

Obituary

CHARLES "STEVE" FARRELL

Charles "Steve" Farrell, 58, Hillsboro, died May 7, 2003. A vigil service was held May 9 and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 10, both at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Hillsboro. Interment was in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland.

Mr. Farrell was born October 14, 1944, in San Bernadino, California, to Joseph E. and Jeanette E. Farrell. He grew up in Yoncalla and graduated from Yoncalla High School in 1962.

He served in the United States Coast Guard.

In 1975, he married Marie Daniell.

Mr. Farrell earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Oregon College of Education, and a doctorate in education from Brigham Young University. He taught in Riddle, and in Okinawa and Germany for the Department of Defense. He held several administrative positions in Vernonia, was Superintendent/Principal in Elkton, and Principal at St. Matthew School.

He was a charter member of the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Beth and Lisa; three sisters,

Mary Andrews, Margaret Dahlgren, and Sally Farrell; nieces and nephews; aunts and uncles.

Remembrances are suggested to Steve Farrell Scholarship fund at St. Matthew School, 221 S.E. Walnut St, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123.

Donelson, Sewell & Mathews with Fuiten Mortuary of Hillsboro were in charge of arrangements.

LEYS H. McCARTER

Leys H. McCarter, 80, Seaside, died April 30, 2003. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

Mr. McCarter was born March 27, 1923, in Port Gamble, Washington. He worked as a fisherman in Alaska, served in the artillery during World War II, worked in sawmills and forestry and was a cartographer for Crown Zellerbach Corporation in Vernonia. He retired in 1982 and served on the Clatsop County Planning Commission, the Soil and Water Conservation Service and the board of directors of the Hamlet Fire District.

Survivors include his wife, Zelda; a daughter, Constance Cooper of Kirkland, Wash.; a son, David Smith of Portland; three sisters, Joy McCarter of

Sequim, Wash., June Stewart of Smith River, Calif., and Gloria Petersen of Winlock, Wash.; three brothers, Jack of Seattle, Wash., Joe of Oroville, Calif., Jean of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

EMILIE J. SIEDELMAN

Emilie Julia Siedelman, 88, Imnaha, died May 9, 2003. Funeral services will be held May 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia, with ministers Lowell Stidolph and Linda Brist, of the Non-Denominational Faith, officiating. Interment will be at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, with Jane Buell and Richard Carlsen presiding.

Mrs. Siedelman was born April 20, 1915, in Portland, to Peter and Julia Bill Felong. She grew up at Top Hill. In 1931, she married Marion S. Siedelman. They lived in Vernonia until moving to Imnaha in 1975.

She was a member of the non-denominational faith.

Mrs. Siedelman was preceded in death by her husband in 1981 and a grandson, Tobey Temple.

Survivors include a son, Donald of Imnaha; two daughters, Janet Fields of

Imnaha, and Nancy Temple of Salem; two sisters, Irene Siedelman and Jennie Siedelman, both of Vernonia; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

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It is interesting to note that only two members of the entire Vernonia School District staff, both certified and classified employees, attended. There were no members from the school board and no administrators, although, considering that no administrators from the Vernonia School District live in this community, it's not all that surprising.

The school district censors were right about one thing. The play was about passion. Not sexual passion, but the sort of passion that exists all too rarely in today's society. The passion

to put one's all into everything one does. The passion "to put every fiber of one's being into something, and thus, make a difference." The audience got it and the actors certainly got it. The audience response to the actors professionalism showed this. The only ones who didn't get it were the so-called leaders of education in this community.

I know I speak for other parents of drama students when I thank George Ray for what he has given our kids. Thanks to the Grange for being so generous with your space. Thanks, also, to the community members who supported and en-

joyed this production. But most of all, thanks to the actors and the stage crew for doing such an outstanding job. You proved that passion is alive and well, and in very good hands.

The play went on in spite of the school district, not because of it. How sad is that?

Alice Brock
Vernonia

ANNOUNCEMENT

Because there are five Thursdays in May, the next issue of The INDEPENDENT will be June 5. The deadline for that issue will be May 30.

Yellow Ribbons as symbols of hope

The use of ribbons as symbols has worked its way into American culture. Wearing a ribbon has grown as an expression of what one is feeling, and if someone else is wearing the same ribbon, a sense of solidarity is shared.

According to one scholar, the yellow ribbon tradition is connected with a folk song from the 1840's, "Round Her Neck She Wore a Yellow Ribbon".

The hit song, "Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Old Oak Tree" revived the symbol in 1973. When Americans were held hostage in Tehran in 1979, American citizens sponta-

neously tied thousands of yellow ribbons to trees all over the country, removing them only when the hostages came home.

Ever since, yellow ribbons have been symbols of hope and homecoming.

WEATHER REPORT

APRIL 2003

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	50	36	.05
2	45	34	.58
3	46	32	.13
4	52	28	.03
5	44	36	.34
6	53	37	.03
7	53	39	T
8	63	34	.04
9	58	33	.02
10	62	42	.02
11	59	44	.63
12	63	43	.51
13	58	30	.03
14	51	30	.06
15	56	39	.25
16	58	39	.06
17	54	33	.05
18	53	33	--
19	62	38	--
20	60	38	.32
21	48	40	--
22	57	34	.21
23	49	37	.28
24	52	33	.11
25	56	34	.20
26	52	33	.22
27	65	34	--
28	66	36	.30
29	62	45	.04
30	60	39	.06

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in April totalled 4.57 inches.

The public is invited to come honor those who have served, given their lives or are still missing

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Monday, May 26, 2003 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Vernonia Memorial Cemetery
2080 Bridge Street • Vernonia



WELCOME
by Synda Allen

INTRODUCTION OF
MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Sgt. Major Joe Batt

REVEILLE AND TAPS
Robert Isted

PRESENTATION OF COLORS
Vernonia Boy Scout Troops
860 and 201

OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS
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Robert Isted, Director

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Pastor Joel Stith
Christian Church

PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF
AVENUE OF FLAGS MEMORIAL
Sgt. Major Joe Batt

21-GUN SALUTE
Jim Waters and GROUP

RELEASE OF CEREMONIAL WHITE DOVES
Lorna Poetter
Farmwoman's Nursery

OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD
FLYOVER
F-15 Eagles 42nd Fighter Wing

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Synda Allen

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