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March 2000
In Memoriam

**DOROTHEA MINELVA (PERSON)
ANDERSEN**

Dorothy was born December 7, 1906 at Bergen, Alberta, Canada, the oldest child of Gerhard and Minnie Person. She attended school at Bergen and spoke no English until she started school in the first grade.

She moved with her parents to Venersborg, Washington around 1916. She attended Venersborg and Alpine Schools and graduated at Battle Ground High School. She attended College at Western Washington University then called Bellingham Normal School.

In 1919, her family moved to Rock Creek and she met her late husband, Alfred Andersen at Sunday School.

She taught school for three years and then retired to raise her family of 4 children; Pattie Andersen Kuni of Portland, OR; Gordon Gerhard who predeceased her in 1983, Ronald Alfred of Vancouver and Gary Bert Andersen of Battle Ground, Washington. There were five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Dorothy's greatest joy was her children and her extended family. Two brothers survive her: Leonard Edward and Vernon Lyle Person of Battle Ground, Washington.

Dorothy was a very loving person and she brought joy into the lives of all who knew her. She was also very gifted and enjoyed crocheting, sewing, ceramics and oil painting. Many were the recipients of these gifts that she had made. She loved music and enjoyed singing the songs that were dear to her. Of her favorite songs, she liked *He Touched Me* and *There's*

Something About That Name.

Two lifelong friends were Esther (Forsgren) Moberg and Adelma (Peterson) Saarl, they met each year to celebrate their birthdays which were close together.

Travel and photography were two of her favorite hobbies and she visited her Scandinavian cousins in Canada, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Besides travel in the U.S. she went to Italy, Germany and Austria as well as Hawaii, Figi Islands, Australia and New Zealand.

She was a member of the First Friends Church, Venersborg Homemakers and the "Lunch Bunch."

Dorothy went to be with her Lord whom she loved, on Thursday evening, March 9, 2000 at the age of 93.

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DONNA ALLEN SMITH

Donna L. (Allen) Smith of St. Helens, Oregon died March 13, 2000, at the age of 68. She was born December 2, 1931, in Goble, to Leland Allen and Lucille Welter.

She was a graduate of Vancouver High School in Vancouver, WA in 1949 and afterwards was a Columbia County, Oregon resident for many years. She had been active in the Pythian Sisterhood and was a Past Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters of Oregon. She was a Girl Scout leader and sang with the Sweet Adelines, and she and her husband were members of the St. Helens Elks Hay Riders.

She was survived by her husband of 50 years Percy Smith of St. Helens; daughters Karen Harvey of Camp Sherman, and Gwen Vannatta of Rainier; sons David Smith and Larry Smith, both of St. Helens;

seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother Donald Allen of Portland.

Memorial services were held at Columbia Funeral Home in St. Helens.

Memorial gifts were suggested to the Community Hospice of Longview, Washington.

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LEONE H. ARNO

Vancouver

Leone Hildegard Arno, a Vancouver resident for 21 years, died April 24, 2000, at home. She was 96.

Mrs. Arno was born March 8, 1904, in Lyons, Iowa. Her maiden name was Luckritz.

Her husband of 43 years, John Arno, died in 1970.

Mrs. Arno loved traveling, gardening and cooking.

Survivors include a daughter, Elvera H. Arno of Vancouver; one granddaughter, Marsha E. Provo of Willows, Calif.; one grandson, John D. Arno of Dallas, Texas; two great-granddaughters, Crystel Arno-Baye of Vancouver and Angelica D. Gutierrez of Bonholder, Germany, one great-grandson, Jeremiah DeLang of Klamath Falls, Ore.; and two great-great-grand-daughters, Stephanie E. Alva of Mount Shasta, Calif., and True Gutierrez of Bonholder.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14219 N.E. 49th St.

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HAZEL M. AUCOIN

Vancouver

A graveside service will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mountainside Cemetery in Scholls, Ore., for Hazel May Goodway Aucoin, who died Thursday, April 27, 2000, in Vancouver. She was 88.

Her husband, Peter, died in 1982.

Mrs. Aucoin was born Feb. 11, 1912 in Motley, Minn., and lived in Clark County since 1975.

She was a cook and enjoyed gardening and flowers.

Survivors include one niece, JoAnne Wright of White Salmon, Wash.; and two nephews, Bob Withee and William Keith, both of Vancouver.

Layne's Funeral Home in Battle Ground is in charge of arrangements.

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ROBERT B. BRIELS

Vancouver

A retired bricklayer, Robert B. Briels, died at home Sunday, April 30, 2000. He was 65.

Mr. Briels was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Denver and lived in Vancouver the past 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Deanie M., at home; and two sisters, Buelah Collins and Dorothy Owens, both of Denver.

His body will be cremated. A memorial service will be later. Davies Cremation and Burial Services is in charge of arrangements.

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MARGUERITE L. COX

Vancouver

A two-year Vancouver resident, Marguerite L. Cox, died at home Sunday, April 30, 2000. She was 92.

She is survived by one daughter, Patricia R. Truckey of Vancouver; one sister, Ruth Zane of Yuma, Ariz.; one brother, Ted Gower of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cox was born Jan. 28, 1908, in Madisonville, Ky. Her maiden name was Gower.

Her husband, Omar L., died in 1985, and a daughter, Bonlyn Henry, died in 1980.

Mrs. Cox was a homemaker.

Her body will be cremated. There will be no service. Davies Cremation and Burial Services is in charge of arrangements.

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ALPHA D. KNESS

Vancouver

A Vancouver resident since 1971, Alpha D. Kness, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, in Vancouver. She was 52.

Mrs. Kness was born Jan. 23, 1948, in Gurdon, Ark. Her maiden name was Williams.

Mrs. Kness was a Pan American Air Lines flight attendant before she worked for Treasure Chest Advertising in Portland for 14 years.

Survivors include her mother, Thelma H. Williams of Seattle; two daughters, Karina Kness-Juhl of Fort Lewis and Alena Kness of Portland; four brother, Lonnie Williams II, Carlos Williams, Dana Williams and Kendall Williams, all of Seattle; one sister, Mona Taylor of Seattle; and three grand-children.

Mrs. Kness was a member of the Portland chapter of Mensa. She played in a women's soccer league and danced with the Rags el Sehr, a belly dancing group.

A service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Boney-Watson Funeral Home in Federal Way, Wash. Burial will be in Washington Memorial Cemetery in Sea-Tac, Wash.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Attention Deficit Disorder Association.

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LEO J. MULLOWNEY

Vancouver

A memorial Mass will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church for Leo J. Mullowney, who died at home, Saturday, April 29, 2000 of renal failure. He was 84.

Mr. Mullowney graduated from La Crosse State Teacher's College and taught school in Wisconsin until he joined the Army in 1945.

He was born July 18, 1915, in Mauston, Wis., and lived in Vancouver the past 34 years.

In 1947 he began a career in manufacturing wood products. He moved to Vancouver after retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline, at home; four daughters, Susan Schuetze of San Luis Obispo, Calif., Mary Tracey of Newport, Ore., Nancy Stolcis of Bellingham, Wash., and Jenny Mullowney of Vancouver; one son, Edward of Vancouver; one sister, Lucille Carton of Baltimore, Md.; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Mullowney was a longtime member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 64 years.

A private inurnment will be in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Knights of Columbus 1327.

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MERLE J. PEERY

Portland

Former Clark County resident, Merle Joshua Peery, died Thursday, April 27, 2000, in Portland. He was 82.

Mr. Peery was a thoroughbred horse trainer at northwest race tracks.

He was born Nov. 26, 1917, in Springfield, Ore., and lived in Clark County for many years before moving to Portland about 17 years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon M., at home; two daughters, Marie Prendergast of Forrest Grove, Ore., and Linda Peery of Vancouver; three sons, Wayne of Sheridan, Ore., Chuck of Richmond, Calif., and Kenneth of Portland; one sister, Betty McLeod of Klamath Falls, Ore.; one brother, Bill of Mount Shasta, Calif.; 11 grand-children; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Peery, who liked baking and horse racing, was a member of the Bakers Union and the Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

His body will be cremated. There will be no service.

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MARLIN S. STIVISON

Vancouver

A service will begin at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Gardens Funeral

Obituaries for Clark County residents or former residents buried elsewhere

Chapel for Marlin S. Stivison, who died in Vancouver on Saturday, April 29, 2000. He was 81.

He was born March 7, 1919, in Topeka, Kan., and lived in Vancouver since 1948.

Mr. Stivison was married to his wife, Martha, 58 years before she died in 1999.

He worked at the old Crown Zellerbach paper mill in Camas as a chemical mixer and relief foreman for 32 years before he retired in 1977.

Mr. Stivison enjoyed gardening, camping and loved the beach.

Survivors include four sons, Chuck and Robert, both of Vancouver, John of Sitka, Alaska, and Rod of Camas; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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June 2000

DORIS ARLENE JELINEK CHENETTE

Longtime Clark County resident Doris Arlene Chenette died Saturday, June 24, 2000, in Ridgefield, WA. She was 72.

Mrs. Chenette, a homemaker, enjoyed cooking, sewing, taking country drives and Bible studies.

She was born March 20, 1928, in Elsmere, NE and had lived in the county 58 years.

Her daughter, Melissa A. Chenette, died in 1967.

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Philip (., at home; one daughter, Jackie L. Nutt of North Plains, OR; two sons, Gary D. McFarland of Washougal and David A Chenette of Battle Ground; one brother, William Jelinek of Rainier, OR; four grand-children and two great grand-children.

There will be no service. Vancouver

Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 371, Vancouver, WA 98666; or Kaiser Hospice, 2701 NW Vaughn Street, Portland, OR 97210.

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October 2000

JERRY G. SMYTHE

A retired high steel contractor who served as a full-time minister at the Salmon Creek Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Jerry Gerald Smythe died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000, at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He was 69.

Mr. Smythe was born July 15, 1931, in Vancouver and lived here his entire life. He served in the Navy from 1951 until 1954.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Virginia, at home; one son, Rick N. of Ridgefield; three daughters, Rene C. Smythe and Tammy R. Kelly, both of Ridgefield, and Penny J. Smythe of Pocatello, Idaho; three stepdaughters, Patricia F. Holder of Redmond, Wash., and Kathleen F. Escriva and Kelley L. Ostraat, both of Portland; one half-sister, Ruth Cushing of Kent, Wash.; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Salmon Creek Congregation. **Burial will be private at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.** Aftercare Cremation and Burial Services in Portland is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries for Clark County residents or former residents buried elsewhere

Flowers may be sent to the family home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society and sent to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Salmon Creek Congregation, 5901 N.E. 109th St., Vancouver, WA 98685.

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Survivors include three cousins, Alvin L. Ehrstrom of Seward, Alaska, William Ehrstrom of Pocatello, Idaho, and Marie Stauffer of Deer Park, Wash.

Mr. Ehrstrom graduated from the University of Washington.

There will be a private service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 1000 S. King St., Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98104.

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COLEEN A. HADLEY

Ridgefield

A graduate of Vancouver High School who enjoyed reading, traveling, drawing, cats and nature, Coleen Ann Hadley died of cancer Saturday, Oct. 9, 2000, at a Ridgefield care center. She was 69.

