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Winter must be here because our normal newsletter writer, Dave Schjeldahl, has flown the coop. Not a trace of him left here in Idaho. He told us goodbye for about 3 plays, so naturally, we really didn't think he would really leave us, but I do believe he did. He is officially in Utah for the winter. So for the next 6 months, unless I can recruit someone, you are stuck with me.

The summer was terribly busy so for the month of October, we took about 2 weeks off while some of us played elsewhere. Spent a week on Lake Powell with Tom and Katie Bonn and some of the co-horts from winter months and had a fabulous time. Learned some new tunes I am working on. I think the entire group loved the break. Now I would like to go back down there, cuz as I type, it is snowing outside my window. Not a lot, but I can see it and I am nowhere ready for that.

We lost a dear old friend and a life time member at the end of October. Bill Radtke passed away in Jerome, Idaho. The family had the funeral here in Idaho Falls, and many of us that knew and played with Bill, played a couple of his favorite tunes at the service and then jammed for a while afterwards. The family was very appreciative.

And I hear from the Salmon group, that they have lost 2 of their members. We here in District 8 would like to send our condolences to the families and our support to the fiddlers. Diane Spaeth will be greatly missed as well as Kay Smith's husband.

The holidays are coming whether we like it or not and it is time to practice the Christmas tunes again here in our district. We already have some special plays lining up for the month of December. So buckle down and get ready.

Those of us that went to Hoots and attended the workshops there were very happy and impressed with our teachers. Mike & Tari Conroy and Fred & Emily Frank. A little of something was available for anyone that wanted it. Looking forward to the repeat of workshops at the May meeting at Hoots.

The bluebooks were passed out at the fall convention at Hoots as well. Hopefully everyone is enjoying them.

Until next month, Happy Thanksgiving. Stay warm and enjoy each other's company. Life is too short to waste a moment

Teresa Mortensen

It is with a heavy heart that I am sending the following news about our dear Dianne Spaeth and the love of my life, my husband Ed Smith: they both were assigned hospice care on Oct. 19th, officially after visiting their oncologist Dr. Francisco on his monthly visit to Salmon from Pocatello. Both were cared for by Hospice of Salmon Valley just three days before their deaths--Ed on Oct. 31, 2015 and Dianne on Nov. 2, 2015.

Scott Spaeth and I have wonderful friends and families, including our fiddling family, who have been so supportive throughout our journeys with cancer. The services will be held on the 6th of November. Ed's will be held at the Elks Lodge at 1:00 p.m., and Dianne's will be at the cemetery at 4:00 p.m. with a meal following at the Eagles Lodge. The fiddlers will play Matchbox Blues for Ed and three tunes for Dianne: Each Tear You Cry

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Becomes a Rose, Whispering Pines, and In the Garden.

Dianne Spaeth's Obituary

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Ed Smith Obituary

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Just thought you would all want to know,

Kay Smith Dist. 12

Obituaries

Dianne Gilpin Spaeth was born February 6, 1950, in Salmon, Idaho to Clarence (C.L.) and Deloris Jean (Berry) Gilpin. She was the oldest of four children belonging to the Gilpin family, and graduated from Salmon High School in 1968. Dianne spent her entire life as a resident of the Salmon River Valley enjoying family, the community, and the surrounding nature.

During her youth, Dianne was active in 4-H and county fair activities. This interest and dedication stemmed from her grandparents Harold and Thelma Gilpin. The ongoing 4-H activities lead to many lifelong relationships which provided opportunity to grow and develop into a leader for the Lemhi community. With these skills and passion, she mentored and groomed the youth for the life skills they would need to make them successful as they grow into teens, young adults, and beyond.

In the summer of 1966, “the new kid in town”, a lanky blonde, caught Dianne’s eye. She had her eyes fixed on him from the very start and was early to state, “I know this will be the man I marry”. Scott and Dianne were married February 15, 1969. Into this union came two children, Amye Lynn and Randal Scott.

Dianne always had a strong adoration for the art of caring. Post high school and into her early adult years, Dianne worked at Casabello Nursing Facility. Her work began in the kitchen cooking meals to suit the special dietary requirements of the elders who knew this facility as their home. Later on, she cross trained into the CNA role providing compassionate care to the elders and their family members.

