

Obituary (More obituaries on page 14)

MELVIN L. "SPIKE" LARDY, SR.

Melvin L. "Spike" Lardy, Sr., 77, Buxton, died February 4, 2001. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held Feb. 20 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Roy. Mass of Christian Burial was held with Fr. Todd Molinary, celebrant. Interment was at St. Francis Cemetery in Roy.

Mr. Lardy was born August 29, 1923, in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota, to Peter John and Anna Theresa (Reiter) Lardy. He started school in North Dakota. In 1935, he moved to Roy and completed his education.

He joined the United States Coast Guard in 1942 and served for three years in the South Pacific. He then settled in Buxton. In 1950, he married Gladdean D. Dick.

Mr. Lardy worked on the railroad, where he acquired the name "Spike". He also worked at the Empire Light Rock Plant in Timber, at Oregon-American Lumber Company in Vernonia, Ross Island Sand and Gravel, and in the shipyards in Portland until his retirement in 1982.

He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, the V.F.W. in Banks, the Manning Grange and the Buxton Community Club.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Melvin L., Lawrence and Michael, all of Buxton; two daughters, Nancy Lazott of Rainier and Joan Burnsed of Buxton; three sisters, Florence Flaig of Forest Grove, Genevieve Dennis of Vernonia; Alfredda Cutright of Banks; sixteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to St. Francis School Endowment Fund, 38975 NW Harrington Road, Banks OR 97106, or to the Melvin L. Lardy, Sr. Memorial Fund c/o Providence St.

Vincent Endowment Fund, 9205 SW Barnes Road, Portland, OR 97225. Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home of Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

KAYLENA L. PARAGON

Kaylena Lynn Paragon, 5, Vernonia, died February 4, 2001, of cancer. Services are pending.

Kaylena was born August 30, 1995, in Milwaukee, to Rick and Tammy Paragon. The family recently moved to Vernonia.

Survivors include her father and mother; two brothers, Kiefer and Kevin; and one sister, Kira, all of Vernonia; and a grandmother, Connie Tisone.

Remembrances are suggested to the Kaylena Paragon Fund, in care of any U.S. Bank Branch, to help defray costs.

Fuiten, Rose and Hoyt is in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD M. BAKER

Richard Melvin Baker, 81, Vernonia, died January 23, 2001. A memorial service was held at the Scout Cabin in Vernonia on February 3. Disposition was by cremation.

Mr. Baker was born October 10, 1919, in Portland, to Richard and Julia May (Counts) Baker, and was raised in Vernonia. He worked in logging as a young man and then was self-employed in salvage. He lived in Ritzville, Wash., for many years and worked for Kelso Sales Barn, an auction house owned by one of his sons. He returned to Vernonia in 1995.

In 1939, he married Geraldine Hoffmeister.

He was preceded in death by a son, Carl, in 1998.

Survivors include his wife; three

sons, Vaughn of Kelso, Wash., Vance of Bend; and Vincent of Vernonia; a daughter, Nita Rogers of Portland; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Oregon Cremation was in charge of arrangements.

LESLIE A. SKIRVIN

Leslie Arlan Skirvin, 55, Westport, died January 27, 2001. A memorial mass was held February 3 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with Father Luan Tran, celebrant. Vault interment will be at Maplewood Cemetery in Scotts Mills.

Mr. Skirvin was born June 10, 1945, in Silverton, to John Arthur and Cecile (Mulkey) Skirvin. He graduated from Silverton High School in 1964. He moved to Astoria and graduated from Clatsop Community College in 1966 with an associate law enforcement degree. In 1967, he moved to Westport. He worked as a millwright for James River corporation until his retirement in 1995.

In 1967, he married Judith Ann Fleckenstein. In 1987, he won the World Champion Hot Saw Competition and was Columbia County Logger of the Year three times. He was chairman of the logging show for Clatskanie Heritage Days for 17 years.

He was a member of the Rainier Eagles, American Lumber Jack Association and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

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Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Suzie Smith of Westport; a son, Jeff of Clatskanie; two brothers, Fritz of Salem and John of Silverton; a sister, Sara Nietling of Stayton; three grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Community Home Health and Hospice, P O Box 2067, Longview WA 98632.

LEONA BURBANK

Leona Burbank, 91, died January 27, 2001. A funeral was held January 30 in Tillamook United Methodist Church. Interment was in Tillamook International Order of Odd Fellow Cemetery.

Mrs. Burbank was born October 22, 1909, in Banks and grew up in Tillamook. Her maiden name was Hopkins.

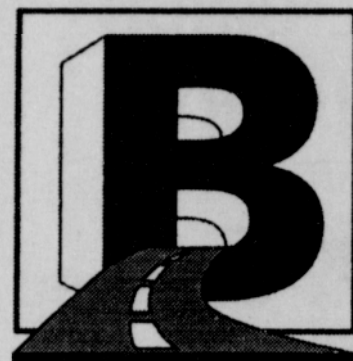
She lived in Cornelius from 1927 to 1929 and returned to Tillamook. She was a member of the Tillamook United Methodist Church.

She married John Burbank in 1927. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1993.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Lu Hendon, Johnetta Adamson and Loretta Hupp; a sister, LaVerna Hinde; a brother, Lowell Hopkins; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Tillamook United Methodist Church, 3808 12th St., Tillamook, OR 97141.

Waud's Funeral Home in Tillamook was in charge of arrangements.



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