Miss Hadley was born Sept. 5, 1931, in Vancouver. She attended schools in Arizona and California and returned to Vancouver in 1981.

The body was cremated. There will be no services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society, 2323 W. 26th Extension, Vancouver, WA 98660.

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FRED T. EHRSTROM

A Fort Vancouver High School graduate, Fred Thomas Ehrstrom, died Nov. 14, 2000, in Vancouver. He was 51.

Mr. Ehrstrom, who was a lifelong resident of Clark County, was born April 25, 1949, in Vancouver.

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DOLORES SILVA GOBBATO

San Diego

Former Vancouver resident, Dolores Gobbato died Jan. 17, 2001, at the La Jolla Veterans Medical Center in La Jolla, California of complications of Scleroderma. She was 68.

She was born July 2, 1932, in Yreka, California. Her maiden name was Silva.

Mrs. Gobbato graduated from Vancouver High School in 1949 and attended Clark College. She served in the Army for three years and then went to Washington College of Education, now Western Washington University, in Bellingham.

Her first teaching job was at Glenwood Elementary School in Clark County. She moved to California and taught business administration in the San Juan School District near Sacramento.

Mrs. Gobbato was an avid jazz fan and attended as many festivities as her health allowed. She loved sports and had participated in many during college.

Survivors include a sister, Lois Barkley of Vancouver; her stepfather, Jess West of Vancouver; a stepbrother, James Silva of Lake Oswego, OR; and her caregiver and ex-husband, David Gobbato of San Diego.

There will be a memorial Mass at McCloud, California later. **Inurnment will be in Eagle Point National Cemetery in Eagle Point, Oregon.**

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RICHARD T. BURCHELL

Battle Ground

A memorial service was Saturday at Layne's Funeral Home in Battle Ground for Richard Thomas Burchell, who died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001 in Battle Ground. He was 71.

Mr. Burchell taught electronics for more than 50 years at Portland Community College, International Technical Institute in Portland, for the U.S. Air Force, and Chino Prison and Riverside Community College, both in California.

Mr. Burchell, who earned a degree at the University of Illinois, retired from the Portland Air Force 939 Rescue Division in 1990. He lived in Riverside for 25 years and served at the March Air Force Base 452nd Air Refueling Unit.

He was born Jan. 19, 1930, in Pittsburgh, and lived in Clark County for the past 13 years.

Survivors include his wife, Annette, at home; two daughters, Nancy Teodos of Golden, Mo., and Susan Moyel of Hesperia, Calif.; one son, Thomas of Inyokern, Calif.; one sister, Lois More of Burlington, Wis., one brother, Ray of Seymour, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Battle Ground. Mr. Burchell loved computers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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MARY K. HAYES MADISON

Mary K. Madison, 69, Bethany, Mo., died May 11, 2001, at Liberty Hospital in Liberty, Missouri.

Mrs. Madison was raised near Kamiah, Idaho, and was the daughter of Ed and Rose Hayes. She was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho. She graduated from Vancouver High School in 1949 in Vancouver, Washington, and later joined the U. S. Air Force. She married Warren L. (Bud) Madison while they were in the service. After her discharge in 1953, they returned to Northwest Missouri to farm and start a family.

Mrs. Madison's military career was honored when her photograph and career history were featured in the Native American Women Veteran's section of the "Women in Military Service of America Memorial" located at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

She was active in local organizations including the Harrison County Democratic Central Committee where she was vice chairperson; Noll Memorial Hospital board; Morris Chapel United Methodist Church, American Legion Post #216, Wilson Axline Auxiliary, and Eagle's Ladies Auxiliary. She had worked for the USDA in Trenton until retiring. She was also a homemaker and co-owner of the Main Street Q in Bethany.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 1, 1996; infant daughters Roxanne Lee and Rose Ellen Madison; parents Rose and Edward Hayes; sisters Ernestine Slickpoo, Marleta Huntsman, Vivian Axtel, Helen White Eagle and a brother, Charles Hayes.

She leaves one daughter, Linda Madison, Kansas City, Mo.; two sons, Warren Leo Madison Jr., Bethany, and

Galen Madison, Houston, Texas; sister Freida Ellenwood, Lapawai, Idaho; step brother Reginald James, Kamiah, Idaho; daughter-in-law Sharol Madison; grandchildren Ryan and Brad Madison and Rolanda Johnson, and great-granddaughter Taylor Johnson as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services were held May 14, 2001, at the Roberson Funeral Home in Bethany.

Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Bethany. Military honors were conducted by the V.F.W. Post #2176 and American Legion Post #216, both of Bethany, and the V.F.W. Post #5329 and American Legion Post #106, both of Albany.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, in care of the funeral home at P. O. Box 46, Bethany, Mo. 64424.

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Friday, June 29, 2001

MARIAN E. ASHE HILTON

Ferndale

A graduate of the University of Washington and Washington State University, Marian Evelyn Hilton died of diabetes Saturday, May 26, 2001, at a care center in Ferndale. She was 69.

Mrs. Hilton was born Sept. 22, 1931, in Leavenworth, Wash. Her maiden name was Ashe. She graduated from Vancouver High School.

She traveled extensively with her husband while he was in the U.S. Air Force and Norad Band. They had lived in Colorado Springs, Hawaii, Japan and Canada before they moved to Whatcom County 23 years ago.

Survivors include her husband, Robert

Hilton; a daughter, Kimberly Paul of Ladner, B.C.; a sister, Annabelle Anderson of Vancouver; two grandchildren; and a nephew.

A family memorial service will be held later. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 3434 Martin Way N.E., Olympia, WA 98506-5047.

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Saturday, October 6, 2001

**IN MEMORIAM:
PATRICIA HELEN ALSEN**

PATRICIA HELEN ALSEN
June 21, 1925 – October 4, 2001

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 7 at Cascade Presbyterian Church, Vancouver.

Mrs. Alsen is survived by her husband Rev. Clifford R.; sons: David of Sutherlin, Oregon, Peter of Augusta, Georgia; Matthew of Roseburg, Oregon; John & Thomas, both of Vancouver; brother Wesley Waite of Stockton, California, and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Cascade Presbyterian Church College Fund.

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Sunday, October 7, 2001

PATRICIA H. ALSEN
Vancouver
Patricia Helen Alsen, a teacher, artist

and member of the Genealogy Society, died of an acute myocardial infarction Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, at Southwest Washington Medical Center. She was 76.

Mrs. Alsen was born June 21, 1925, in San Bernardino, Calif. Her maiden name was Waite.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Clifford R. Alsen, at home; five sons, David Alsen of Sutherlin, Ore., Peter Alsen of Augusta, Ga., Matthew Alsen of Roseburg, Ore., and John and Thomas Alsen, both of Vancouver; one brother, Wesley Waite of Stockton, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

A funeral service will begin at 2 p.m. today at Cascade Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cascade Presbyterian Church College Fund, P.O. Box 4125, Vancouver, WA 98662.

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PATRICIA WAITE ALSEN
JUNE 21, 1935 - OCTOBER 4, 2001

Patricia Helen Alsen, a teacher, artist and member of the Clark County, WA Genealogy Society, died of an acute myocardial infarction Thursday, October 4, 2001, at Southwest Washington Medical Center. She was 76. Mrs. Alsen was born June 21, 1925, in San Bernardino, CA.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Clifford R. Alsen, at home; five sons, David Alsen of Sutherlin, OR., Peter Alsen of Augusta, GA., Matthew Alsen of Roseburg, OR., and John and Thomas Alsen, both of Vancouver; one brother, Wesley Waite of Stockton, CA.; and six grandchildren. **Burial was at Crescent**

Grove Cemetery in Tigard, OR.

Our sympathies and regards are to the family in their time of grief.

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Friday, January 11, 2002

NELSON LEE BOOMSLITER

Vancouver

Nelson Lee Boomsliter, who loved to fish and hunt, especially in Alaska, died of cancer and kidney failure Thursday, Jan. 10, 2002, at a Clackamas hospital. He was 70.

Mr. Boomsliter was born Jan. 11, 1931, in Grants Pass, Ore., and lived in Vancouver for the past 60 years.

He drove a truck for Chevron for 42 years before retiring in 1982.

Mr. Boomsliter was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was involved in scouting activities when he was younger, and his hobby was making jewelry.

His son, Bruce, died in 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Joan, at home; two daughters, Cindy Gorman of Eagle River, Alaska, and Dianne Scott of Shelton; and five grandchildren.

A service will be private. Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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DOROTHEA E. VON BERG

St. Paul, Minn.

Former Vancouver educator Dorothea Elizabeth von Berg died Dec. 18, 2001, at the Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul. She was 99.

Miss von Berg was born March 11,

1902, in Albert Lea, Minn. She returned to Minnesota in 1990.

She graduated from the University of Oregon and earned a master's degree from Columbia University.

Miss von Berg was a teacher and school administrator in the Vancouver School District for 40 years. She retired in 1965.

While living in Vancouver, she attended St. Luke's Episcopal Church. She enjoyed playing bridge.

Survivors include three nieces, Mary Kessel and Lois Hickman, both of Minneapolis, and Lois von Berg of Arizona; and five nephews, Richard of Michigan, John and Don, both of California, John of Illinois and Fredrick of Texas.

A service was at the Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul. Anderson Funeral Home in St. Paul was in charge of arrangements.

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HOWARD O. DRURY

Battle Ground, WA

A lifetime Clark County resident, Howard Otis Drury, died of cancer at home Monday, March 4, 2002. He was 71.

Mr. Drury was a cabinet maker for 30 years. He last worked at Northwest Marine and retired in 1992. His wife, Frances, died in 2000. Mr. Drury was born Oct. 11, 1930, in Vancouver.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Drury of Las Vegas and Geneine Laws of Tillamook, Ore.; one son, Robert of Tillamook; one sister, Beverly Kreuch of Spokane; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Drury was a member of the Marine Carpenters Union. He enjoyed car and air

shows and trips to Las Vegas and the Oregon Coast.

A memorial service, followed by a potluck, will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Battle Ground Senior Center. Davies Cremation and Burial Services is in charge of arrangements.

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Sunday, March 17, 2002

BETTY L. CONDIT DOLLAR

Lincoln City, Oregon
Former Vancouver resident Betty Louise (Condit) Dollar died of cancer Friday, March 15, 2002 in a Corvallis, OR hospital. She was 70.

Mrs. Dollar was born May 17, 1931, in Portland, OR. She lived in Vancouver from birth until 1980 when she moved to Lincoln City. Condit was her maiden name.

She was a teacher's aide in the Vancouver School District and, after moving to Lincoln City, owned Royal Pacific Jewelers for 15 years.

She married Dick Dollar June 11, 1949. He died in 1987.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathy Baxter of Norcross, GA, and Michele (Shelly) Loftin of Roseville, CA; one son, Tom Dollar of Lincoln City; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Dollar was a member of the Congregational Church of Lincoln City and, until two weeks ago, was a volunteer at an elementary school. She liked eating, especially chocolate, and enjoyed traveling. Mrs. Dollar loved genealogy and had traveled to Wales to trace her ancestry.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at the Congregational Church of Lincoln City.

