

OBITUARIES

Harry Acton Miller

Sept. 14, 1922 — Dec. 15, 2016

Harry's first seven years were spent in Lewistown, before moving to San Bernardino, California, in 1929. He graduated from Riverside Polytechnic High School in 1941, and then spent six-months at Long Beach (California) Junior College before he was drafted and joined the U.S. Navy in 1942.

Throughout World War II he was stationed in Astoria, where he worked in Ships Stores as well as commissioning and decommissioning "flattops" (aircraft carriers). He had requested PT duty, but was denied. It was a good thing, because the ship he had requested was sunk three days after it set sail, just outside of San Francisco, and two thirds of the crew were lost. His guardian angel was on his shoulder watching over him.

After the war, he returned to Long Beach Junior College and earned his bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration and married the love of his life, Margaret Lillian Nielsen, Nov. 24, 1950. She preceded him in death in October 2012.

Harry returned to Astoria and worked for several construction companies before being hired by First National Bank (now U.S. National). Promoted and transferred to the Seaside branch, he relocated in 1955. Again, his guardian angel was watching over him when he was driving home from a meeting in Astoria, a tree fell on the car.

He started at the Post Office in 1961, was promoted to Postmaster in 1972, and retired in 1982.

He moved into his home on Lewis and Clark Way in 1956, where he lived the remainder of his life. His house was an on-going project with adding on and remodeling almost continually. He purchased the next door lot with three studio cabins, using one as his boat house, and combining the remaining two into a one bedroom home for Margaret's mother.

Margaret always said she was going to have a shirt made with the acronym "MHCD" or "My Harry Can Do Anything."

He played a troll in the Scandinavian Festival along with his nephew, Dan Hess, and they were so good they were invited — all expenses paid — to play trolls in the Minot, North Dakota, Nordic Festival. As a troll, he started handing out hugs and kisses to children along the parade route, which evolved into giving hugs and kisses to all the women he met, both young and old. He often joked that he wished he'd had stock in the Hershey Company!

Margaret called him her "social butterfly," and noted he never met a stranger.

He always enjoyed cars, and told stories of racing his 1932 Ford when the hood came unlatched and flew up, blocking his view — the first appearance of his guardian angel. Then there was the time he had an Indian motorcycle in college and was bet it wouldn't do 100 mph. It did.

Harry always worked in the background for the good of his community, simply saying "there was a need." He became even more involved after retiring from Post Office in 1982, when he took on more challenges than any of us will ever be able to count completely. He was a lifetime member of the Elks, American Legion, North American Fishing Club and North American Hunting



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Club, to name a very few.

If he wasn't at the Pig 'N Pancake for coffee every morning (except for vacations), the phone would be ringing and someone would ask, "Where's Harry?" or "Is everything OK?" Through the years he worked on projects big and small, sharing his wisdom and wealth of knowledge with anyone asking (and probably a fair number who didn't ask!). He took great pride in his role with the South Clatsop County Food Bank.

He was involved with the Little League (umpire), all Kiwanis fundraisers (pancake feed, Christmas Tree, golf tournament), Camp Kiwanilong, Seaside Marathon, Seaside Beachcombers Festival, Seaside Civic and Convention Center and the Bob Chisholm Community Center.

He was an assistant Scout master, helped create the Service Club Council (the ones who host the senior Christmas dinner), and was on more boards and committees than you can shake a stick at, including the old Seaside Union Hospital District, Camp Kiwanilong, City Budget and the Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few.

He drove to Kasilof, Alaska, at least five or six times to visit his son and daughter-in-law, and went dip netting one year, catching four salmon at once. Only later did he learn it was illegal for non-residents to use this form of fishing.

He had a lifelong love of cars and drove a 1971 Datsun 240Z around Seaside at the ripe old age of 84, and enjoyed golf, fishing, golf, clamming, golf, crabbing, golf, building things, golf, poker and slots and golf.

He took great pride in his annual flag-raising ceremony on the Fourth of July with a new flag in 2015 that was 10 feet by 12 feet, and too big to fly at half-mast!

He is survived by his children, Nancy Maplethorpe of Salem, Oregon, Harry Miller Jr. and his wife, Tracy, of Kasilof, Alaska, Sylvia Herrley of Troutdale, Oregon, and Paul Miller of Seaside, Oregon. He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Bernie Herley.

He was not a big man in stature, but was certainly a big man in the community, and he will be truly missed. The only venue big enough for him to take his final bow was the Seaside Convention Center, which took place on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017.

Please: No flowers, but send all remembrances to the South Clatsop County Food Bank, Camp Kiwanilong or to Colombia Memorial Hospice.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary and Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Please visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

Elizabeth Kate 'Katie' Barker

Sept. 29, 1936 — Dec. 17, 2016

Elizabeth Kate "Katie" Barker was a fifth generation Oregonian whose devotion to her state's history and natural beauty was surpassed only by the love she had for her family and her vast network of friends. She died on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, at age 80.

