playing on the main diamond.

Aside from team sports, Darlene was a fixture on Mt. Hood where she volunteered as an Alpine Race Administrator for timing and calculations as her sons skied for Mt. Hood Race

Team (MHRT). Never a skier growing up, she and Larry jumped right into the sport when their son Jesse took to the sport and decided to make it a family affair which resulted in a lifetime of passion, fueled in part by the unconditional dedication she had for her family.

As an experienced seamstress and regular at Daisy Kingdom, Darlene even made all her sons ski clothing too, including ski pants, shells and downhill suits. She could do it all. In the 70s, Darlene became a member of the Skiyente Ski Club, a decades old woman's social club for active women on Mt. Hood dedicated to supporting skiing, ski racing and all things related to winter activities. She was also a board member with the Pacific Northwest Ski Education Foundation that provides funding and supports competitive Alpine and Nordic athletes, coaches and officials and clubs in the Pacific Northwest Ski Division. In 2005, Darlene was coronated "King Winter," in Government Camp, OR where she was honored for her significant contributions to snow sports and the mountain community during her lifetime.

After Larry's passing, Darlene did find love again with Stan Kemp, who was a retired farmer and wonderful man from Heppner, OR. Together they explored the country in their RV and eventually married in 1997 after a few years of traveling. Sadly, after only nine days of marriage and driving to Seattle to board an Alaskan cruise ship for their honeymoon, they were in a car accident and Stan, unfortunately passed. Darlene survived to bless us with added time and her kind heart.

Darlene enjoyed get-aways with cherished friends and especially enjoyed spending time and traveling with her sisters, Wilma, Norma Jean and Karen. A lover of travel, Darlene explored the life-size clay soldiers poised for battle in China, traveled in Europe but especially loved Hawaii and Mexico where she enjoyed slowing down and taking in the sunshine. Darlene also enjoyed Broadway musicals and the theatre and as a season ticket holder would often make the trek from Hood River to Portland to take in a show. Always with an infectious smile, and a twinkle in her eye, Darlene warmed up the room with laughter, giving energy to those who met her.

Darlene was predeceased by her husbands, Larry M. Scroggins and Stan Kemp, and Darlene and Larry's oldest son, Larry M. Scroggins. Darlene

will be lovingly remembered by her sons and their spouses, Jesse M. Scroggins, (Tina), Hood River, OR, William M. Scroggins (Kerry), Portland, OR and Lloyd M. Scroggins (Carla), Government Camp, OR and Phoenix, AZ.

As a loving grandmother Darlene will also be missed by her seven grandchildren, Lauren, Kelsie, Cade, Tucker, Taitum, Liam and Miguel (with whom she enjoyed providing special Christmas ornaments annually as a special remembrance); as well as numerous nieces and nephews; her sister, Norma Jean Kritsonis and brother-in-law, Ken Guffy. Besides her husbands and son, Darlene was also predeceased by her parents, William L. and Jessie Anna (Whorral); sisters, Wilma (Guffy) and Karen (Hughes); her parents-in-law, William and Blanche Scroggins and brothers-in-law, Ken Hughes and Conrad Maurice Scroggins.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, May 21, 2022, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1825 May St, Hood River, OR 97031. Darlene's burial will take place the following day at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 22 at the Long Creek Cemetery in Long Creek, OR where her late husband, Larry and many other Scroggins relatives are buried in eastern Oregon.

Donations may be made in memory of Darlene to Meals on Wheels (<https://meals-on-wheels.com/donate/donate-now/>) or the charity of your choice.

# Janet McDowell

Janet McDowell, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, left this world far too soon on May 5, 2022, at the age of 76.

Janet was born to Clyde and Ellen Taylor on May 11, 1945, in Preston, ID. She grew up on a dairy farm in Meridian, ID, with her four brothers Jerry, Roger, John and Ross. She attended school in Meridian, graduating from Meridian High School. After graduation, she attended Brigham Young University in Rexburg, ID to pursue a degree in interior design.

In November 1968, Janet married her high school sweetheart, Ron McDowell. The two lived in Meridian while he worked for Idaho Power. In 1973, they moved to Orovada, NV to run a farm they had purchased. During their time in Nevada, George, Jody and Brett were born. In 1984, Ron and Janet moved their family back to Meridian and eventually settled in Oregon. Janet worked for Wheatland Insurance until her retirement in 2017.

Janet had many interests, including water skiing, snow skiing, shopping, ATV adventures, baking and serving others. As an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, she held various callings throughout



Janet McDowell

# Margaret Marks Jacobs

Margaret Marks Jacobs, 75, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family, on St. Simons Island, Georgia after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Margaret was born in Fossil, OR on March 11, 1947, to the late Leslie Jack and Alice Billie Marks of Hermiston, OR.