In 1978, Dianne took on a new interest and began doing floral design at Holland Floral in Salmon. It was there that she began a lifelong business

relationship with April (Aldous) LaMont as they took next steps in buying out the business, and eventually moving it into the downtown area. The Floral Plaza would flourish for over 30 years. Many of the Lemhi County weddings, funerals, prom and other special events had floral designs that were inspired from the talented and creative minds of this team. In 2013, with retirement around the corner, the ladies sold the business and began working part time teaching others in the community how to grow their floral business.

Engrained in a musical family, during her adult years, Dianne began to learn fiddle tunes on a hand crafted instrument created and gifted by her father. She adored playing for the community with the Old Time Fiddlers, teaching the youth privately in her home and competed in state opportunities. One of her passions was playing music in her home as her husband accompanied her on the mandolin. On special occasions, she was afforded the opportunity to play music with her children and other family members in a group setting which were always cherished moments.

Dianne is survived by her husband Scott Spaeth of nearly 47 years; children Amye (Dan) Gilio of Grain Valley, Missouri, Randy (Stacey) Spaeth; of Malta, Idaho; 7 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren; siblings: Sandra (Bruce) Redman of Boise, Idaho, Susan (Otis) Stout of Salmon, Idaho, Harold (Karen) Gilpin of Gibbonsville, Idaho; numerous nieces and nephews.

Dianne passed away on Monday, November 2, 2015 at the age of 65 years. She was preceded in death by her parents CL and Deloris Gilpin along with both sets of grandparents in the Gilpin and Berry family line.

Family and friends are welcome to attend the graveside services held in the Salmon Cemetery at 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2015. The family invites you to also join them for a dinner provided immediately following the graveside service at the Eagles Hall and to share memories of Dianne. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Jones & Casey Funeral Home of Salmon, Idaho. www.jonesandcaseyfh.com

Ed F. Smith

(September 14, 1944 - October 31, 2015)

Edgar F. Smith, 71, a third generation Lemhi County native, passed away peacefully Saturday, October 31, 2015, at home surrounded by his family.

Smith was born September 14, 1944, in Salmon, Idaho, to Edgar Whitson Smith and Gladys Pattee Smith. He was raised on a small ranch on the Lemhi River near Salmon, graduating from Salmon schools with honors in 1962. Immediately after graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force with his first duty station at the Univ. of Syracuse learning the Russian language. After stops in Texas and Nevada, he was assigned to Rhine Main

Air Base in Germany in 1964. His primary area of focus was Iran, Turkey, and with many TDY's to Greece, flying missions over the Black Sea and Mediterranean, while receiving air medals with oak leaf clusters.

In 1965, Smith returned on leave to Salmon to marry the love of his life, Kay Thompson, taking her back to Germany. After completing five years in the Air Force, they left Germany in 1967 with a new baby girl to attend the Univ. of Idaho. Three years later, upon graduation, they moved with their daughter and new baby boy to Southern California, where he worked for Guy F. Atkinson Construction, Co. where he was on a project widening the freeway into Mexico. A second son arrived before their move to Idaho Falls, Idaho, a closer step back home.

After a year in Idaho Falls, they returned home to Salmon in 1972 and Smith started a new venture, Ed Smith Insurance and Real Estate, selling it in 1995. During those years, he started his second agency located in Challis and also built and owned the Challis carwash.

He started a new firm, Smith Appraisal Service, Inc., appraising residential real estate until his retirement in 2007. He was a private pilot, owning 3 airplanes over a 20 year period. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge and served Lemhi County as their volunteer airport manager for 10 years. Smith was the 1987 president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Idaho and had a CIC designation (Certified Insurance Counselor).