Her body was cremated. Pacific View Memorial Chapel in Lincoln City is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 371, Vancouver, WA 98666.

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Sunday, March 24, 2002

ROBERT E. WANNAMAKER

Kelso
Former Clark County resident Robert "Bob" E. Wannamaker, 59, died Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Hospice Care Center in Longview.

Mr. Wannamaker was born May 5, 1942, in Vancouver and was raised in Ridgefield. He moved to Kelso in 1970 and worked for many years as a chemical operator for Cytec Industries.

An active member of the Laestadian Lutheran Church, he loved fishing, camping and coloring intricate pictures. His faith, family and friends were all very important to him.

Survivors include his wife Donna, at home; his mother Elizabeth Wannamaker of Vancouver; seven sons, Stephen and Ronald, both of La Center, Danny of Longview, and Fredrick, Seth, Pepper and Drew, all of Kelso; two daughters, Melanie and Bonnie Wannamaker, both of Kelso; two brothers, Bill of Vancouver and Gerry of Oak Harbor, Wash.; one sister, Cyndi Keller of Dallesport, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Longview Laestadian Lutheran Church. A concluding service and burial will follow at Longview Memorial Park. The Casket will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today

Obituaries for Clark County residents or former residents buried elsewhere

and Monday at Columbia Funeral Service in Longview. Columbia Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

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GEORGE BARRY DANIELSON

A memorial service will be held for George Barry Danielson at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2002, in Central Church of the Nazarene in Portland. He died March 21 at age 74.

Mr. Danielson was born June 12, 1927, in Bismarck, N.D., and moved in 1943 to St. Helens. He served in the Army. In 1955, he moved to Portland, where he was a crane operator for Zidell for 20 years. He married Rosalie Leonard in 1953.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Patricia J. Danielson, Tracy Danielson-Hensley and Roxanne Nolen; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Wilhelm.

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Friday, April 12, 2002

GLEN GRAUE

Portland, OR

Former Clark County resident Glen Graue died Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at home. He was 70.

A service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the home of his son Kirk. Skyline Funeral Home in Portland is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Graue worked as an appliance salesman at Standard TV and Appliance. He retired in 1994.

Mr. Graue was born Aug. 31, 1931, in Vancouver.

Survivors include his wife, Verna, at home; one daughter, Karen Beck of Portland; three sons, Eric of Coppell, Texas, Kirk of Portland and Jack of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one sister, Eleanor Jones of Clackamas, Ore.; and six grandchildren.

Mr. Graue, who graduated from Vancouver High School in 1949, was a veteran of the Marine Corps.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Oregon and Washington, 1006 S.E. Grand, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97214; or to the Oregon Donor Program, P.O. Box 532, Portland, OR 97207.

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April 2002

Robert E. Davies

Former Clark County resident Robert Edward Davies died of lung cancer April 24, 2002, in Bellevue, WA. He was 70.

Bob was born June 19, 1931 in Alliance and was a Navy veteran. Bob was a newspaper pressman for the Los Angeles Times for 12 years and for the Seattle Times for 26 years.

He was a Mason and a member of the National Rife Association. He enjoyed traveling.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Maxine, VHS 1951; two sons, Patrick A. of Seattle and Timothy S. of Kenmore. He was preceded in death by another son, Brian. He was also survived by two sisters, Mary Meyer of CA and Carol Davies of Portland, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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May 2002

Janice A. DuPuis Nyquist

A memorial service was held May 6, 2002, in Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel for Janice A. "Jan" Nyquist, who died May 2 at age 70.

Janice A. DuPuis was born July 14, 1931, in Vancouver. She graduated from Vancouver High School in 1949 and was a meat wrapper for Albertson's in Portland and Thriftway in Fairview. She lived in Tillamook in the 1950s until moving to Portland in 1964. In 1976, she married Willie F. Nyquist.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Rick Farris and Ronald Farris; daughters, Lynne Cigler, JoAnn Landsidel and Monica Hotchkiss; stepdaughters, Pamela Dickey, Dianne Beatty and Vicki Pottratz; stepson, Michael Nyquist; brother, Duane DuPuis; 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Remembrances to Providence Hospice.

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JANICE "JAN" A. NYQUIST

July 14, 1931-May 2, 2002

East Multnomah County resident Janice "Jan" A. Nyquist, 70, died Thursday, May 2.

A celebration of life was held Monday, May 6, at Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel, 520 W. Powell Blvd., Gresham. **Private interment took place at Forest Lawn Cemetery Mausoleum in Gresham.**

She was born in Vancouver, Wash., to Fred and Pearl DuPuis. She was raised in Vancouver, where she graduated from

Vancouver High School with the class of 1949. In 1949, she married Bill Farris. They divorced. She married Elmer Schweizer and they later divorced.

She moved to Tillamook in the 1950s and built and owned Sunset Height Memorial Gardens. She moved back to the Portland area in 1964 and worked as a meat wrapper at Albertson's. She worked later at the Fairview Thriftway, retiring in 1984.

On June 26, 1976, she married Willie Nyquist in Portland. She enjoyed traveling, bowling and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Robert and Jerry DuPuis and sister, Elaine McArthur.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Rick Farris of Eagle Creek and Ronald Farris of Boring; daughters, Lynne Cigler and JoAnn Landsidel of Gresham and Monica Hotchkiss of Beaver Creek; stepson, Michael Nyquist of Portland; stepdaughters, Pamela Dickey of Beaver Creek, Dianne Beatty of Portland and Vicki Pottratz of Oregon City; brother, Duane DuPuis of Tillamook; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to Providence Hospice.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
August 2002

DELOYCE I. FROST

There will be a private service for Deloyce Ivadell Frost, who died Monday, Aug. 12, 2002, at home. She was 94.

Mrs. Frost was a teacher and had been head of the art department at Clark College.

She was born Oct. 28, 1907, in Driscoll, N.D. She lived in Clark County for 61 years.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford E., at home; and two sisters, LaVonne Kuhn of La Pine, Ore., and Flaurine Beckius of Orinda, Calif.

Mrs. Frost attended Western Washington State College in Bellingham. She had a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and a master's degree from California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clark College Foundation, MS 39, 1800 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98663.

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August 2002

ROBERT RYAN CHEEK

A service was held Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, in **Willamette National Cemetery** for Robert Ryan Cheek, who died Aug. 25 at age 71.

Mr. Cheek was born April 11, 1931, in Salina, Kansas. He was a 1949 graduate of Vancouver High School in Vancouver, Washington. He served in the Marine Corps in the Korean War. A graduate of Whitworth College, he moved in about 1958 to Portland and in about 1965 to Vancouver, where he was a land developer for a construction company. In 1955, he married Wanda Strickland.

Survivors include his wife Wanda; daughters, Lorinda Cheek and Debbie Myers; sons, Craig and Christopher; and seven grandchildren.

Remembrances to Hospice Southwest in Vancouver. Arrangements by Wilhelm.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
August 2002

ROBERT R. CHEEK

Robert Ryan Cheek died of cancer Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002, at home. He was 71.

Mr. Cheek was born April 11, 1931, in Salina, Kansas. He attended Whitworth College and was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Wanda, at home; two daughters, Lorinda Cheek and Debbie Myers, both of Vancouver; two sons, Craig of Beaverton, Ore., and Christopher of Portland; six grandchildren; and one step-grandchildren.

A graveside service will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday at **Willamette National Cemetery** in Portland, followed by a gathering at 5 p.m. at the home of his daughter, Debbie Myers. Wilhelm Funeral Home in Portland is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Southwest, P.O. Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668, or to the building fund at New Heights Church, 7913 N.E. 58th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
September 2002

THOMAS FLETCHER

A lifelong resident of Clark County who enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family and friends, Thomas Fletcher, 71, died Sunday, September 8, 2002, at his home in Vancouver.

Mr. Fletcher was born April 16, 1931, in Vancouver. He retired from Alcoa after 41 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Beverly Joan, at home; three daughters, Christy Chamberlain and Elizabeth Newcomb, both of Vancouver, and Marian Long of Puyallup; one son, Randy of Vancouver; one sister, Marian Froal of Long Beach, and five grandchildren.

A funeral will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Evergreen Staples Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Washington, P.O. Box 84088, Seattle, WA 98124-8488.

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September 2002

BESSIE B. MILLER

Bessie B. Miller died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, in Vancouver. She was 94.

She was born May 26, 1908, in Geddes, S.D.

Her husband of 35 years, James D. Miller, died in 1990, and a stepson, Robert J. Miller, also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Miller graduated from Eastern South Dakota State Normal School in 1930 and began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in South Dakota. She received

a bachelor of science degree from Oregon College of Education in 1945. She moved to Vancouver in 1943 to teach second grade at Lincoln Elementary School. Mrs. Miller retired in 1968.

Survivors include four sisters, Lois Johnson and Mary Phillips, both of Geddes, Emily Smith of Aberdeen, S.D., and Edith Noll of Chatsworth, Calif.; one stepson, Jack Miller of Fountain Valley, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Miller was a 50-year member of First Presbyterian Church. She had traveled extensively and was an avid gardener. In her later years she crocheted many button bears for Vancouver schoolchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church. Riverview Abbey Funeral Home in Portland is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 3400 Main St., Vancouver, WA 98663; or to the Alzheimer's Association, 1311 N.W. 21st Ave., Portland, OR 97209.

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November 2002

JOAN YOUNG

A funeral was held Nov. 6, 2002, in Emanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church in Portland for Joan Baker, who died Oct. 30 at age 72.

Joan Young was born July 16, 1930, in Helena, AR. She graduated from Vancouver High School in 1949 and moved to Portland in about 1950. She was a teaching assistant for Portland Public Schools for 18 years.

Survivors included her daughters,

Obituaries for Clark County residents or former residents buried elsewhere

Denise Martin and Sabrina Baker; sons,
Vernon and Royal; and seven grandchildren.

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November 2002

DORA M. HAUCK

Dora M. Hauck died Monday, Nov. 25,
2002, at Southwest Washington Medical
Center. She was 97.

She was born April 6, 1905, in
Philipsburg, Mont. She moved to
Vancouver more than 60 years ago.

Miss Hauck, who was a physical
education teacher at Fort Vancouver High
School for 34 years, taught for 43 years
before her retirement.

She is survived by 12 nieces and
nephews.

Miss Hauck graduated from Montana
State University in Missoula.

She was a member of the Athenaeum,
the Philanthropic Education Organization,
Fort Vancouver Historical Society, all in
Vancouver, the Washington State Retired
Teachers Association; and a longtime
member of Pearl Chapter 14 of the Eastern
Star in Montana.

A memorial service will begin at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 2, at St. Luke's Episcopal
Church. Davies Cremation and Burial
Services in charge of arrangements.

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JANICE M. OLSTEAD

Vancouver

A memorial service will begin at 11
a.m. Tuesday at Layne's Funeral Home in
Battle Ground for Janice Marlien Olstead,
who died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, in
Vancouver. She was 62.

Mrs. Olstead, whose maiden name was
Squires, was born July 22, 1940, in
Vancouver and lived in Clark county her
entire life. She graduated from Battle
Ground High school in 1958 and worked as
an office manager for Dean Potter
Associates, a real estate appraisal company.

