

OBITUARIES

Robert Howard 'Bob' Phipps

Anderson, South Carolina

December 14, 1929 — March 29, 2021

Robert Howard "Bob" Phipps, age 91, passed away Monday, March 29, 2021, at his home in Anderson, South Carolina, with his wife of nearly 70 years and his family at his side.



Phipps



Bob was born December 14, 1929, in Beemer, Nebraska, to the late Floyd Loch Phipps and Thelma "Edna" Townsend. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, William Floyd "Bill" Phipps; grandchildren Daniel, Desiree and Darcel Evans; sister Mary Ann Board; and brother Charles "Raymond" Phipps.

Bob was a graduate of Pendleton High School Class of 1949 in Pendleton, Oregon. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and attended electronics school after boot camp at Treasure Island in San Francisco, California. He served aboard the USS Rowan DD-782.

When his tour ended, he returned to Pendleton where he met and married his wife, Jaimiee "Irene" Findlay, on November, 1, 1951.

He was recalled to active duty during the Korean war in 1952. He continued his service until June 1974 when he retired as an electronics chief technician. During one phase of his service, he was responsible for the upkeep of sites and for the instruction of naval reservists in Pendleton and North Bend, Oregon, and in Walla Walla and Tri-Cities, Washington. He became an instructor of electronics at Treasure Island. He also served aboard the USS Jason AR8, a naval repair ship. A highlight of his naval career was when he served at the Communication Station at San Miguel in the Philippines from 1969-1971, accompanied by his family. Although he was not a submariner, he was attached to Sub Ron Three Staff for two years prior to his retirement.

Bob was very active in the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years. He was a Wood Badge trained scoutmaster who taught adults and youth. He served as an assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and as a committee member in Empire, Oregon, the Far East Council, San Francisco Council, and San Diego Council where he formed an inner-city troop that was sponsored by his church. He continued participating in the BSA program after his retirement from the Navy in the Blue Mountain Council in Pendleton, Oregon, where he formed another church-sponsored troop. He was honored with the District Award of Merit.

In addition to his scouting, he was very involved in his church, the First Church of God, as a Sunday school teacher; a member of various committees; and chairman of the board. He was also a lifetime member of the Pendleton VFW Letter Buck Post 922.

He was an instructor in the electronics department of Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Oregon, and then at Kenai Peninsula College in Soldotna, Alaska, after he and Irene relocated there to be closer to their grandchildren in 1983.

Bob and Irene spent the next 34 years in Alaska where he spent the summers at Poachers Cove in Soldotna helping with the development of new lots and enjoying his retirement, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

In 2016, he and Irene moved to South Carolina to be closer to their children, grandchildren and extended family.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Irene of South Carolina; his daughters Dorothy McCune of Georgia and Pamela Sue Evans of South Carolina; sons Robert (Judy) Phipps of Florida and Russell (Pam Jean) of South Carolina; daughter-in-law Diana Phipps of California; sister Bonnie (Larry) Ghrist of Oregon; 16 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery, 140 Inway Drive, Anderson, South Carolina, on June 11, 2021, at 2 p.m., assisted by Standard Cremation and Funeral Center.

Mariko 'Mars' Hanami

Hermiston

February 25, 1921 — May 10, 2021

Mariko "Mars" Hanami died May 10, 2021, in Hermiston at the age of 100. She was born February 25, 1921, to Shoji and Matsumi Ishii Kumasaka in Seattle, Washington. She attended Olympic View and Lincoln High School, Class of 1939.



Hanami

In her growing up years she helped in the family greenhouses and garden. As a teenager she was active with the Green Lake Fieldhouse basketball team and Green Lake softball and basketball teams of the Japanese Courier Leagues.

In 1940 she went to Japan with a group of girls sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Church. They traveled together for three months and she stayed for a year when her sister May joined her and they traveled to scenic spots and visited relatives. They returned to America in February 1941.

She was attending Wilson Business School when the evacuation of all Japanese of the West Coast was ordered. In April 1942 she was incarcerated with her family in the Puyallup Assembly Center (Puyallup Fairgrounds). In August 1942 they were sent to the Minidoka Relocation Center in the desert of south-central Idaho. In September she went to the Rexburg area of eastern Idaho with her brother Akira and his family on the work-release program to help with the harvest of potatoes and sugar beets.

In the fall of 1943 she went to Chicago and then to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to marry Takeshi "Tug" Hanami on December 18, 1943. When he was sent to Europe with the 442nd Combat Team in May 1944, she returned to Chicago and worked at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Upon Tug's return and his discharge in November 1945, they went back to the Rexburg area and raised their family. For many years she worked at radio station KRXX, Part Service and Rexburg Floral. She was a member of the community Presbyterian Church.

