

OBITUARIES

Vanyla Jeanne Stephens

Pendleton
September 12, 1935 - July 9, 2018

Vanyla Jeanne Stephens was born September 12, 1935, in Shenandoah, Iowa, the daughter of Roland "Tex" and Helen (Erickson) Wilson. She passed away after a long illness on Monday July 9, 2018, in Kennewick, Wash., at the age of 82.

Vanyla was raised in Echo, Oregon, and graduated from Echo High School in the class of 1954. She married Clarke "Corky" Stephens in August of 1954. They raised their family in Umatilla until moving to Pendleton in 1978.

Vanyla worked at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton for 25 years until retiring.

Vanyla loved her family dearly (especially her grandchildren) and enjoyed spending time with family and having the neighborhood kids at her house.

She also liked cooking and being in the outdoors.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Corky Stephens; son Alan (Carol

Stephens; daughter Debbie Stephens; grandchildren Jeris (Amber) Stephens, Trevor (Sarah) Stephens, Tim (Sarah) Neely, Randy (Katie) Neely, Robin (Todd) Winters and Amanda Neely; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; and sisters Beth Picard and Marilyn Pratt.

No services will be held per Vanyla's request.

Memorial donations can be made to the Echo Museum, Chaplaincy Hospice House in Kennewick, Wash., or the American Cancer Society.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.



Stephens

John Phillip Cermak

Portland
October 24, 1952 - July 8, 2018

John Phillip Cermak was the son of John and Phyllis Cermak, younger brother to Brad and Jeris, born in Pendleton, Oregon, on October 24, 1952.

John was a lover of life, adventurer, and one "helluva" car salesman. The last three years he fought long and hard in his battle against cancer with friends and family at his side. He passed away in the comfort of his home in Beaverton, Oregon, on July 8, 2018.



Cermak

John is survived by his wife Patti, his children Megan, Lisa (Matt), Molly (Dane) and Johnny (Jessica), and eight grandchildren.

John's love of family was his joy in life and they carry memories of his infectious laugh, big bear hugs and mischievous smile with them forever.

Services will be held at Cedar Hills Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. on July 21, 2018. Drive careful.

Hailey Jean Jones

Hermiston
April 27, 1998 - July 1, 2018

Hailey Jean Jones was born April 27, 1998, in Hermiston, Oregon, the beloved daughter of Bill Jones and Mylisa Bruno. She passed away in Forest Ranch, California, on July 1, 2018, at the age of 20.

Hailey lived in Ione throughout her childhood until moving to Forest Ranch, California, in 2012. She graduated from high school in Chico, California, and was planning on attending Butte College this fall to become an RN.

Hailey was a loving, sweet girl who always wanted to take care of others. She wanted to save every animal she could from rollie pollies to white

tigers. She touched the lives of many people everywhere she went.

She is survived by her parents; Bill (Kris) Jones and Mylisa (Mark) Bruno; two brothers, Kevin Fowler and Gunner Jessen; three sisters, McKenzie Estabrook, Karina Rios and Karsyn Rios; many cousins, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and grandparents.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Sunday July 15, 2018, at 32985 W. Walls Road, Hermiston, Oregon 97838.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.



Jones

Frank Martinez Jr.

San Francisco
April 3, 1943 - April 26, 2018

On April 26, 2018, Frank Martinez Jr. passed away at the V.A. Hospital in San Francisco, California.

The first born child of Frank L. Martinez Sr. and Jovita G. Martinez, Frank Martinez Jr. was born in Crystal City, Texas, on April 3, 1943. Frank didn't marry nor have any children. He is survived by four siblings, Irma Wilson, Sandy Kooreny Wade, Richard P. Martinez and Dennis Ray Martinez.

Frank attended Locust Elementary, West Park Elementary, Sandstone, Hermiston Jr. High, Hermiston High School and Blue Mountain Community College.

Frank served in the Army, training at Fort Ord, California. He then was stationed in Germany for the length of his tour. Returning to Walla Walla, Washington, he served in the reserves for the remainder of his commitment.