Family was the most important part of
her life. In her younger years she and her
husband, Don, owned a logging company.
She was active in PTA, Little League and
was a Brownie leader. She enjoyed
puzzles, sewing, quilting, ceramics,
computers, bowling, reading blue grass
music, traveling and tennis.

She was preceded in death by her
husband in 1980 and a son, Lance in 1999.

Survivors include two daughters, Jo
Jean Wills of Centralia and Janet High of
Yacolt; one son, Dean of Amboy; six
sisters, Marjorie Wagner of California,
Bessie Kullburg of Arizona, Susan
Courtney of Amboy and Althea Simpson,
Maisie Harrison and Myrna Manes all of
Vancouver; two brothers, Ronald Squires
of Carson and Arthur Squires of Cottage
Grove, Ore.; and eight grandchildren.

A reception will follow the memorial
service at Mountain Valley Grange in
Amboy.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Sunday, December 29, 2002

BEVERLY A. WADE

Beverly Ann Wade died in a care center Wednesday, Christmas Day 2002, after a long illness. She was 68. Mrs. Wade was born July 14, 1934, in Longview and had lived in Vancouver since 1945. She was a member of the Golden Girls Social Club and loved spending time at the Coast. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, in 1998.

Survivors include one daughter, Rita Blake, of Craig, Alaska; one son, Kelley Reagan of Vancouver and one granddaughter.

There will be no service. Evergreen Staples Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 180, Vancouver, WA 98666.

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2003

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
January 2003

BEVERLY ANN WADE

Beverly Wade died on Christmas Day, 2002 to be with the Lord and her family. She graduated from Vancouver High School in 1952. Her maiden name was Cooper. She had two children, Kelley of Vancouver and Rita of Craig, Alaska, and a granddaughter Alissa Marie of Vancouver; a cousin, Jane Wayson of Olympia, and special friends Kathleen Fletcher, Pat Fawbush, Barbara Redwing of Vancouver and Betty Hume of California.

She is adored by all who knew her and will remain in their hearts forever.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
January 2003

AUDREY J. STEVENS

Woodland

Longtime Clark County resident Audrey J. Stevens died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, at Southwest Washington Medical Center. She was 71.

Mrs. Stevens, a homemaker, was born Oct. 18, 1931, in Webb, Saskatchewan. Her maiden name was Garner.

Survivors include her husband, Hal B., at home; two daughters, Julie Brown and Mary K. Baranske, both of Vancouver; two sons, Jeff and Mark, both of Vancouver; two sisters, Shirley Cooper of Auburn, Calif., and Mary Griep of Port Townsend, Wash.;

seven grandchildren; and Susan Meikle Mandell of Vancouver, who lived with the Stevens family.

Mrs. Stevens, who was a member of First Church of God and director of global missions for the church. She was the church's Woman of the Year in 1966.

Mrs. Stevens worked at the Concrete Shop Inc.

Her body was cremated. A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Friday at the church. Vancouver Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children of Promise Fund in care of First Church of God, 3300 N.E. 78th St., Vancouver, WA 98665.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington

Final Salute:

People around the world mourned her death Saturday, February 1, 2003

By MARGARET ELLIS,
Columbian staff writer

A mother of four who lived most of her life in Vancouver, Audrey Stevens did the sort of good deeds that neighborhood moms do.

She took kids to Camp Fire and Boy Scout meetings. Her house was open to all the neighborhood children. When she worked, she arranged her schedule to have as much time with her family as possible.

But Stevens took that same low-key determination and went on missions all over the world, to Africa, Brazil, Japan and India, among others. She good-naturedly lived in homes with no electricity or plumbing. She helped build wells, a women's center and churches. Stevens died Jan. 19. She was about to go to a meeting

on upcoming church missions when she suffered a ruptured aneurysm and collapsed. She was 71.

"She was one of those perfect type of persons," said her husband, Hal Stevens. "She was always doing something for someone else."

On a trip to Brazil, she noticed a boy watching a basketball game from the sidelines. He couldn't play with his friends because all he had for shoes were pieces of tire tread tied together.

"She came home without her Reeboks," Baranske said. "She just took them off and gave them to him."

Little things like that weren't forgotten.

"Right away when she passed away, there were e-mails and contacts from all over the world," her husband said.

She was well-known at home, too, and never forgot a face.

"I couldn't bring home a kid without Mom knowing their parents," said her daughter, Mary Kay Baranske of Vancouver.

When her husband started a business, The Concrete Shop, on 99th Street, Stevens was the bookkeeper and secretary. It was her second job. She was also an admitting nurse at Memorial Hospital.

She didn't stay in the back room at The Concrete Shop. She came out and greeted her customers by name, remembered the names of their spouses and asked how old each of their children were. The shop is still being operated by their son, Jeff Stevens. A Jan. 23 fire destroyed the business's main production plant.

Her faith was very strong, and Stevens liked to do more than attend service. "In her church she held every office there was except pastor," Hal said. Her trips abroad as a missionary were taken through her church, the First Church of God on 78th Street. She joined when she was 13.

She prayed often. If her daughter had a

headache or her husband smashed his thumb, she'd bow her head and say a quick prayer for them.

"You'd feel it right away. She didn't even say anything about praying, but you'd know she was," Hal said.

She and Hal met in middle school. They were smitten and dated all through high school.

"She was an easy person to get to know and an easy person to love," he said.

Hal joined the military after high school, and the two struggled to decide if they should stay together. "We spent a lot of time praying about whether we were right for each other," he said.

They married about a year after he was discharged and were together for more than 50 years.

They had four children Baranske, Julie Brown, Jeff Stevens and Mark Stevens. Susan Meilke Mandell, who lived with the Stevenses for a time growing up, is also considered a daughter.

"She would always get involved in whatever the kids would do," Baranske said.

And she would read to them. She instilled a love of reading in her children and her grandchildren.

"She'd go to Powell's and buy so many books she'd have to use a hand truck, then she'd read two or three that day," Hal said.

Once Baranske complained to her mom that she couldn't make the kids' beds without pulling three or four books out of the covers.

"You should consider yourself blessed," Stevens told her.

Baranske is even more impressed with her mom now that she has kids.

"The thing that amazes me now that I'm a mother is I don't remember her ever raising her voice to us," Baranske said.

"There was always love and acceptance and concern."

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
May 2003

FLORENCE I. CLARK

Florence Inez Krein Clark, a homemaker who lived in Clark County for 59 years, died of Parkinson's disease Friday, May 2, 2003, at home. She was 72.

Mrs. Clark liked spending time at the beach, entertaining and traveling. She had been a member of Columbia Presbyterian Church before joining Eastwoods Presbyterian Church.

She was born April 4, 1931, in Wishek, N.D. Her maiden name was Krein.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Robert W., at home; one daughter, Sue Boschee of Gresham, Ore.; three sons, Tom of Yuba City, Calif., Jim of Glendale, Calif., and Dan of Vancouver; three sisters, Gertrude Frederick of Kirkland, Wash., Esther Van Allen of Vancouver and Arlene Hefner of Wickenburg, Ariz.; two brothers, Art Krein and Don Krein, both of Vancouver; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. Friday at Columbia Presbyterian Church. Davies Cremation and Burial Services is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Southwest, P.O. Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668; or the American Parkinson's Disease Association, P.O. Box 75169, Seattle, WA 98125-0169.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
September 2003

RUTH C. MARTELL

A memorial service will begin at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel for Ruth Cecilia Martell Ramey, who died at home Friday, Sept. 12, 2003. She was 72.

Her husband, Adrian J., died in 1989.

Mrs. Ramey, who graduated from Vancouver High School in 1949, was a volunteer for Hospice Southwest.

She was born June 1, 1931, in Vancouver and lived in Clark County all her life. Her maiden name was Martell.

She worked as a secretary at Clark College for 30 years before retiring in 1993.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl Dreyer of Oregon City; two sons, Dan of Vancouver and Mike of Battle Ground; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
Upland, California
December 2003

MERLIN R. ZASKE M.D.

Merlin R. Zaske, M.D., 71, of Upland, CA, passed away Dec. 1, 2003 at Pomona Valley Hospital following a long illness. He had lived in Upland for more than 20 years.

Dr. Zaske was born in Vancouver, Wash., on Dec. 3, 1931. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 and served in Korea. After his discharge he attended the University of Washington Medical School and graduated to become a pediatrician. He came to the Kaiser Fontana Medical Center to begin his career. He worked in the Ontario clinic with the Kaiser organization.

He retired in 1996 following 33 years

of service at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center as a pediatrician and 33 years volunteering 16 hours a month to the training of pediatric residents in the Loma Linda Children's Hospital Pediatric Residency Program. Dr. Zaske enjoyed traveling, singing in the church choir and raising orchids and other exotic flowers.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Plante Zaske; daughters, Theresa Zaske of Balaton, Minn, Julie Zaske of Anacortes, Wash.; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Colleen and Gordon Swolgaard of Upland; stepdaughter, Pat Plante of Upland, stepson and daughter-in-law, Donald and Pamela Plante of Rancho Cucamonga; stepson and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Denise Plante of Rancho Cucamonga; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Cathy and David Andre of Upland; grandchildren, Christopher and Kyle Zaske of Anacortes; step-grandchildren, Jason and Jeffrey Swolgaard of Upland, Christopher, Matthew and Stephen Plante of Rancho Cucamonga, Danielle Plante of Huntington Beach, Stacie Andre of Upland; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Jack Leffert of Indiana; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Marian Zaske of Washington; and a brother Fred Zaske of Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Selma Zaske and by his son, Glenn Zaske

Services will be held Monday, December 8, 2003 at 9 a.m. at the Church of Our Heritage at Forest Lawn Covina Hills, 21300 Via Verde Drive, Covina. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Foundation or the children's oncology unit at Kaiser Permanente.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Wednesday, January 14, 2004

WOODROW E. HALL

Vancouver

Woodrow "Woody" E. Hall, a truck driver who also repaired appliances, died Friday, Jan 9, 2004, in Vancouver. He was 63.

Survivors include his mother, Leona Simon of Battle Ground; two sons, Jeff Hall of Vancouver and Woodrow "Woody" Hall II of Orange, Calif, two brothers, Richard Choquette and Randy Hall, both of Battle Ground, two sisters, Jackie Torres of Vancouver and Sue Bellcoff of Brush Prairie; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Hall was a member of the Moose and Eagles lodges, the National Rifle Association and the Teamsters Union. A veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and the beach.

Mr. Hall was born July 22, 1940, in Whitesville, W. Va., and lived in Clark County the past 50 years.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Layne's Funeral Home in Battle Ground, followed by a potluck at the Battle Ground Elks Lodge.

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Mr. Hall was a member of the Moose and Eagles lodges, the National Rifle Association and the Teamsters Union. A veteran of the Coast Guard, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and the beach.

Mr. Hall was born July 22, 1940, in Whitesville, W.V. and lived in Clark County the past 50 years.

A memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at Layne's Funeral Home in Battle Ground.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Kenneth A. Kreger

Kenneth A. Kreger, 72, a Vancouver-area resident for 63 years, died Monday, March 8, 2004, in Vancouver.