Smith loved his family, friends, dogs, the mountains and the Salmon and Lemhi Rivers. His favorite pastimes were golf, reading, playing cards, and fishing for steelhead in the Salmon River. His drift boat was a common site from October through March every year. He could be found most mornings at the barber shop having coffee with his friends. Smith leaves his wife of 50 years, Kay and their three children, Kathy (Ron) Radford of Meridian, Idaho, Eric Smith of Salmon, Idaho, and Kevin (Erin) Smith of Boise, Idaho, seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, sister Ann Barron of Boise, Idaho, brother Jordan (Mary) Smith of Salmon, Idaho, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2015 at the Salmon Elks Lodge, with a viewing at noon. Burial will be under the auspices of American Legion Lloyd Shaw Post #67 at the Salmon Cemetery, with reception following at the Elk's lodge. The family would like to thank friends, family, and Hospice of Salmon Valley for kindness and support as they comforted Smith and his family in his final days. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Salmon Elk's Lodge, Salmon Public Library or Hospice of Salmon Valley.

Buried in his favorite golf attire, with his favorite steelhead rod and reel, because as Smith said, "you never know." Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Jones & Casey Funeral Home of Salmon, Idaho. www.jonesandcaseyfh.com



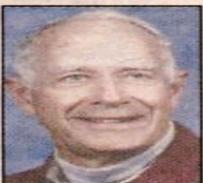
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William Radtke

William "Bill" H. Radtke went home to be with the Lord Jesus on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, at DeSano Place Village in Jerome, Idaho, with family by his side. He was 80 years old.

Bill was born to Harold and Dorothy Radtke on Jan. 6, 1935, in Marinette, Wis. The Radtke family later resided in Beaver Dam, Wis. He was the youngest of three children,



Radtke



having two older sisters, Shila and Beverly. At age 8, his family moved to Bremerton, Wash., where his dad worked in the naval yard. Bill graduated from Bremerton High School in 1953.

He attended Washington State College (WSU), where he earned a degree in chemical engineering. At Washington State, he met his college sweetheart, Janice Kruegel.

He and Jan were married in her hometown of Wenatchee, Wash., on June 22, 1957, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2007. The young couple moved to Richland, Wash., where Bill worked for Westinghouse. During this time, he served six months of active duty training for the National Guard at Ford Ord, Calif. Later,

Bill accepted a position at Argonne National Laboratory in Idaho as a systems engineer. He and Jan moved to Idaho Falls and raised their family of three children, Josie, Michelle and Corey. He retired from Argonne in June of 1994.

Bill and his family remained in Idaho Falls for many years, and he made lifelong friendships. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior while in his 30s and shared the gospel of Christ with his family and all those that God brought across his path. He was an active member of St. Paul's Methodist Church. Some of the gifts he shared in ministry were music, teaching Sunday school of all ages and leading various outdoor activities.

Bill was a talented musician on guitar, mandolin, banjo, etc. He had a particular love of bluegrass and bluegrass Gospel. He played with various bands, including Mountain Echo, The Glory Land Band, From the Heart and the Old Time Fiddlers. He was an outdoorsman from an early age and had an appreciation for the mountains, especially the Tetons. Some of his favorite times were spent sharing the outdoors while mountain climbing, camping, hunting, fishing and cross-country skiing with his family and friends. He served as a Nordic ski patrolman and loved skiing the beautiful mountain trails of Harman State Park.

A special smile was reserved for children, and he really enjoyed being with all his grandchildren

whether he was fishing with them or just plain being grandpa. Anyone who was blessed to know Bill, knew he loved the Lord, was a man of his word and would give of himself to help others. His brilliant blue eyes, easy smile and sense of humor will not be forgotten.

We love you, and we will sure miss you, Dad. However, we rejoice that you are in God's presence, where there is fullness of joy!

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and his wife, Jan.

He is survived by his three children, Josie (Darrin) Gott, Michelle Muller and Corey (Michelle) Radtke; his grandchildren, Kerstin, Justin, Franz, Johanna, Isaac, Henry and Samuel; and his great-grandchildren, Christian and Mallory.

The family would like to thank the staff and administration of Brookdale/Wynwood of Twin Falls, DeSano Place Village in Jerome and Horizon Home Health & Hospice for their love, support and care they gave our dad and family during the past four years. We extend a special thank you also to Dr. Lohmann and his staff for the excellent care.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1730 S. St. Clair Road in Idaho Falls.

In lieu of flower donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association online at alz.org.

Online condolences may be left at www.bucmillerhann.com.