Frank's work began at a very young age at the Hermiston Radio Station (voluntary, miscellaneous, mostly hanging out with the DJs). Later he worked in

Hermiston at the Chat and Chew playing records. He became employed at Montgomery Ward in Hermiston, later transferring to the

Walla Walla branch. From there he transferred to the Spokane, Washington, branch, later to the La Grande, Oregon, branch, then the Sacramento, California, branch, Stockton, California, branch and the Martinez, California, branch, ending up at the San Francisco, California, corporate office. After he left Montgomery Ward he held a variety of banking jobs, eventually retiring with Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco.

Frank's main loves were going to Hawaii and seeing the Rolling Stones, and he did both many times — always going out with friends for the festivities.

A memorial service has been held in Boise, Idaho. Forthcoming services will be in Walla Walla, Washington (family), and San Francisco, California (friends and family).

Frank was greatly loved by friends and family and will be greatly missed.



Martinez



Martinez

A. Joyce Johnson Aney

Portland
Feb. 10, 1936 - July 5, 2018

Joyce Aney left this world on Thursday, July 5, 2018, after a life well lived.

Joyce's many joys and talents included singing, international and gourmet cooking, hiking, sewing, quilting and beadwork. She gained great pleasure from theater, opera, family gatherings and her faith.

Joyce supported basic human rights and justice for people of all races, religions, nationalities, gender identities and sexual orientations — everyone. She put this belief into action with her private and public actions, providing great models for her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was a proud Oregonian, born in Marshfield (Coos Bay) to Donald Elden Johnson and Ruby Barnes Johnson. The family moved to Hillsboro in 1939 and Stanfield in 1945, where she attended elementary and high school before moving to Hermiston in 1953 and graduating from Hermiston High School in 1954. She met the love of her life, Warren W. Aney Jr. at a church camp at Anthony Lake at age 14.

She attended the Eastern Oregon College of Education for two years after high school, and then married Warren in 1956 in Stanfield Presbyterian Church. They moved to Corvallis where Warren attended Oregon State College and she managed the college bookstore camera counter. In 1958, on the day after Warren graduated, she gave birth to their first child, Bill.

After living for short periods near Fort Benning, Georgia, and Fort Lewis, Washington, the family moved to The Dalles where daughter, Julie, was born in 1959. Warren's career took the family to Portland, Corvallis and La Grande, and son, John, was born in Portland in 1965. The family included foster daughter, Pam Chase, who remained part of their lives until Pam's passing in 2017.

Joyce was an active church member and leader wherever they lived, including Presbyterian churches in The Dalles, Portland, Corvallis, La Grande and Beaverton.

She served as a deacon, choir member, elder, youth and young adult group leader and delegate to the General Assembly, and most recently provided aid and comfort to the elderly and ill through ministries at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Beaverton.

She worked as store clerk, travel agent and tour guide while running a warm and loving household.

She believed in education and returned to Eastern Oregon State College to complete her schooling, graduating in 1981 with a bachelor of arts degree.

Joyce died at a foster care facility near her home, 10 years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

She is survived by husband, Warren, who was her partner in life, faith and love; her sister, Lela Keim; children Bill Aney of Pendleton, Julie Deeds of Portland and John Aney of Lake Oswego; grandchildren, Lindsay (Aney) Chiono, Robert Street, Christina Street, Jordan Aney, Sam Aney, Sasha Aney, Candace Chase, Carmel Chase; and great-grandchildren, Micah and Phoebe Aney. Her younger brother, Donald Johnson, preceded her in death.

The family wants to especially thank Shonda Johnson at S & S Elite Care in Portland for the loving and dedicated care she gave to Joyce over her last 30 months.

The following is an excerpt from a piece Joyce wrote and shared with her family shortly after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease:

"Please remember me as one who cares deeply, glorifies in our friendship Remember me as compassionate Creative, giving soul Who loves her life As it is, but not as it will become."

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 4, 2018, at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Beaverton. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to More Light Presbyterians (mlp.org).



Aney

Alan Grant Rogers

Eugene
November 22, 1951 - July 5, 2018

The life of Alan Grant Rogers will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Grace Community Fellowship, where he and his wife Cheryl and children began attending in 1987.

Alan died July 5 from cardiac arrest. He was 66.

He was born Nov. 22, 1951, in Walla Walla, Washington, the son of Emmsley and Frances Rogers of Hermiston. Alan graduated from Oakland High School in 1970 and enrolled at Oregon State the next year.