Mr. Kreger was a pharmacist for Fred Meyer Stores Inc. before retiring in 1995 after 37 years.

He was born Aug. 4, 1931, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, at home; one daughter, Karla Kreger; one son, Thomas; and five grandchildren

He was an Air Force veteran and attended Vancouver High School and the University of Washington. A member of Vancouver Trap Club, he enjoyed gardening and his dogs.

A graveside service will begin at 1 p.m. Friday at **Willamette National Cemetery**

in Portland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southwest Washington Humane Society, 2121 St. Francis Lane, Vancouver, WA 98660.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Merle E. Gildhorn Futtrup

Seattle

Former Vancouver resident Merle Elaine Futtrup died Friday, March 12, 2004, in Seattle, after a long illness. She was 72.

Mrs. Futtrup was born August 25, 1931, in Chicago. She moved to Vancouver when she was 12 and in June 1998 she moved to Seattle. She last lived at Heritage House Assisted Living. Her maiden name was Gildhorn.

Mrs. Futtrup attended Providence Academy, Fort Vancouver High School and Clark College. She was an avid dancer and bridge player and liked the ocean and gardening. She was very fond of animals and loved her cat, Antonio.

Survivors include two daughters, Catherine Futtrup and Michele Valentine, both of Seattle. Bonney-Watson Funeral Home in Seattle is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heritage House Assisted Living or Bessie Burton Sullivan Skilled Nursing Facility, both in Seattle, or the Humane Society.

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The Columbian

Vancouver, Clark, Washington
October 2004

CLIFFORD E. FROST

Clifford Eric Frost, a retired high school teacher who had traveled around the world, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, in Vancouver. He was 98.

Mr. Frost was born Oct. 12, 1906, in Portland, and lived in Vancouver for 69 years.

His wife, Deloyce, died in 2002. Survivors include a niece and a nephew.

There will be no service. Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes in Portland was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 525, Vancouver, WA 98666.

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The Columbian

Vancouver, Clark, Washington
November 2004

Kenneth M. Sawyer

Clackamas, Ore.

Former Clark County resident Kenneth M. Sawyer died Nov. 16, 2004, at home. He was 73.

Mr. Sawyer was born Aug. 12, 1931, in Portland. After living in Vancouver for years he moved to Clackamas about 12 years ago.

He graduated from Vancouver High School in 1949.

Mr. Sawyer, a Navy veteran of the Korean War, worked for Cascade Construction in the Portland area.

His second wife, Pat, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife of 13 years, Donna, at home; one stepdaughter, Lynn

Sampson of Oregon; two sons, Kenneth Key of Pilot Rock, Ore., and James Sawyer of St. Helens, Ore.; two stepsons, Eric Graves and Mike Graves, both of Beaverton, Ore.; one brother, James of Thailand; one sister, Diane Francois of Mill Creek, Wash.; and 14 grandchildren.

A daughter, Susan Sawyer, preceded him in death.

His body was cremated and there was no service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Humane Society.

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Kenneth M. Sawyer

Kenneth M. Sawyer died Nov. 16, 2004, at age 73.

Mr. Sawyer was born Aug. 12, 1931, in Portland, where he lived most of his life. He served in the Navy and worked as a superintendent for Cascade Construction. In 1991, he married Donna Chapman.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Kenneth and James; stepdaughter, Lynn Sampson; stepsons, Eric and Mark; and 14 grandchildren. His daughter, Susan, died earlier.

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2005

Brown's Funeral Home Online
March 2005

Genevieve Glover Northrop

Genevieve May Northrop, 74, of Vancouver, Washington died on March 11, 2005, in Vancouver, Washington. Born in Tekoa, Washington, Genevieve lived most of her life in Vancouver, Washington, and is a former resident of Anchorage, Alaska where she was an active member of the AM Vets #2 of Anchorage, Alaska.

Genevieve also liked boating on the Prince William Sound and camping. She enjoyed gardening, painting, playing darts, sewing, arts and crafts, photography, and writing poetry. Most of all, she loved her family, especially her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her great-great grandchild.

What can you say about your mother?

She nurtures you, loves you no matter how long your teen years last and then she passes from your life with a quickness & quietness just when you are beginning to appreciate & enjoy your time with her. That is probably the saddest thing except the fact that maybe you did not tell her that she is the reason you reached for every star in the sky & took on every dragon & felt like you had won every prize when you saw the smile & pride in her eyes.

Genevieve is survived by three daughters; Charlotte Town of Anchorage, Alaska, Anita Sue Cochran of Vancouver, Tamara Northrop of Pocatello, Idaho; and her son Michael Kurth of Vancouver. She is also survived by her stepchildren; Diana Northrop and Larry Northrop of Vancouver, her sisters; Carol and Richard Jackson, and

Lois Kay Paul; her brother; Tonnie Cavanas, and step-mother; Maxine Cavanas, and is blessed to leave behind 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

There will be no public service.

Donations may be made to Doernbechers Children's Hospital: 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd. Portland, OR 97239. Brown's Funeral Home in Camas has been entrusted with arrangements.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
March 2005

James Vog Stewart

"Mr. Nice"

Carson City Resident James Vog Stewart, 73, passed away March 16, 2005 in Salt Lake City, Utah, from complications of pneumonia.

Mr. Stewart was born on July 3, 1931, in Portland, Oregon, and grew up in Vancouver with his brother, Doug. During WWII he delivered papers to the veterans hospital. After graduating from Vancouver High School in 1949, he served as a second lieutenant in the US Army during the Korean conflict.

Upon discharge from the service, Jim alternated between working on survey crews and attending college. He obtained a bachelors degree in Physics from the University of Idaho, leading to a career as a test engineer for various defense contractors, working on projects such as the space shuttle, solar observatory satellites, and the ISS.

Jim greatly enjoyed his last work assignment near Naresborough, North Yorkshire, England. He made many good friends there, who gave him the moniker

“Vog Rampant”. (His family never found out the exact reason for this nickname, and would appreciate it if one of his friends stepped forward to offer an explanation!)

Upon retiring, he settled in Carson City, Nevada. Jim was a very friendly person, with a dry wit and an analytical mind. He often helped out friends and family financially, and was very generous. Although his illness slowed him down quite a bit at the end, for most of his life he enjoyed working on cars, bowling, shooting, playing cards, reading, watching football, and most of all just hanging out with good friends.

He is survived by his two children: Karla (Tim) Meyn of Ridgecrest, CA; and Joe (Allison) Stewart of Riverton, UT. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Kady Meyn and Isaac, Ben, Kimberly, and Timmo Stewart.

Although the last nine months of his life were physically painful and tiring, he bore the burden without complaining. He was a unique person, and will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

A graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 25th at Lone Mountain Cemetery, 919 Beverly Drive, Carson City, Nevada. For information, call Walton’s Chapel of the Valley at 775-882-4965.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Salvation Army or the American Cancer Society. Please sign the guest book at www.legacy.com/columbian.

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The Reflector

Battle Ground, Clark, Washington
April 2005

BARBARA BAGGETT

Barbara Louise “Barb” (Johnson) Baggett, 77 died April 12, 2005, in Vancouver.

Baggett was born June 23, 1927 in Newport, WA, grew up in mining towns and logging camps in Pend Orielle County in eastern Washington, and came to Clark County as a teenager. She lived in Yacolt for over 50 years.

Mrs. Baggett enjoyed traveling, nature, puzzles, crafts, canning, pinochle, bowling, bingo, dressing up in holiday costumes, butterflies, rainbows and being with family members. She had played in a pool league.

She also enjoyed gardening, picking mushroom, watching Mt. St. Helens, and traveling to Nevada. She also had travel to Japan and throughout the United States. Baggett worked in food services for the Battle Ground School District, and SNAP programs in Battle Ground, La Center, Ridgefield and Yacolt. She had worked in a cannery in Vancouver during World War II.

Mrs. Baggett was preceded in death by brothers Richard Johnson in 1999 and Donald Johnson in 1964, and sisters Lilly Oval in 1992 and Betty Johnson in 1930. Survivors include widower Donald Baggett of Yacolt, married 57 years, sons, Steven Baggett of Kelso, and Ronald Baggett and Donald Baggett both of Yacolt, daughters Donna Crisman of Alaska and Darlene Baggett of Yacolt, brothers David Johnson, Darrell Johnson and Jerry Johnson, all of Amboy, sisters Coleen Bodin of Battle Ground and Judy Steigmann of Amboy. Eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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A celebration of life is set for Friday, April 22, 2 p.m. at Mt. Valley grange, 40107 NE 221st Ave., Amboy, with a potluck to follow. Layne's Funeral Home, Battle Ground is in charge of arrangements.

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Saturday, June 18, 2005

CARL A. LORON

Carl A. Loron, 89, of Sublimity, died June 9, 2005.

He was born April 3, 1916 in McKee Station, East of Woodburn and graduated from Oregon State University in 1939.

He had worked as a chemist, operating engineer and mechanic as his primary employer being the Crown Zellerbach paper mill.

He had lived in Silverton, Turner, and Camas, Wash.

He married Ruth (Flanagan) in 1956. He is survived by wife Ruth Loron; sons, Wayne, Howard and Thomas Loron; daughters Carol Gabriel, Sarah Loron; step-children, Carrie Martin, Joe Schmeltzer; sisters, Alice Dodson, Naomi Krugh; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. June 26 at Camas Christian Church, Camas, Wash.

Arrangements are by Simon-Woodburn Funeral Chapel.

Contributions may be made to the Turner Memorial Home, PO Box 58, Turner, OR 97392 or Mid-Valley Alzheimers Network, PO Box 12701, Salem, OR 97309.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Sunday, June 19, 2005

CARL A. LORON

Carl A. Loron, age 89, died Thursday, June 9, 2005. Carl was born near Monitor, OR, April 3, 1916 and grew up near Silverton.

He graduated in 1933 from Silverton High School and from Oregon State University in 1939 with a B.S. in Chemistry.

He joined Crown Zellerbach Co. in Lebanon OR where he married Virginia McMullen in 1941. They moved to Clark County in 1942 and lived in the Washougal area most of there lives. Carl worked as a chemist, in the engineering department, and retired in 1978 as an instrument mechanic.

Virginia died in 1955 from cancer, and he married Ruth Schmeltzer in 1956.

He loved the Oregon coast and the Silverfalls area.

Carl's hobbies included stamp collecting, wood carving, reading, crossword puzzles, and nothing pleased him more than a church potluck.

He served the Camas First Christian Church in many offices, notably almost 60 years as an elder.

After retirement, Carl set out on his dream of traveling the USA. During his two-year RV journey he visited all of the lower 48 states. Winters they traveled to Arizona and California. He also visited South Africa, China, New Zealand and Australia.

In 2000 they moved to Turner, Oregon where Carl lived for one year before his dementia required a move to Sublimity, Oregon.

He went to meet his Lord June 9.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his sisters, Alice Dodson of Eugene, and Naomi Krugh of CA; children Wayne

Loron of Kent, WA; Carrie Martin of Grangeville, ID; Carol Gabriel, Joe Smeltzer, and Howard Loron, all of Vancouver; Sarah Loron of Seattle, and Tom Loron of Washougal. Also by 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Carl's life will be held June 26th, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the Camas First Christian Church, 404 NE 6th St.