In 1972 they moved to Caldwell after the chil-

dren had left to go to college. She was an active member of the VFW Auxiliary and she and her husband attended many state conventions throughout Idaho. They also attended many Army reunions of the Cannon Company of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Seattle and Hawaii. They traveled throughout the Western states to the reunions of the 148th Field Artillery.

In 2005 they moved to Hermiston to be near her daughter, Jan. Mars was busy with her garden, canning, sharing her produce and dish cloths and scrubbers. She started bowling in the 1960s in Rexburg and since October 2005 in Hermiston, she had bowled twice week with seniors until she was 96.

The highlight of her 100th birthday was the visits from the Hermiston Police Department and the Hermiston Fire and Emergency Service Department. They held a soft spot in her heart.

Mariko is survived by her son, Mark Minoru Hanami of Mountain Home, Arkansas; daughters Janice Kiku Hanami of Hermiston, Oregon, and Gail Asa Shenfield (Floyd) of Omaha, Nebraska; grandchildren Heather Hanami, Corpus Christi, Texas, Erika Murchison-Blake (Matthew), Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Brandon Shenfield, Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Christie Shenfield, Omaha, Nebraska; and great-grandson Amir Makai Murchison-Hanami, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 68 years, Takeshi "Tug" Hanami; son Jon Y. Hanami; brothers Akira Kumasaka, Haruo "Ham" Kumasaka and Roland Shozo Kumasaka; and sisters Mitsuko Furuyama, May Fujioka and Mutsuko Kumasaka.

A private family burial will be held.

Please share memories of Mars with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

Judith Marlene 'Judy' Van Tassel

Waitsburg, Washington

September 30, 1952 — April 16, 2021

Judith (Judy) Marlene Johnson Van Tassel was born September 30, 1952, in Moses Lake, Washington, and passed away unexpectedly after heart surgery April 16, 2021, in Portland, Oregon.



Van Tassel

Judy is survived by her husband, Lorraine, of Waitsburg, Washington, sons Kevin of Waitsburg and Monte, daughter-in-law Cian, and one baby granddaughter, Emmaline Shea, of Bend, Oregon.

Judy is also survived by her four brothers, Jim Johnson of Hermiston, Oregon, Jeff Johnson of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, Jerrold Johnson of Hermiston, and Joel Johnson of Ocala, Florida, as well as aunts, uncles, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Milton James and Wanda Lorraine Johnson of Hermis-

ton, Oregon. She was universally loved by all of her immediate and extended families, which also includes many sisters and brothers-in-law. Her loving sunny positive personality attracted all who knew her; she will be sorely missed by all her numerous family members and friends.

Judy was a member of the Dayton, Washington, SDA church and remained a faithful member all her life. She loved to share her love of God with her beautiful voice, often accompanied by Lorraine on his guitar.

Memorial services will be conducted at the Hermiston, Oregon, Seventh-day Adventist Church on June 27, 2021, at 11 a.m., to be followed by a graveside service and interment at Hermiston Cemetery.

LeEtta H. Wineland

Hermiston

October 24, 1936 — May 10, 2021

LeEtta H. Wineland of Hermiston was born October 24, 1936, in Emmett, Idaho, the daughter of Edwin and Blanche (Wimer) Norris. She passed away at her home with her family by her side on Monday, May 10, 2021, at the age of 84.



Wineland

LeEtta moved to the Hermiston area as a child where she attended school. She married Ronald Wineland on January 6, 1954, in Stevenson, Washington. The couple traveled for several years following Ron's construction work. In 1972, they settled back into Hermiston where they have lived since.

LeEtta worked at Good Shepherd Hospital in the laundry department for over 21 years. She retired in 1999.

She enjoyed working in her yard, working with

ceramics, quilting, sewing, fishing and camping. She was a past member of the Eagles and Moose lodges.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Ronald; daughters Rhonda Mundy and Melanie Roberts; sons Ronald Wineland Jr. and Brian Wineland; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four

great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; 12 brothers and sisters; daughter Debra; and a grandson, Kevin Roberts.

A private family gathering will be held.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Taekwondo demonstrations to benefit local girl

HERMISTON HERALD

Board breaking and other demonstrations are featured during a benefit event at Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo.

Donations will be accepted to support May-

sie, a 2-year-old local girl who was diagnosed with ependymoma.

The rare cancer was found in the youngster's brain.

She has undergone surgery to remove most of the tumor; however, she's

headed to Seattle with her parents to undergo radiation treatment.

Nearly 100 students will participate in the break-a-thon, which is Saturday, May 22, at noon at 155 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. People are encour-

aged to donate \$5 for a board. The event also will feature brick breaking, self defense and forms demonstrations.

For more information, contact Erwin Watson at 541-571-5176 or ewatson24@hotmail.com.

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