In January 1974, he met Cheryl when she and his sister, Sandi, were "buzzing the Dub" (the A & W in Sutherland) and saw Alan sitting in his car at the nearby Chevron station, listening to a Portland Trail Blazers game on the radio. Cheryl and Alan were married March 19, 1977, in Roseburg. They were married 41 years.

He worked for the Chevron Corporation and then went to work for Rentex in 1976 (later bought out by Aramark), which transferred him to Eugene in 1987. That's where he and Cheryl and their three children — Luke, Lindsey and Kyle — began their new lives. Alan retired from Aramark in 2004 and went to work for Ferrellgas, where he worked until June 11, when he had a stroke.

He was a Lane County sports official, umpiring baseball and refereeing football and basketball. He was involved with Bethel Boosters for 23 years — long after his own children were no longer involved in sports.

He had a servant's heart and never craved the spotlight. (Of course, as an

official, he was forced to be in the spotlight, but he never took the razzing personally!) At Grace, he led small-group discussions, ushered, counted the offering and often was among the last people to leave any event, always helping with cleanup.

He was a longtime player in Grace's annual Turkey Bowl football game and, after hanging up the cleats, became co-commissioner of the youth game, which was particularly fun since three-quarters of the players were his grandchildren.

He literally wore his love for Oregon State athletics on his sleeves, showing up for church in bright orange after a win — or a loss. His family thought it cool that the last OSU athletic event he was able to watch was the Beavers' victory to clinch the national College World Series baseball championship.

But his greatest joy was his family, which he cherished above all. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his mother; two sisters, Sandi and Laura; his brother, David; children Luke and his wife, Sally, Lindsey and her husband Aaron, and Kyle and his wife Ceara; 10 grandchildren: Carter, Nicole, Tayden, Dominic, Blayke, Braylon, Korbyn, Landon, Cayleb and Garrett; and countless friends and family.

He loved the outdoors, sports, OSU and reading. But above all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Remembrances may be made to Grace Community Fellowship, 989 Country Club Road, Eugene, OR 97401.



Rogers

Carolyn J. Skoubo

Boardman
May 21, 1931 - July 10, 2018

Longtime Boardman resident, Carolyn Jean Skoubo passed away at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, Idaho, on July 10, 2018, at the age of 87.

Carolyn was born in Portland, Oregon, on May 21, 1931, to George and Nina Pearl (Parks) Sicard. Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert Sicard; sister, Maxine Fitzgerald; and Carolyn's husband of 55 years, Gunnar. She is survived by her three daughters, Patsy of Pendleton, Kathy of La Grande and Linda of Richland, Washington; their husbands, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

As a child, she learned to play the violin and trombone. In 1942, her family moved to Boardman to live with her grandfather, who was in ill health. He ran a dairy farm there. Carolyn milked cows, picked berries and generally helped around the farm.

Carolyn graduated valedictorian of her class at Riverside High School in Boardman, Oregon, in 1948. She then attended La Grande Junior College, studying math and chemistry, graduating in 1950. While attending she was also a Civilian Enemy Aircraft Spotter after World War II.

She lived down the road from Gunnar Skoubo, whom she married in Kansas City, Missouri, on Dec. 27, 1950, while he was on leave from the Army. Carolyn lived with German families in Brukenow Stadt and Ashaffenburg, Germany, while Gunnar was stationed at nearby Bremerhaven. Together they visited places such as

Denmark, Austria, Paris and Germany, as well as Hawaii in later years. Carolyn returned to the states aboard the ship SS Stockholm on Jan 25, 1952.

After Gunnar was discharged, they returned to Boardman, where they raised three daughters. Carolyn worked for the U.S. Postal Service and became

Postmaster in 1989, traveling and living in Pendleton, Adams, Rufus and Arlington, until she retired in 1994.

Carolyn was always reading and learning new things. In June 2000, at the age of 69, she graduated from Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton with an associate degree in both business management and accounting. She was a member of the Eagles and Lions Club Auxiliaries in Boardman, Oregon, and N.A.P.U.S. (National Association of Postmasters of the United States).

Carolyn enjoyed making rose petal wine, decorating wedding cakes and was an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and volunteer ambulance attendant in later years with Boardman Rural Volunteer Fire Department. Carolyn loved cats and after Gunnar's death raised as many as 13 cats at one time.

She will be missed by family, friends and neighbors.

A graveside funeral service was held on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at 2 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery in Boardman, Oregon.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Skoubo

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