The family requests that any contributions be made in his name to either the Mid-Valley Alzheimers Network, PO Box 12701, Salem, OR 97309 or Turner Memorial Home, PO Box 58, Turner, OR 97392.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Sunday, July 3, 2005

ROY LESTER LONG

ROY LESTER (LES) LONG was born on March 20, 1917, in Mabton, Washington to John and Daisy Mae Long. Mabton was a very small farming town in the lower Yakima Valley. He had a twin brother, Lawrence, and two older brothers, Wendell and Elwin.

His father operated a hardware and feed store in Mabton and re-fueled and watered the Union Pacific trains operating between Chicago and Seattle.

Les worked in the hop and potato fields during summers while in school. Les played basketball and ran track at Mabton High School where he set a new State record for the Half Mile. He was a neighbor of Mel Stottlemeyer who is now the pitching coach for the New York Yankees.

Les loved WSU, was Phi Kappa Tau President, won the Half Mile race at State and graduated in 1940 with a B.S. in Education, later earning an M.S. degree in Education at UC-Berkley. He taught

biology, physical education, and coached 8-Man football, basketball and track in both Sprague, WA and Washougal, WA before joining the Vancouver School District in 1944.

He met Alice Marian Turner from Sunnyside, WA at WSU, and they were married during the summer of 1942. Les taught biology, coached basketball and track at Vancouver High School, later FVHS, for several years where he had considerable success as a coach. He took teams to the Washington State basketball and track championships for many years. Coaching basketball and track was a great love for him, and he was greatly admired by his players!

He later became vice principal and Dean of Boys at Ft. Vancouver and Columbia River High Schools. Les retired in 1972 after a very successful 31-year career. Les was very generous with his time by serving his community. He was a Deacon at First Presbyterian Church, participating in Men's Bible Study and serving on many committees – Ft. Vancouver Kiwanis Club (Distinguished Secretary, 25-years District Lt. Governor – IDD Hixon Award, the prestigious Jack Delft Award – WARIKI Library named in his honor) and the Seafarer's Center (active board member). Both found Les to be passionate about his membership with them.

Les lived a full life and passed away peacefully in his sleep early Monday morning, June 27, 2005. We will all miss him!

He is survived by his son, Edward Ray Long and wife Lynn in Salem, OR, and by his second wife, Betty Long in Toledo, WA; her three children, Renae, Gena and Kim, and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will honor this genuine friend to all. The date is Thursday, July 7, 2005 at 2:30 PM at the First

Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street, Vancouver, WA. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to Kiwanis Children's Camp WARIKI or the Seafarer's Center.

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Sunday, July 17, 2005

PHILIP MARTIN MYERS

Philip Martin Myers, beloved husband, father, grandfather and teacher, ended his earthly days July 7, 2005. Phil was born in York, PA on March 26, 1917 to Clinton M. Myers and Nettie Grace Sidenstricker.

He attended York High and at the same time served a 4-year apprenticeship at 6 cents an hour to learn the tool and die profession. In 1934 he joined the Navy, and while his ship was in Vancouver for the Rose Festival, he met his wife, Doris Kunzman. They married and had nearly 65 years together.

When WWII broke out, he reported to his draft board to re-enlist. He was told to "go back to the Kaiser shipyard" because he was the only trained tool and die maker amongst the 1000's of workers at the shipyard. With his help, the shipyard produced one aircraft carrier a week. He like to think he made a real contribution to the war effort in this way.

After the war, the government wanted to start vocational classes at Clark College. Phil was hired to teach machine shop. He taught high school and college classes for the next 28 years. He had some real "characters" but not one ended up in jail and all became good citizens.

He was an unorthodox teacher that used novel means to reach and inspire his students. At the end of the year he had

"Father to Son" counseling sessions with each of his boys. Known as "Honest Phil", he laid things on the line telling his students the things he admired in them and the things they could improve on.

In his personal life he was equally frank and honest, a quality that many admired. After retirement he spent summers at his beloved beach home on Vashon Island. There were never ending projects there, most involving cement work. Dates and "PM Myers" adore each of his cement pours. He enjoyed the great outdoors and spent many Octobers hunting deer, elk, moose and ducks and summers digging clams, fishing and catching crabs.

In 1988, Phil and Doris moved from Vancouver, WA to San Diego to be near his daughters, Sharon and Jennifer, son-in-law Jim Felix and the great joy of his life, his grandsons, Jason, Philip and Ryan. Phil's humor, honesty, even temperament and zest for life endeared him to all who knew him.

He was an active member of St. Paul's, Penasquitos and Vashon Lutheran Churches. A memorial service will be held July 14, 2005 at 6:30 PM at Penasquitos Lutheran Church, 14484 Penaquitos Dr., San Diego, CA 92129. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to San Diego Hospice, 4311 3rd Ave., San Diego, CA 92103 or Penasquitos Lutheran Church.

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Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Frederick "Bud" Ernest Bower

Frederick "Bud" Ernest Bower, 87, a resident of The Dalles, Oregon since 1961, died at a local hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006.

He was born Feb. 21, 1918, in Ridgefield, Wash., the ninth of twelve children to Fred and Hulda Katherine (Yann) Bower. He grew up in the Ridgefield and Vancouver area, and then from 1939 to 1945, he worked as a truck driver.

He married Irene Jones in Sept. 1937, in Vancouver, Wash. They later divorced. On Jan. 10, 1957, he married Sharon Lavonne MacDougall in Camas, Wash., and she preceded him in death on Nov. 22, 2004.

He worked as a tallyman, straddle carrier operator, loading foreman, planer man and mill foreman for R.A. Heintz Lumber Company in Raymond, WA and Bower Lumber Company in Ridgefield from 1945 to 1955. In 1956, he became a Beneficial Insurance representative and agent and in 1968, also became a cattle rancher, retiring from both professions in 1983.

He was a member of The Dalles Moose and Elks Lodges, Fort Dalles Rodeo Association, 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale Committees, National Cattlemen's Association, Charolais Breeders Association. He also enjoyed membership in The Mid Columbia, Oregon State and National Life Insurance Underwriters Associations. He enjoyed being active with the fund raising and sales committees of the Mid-Columbia Jr. Livestock Show and is a past board member and treasurer for the rodeo association. He also was a jewelry

craftsman, a photographer, and was an accomplished leather tooler.

Survivors include his daughter, Linda Bower, Vancouver, Wash; daughter-in-law, Holly Bower, Woodland, Wash.; his sisters, Ruth Bower and Doris Niemann, brothers, Mitchell and John Bower; sisters-in-law, Sandy Reppe, Touchet, Wash., and Theresa Bibby, Grass Valley; numerous nieces and nephews, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon; his son, Frederick and seven siblings.

Viewing visitation will be held at Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home on Monday, Jan. 30, from 2 to 7 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. to service time on Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home. Interment will follow at The Dalles Three Mile Road IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to 4-H or FFA stock fund, sent in care of Spencer, Libby & Powell Funeral Home, 1100 Kelly Ave., The Dalles, OR 97058.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Saturday, March 4, 2006

WINTON L. 'BOYD' BOYDSTUN

Winton L. 'Boyd' Boydston was born in Lents District of Portland, OR, Jan. 25, 1920 to John S. and Alice Rose Boydston. He was the third of ten children. He passed away Feb. 24, 2006 in Kennewick, WA.

Boyd attended school in Vancouver, WA, graduating from Vancouver High School in 1938. He joined the Navy the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked and served eight years. His last station was the Naval Air Station near Memphis, TN,

where he met and married his wife, Dorothy Elsen.

Boyd returned to his job with Bonneville Power in 1949 and retired from there after 25 years. At that time he went to work at the Washington Power Supply System and retired in 1983.

Boyd was very active in West Highlands United Methodist Church in Kennewick and was co-chairman of two building phases. He also was instrumental in starting the Columbia Basin chapter of the Purchasing Management Association in which he remained active.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son, Greg Boydston and wife, Sally; daughters, Sandra Henckel and husband Paul, Jackie Brandt and husband Bill, and Janice Bartram and husband Chad; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Boyd is also survived by brothers, Charles, Larry and wife, Rose, Cliff, Kenneth and wife, Beverly; sisters, Ellen Gibson, Irene and husband, Lester Miller, Bernice Farmer, and Florence and her husband, Frank Shipman. Boyd was preceded in death by his parents and baby brother, Johnnie.

A celebration of life was held Monday, Feb. 27, 2006 at Highlands United Methodist Church in Kennewick.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Wednesday, March 15, 2006

COLLEEN SHARP

Colleen Sharp, a long-time Vancouver, WA resident, age 78, passed away March 11, 2006 in her home surrounded by family. She is survived by her son Dan and his wife Pam; two grandchildren, Conan Sharp and Vanessa Green; three great-grandchildren, Darien, Conan Jr. and Paden; one brother Lynn Barrett. A celebration of life will be

held from 1-5pm on March 18, 2006 at the home of Tom and Judy McClelland, 16031 NE 14th Circle, Vancouver, WA 98664. A special thanks to Kaiser Hospice for all their support.

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The Columbian
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April 2006

ELLEN MARIE TORONGO

Ellen Marie Torongo died April 5, 2006, in Vancouver, WA. She was born November 24, 1914, in Spokane, WA, the first of ten children to Oscar Marius and Mary Catherine Bergstrom.

She received her Normal Teaching Degree from Pacific Lutheran University. She taught in the logging town of Rainier, WA from 1936 to 1941. She then received a BA from the University of Puget Sound.

During the war, she worked for Social Services as an Army Hostess at Fort Lewis where she met Al Torongo whom she married in 1942. In 1942 she started teaching for the Vancouver Public Schools where for many years she was the Librarian at Fort Vancouver High School and honored as the Special Education Teacher of the Year. In 1967 she received her Masters Degree in Librarianship from the University of Washington.

She was a Charter Member, Deacon and Elder at Columbia Presbyterian Church. She sang in the chorus, played bells, helped with the food bank as well as being involved in Kingdom Kids and Share House. She received many community service awards including Presbyterian Woman of the Year and Woman of Achievement.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Torongo, her brothers Robert and Arthur Bergstrom and her sister Mary

Stella. She is survived by her daughter Mary Elizabeth Smith and a grandson Jason Smith, both of Port Orchard. She is also survived by her brothers Edward, Walter, William and David Bergstrom, and her sisters June Kingsbury and Alyce Dane.

Contributions can be made to the National Kidney foundation or to the Ellen Torongo Scholarship Fund at the Columbia Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be held at the Columbia Presbyterian Church on Friday, April 21, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

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**DMCM RETIRED
CHARLES D. BOYDSTUN**

April 2006

Information from family members:
The first of 10 children of John S. & Alice R. Boydston was born June 12, 1916 in Chico, CA, Charles D. "Chuck" Boydston passed away April 6, 2006 in Vancouver, WA.

Chuck attended school in Vancouver where he graduated from VHS in 1935. He participated in the CCC's program; worked for Bonneville Power Administration and the Corp of Army Engineers prior to serving over 30 years in the U.S. Navy.

