

Obituary

MAUREEN "IRISH" BRUERS



Maureen "Irish" Bruers, 81, Vernonia, died April 18, 2012. A memorial mass was held April 28 at St. Mary Catholic Church, followed by a private family graveside service.

Mrs. Bruers was born January 7, 1931, in Worthington, Minnesota, to John "Jack" Michael and Mildred Mae (Smith) Ryan. When she was five years old her mother died in a car accident. When her father remarried, her step-mother changed her name from Colleen to Maureen. She was raised in Rapid City, South Dakota, and Newberg. She graduated from St. Mary's of the Valley in 1948 and was the class salutatorian. She attended the University of Portland for one year in their nursing program, then went to General Beadle State Teachers College in S. Dak. where she earned an associate degree.

She graduated with a BA in education from Mankato State Teachers College. She taught in Jackson, Minn., and for the U.S. Air Force.

In 1962, she married Don Bruers. They made their home in California, then Idaho, before moving to Vernonia in 1975. They owned and operated the Pine Cone Restaurant for several years, and she taught school as a substitute, and taught preschool and religious education. She also did home child care.

She enjoyed volunteering with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, reading, gardening, baking, quilting, sewing, and going for car rides.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and her son, Michael "Micky".

Survivors include her daughter, Kathleen Spinden of Vernonia, and four grandchildren.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

EARLINE N. COULOMBE

Earline Nancy Coulombe, 71, Hillsboro, died April 17, 2012. Private interment has been held.

Mrs. Coulombe was born January 4, 1941, in Meeker, Colorado, to Earl E. and Edith A. (Hunt) Myrick. She was raised in Grandview, Washington. She attended nursing school and earned a degree as a registered nurse. She lived in Odessa, Texas, Bakersfield, California, and Seattle, Wash., before moving to the Hillsboro area in 1985. She worked at Merix Corporation as a circuit board technician for many years before retiring in 1999.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, and playing games on Facebook.

Survivors include her three daughters, Pamela Martin of Naches, Wash., Anna Martin of McMinnville, and Edith Coulombe of Buxton; two brothers, Ray Myrick of Aumsville, and

Larry Myrick of Yamhill; two sisters, Jana Myrick of Manning, and Carol Reece of Olympia, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Tennessee.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives was in charge of arrangements.

GERLEEN IVY CROSSMAN



Gerleen Ivy Crossman, 85, Banks, died April 17, 2012. A service was held April 21 at Union Point Cemetery in Banks.

Mrs. Crossman was born August 14, 1926, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, to Edgar Leroy Shaddon and Rosie Bell Pruitt. She was raised in Okla. and Arkansas.

In 1951, she married Herman K. Crossman. They made their home in Redondo Beach, California, before moving to the Banks area in 1959. She worked for Bird's Eye Cannery in Hillsboro for several years.

She enjoyed crocheting, camping, fishing, gardening, and talking about Jesus.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Joe Shaddon; and a sister, Shirley Shaddon.

Survivors include four sons, David Crossman of Banks, Roy Crossman of Redmond, Pastor Michael Crossman of Hillsboro, and Luther Crossman of Yamhill; two stepchildren, Kenneth Crossman, and Phyllis Crossman of Texas; four brothers, Lonnie Shaddon of Mansfield, Ark., Leroy Shaddon of Dover, Ark., Frank Shaddon and Donnie Shaddon, both of Waldron, Ark.; one sister, Bonnie

Dale of Banks; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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

LOUISE E. LARSON

Louise Elizabeth Larson, 95, Forest Grove, died April 18, 2012. A memorial service was held April 28 in Forest Grove.

Mrs. Larson was born September 9, 1916, in Astoria, to George Edward and Anna (Pauline) Beck Kruckman. She graduated from Astoria High School in 1934, then from the University of Oregon. She later earned a Master's Degree from Portland State University.

In 1941, she married Gordon G. Larson. After his discharge from the U.S. Navy, they made their home in Newberg, Vernonia, Banks, and then Forest Grove. She taught school in Banks for 25 years, until she retired in 1983, then taught as a volunteer.

She enjoyed reading and traveling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and two sisters, Patricia Loukas and June Parker Tassie.

Survivors include a son, Scott Larson of Olympia, Washington; a daughter, Lynda Campbell of Seaside; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Larson Family Scholarship Fund, c/o Banks Union High School, 450 S. Main St., Banks, OR 97106, or The Clatsop County Historical Society, or the Columbia River Maritime Museum in Astoria.

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

ETTA ELIZABETH RUSSELL

Etta Elizabeth Russell, 94, Vernonia, died April 24, 2012. Cryptside services at Riverview Abbey Mausoleum, in Portland, were held April 24 with Pastor Grant Williams officiating. A celebration of life service was held April 29 at the Vernonia Community Church with Pastor Ralph Young officiating.



Etta Elizabeth Russell

Mrs. Russell was born February 14, 1918, on a farm near St. Charles, South Dakota, to Joseph and Anna Marie Wuest. She graduated from St. Charles High School in 1936, then attended Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, for one year. In 1939, she moved to Klamath Falls.

In 1942, she married Gerald LeRoy "Jerry" Russell. While her husband served in the U.S. Army, she moved to Snoqualmie, Washington, to live with her parents, where she worked at Boeing Aircraft as a time keeper. In 1946, they moved to Portland for a few months, then moved to Salem. In 1949, they moved to Vernonia. She worked at Tektronix, Inc. for 10 years, retiring in 1971, then worked as a custodian at the Vernonia Post Office for 12 years.

She volunteered at the Vernonia Senior Center and helped her husband operate a worm farm for 12 years.

She was preceded in death by a grandson.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Russell of LaCenter, Wash., and Fay Russell of Vernonia; one daughter, Karen Miller of Hubbard; one brother, Jim Wuest of Peoria, Illinois; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Vernonia Senior Center, 446 Bridge St., Vernonia, OR 97064.

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

LELAND SEIBERT

Leland Seibert, 72, Vernonia, died April 19, 2012.

Mr. Seibert was born March 6, 1940, in Atascadero, California, to Clinton and Bertha Seibert. When he was five years old, the family moved the farm (sheep, horses, and 200 goats) to Vernonia on a train boxcar. In

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