Katie was born in Portland, the only child of Gerald E. and Elizabeth L. Moore. She graduated from Oregon State University, and lived for the past 44 years in Lake Oswego and Cannon Beach. She volunteered at the Cannon Beach Arts Association Gallery and was a devoted supporter of the Cannon Beach Food Pantry, the Cannon Beach Library, and the Tillicum Foundation, which runs Coast Community Radio in Astoria.

A former home economics teacher, she started and ran a property management company, Barker and Calkins, that thrives today. She developed and owned Brooklyn Gardens, a residential and commercial property in Southeast Portland.

Her ancestors include some of the most significant people in Oregon history, including missionaries Chloe Clark Willson and William Holden Willson, the first treasurer of Oregon, who were instrumental in establishing the city of Salem and what became Willamette University. Her great-grandfather was J.K. Gill, who founded and ran a chain of bookstores. Her grandfather, E. B. London, established an apple and pear orchard in Oregon's

Hood River Valley, where Katie spent her summers as a youth.

At age 15, she climbed Mount Hood, as her mother and grandmother had done before her, starting a lifelong love affair with the Mazamas mountaineering group.

In the 1960s, she and her husband, Louis, bought a small cabin on the presidential streets in Cannon Beach and she spent summers there ever since. She cherished her time there, referring to it as



Elizabeth "Katie" Barker

her sanctuary. She loved the cool breezes, winter storms, fresh seafood, gravel roads, beach bonfires, and years of children and then grandchildren playing croquet and badminton in her yard. It would be impossible to count the blackberries she picked in town, much less the number of pies she baked them into.

She often regretted the limited opportunities for women in her era, noting she had the skills to have gone into engineering if only she had had the encouragement.

In retirement, Katie was an active volunteer. In addition to the Cannon Beach organizations, she supported Multnomah Falls, Portland Public Schools, OHSU, and a women's scholarship fund at Portland State University in honor of her longtime friend, the late Oregon State Sen. Nancy Ryles, among others.

Katie loved sharing her creativity with her family. She was always thinking of projects at her home and her beach cabin, in her garden, and with her grandchildren.

She traveled the world but always found the greatest beauty in the Pacific Northwest, particularly at the coast.

She is survived by her husband, Louis Barker; three children, Betty, Charles and Neil Barker; and four grandchildren, Harry Barker-Fost and Chloe, Oscar and Amelia Barker.

Memorials may be made to the Cannon Beach Food Pantry, PO Box 852, Cannon Beach, OR 97110, or the charity of your choice.



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Carolyn Wood interviewed during her Olympic bid.

Journey of an Olympian

The Friends of the Seaside Library will host Carolyn Wood, author of "Tough Girl: An Olympian's Journey." The event will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, with book sales and signings by Beach Books.

Wood was born in Portland and swam for the Multnomah Athletic Club, where she won seven individual state championships. Wood's story in "Tough Girl" details the training and

commitment it took to become an Olympian at just 14 years old. She also tells of growing up in mid-century Portland, of being a closeted athlete, and of coming out and fighting for gay rights. It is the account of youthful dreams and exuberance, of struggle and the will to overcome obstacles in sport as well as in life. Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway; 503-738-6742 or seasidelibrary.org.

David Michael Langlo

Oct. 13, 1939 — Jan. 8, 2017

David was born October 13, 1939 in Virginia, Minnesota, to Alfred and Lois Langlo. The family moved to Gearhart, Oregon, when he was three years old. He attended Gearhart Elementary School and Seaside High School.

After high school, he owned and operated three log trucks and worked various logging jobs in the woods.

On Jan. 13, 1967, he married the love of his life Darlene. They moved to Seaside, where he would reside the remainder of his life.

In 1973 he started his own masonry business, Dave Langlo Masonry, and operated his business until his retirement in 2006. He specialized in putting block foundations under existing homes throughout Clatsop County. One of his proudest accomplishments was the construction of the carousel mall in downtown Seaside. Another was the brick entry way around Ken and Sons Market in Seaside, which was completed for their 25th anniversary.

One of his greatest passions in life was collecting antique vehicles, and he had 14 at the time of his passing. He loved to drive them in parades and show them in car shows. He was a member of the Lower Columbia Classic Car Club. He also loved to make his own folk art creations, which mainly consists of old car parts. His house is adorned with many of his creations. His living room contains a love seat, made from the rear end of an old Rambler American car.



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David is survived by his wife, Darlene Langlo; son Toney Newton and his wife, Debbie; daughter Brenda Langlo and her partner, Steve; daughter Nancy Smith and her husband, Kevin; and granddaughters Shellie Langlo, Lacie Malvaney and Brittany Newton. He is also survived by his brothers, John Langlo and his wife, Margaret, Jim Langlo and his wife, Sonja, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered as a hardworking man who enjoyed his family and working in his shops at home on his many vehicles. He was extremely proud of the handicapped accessible block home he built for his wife, Darlene.

There will be a celebration of David's life this Saturday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. at their home. All are welcome to attend.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary and Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Please visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

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