He retired to Norfolk, VA after serving in many duty stations while in the Navy.

Preceding him in death was his beloved wife of 26 years, Anna Blanche Stacks Boydston; his parents; an infant brother, Johnnie; a brother Winton L. "Boyd" Boydston and his special friend, Ethel Odom.

Survivors include his brothers, Larry; Cliff and Kenneth and his sisters, Ellen Gibson, Irene Miller, Bernice Farmer, Florence Shipman plus numerous inlaws, nieces and nephews plus many great nieces and great nephews.

There was no service per his request.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the SWWMC Hospice or to the American Cancer Society.

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May 2006

CLARENCE EARL NELSON

A 1949 graduate of Vancouver High School, Clarence Earl Nelson was born April 25, 1931. He died of renal failure at home in San Jose, CA. He entered into rest on May 1, 2006, joining his beloved wife, Bernice.

He was a Korean war navy veteran and retiree of PG&E after 37 years of service.

He leaves behind his daughter, Janet, of San Jose, and his son Michael & wife, Shari, and grand-daughter, Kyah, of Clanton, AL. He will be sorely missed. No services will be held at his request.

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The Columbian
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Wednesday, May 10, 2006

DONALD E. DUTCHER

Donald E. Dutcher passed away May 3, 2006 in Vancouver, WA at the age of 75, after a long illness. He was born Feb. 24, 1931 in Greeley, NE.

He graduated from Vancouver High School (WA) and in 1949 began a career of more than 40 years in the paper industry. He also served 20 years in the Army National Guard and retired as a Captain. In 1953, he married Marilyn Moore. They later divorced. In 1990, he married Joyce Acteson.

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A devoted husband, father, grand-father, and great-grandfather, Don's survivors include his wife, Joyce Dutcher of Lake Oswego, OR; brother, Kenneth Dutcher of Umatilla, OR; son, Craig and wife, Kelley of Salem, OR; son, Kelly and wife, Tami of Vancouver, WA; son, Tracy and wife, Kristen of Keizer, OR; stepdaughter, Shelby Acteson of Portland, OR; stepson, Trey Acteson and wife, Shelly of Wasilla, AK; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial reception will be held from 1-4 p.m. Tues., May 16, 2006, at the Marshall House, 1301 Officer's Row, Ft. Vancouver, WA. Remembrances to the American Heart Association.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Friday, July 7, 2006
(Also online)

LEO MATHEW FRANK

Born in North Dakota in a small German community in 1930, Leo M. Frank was a true pioneer to the growth and development of Vancouver. He attended Vancouver High School and graduated from the University of Washington in 1954.

As an attorney, developer, and businessman, he was the architect of many projects in Vancouver - most notably Green Meadows, which he purchased in 1961 and developed from a 9-hole golf course into a thriving country-club community.

In 1972, he decided to fulfill his lifelong dream of traveling the world on a world-class yacht, so he built a ship and began his quest only to have his dream shattered by cancer after one month at sea. Cancer lost, but he returned to Vancouver to continue his plans as a developer and businessman.

In 1986, he purchased a small bowling

center in Portland, and with his son Mark, developed the company into the largest privately owned chain of bowling centers in the Northwest. He loved to golf, snow ski and water ski, but mostly, he devoted his life to his family.

On Monday, June 19, 2006 he passed away at home with his wife, Barbara and son, Mark by his side. He is survived by his wonderful wife, Barbara; twin sons, Mark and Mathew; four grandchildren, Mark's son, Landin and Mathew's children, Erskine, Cecelia and Duncan; and his favorite dog, Frosty.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Sunday, July 30, 2006

BYRL DEAN GRIFFIN

Byrl D. Griffin of Vancouver, WA passed away July 26, 2006 of natural causes. Born in 1931 in Vancouver, he was a graduate of Vancouver H.S.

A Veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he returned to Vancouver and worked for many years at the Nabisco bakery in Portland, OR.

A dedicated father, he was actively involved in many organizations such as The Boy Scouts of America and Little League.

His passing was preceded by his wife of 41 years, Evelyn Griffin.

Survivors include his five children: Jerry, John, and Lonnie Griffin, Laura Coleman, and Donnella Treadway, as well as his brother, Bernard Griffin, and many beloved grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 pm, August 3, 2006 at Trinity Lutheran Church at 309 W. 39th St. in Vancouver.

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Unknown Newspaper
Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Loren Dale Meyers

Loren Dale Meyers died January 22, 2007, at the age of 80.

A native of Mt. Adams Orchard, Wash., Mr. Meyers was born on Oct. 18, 1926. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a self-employed logger and moved to Portland three years ago. In 1991, he married Ruth L. Cook.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Susan Meyers and Carol Norenberg; step-daughters, Sheila Miller and Julie fisher; stepson, William Cook; and five grandchildren.

Remembrances can be made to Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Arrangements by Mt. Scott.

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Unknown Newspaper
Tuesday, October 23, 2007

William David Stitt, Sr.

William David Stitt Sr. died Oct. 20, 2007, of cancer at age 79.

He was born Jan. 8, 1928, in Birmingham, Ala., and moved to Portland in 1947. He was a kitchen aide for Portland Community College and member of St. Andrew Catholic Church for more than 20 years.

Survivors include his daughter, Teri L.; son, William D. Jr.; and two grandchildren.

Remembrances to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Ross Hollywood.

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Unknown Newspaper
Thursday, November 8, 2007

Robert "Bob" W. Noack

Robert Noack, 76, of Edmonds, WA, passed away in Edmonds on November 6, 2007, following a two-year illness.

He was born on October 6, 1931, in Valley City, North Dakota to John and Josephine Noack. He will be greatly missed as a loving father, brother, uncle and "Papa" to his grandchildren.

Robert was a long time resident of South Snohomish County. He worked at Boeing in the 60's and moved to a very successful career as Finance Officer at the City of Lynnwood for 25 years. Upon his retirement he became a Municipal Finance Consultant for many cities (Covington, Kenmore, Centralia, Marysville, Ocean Shores, Battle Ground, Sammamish and Spokane Valley) and served on the board of the South Snohomish County Senior Center. He had an unsuccessful run for Edmonds Mayor in 1999, but had fun politicking and bringing his family together during the campaign. He was an avid Seattle sports fan, golfer, and card player – taking up Texas Hold-em later in life with a nickname of "Poker Bob". Robert loved his work and taught us all to not only be good people, but to do good deeds and strive to be the best - and most of all to enjoy our work.

Robert is survived by his daughter, Cindy (Larry) Ringstad, of Mukilteo, WA; son, Greg (Jessica) Noack, of Edmonds; his grandchildren, Amy (Jackson) Buck, L.J. Ringstad, Brynn and R.J. Noack; and great-grandchildren, Tyler, Aly and Ashley; also his brothers, Delmar (Margie) Noack, of Marrowstone Island, WA and Ronn (Billie) Noack, of Wichita Falls, Texas; his sister, Betty (Bob) Lade, of Edmonds; and many

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nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Barbara; his son, Mark; and sisters, Shirley Homanick and Mabel Lavagnino.

The family expresses a special "thank you" to the staff at Harbour Pointe Retirement and Assisted Living Center in Mukilteo for their care during the past year.

A Memorial Service will be held at 5 p.m., on Saturday, November 10, 2007, at Beck's Funeral Home in Edmonds with a gathering immediately following at the South Snohomish County Senior Center, 220 Railroad Ave, Edmonds.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the South Snohomish County Senior Center, Annie's Community Kitchen of Edmonds Lutheran Church 23525 84th Ave W, Edmonds WA, or your favorite charity.

Robert passed away on Election Day – elected to the Highest Office!

Arrangements: Beck's Funeral Home, Edmonds, 425-771-1234.

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2008

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Sunday, February 3, 2008

HOLLY FRANCESCA BENNETT
Nov. 18, 1954 – Jan. 8, 2008

Holly Francesca Bennett passed away in Vancouver, Washington on January 8, 2008. Her unexpected death takes from her family and friends one of life's most gentle and caring souls.

Holly was born in San Francisco, California and considered herself to be a native of Mill Valley, California. She moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2002 where her career in nursing allowed her to give comfort and aid to so many.

She is survived by her husband, Guy Bennett; step-children, Ashley and Lauren Bennett of California; her brother, David Maxwell of Gold Hill, Oregon; and her two cats.

Holly enjoyed reading, spending time with her family and friends, retail therapy and camping. "She is remembered and deeply missed by a diverse and wide reaching community."

Her parents, William and Susan Maxwell, preceded Holly in death.

The Neptune Society performed cremation and private services were held at Twisted Cedar Estate on January 12, 2008. The family asks that memorial donations be made to: Holly Francesca Bennett Memorial Fund, C/O Humane Society for Southwest Washington, 2121 St. Francis Lane, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

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RITA MARIE MELONAS

Rita Marie (Laird) Melonas was born in Havre, Montana on November 15, 1931 to John and Marie Laird.

She spent her early years on a large wheat farm near Chester, Montana where she was the only daughter in a family of five brothers. She graduated from Holy Names Academy in Spokane, WA with a degree in Education. She taught elementary school in Cody, Wyoming and Stevenson, WA where she met and married Sam Melonas, her devoted husband of 50 years.

Rita and Sam had three sons, twins Gus and Louie, who work for BNSF Railway; and Steve, a special education teacher at Columbia River High School in Vancouver, WA.

After moving to Vancouver in 1964, Rita quickly made a number of lifelong friends through her many volunteer projects. She was awarded the Golden Acorn Award in the 1970's for her tireless work with the Vancouver Public Schools.

Rita was a devout Catholic who never missed Mass or a Holy Day at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. She also took an active interest in Sam's affiliation with Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Portland.

A woman of supreme class and character with an unerring moral compass, Rita found her greatest pleasure in life through her three sons and their wide array of friends. Her advice was always dead-on and usually given whether it was wanted or not. Forever a champion of the underdog, her intellect, humor and level-headedness provided many friends with clear direction and hope in their darkest hours.

Her door was open to everyone and her

home was always filled with visitors. After one impromptu dinner for a number of Steve's friends from college, one of the guests told Rita that "they couldn't believe mothers like her existed anywhere other than on TV".

In her later years, Rita took pleasure in her participation in china painting, collecting antiques, cooking, reading, trips to the Oregon Coast, and her Shih-Tzu dog, Lily, whom, until last week was hand-fed.

Rita died peacefully on Saturday, February 2, while outside the snow was gently falling.

She is survived by her husband; three sons; her brother, Jim Laird of Chester, MT and a large number of nieces and nephews.

There will be a Recitation of the Rosary on Friday, February, 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton Mylan Funeral Home in Vancouver. A funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 4723 NW Franklin St., Vancouver, 98663, on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 10 a.m. Burial will be in the family plot in Stevenson, WA.

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Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Wednesday, February 6, 2008

GLADYS CAROLINE ENGLE, DVM
Sept. 1, 1929 ~ Feb. 2, 2008

Gladys Caroline Engle was born in Caldwell, Idaho on September 1, 1929 and grew up on the family farm in Melba, Idaho.