Survivors include her children, Samantha Tyre (Josh) and Adam Jacobs; grandchildren, Aaron Tyre, Addison Tyre, Cohen Tyre, Cason Tyre; a brother, David Marks (Regina), siblings in love, Frances Abrams, Robert Abrams, Elizabeth Abrams Rick, Mary Abrams and Alice Abrams Atkins and a number of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Margaret was raised on a cattle farm in eastern Oregon. As a child she remained active in 4-H, served on the N.W. Rodeo Court and regularly participated in barrel racing and competitive trail riding. While serving on the rodeo court, she participated in the Pendleton Round Up and was featured in the Rose Bowl Parade. Margaret was one of four delegates selected from Oregon who were named to Club Congress as a young adult. She had tea in the green room with President Lyndon B. Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson. Margaret graduated Oregon State University in 1969 with a bachelor's in food science and technology and earned a Master's in business administration from Portland State University.

She was the first female chemist at General Foods, the first female manager for Zellerbach Paper Company, the first female manufacturing manager for Boise Cascade, first female executive

at Rayonier (Jesup), first female International Vice President of Henkel Corporation and the first female president of the Rotary Club of Jesup.

Margaret lived in eight states and four countries during her life. She also had the pleasure of visiting 23 countries and all 50 states. While traveling was a hobby, Margaret's passion was paying it forward. Margaret was a servant leader in every capacity of her life who never met a task she would not attempt to conquer. She gave back to her community until the day she passed.

Margaret chaired the initiative for Wayne County Literacy in the mid-80s which received the Barbara Bush National Literacy Honor Award. She was a member of Wesley Fredericka United Methodist Church of St. Simons and had been a long term member of Epworth Methodist of Jesup. Margaret served as an active member of the boards for the Boys and Girls Club of the Altamaha Area, Hospice of South Georgia (Chair), Heart Association (President), Wayne Family Connections (Chair), United Methodist Women (President - Epworth; District Treasurer), Rotary Club (Jesup,

Rochester Hills, Madison Heights, Hermiston, Golden Isles) (President; District Governor 6920; Paul Harris/Major Donor) and the Golden Isles Veteran's Village (Chair).

Margaret attended 10 International Rotary Conventions (Portland, OR; Glasgow, Scotland, Indianapolis, IN; Buenos Aires, Argentina; San Antonio, TX; Brisbane, Australia; Chicago, IL; Atlanta, GA; Toronto, Canada; Hamburg, Germany). She also served through End Polio Now in India in 2017.

While Margaret Jacobs' professional achievements and other accomplishments extended well past that which could be listed, her passion remained her children and grandchildren. She will continue cheering her children and grandchildren on from the best seat in the house.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at Altamaha Baptist Church, 6622 Oglethorpe Road, Jesup, GA 31545 with Rev. Deven Mixon officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will be private.

Remembrances may be made to Hospice of South Georgia, 1625 Sunset Blvd. Jesup, GA 31545 or to the Rotary International project to end Polio at [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org).

Please sign our guest-book online at [www.jesup-funeralhome.com](http://www.jesup-funeralhome.com). Arrangements are in care of Howard & Jones Funeral Home, Jesup, GA

## Death Notices

**Armond E. Britt** - Armond E. Britt, 88, Prineville, died November 18, 2021, at Prineville. A memorial graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on June 4, 2022, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, Heppner. A luncheon will follow the service at St. Patrick Parish Hall in Heppner. Arrangements by Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Mitzi A. Hess** - Mitzi A. Hess, 77, Heppner, died Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at her home. She was born October 18, 1944, at Walla Walla, WA. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

her husband, Ron; their four children, Stephanie (Ted) Hagler, George McDowell, Jody (Steve) Warnock and Brett (Kim) McDowell and daughter-in-law, Melissa Rodriguez; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren; three siblings, Jerry (Mary) Taylor, Roger (Teresa) Taylor, Ross (Lorita) Taylor and sister-in-law Cathy Taylor.

Donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho.

A celebration of life will be held June 18 from 4-6 p.m. at Stephanie and Ted Hagler's residence, 8221 S Ten Mile Rd, Meridian, ID 83642.

## Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Susan J. Thompson, 58, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$165.

-Juvenile, 16, Heppner, was convicted of driving without insurance, fine \$265; driving without a license, fine \$265; and failure to carry registration, fine \$115.

## Print & Mailing Services

\*Design \*Print \*Mail

Sykes Publishing 541-676-9228

**WHEATLAND** INSURANCE CENTER, INC. Serving Eastern Oregon since 1983.

<b>HEPPNER</b> 294 MAIN ST. P.O. BOX 755 HEPPNER, OR 97836 Office (541) 676-9113 • Fax (541) 676-9001 1-800-504-9113	<b>IONE</b> 245 NW MAIN ST., SUITE 100 P.O. BOX 26 IONE, OR 97843 Office (541) 422-7410 • Fax (541) 276-7688 1-800-585-7410
---	--

**CONGRATULATIONS, HEPPNER & IONE 2022 GRADUATES!**  
Time is running out!

Join us in honoring and congratulating this year's Graduating classes from Heppner and Ione. We will be publishing photos of the seniors in the June 1 issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times. The deadline to be included is Tuesday, May 31 at 1 pm. The cost is \$10 to have your name, business or family included.

Email - [graphics@rapidsolve.net](mailto:graphics@rapidsolve.net)  
Call - 541-676-9228  
Text - 541-914-2157

Please include your name, family or business as you would like it to appear on the senior pages.