

Virginia M. Green

Hermiston

September 4, 1927-July 17, 2014

Virginia M. Green of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on September 4, 1927, in Sandpoint, Idaho, to parents Loren "Cub" Racicot and Alma Fossom Racicot. She went to be with the Lord on July 17, 2014, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 86 years. Virginia was raised and attended school in Idaho. She married Glenn F. Jones on September 19, 1946, in Thompson Falls, Montana. They resided in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, until 1951 when they moved to Pendleton, Oregon. They owned and operated three grocery stores for 25 years, until Glenn's health would no longer allow him to work. Glenn passed away in 1978.

Virginia graduated from BMCC as an LPN in 1968 and began working St. Anthony Hospital and then at Eastern Oregon State Hospital until her retirement in 1983. She thoroughly enjoyed working five years as a "sales lady" at the Emporium Department Store in Pendleton.

Virginia was an active member of the First Church of God in Pendleton from 1951 until 1991 when she moved to Hermiston, Oregon. She then became an

active member of the Stanfield Baptist Church. Virginia enjoyed spending time with family and friends, old time fiddling, tending to her roses, and helping others. She was a devoted and loving wife and caregiver to her three husbands and was always concerned about friends and neighbors.



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She is survived by her son Michael L. Jones and his wife Julie; stepsons Jim Persinger and wife Joanie, and David Ray Green and wife Sue; nine grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husbands: Glenn F. Jones in 1978, Wendell Persinger in 1989, and Donald Green in 2011; sister June Mallory; brother Richard Kohol; and a stepdaughter, Glenine Cramer.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. A private burial will follow at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, Oregon.

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Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

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go on display at the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, where it stayed for decades.

"The outfit was on display for about 40 years," said Hoesly. "It was taken in 2000."

That's when Mary Raab took the outfit after convincing museum officials that she was entitled to pick it up on behalf of her grandmother and McIntyre's cousin, Edna Pinkerton-Lieuallen, to whom she said the outfit belonged.

Rice, whose husband had died in 1972, learned of the theft seven years later and filed a lawsuit in 2009. During the first two rounds of litigation in trial and appeals courts, Rice was told that a six-year statute of limitations had run out. Her only option remaining was petitioning the Oregon Supreme Court.

That's when Hoesly got interested in the case.

"I thought it was unjust," he said. "I ended up taking the case pro bono."

Hoesly said the case hinged on interpretation of when the statute of limitations began.

"Did the six-year clock start ticking when the outfit was taken or when she found out about it?" Hoesly said. "Before Joan ever knew the property had been taken, she lost the right to get it back."

Precedent set in previous legal cases figured into the Oregon Supreme Court's ruling on the matter. In *Berry vs. Branner*, for example, a surgeon left a needle in a

an operation, which wasn't discovered until after a two-year statute of limitations had passed. In that case, the court ruled the statute didn't apply because there had been no discovery of the negligence during the two years. The Oregon Supreme Court made a similar determination with Rice's case, Hoesly said.

Rice said she never considered not fighting for the outfit.

"I'm not the type to back off if something needs to be corrected," she said. "I was raised in a family of strong-willed people."

Though Rice never saw her petite mother-in-law wearing the outfit, a photo of McIntyre in the ensemble hangs on Rice's living room wall. Rice herself wore it to a high school dance at the Pendleton Country Club. In later years, it hung in McIntyre's guest room except for the few days every year when she sent it to Portland to be cleaned.

Rice doesn't know exactly what she will do with the outfit.

"The only thing I'm sure of, it will be displayed," she said. "It isn't meant to be in someone's closet."

She's already made good on that promise. After a short stint in the lobby of U.S. Bank, today the outfit goes on display for a day at the Athena Public Library.

Mary Raab's attorney, Dave Gallaher didn't return the *East Oregonian's* phone call by press time requesting a comment.

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