She graduated from Greenleaf Friends Academy, then George Fox College in 1951 and Linfield College in 1952. She taught Junior and Senior High School for nine years in schools in Oregon, Guam and Alaska before being accepted to Washington State University School of Veterinary Medicine, from which she graduated in

1967.

Caroline received a grant from The National Cancer Institute to do cancer research for two years at the University of Pennsylvania and later worked in a Philadelphia veterinary clinic for seven years. She founded the Vancouver Washington Feline Clinic when she returned to the northwest in 1977, and she along with three partners practiced there for 20 years. Caroline concluded her career with four years as a House Call Veterinarian for Pets.

Caroline was intensely interested in other cultures. As a member of People to People Ambassador Program, she traveled widely observing and advising foreign medical colleagues.

After retirement, she joined the Peace Corps and spent eighteen months in Ecuador, South America translating veterinary information into Spanish at the University of Loja.

As an avid reader and life-long learner, her interest in education remained constant. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of Washington State University.

Her philanthropy has created the Caroline Engle Distinguished Professor in Research on Infectious Diseases at Washington State University. She also established the Caroline Engle Scholarship Fund for Nursing Students at George Fox University School of Nursing. The Caroline Engle Critical Care Room also honors her memory.

She is a member of the United Methodist Church in Battle Ground, Washington. On Saturday, February 2, 2008, Gladys Caroline Engle died when she was seventy-eight years of age.

Surviving and left to honor her life is her sister, Ruth Engle Wilhite of Newberg; her brother, Frank Engle of Melba, ID; her niece, Shirley Wilson of Oregon City; nephews, Don Wilhite of Goldendale, WA,

Frank Engle Jr. of Newberg, OR and John Engle of Melba, ID, and those who have come to know and appreciate her where she has lived and worked.

Her memorial service will be Saturday, February 9, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. in the United Methodist Church, 1205 Deborah St, in Newberg, with Pastor Jane Schaffer officiating. Private committal in Melba, ID.

Arrangements are in the care of Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, a Golden Rule Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Caroline Engle Scholarship Fund for Nursing Students at George Fox University or McPaws Animal Shelter in McCall, ID, c/o Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, 207 Villa Road, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

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GEORGE G. GUYON
April 3, 1920 ~ Feb. 3, 2008

Lieutenant Colonel George G. Guyon, USAF Ret., was born in Chicago, IL on April 3, 1920 and died in Battle Ground, WA on February 3, 2008.

Colonel Guyon was a highly decorated P-38 fighter pilot in World War II. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, several air medals plus many other awards. The only plane he lost was one brought down by "friendly fire"; however, he limped back to base in several planes that had been shot up while flying his 59 missions in Europe. Colonel Guyon was an aircraft commander on a K.C. 97 Refueling Tanker for 2 1/2 years before becoming a maintenance officer in the 96th Bomb Wing when the B-47 bombers kept the atomic bomb in the air for 24 hours a

day. He retired in 1963 and moved to the Northwest in 1964.

He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Della M. (Pat) Guyon; his sister-in-law, Jean Guyon; and several nephews and nieces in Chicago, IL.

Colonel Guyon requested there be no funeral. There will be a celebration of life at a later date in Chicago. On February 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Chicago time, his friends and military buddies will offer a moment of silent prayer in his memory. Private interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, OR with Layne's Funeral Home, Battle Ground, in charge of arrangements.

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Monday, November 3, 2008

Robert Denison "Bob" Steele
May 23, 1952 ~ October 29, 2008

Bob Steele, 56, of Vancouver, WA passed away to his heavenly home on October 29, 2008 following a courageous battle with stomach/esophageal cancer. The last months were made comfortable, meaningful and manageable through the excellent doctors and staff at NW Cancer Specialists, Hospice services, and the many angels on earth that cared for him and his family.

Bob was born in Santa Rosa, CA on May 23, 1952 to Joy and the late Ben L. Steele Jr. where he spent his childhood and later graduated from Santa Rosa Jr. College in 1972. He also attended U.C. Davis, graduating in 1974 with a BA in economics and then graduated from U.C.L.A in 1979 with an MBA in Marketing and International business. In 1979, he moved

to Tigard, OR and made the Great Northwest his home. In 1990, he moved to Vancouver, WA to be close to Michelle (Sousa), the love of his life. Bob and Michelle married on September 24, 1994 and had two children, Rebecca Grace (1997) and Joshua Ben (1999). Bob was employed at Freightliner (Daimler N.A.) for 28 years and spent most of those years in the marketing, sales and invoicing support functions as a pricing analyst.

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Bob was a devout Christian and an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver for 18 years where he served as an elder. Other interests were volunteering for Cub Scouts, playing softball and golf, and participating in Emmaus Community events. He had a passion for juggling, being a jokester and simply often clowning around. Bob would often take time off from work just to participate with Rebecca and Josh in whatever they had going on with school or extra curricular activities. Bob's priority was "family first" and he had a true gift in finding good in EVERYONE he met!

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Ben L. Steele Jr. in 1975 and is survived by his wife, Michelle, daughter, Rebecca, and son Josh, as well as mother, Joy, brothers, Bill, Craig (wife Kathy) and Jonathan (wife, LuAnn) all of Santa Rosa, CA and sister, Nancy (husband Werner Hoehenrieder) of Fremont, CA as well as nieces, Jenny, Amanda, Anna, and Angela and nephews, Ben and Daniel.

A service in witness to the resurrection will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver on Saturday, November 15th at 11 a.m. with a reception following in Doran Hall. The family asks that you please send donations in honor of Bob to First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver and/or Friends of the Carpenter instead of flowers.

Please sign the Guest Book at www.columbian.com/section/obits.

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June 2009

VERNEICE ADAMS

(Verneice was born and raised in Clark County, Washington and was a member of Clark County Genealogical Society. She lived in Amboy as a small child and later in the Vancouver area. The obit was sent from the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society in The Dalles, OR.)

Alice Louise (Verneice) Smith Adams, 78, died at Mid-Columbia Medical Center May 28th, 2009. She was born February 08, 1931, at Rose Lake, Kootenai Co., ID. She was one of five children born to Charles Vernon and Lola Hazel Wilcox Smith.

Verneice was a 64 year pioneer member of the Washington State Grange, was an avid Genealogist, a former rock hound, and antique bottle hunter. She enjoyed creating ceramics, loved painting, and raised many litters of Toy Poodles.

On January 15, 1949, Verneice married Thomas Clark Adams at Vancouver, Clark Co., WA. While raising their three children, she and Tom worked for wheat ranchers from 1952-1967 in Jefferson, Sherman and Wasco counties in Oregon. From 1967-1969 they lived in Goldendale, Klickitat County, WA where she taught ceramics in the local community center. In 1969 the family moved to Wasco, Sherman County, OR. In 1971 Tom became a millwright with Harvey Aluminum Company in Goldendale, WA. They moved to The Dalles, OR in the late 70's and lived there until moving to Dallesport, Klickitat County, WA in 1980.

Verneice wore many hats in her lifetime. She worked for Montgomery Ward in

Portland, OR, Vancouver, WA and The Dalles, OR. She was a homemaker, a 4-H Leader and assistant for sewing, knitting, cooking and horsemanship, maintenance mechanic, dispatcher, wheat truck and chemical truck driver. She helped start and run the Dal-gold credit union for both aluminum plants, and worked at Equitable Savings and Loan. She was the past president of the Dallesport Water Association and also past president of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society. Verneice never met a stranger in her life and over the years helped many others when they needed it. This shows in the many friends that she has left behind. She was preceded in death by her husband Tom in 1994, her parents, and her brother Lloyd. Her brother Fred died June 19, 2009. She is survived by her children Mark and Bill of Dallesport, her daughter Nancy of Wasco and her brother Leon Smith and sister June Smith-McCullough.

Private cremation was held at Win-Quatt Crematory in The Dalles with Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home in care of arrangements. The family will have a memorial at a later date, and will notify friends and family of the date. For those people whom we are not aware of, that would like to attend, please contact the family at the following address. Mark L Adams P.O. Box 234 Dallesport, WA 98617-0234, e-mail: mladams@gorge.net

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July 2009

ORVILLE DUANE ALLEN 1932-2009

O. Duane Allen died peacefully at his home Tuesday, June 30, 2009 in Ocala, FL. Duane was born in Vancouver,

Washington on June 7, 1932. He was the second of two sons born to Louis Sumner Allen and Bessie Lucille Hardy.

After graduating from Vancouver High School in 1950, Duane attended Clark College, where he graduated in 1952. He then enrolled in the University of Oregon which he attended until he entered the Army in 1954. Following his honorable discharge from the Army as a Corporal in September, 1956, he finished his formal education and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Oregon in 1958.

During his high school and college years, he participated in many sports, including football, basketball and baseball. He received the Outstanding Athlete award at Clark College and played baseball for the University of Oregon in several positions.

Duane spent the majority of his career from 1956-1980 with Swift & Co. as an Internal Auditor and Comptroller. He worked in Portland, OR, Chicago, IL and settled in Ocala, FL in 1966. After moving to Ocala, he became an avid golfer and passed his love of the game on to his sons. He also loved to fish with his family on local lakes and rivers in the boat that he built in his garage. Duane was a member of Christ The King Anglican Church.

He is survived by Ann Margaret Newman, his wife of 52 years; sons Gregory Scott Allen (Laura) and Jeffery Duane Allen (Linda) and two wonderful granddaughters, Victoria Elizabeth Allen and Christina Ann Allen.

Memorial services will be held at 2 PM Monday, July 6, 2009, at Christ the King Anglican Church, 3801 N. US Hwy 441, Ocala, with Rev. Donald J. Curran, Jr. officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ The King Anglican Church Building Fund, 3850 W. Anthony Rd., Ocala, FL 34475.

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Tuesday, September 1, 2009

WILLIAM F. "BILL" KUECHMANN
24 December 1919 ~ 27 August 2009

Bill and his twin brother Bob were born in Burlington, Iowa, to J. Theodore and Myrtle (May) Kuechmann. Bill was the last survivor of eight children. He grew up in Burlington and earned a BA from the State University of Iowa and an MDiv from Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He retired to Vancouver in 1983 after serving in the Presbyterian ministry and as a social worker for the state of Illinois.

Bill is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Gene (Swain) Kuechmann and by his children and their spouses: Bruce and Patricia Kuechmann, Frank Kuechmann, Mariha Kuechmann and Jackson H. Welch, and Kayla and Joe Louis Wildman. He is also survived by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

While living in suburban Chicago, Bill became a social activist, prompted by such issues as political corruption and racial tensions, the Vietnam War, and the war on poverty. On moving to Vancouver, Bill and his wife became two of the forty founders of Share House, on whose board he served for some years. He protested the invasion of Iraq and helped to establish Vancouver for Peace. He supported efforts against homelessness and hunger, and generally tried to champion constructive efforts to make Vancouver and the world a better place to live and to preserve the Earth for future generations.

Bill belonged to the Hudson's Bay branch of the American Association of University Women and to the Clark County Genealogical Society. He enjoyed reading,

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travel, especially with Elderhostel, and attending concerts of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. There will be no public service. Remembrances may be sent to Share House in Vancouver.

(His ashes will be buried in Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum in Cincinnati, Ohio.)

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