

Obituary

MYRA BERNICE BASKA



Myra Bernice Baska "Mrs. B", 98, Vernonia, died September 18, 2009. A celebration of life was held September 26 at the Vernonia Community Church with John Cahill, retired pastor of First Baptist Church in Vernonia, officiating. Interment was at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Baska was born January 21, 1911, in Donnybrook, North Dakota, to Harry and Altha (Story) Graff. She was raised on the family homestead farm in Donnybrook, and attended Donnybrook High School.

In 1934, she married Frank Dinger. They made their home in Grano, N. Dak. Frank died in 1944. She married Earl Baska in 1948. They made their home in Mohall, N. Dak, before moving to Vernonia in 1956, then to Cornelius in 1972. She moved back to Vernonia in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her husband; five brothers, Robert Graff, Burton Graff, Leslie Graff, Harold Graff, and Happy Graff; five sisters, Mildred Mandt, Mabel Coburn, Marjorie Thompson, Mari-

on Erickson, and Marlyn Jacobson; one granddaughter; and one grandson.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Dinger and Gary Dinger, both of Vernonia; six daughters, Delores Fowler, Fran Fletcher, Terri Baska, all of Vernonia, Pat Simonson of Prineville, Carol Bodenhamer of Rainier, and Judy White of Clarksville, Tennessee; a brother, Gordon Graff of Gig Harbor, Washington; three sisters, Muriel Neubauer of Poulsbo, Wash., Mavis Henderson of Dalton, Minnesota, and Marvel Sprouse of Tacoma, Wash.; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to Longview Hospice.

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

GENEVIVE HENRIETTE HEPLER

Genevieve Henriette "Ginette" Hepler, 86, Vernonia, died September 15, 2009. A funeral mass was held September 23 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Interment was at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Hepler was born September 15, 1923, in Verdun, Meuse, France, to Angelo Joseph and Gabrielle (Demange) Albizzati. She was raised in Verdun. In 1948, she immigrated to Canby.

In 1950, she married LeRoy Herman Hepler. They made their home in Molalla until moving to Vernonia in 1964. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce Hepler and Eric Hepler; one daughter, Terry Strehlou; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

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

ALFRED ROLAND IMAN, JR.



Alfred Roland "Al" Iman, Jr., 66 Vernonia, died September 17, 2009. Graveside services were held September 22, at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Iman was born February 27, 1943, in Oakland, California, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Frank Iman, Sr. When he was five years-old the family moved to Rainier. He attended college in Calif., receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree as a Diesel Mechanic.

In 1979, he married Bo H. Jung. They made their home in Escondido, Calif. before moving to Vernonia in 1981. He worked as a personal body guard, as a diesel mechanic, then as a truck driver before owning and operating his own truck driving business. He also worked as a real estate developer.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Glenn W.C. "Chuck" of Yelm, Washington; a daughter, April D. Iman of Beaverton; and two grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Alfred R. "Al" Iman, Jr. Memorial Fund in care of Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove.

VERLE WILLIAM PETERS

Verle William Peters, 72, Roy, died September 17, 2009. A funeral mass was held September 23 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Interment was at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Cemetery in Roy.

Mr. Peters was born November 30, 1936, in Forest Grove, to William Albert "Mike" and Sylvia (Duyck) Peters. He was raised on the family farm in Roy. He graduated from Banks High School in 1954 and attended Oregon State University for two years.

