

Obituary

DOROTHY OLINGER

Dorothy Olinger, 74, Hillsboro, died December 31, 2002. Services were held January 4 at Bronleewe-Bass Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Interment was at Fir Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Olinger was born September 17, 1928, in Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, to George and Helen Roland. They

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moved to Vernonia when she was in fifth grade; she graduated from Vernonia High School.

In 1947, she married Bill Olinger. They lived in Vernonia until 1958, when they moved to Hillsboro.

She worked as a bookkeeper and secretary in the family business, Bill Olinger Lincoln-Mercury.

Mrs. Olinger was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Roland of Aloha, Kyle of

Portland, and Tad of Aurora; a daughter, Kelly Wilson of Aloha; a sister, Marge Aldridge of Roseburg; two brothers, Dale Roland of Yamhill, and Leonard Roland of Roseburg; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Oregon chapter, 1311 NW 21st Avenue, Portland, OR 97209.

Bronleewe-Bass Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BARBARA A. NICHOLS

Barbara A. Nichols, 60, Banks, died December 29, 2002. Funeral services were held January 2 at Forest Grove Memorial Chapel, with Brother Dale Moore and Brother Vernon Flandemeyer officiating. Graveside services were January 3 at Sandridge Cemetery in Lebanon.

Mrs. Nichols was born March 15, 1942, in Delta, Colorado, to David E. and Fleda J. Wilson Boyd. She grew up in Oklahoma and Colorado.

In 1963, she married Walter B. Nichols. They moved to Oregon in 1966 and to Banks in 1986.

She was a member of the General Assembly and Church of the First Board.

Mrs. Nichols was preceded in death by a brother, a sister, and four infant

children, Dannie, Leroy, Pauline and Bobby.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, David of Platteville, Colo., and Larry of Duvall, Wash.; a daughter, Linda Stoddard of Banks; a brother, Terry Boyd of Vernonia; a sister, Erma Sloat of Pine Bluff, Ark.; six grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Forest Grove Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

ORADELL GRIEBELER

Oradell P. Griebeler, 85, Forest Grove, died December 25, 2002. No service was held. Cremation took place.

Mrs. Griebeler was born April 3, 1917, in Banks, to Orville and Rose Schlegel Prickett. She grew up in Hillsboro, graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1935, and received a bachelor's degree in home economics from Oregon State University in 1941.

In 1941, she married Bill Griebeler. The lived in Corvallis, Palo Alto, Calif., Port Townsend, Wash., and Mesa, Ariz. They moved to Forest Grove in 1992.

During World War II, Mrs. Griebeler worked in the Food Service Department of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. She later taught school in Tacoma, Wash.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Jane VanWinkle of Olympia,

Wash.; three grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Multnomah Bible College in Portland.

Bronleewe-Bass Funeral Home of Hillsboro was in charge of arrangements.

ELLIS S. WOOLDRIDGE

Ellis S. Wooldridge, 87, Aloha, died January 8, 2003. A funeral was held January 14 at Bronleewe-Bass Chapel in Hillsboro. Interment was in Fir Lawn Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Mr. Wooldridge was born December 18, 1915, in Scofield.

In 1941, he married June Michener.

He was an auto mechanic and worked at Ankeny Auto Service in Portland, Knauss Chevrolet in Tigard, and as a Custodian at Aloha High School until retiring in 1978. He served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a member of Aloha VFW Post #4617 and president of West Union Community Club.

Mr. Wooldridge was preceded in death by his wife in 2002.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Meeuwse of Hillsboro, and Madeline Wendland of Scholls; 5 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to Alzheimer's Association.

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The program, authorized by the 2001 Oregon Legislature, will be phased in beginning February 1, and save participating seniors an estimated 10 percent to 20 percent on prescription drug purchases.

"...57 percent of Oregon's seniors have no insurance for drug costs," said Lynn Read, acting state Medicaid director in the Oregon Department of Human Services. "This causes large numbers of them to take chances with their health by reducing dosages, failing to fill some prescriptions and cutting back on food or utilities."

The 15 counties in which the program will begin February 1 include Clatsop, Columbia and Washington.

Participating seniors will pay the same price as is paid by the state Medicaid program. For example, if Medicaid pays \$100 for a prescription that retails for \$115, then a senior will pay \$100 with the dispensing pharmacy subsidizing the difference.

An estimated 100,000 Oregon seniors are eligible to participate.

Unlike California, which requires participation of pharma-

cies selling Medicaid patients, Oregon's program is voluntary. Chains such as Kmart and Target and the mail order pharmacy, Wellpartner, have signed up, so far; several others have indicated that they intend to.

"We are counting on the public spirit of Oregon pharmacists to sign up for this program to help struggling seniors whom they see everyday," Read said.

To be eligible, a senior must be 65 or older, have income less than 185 percent of the federal poverty level (\$16,392 annually for an individual), own liquid assets of less than \$2,000 (excluding house and car), pay a \$50 annual fee and have had no prescription drug coverage for at least six months. The \$50 fee may be reduced once costs to operate the program are known.

The Governor's Commission on Senior Services reported that, among Oregon seniors who are uninsured for prescription drug costs, 50 percent take partial doses to stretch medications, 83 percent skip filling prescriptions, 71 percent spend less on food, rent, heat and clothing to offset drug costs and 22 percent buy from vendors in Canada or Mexico.

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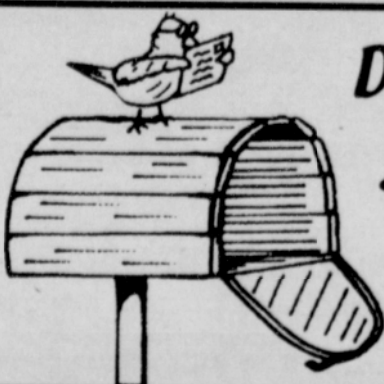
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