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Obituaries

Kristin Dawn Miller



December 7, 1970 – January 10, 2024

Kristin Dawn Miller, 53, of Milwaukie, Oregon, passed away peacefully with her family at her side, January 10, 2024. Kristin was born December 7, 1970, in Pendleton, Oregon to Nancy Pettyjohn Miller and the late, George W. Miller. She spent her early years on the families' ranches in Eastern Oregon near Condon and Ione. Although disabled by Cerebral Palsy, Kristin attended school at Ione where her classmates' invented activities that she could participate in. She was loved and an inspiration to everyone. She learned to read and developed ways to communicate although her disabilities left her speechless and with limited mobility.

She moved to West Linn and joined the Albertina Kerr family continuing her schooling at Lake Oswego Junior High School and Senior High School. As Kerr grew and developed, she was moved to one of their new group homes in SE Portland and finished high school, graduating from Madison High School. She took classes of her interests at Mt. Hood Community College and worked closely with United Cerebral Palsy of Oregon and the Easter Seal Society of Oregon who assisted her in developing jobs that fitted her needs. At one time she was immensely proud to be working at three different jobs.

All her life the Easter Seal Society played a leading role in providing her with several of her greatest pleasures. She loved Camp Easter Seals and began attending at the age of 4 and continued through many administration changes including change over to Kiwanis Clubs of Oregon, only ending with the Covid shutdown. Another love was Special Olympics, and she was an avid and incredibly competitive participant

in their track meets and bowling tournaments with trophies, ribbons, and a shoe box full of medals to prove it. She also was a huge Portland Trail Blazers fan and held season tickets for many years.

She loved parties, especially hosting them. She would plan them and convince her staff of caregivers that they should help her!

She had many loves, but her greatest was her family and friends. She rarely missed a family celebration of any kind. She was a flower girl for her Aunt Marianne, a bridesmaid for her sister, Kara. Her generosity at Christmas was legendary, especially with her nieces and nephews. She shared a love of travel with family and visited the Oregon Coast many times, Disneyland several times and Disney World and Hawaii with family then ventured to Las Vegas with her friend Latoya. Japan was on her bucket list, but health and physical disabilities finally prevented that.

She is survived by her mother, Nancy Lee Miller; stepfather, Bill Monagle; brother, Justin Miller (Nicole, Payton, Piper, and Rhett); sister, Kara Gentry (Mike, Kadence, Madison, and Colton); stepbrother, Dennis Monagle (Andrea, Devin, Claire, and Abbie); special friend, Gregg; aunts and uncles, Marianne Sharp, Patricia Kayser, Mavis Olsen (Bob), Darla King (Bob), Sheri Fraser, Sondra Wilson and Don Holzman; many cousins; and dear friends.

She was an inspiration and a friend to all, and her passing has left a huge hole in our hearts, we will miss her greatly.

A Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Stehn Family Chapels Milwaukie Tribute Center, Milwaukie, Oregon followed by a Cemetery Service, 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 24, 2024 at High View Cemetery, Ione, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution in her memory be made to Albertina Kerr Foundation, Oregon United Cerebral Palsy or Oregon Special Olympics.

For more information please visit www.stehnfurneralhomes.com.

St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

For more information, contact KayRene Qualls at 541-980-2836.

Ellis Dean McRoberts



Ellis Dean McRoberts, 89, passed away peacefully the morning of January 28, 2024 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Early in the month, he said, "he really didn't want to go, but if it was his time, he would accept it". He was a sweetheart, and his smile will be deeply missed.

Ellis and his fraternal twin brother, Arlo, were born on September 27, 1934, to William Thomas McRoberts and Stella May McDandell in Morrow County. Shortly after his birth, William McRoberts died, and Stella married Oliver Austin Devin who became a dedicated and caring father to Ellis and his siblings.

Ellis loved life and enjoyed time with so many friends. He was a kind, happy go lucky, friendly man who, in his later years, loved to sit out on the bench in front of his apartment building and wave to everyone. He was a fixture in Heppner and adored by many. Sports were his passion, and the Ducks and Braves ranked highest. Of course, after his favorite Heppner teams who he cheered for in person until a few weeks before his death. He was the biggest jokester and passionate about making people happy. He truly was, one of a kind.

On July 1, 1960, Ellis married Dorothy Jean Seitz, and they welcomed two children, Raylene and Danny, into their lives. Two years later, their daughter Debbie was born. After their divorce in 1972, Ellis moved from Kinzua back to Heppner, where he lived the remainder of his life. He married Kathryn Ann Burns on July 15, 1976, and stayed married until her passing in 2005. They enjoyed bowling on a league and spending time with friends.

After 41 years, on October 5, 1996, Ellis retired from the Kinzua Mill. He used to say before bed, "I might snore. I worked in a sawmill for 41 years; I'm sawing logs". He loved to say how he was "tickled" about things. And he was. He was the happiest man, so rich by living in the moment, and deeply blessed with friends.

Ellis is preceded in death by his parents and his 7 full and half-brothers and sisters: Alice Wagner, Carolyn Goodwin, Frances Wright, John H. McRob-

Morrow County marriage licenses'

January 18th, 2024, Daniela Cobarrubia (29) and Ivan Ulises Flores Jaimes (28) both from Irrigon, OR.

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Max Eugene Hellberg



erts, Lee McRoberts, Oliver Devin, Arlo McRoberts. In addition, three half siblings from William T. McRoberts' first marriage.

He is survived by his children, Raylene, Danny, and Debbie McRoberts, as well as several nephews and nieces, including John McRoberts, Rob Conlee, Margaret McRoberts, and Shelley McRoberts. Survivors also include nine grandchildren: Amy McRoberts Rupnow, Stephanie Jackson, Samantha Dorris, Kristina Powers, Ron Powers, Mandy Stevens, Samantha McRoberts, Jeff Pace, and Jenna Metschan, as well as several great grandchildren.

A celebration honoring the joyful life of Ellis McRoberts will be held on April 13th, 2024. Please join us at 12:00 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery for a graveside service. To be followed by a celebration of his life at the Elks Lodge at 1:00 and a visit to the Ellis McRoberts basketball court in town.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Booster Club, PO Box 917, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Elks Lodge B.P.O.E #358, PO Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836

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three of their six children. In 1972, the family moved to Irrigon, OR. Max was active with the Morrow County rodeo and was honored to be the Grand Marshal in 2015. Max enjoyed serving his community, including being a director on the board of the Umatilla Electric Coop.

Max and Marilyn taught their children to work hard and follow Jesus. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hermiston.

Max went home to be with his Savior on February 4, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents; Otto and Hilda Hellberg; brother Martin Hellberg; and children, Beth (John) Creason and Kurt (Erica) Hellberg. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Hellberg; children Marilee (Dave) Nufer, Palmer, AK; Tim Hellberg, Irrigon, OR; Trina (Darrell) Miles, Finley, WA; and Joy Broderick, Jordan, MN; as well as 19 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 17 at 11:30 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Elks Super Bowl Party



Please join us February 11th for the Elks Super Bowl Party! Doors open at 1:00 pm. Please bring your kids and families for a great time. Chips and pop will be provided, feel free to bring a side dish or hors d'oeuvres to share



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