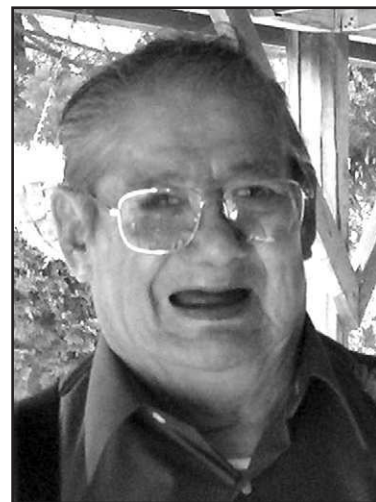
He served in the U.S. Army. In 1959, he married Joanne Philbrook. They made their home in Banks, then Hillsboro, before moving to Portland in 1966. They divorced in 1970. He married Betty (Bryant) Mowery in 1972. They made their home in Beaverton until moving to Roy in 1992. He was a commercial electrician until he retired in 1995, then he raised beef cattle, timber and hay.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John; and a sister, Mary Ann Trout.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Antoinette "Toni" Schlobohm of Fremont, California; Jodi Imes of Greenville, South Carolina; Jennifer Peters of Vancouver, Washington; and Barbara Peters of Portland; two step-sons, Vaughn Mowery, and Perry Mowery, both of Bothell, Wash.; one step-daughter, Sheri Mowery of Novato, Calif.; his twin brother, Merle of Forest Grove; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Cancer Society or to Providence Hospice & Palliative Care.

FRANCIS JOSEPH PREMO



Francis Joseph "Big Man" Premo, 83, Vancouver, Washington, died September 25, 2009. A celebration of life service will be held at the Scout Cabin in Vernonia on Sunday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. followed by a reception.

Mr. Premo was born August 12, 1926, in Danbury, Wisconsin, to August "Gus" and Angelina (Stone) Premo. A member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwa Indian Tribe of Minnesota, he was raised in Danbury. When he was 18 years old he moved to Vernonia.

In 1971, he married Judy A. Meier. They made their home in Vernonia. He worked as a logger, at the Boise Cascade Lumber Mill and for Eddie Miller Shake Mill in Vernonia. Twenty years ago he moved to Rainer, then in 2005 to Vancouver, Wash.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Matrious.

Survivors include his companion, Velma Lachelt; two sons, Pat and Robert, both of Scappoose; three daughters, Elizabeth Stevens of Portland; Teresa Williams of Vernonia, and Sandra Christmas of Sacramento, California; 20 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

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

arrangements.

BERTHA JUANITA RANDOLPH

Bertha Juanita "Bert" Randolph, 93, St. Helens, died August 29, 2009. A graveside service was held September 3 at the Yankton Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. Randolph was born July 1, 1916, in Summers, Arkansas. Her maiden name was Jones. After quitting school to help at home she returned to school and earned her diploma at the age of 21.

In 1941, she married James Russell Randolph. She worked at a chicken factory, a tomato factory and helped her husband on their dairy farm in Arkansas. They moved to St. Helens in 1952. She worked at a box factory in Linnton, then at an industrial laundry in Portland until retiring in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include five children, Russena A. Holmes and Jim Randolph, both of St. Helens, Sherry Cupp of Redmond, Feran Russell of Crooked River Ranch, and Janice Randolph of Banks; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the VFW.

PHYLLIS JEAN SMITH

Phyllis Jean Smith, 75, Cornelius, died September 13, 2009. A graveside service was held September 19 at the Union Point Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was born December 24, 1933, in Holt County, Missouri, to Floyd and Edith (Derr) Hazzard. She was raised in Missouri until the family moved to Sunnyside, Washington when she was 10.

In 1951, she married Donald Lee Smith. They made their home in Vallejo, California, San Diego, Calif., then moved to Sunnyside, Wash. in 1955. In 1967, they moved to Banks, then to Cornelius in 1992. She worked in nurseries.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jack Hazzard, Junior Hazzard, and Lloyd Hazzard; and one sister, Patricia Anderson.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Lynn T. Smith of Vernonia, Mark L. Smith, and Bryan D. Smith, both of Cornelius; two daughters, Debra J. Strassel of Banks, and Susan K. Bernards of Cornelius; four brothers, Robert Hazzard of Outlook, Wash., Tom Hazzard of Sunnyside, Wash., Buster Poe of Grandview, Wash., and Dale Poe of Prosser, Wash.; two sisters, Mary Yahn of Renton, Wash., and Marjorie Thrift of Wenatchee, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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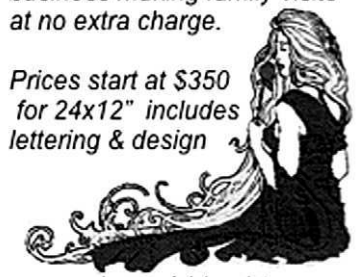
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