

# Obituary

## ELAINE RUTH CHRISTENSEN



Elaine Ruth Christensen, 79, Fishhawk Lake, died June 20, 2007. Private family services have been held.

Mrs. Christensen was born July 9, 1927, in Racine, Wisconsin, to Einer and Dora (Hansen) Fischer. She was raised in Racine. She attended St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, graduating with a nursing degree in 1949.

In 1955, she married Quenton Edward Christensen. They made their home in Illinois until 1974, when they moved to California. In 1995, she moved to Fishhawk Lake. She worked in nursing.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Charles Fischer.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas

Christensen of Placerville, Calif., and John Christensen of Chicago, Ill.; three daughters, Lisa Schneider of Oxnard, Calif., Kathryn Christensen of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Mary Christensen of Vernonia; a sister, Marilyn Perkins of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and one grandson.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia was in charge of arrangements.

## ESTELLE L. COSTAIN

Estelle L. Costain, 99, Forest Grove, died July 4, 2007.

Arrangements are pending through Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia. There will be a complete obituary in a future issue of *The INDEPENDENT*.

## PATRICIA FLORENE JACOBS



Patricia Florene Jacobs, 73, Banks, died June 19, 2007. A celebration of life was held June 25 at Union Point Cemetery with Pastor Ryan Whippel, of the Grace Hills Fellowship, officiating, followed by interment at the cemetery.

Mrs. Jacobs was born October 12, 1933, in Pleasant Hill, Illinois, to John Richard and Mary Elizabeth (Herron) Davis. She was raised in Ill.

In 1951, she married Kenneth Wayne Jacobs. They made their home in Illinois until moving to Banks in 1958. She worked as an assembly line engineer for Hoody's in Beaverton until retiring due to an injury.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her father, and a brother, John Davis.

Survivors include a son, Gary Jacobs of Beaverton; four daughters, Pamela Lunzman of Hillsboro, Linda Thibault of Aloha, Kenna Morris and Teresa Brown, both of Banks; her mother of Hillsboro; a brother, Virgil Davis of Hillsboro; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America, Oregon Chapter, or to the American Cancer Society.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

## LEROY ELDON SANDAGE

Leroy Eldon Sandage, 72, Banks, died June 15, 2007.

Mr. Sandage was born June 7, 1935, in Amarillo, Texas, to Shirley Sr. and Ruth Lorraine Goad Sandage. He was raised in New Mexico and Sacramento, California. He served in the U.S. Marines.

In 1954, he married Carrol Buckman. They made their home in Sacra-

mento until moving to Hillsboro in 1966. They moved to Banks in 1970. He was a mason until he retired in 1995.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Ricky Don of Banks, Michael Wayne of Vernonia, Robert Leroy of Santa Maria, Calif., and Mark of Las Vegas; five daughters, Terry Lyn Kellar and Debra Lorrie Kemper, both of Buxton, Donna Marie Hansel of Lincoln City, Rhonda Sandage of Scappoose, and Christy Lee Hudson of Haxton, Colorado; one brother, Shirley Jr. of Hillsboro; one sister, Carolyn VanVleck of Cornelius; 28 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## AMBER LYNNE VARNAM-DAHL

Amber Lynne Varnam-Dahl, 39, Vernonia, died June 30, 2007. A celebration of life will be held Sunday, July 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Camp Wilkerson, on Apiary Road, with Pastor Paul Pastor officiating. Private graveside services will be held at the North Cemetery of Clear Creek in Vernonia.

Mrs. Dahl was born January 13, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, to Wilbur and Katherine (Skaggs) Randall. She was raised in Santa Monica, Calif. and Springfield, Illinois. She moved to Tualatin in 1993.

In 1994, she married Douglas J. Dahl. They made their home in Beaverton until moving to Vernonia in 1999. She was a caregiver, recently working with Visiting Angels.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Jessica L. Varnum and Sarah J. Dahl, both of Vernonia; her parents of Vernonia; a brother, Matthew Randall of Louisville, Kentucky; her grandmother, Vivian Skaggs of Beaverton; and close friends, Joe Gray and Donna King and her family, both of Vernonia.

Remembrances are suggested to the Amber L. Varnum-Dahl Fund, c/o Wauna Credit Union, P.O. Box 98, Vernonia, OR 97064.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia is in charge of arrangements.



Standing from left (above) - Gregory Hoyt, Jeffrey Hoyt and Christopher Hoyt

Standing (from left) - Julieanna Finegan, Jeffrey Hoyt, Christopher Hoyt, Gregory Hoyt, Ross Mathews, Yvonne LaMont.

Sitting (from left) - Tina Reynolds, Daniel Raney, Jane Schneider, Jose Lopez



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