

Betty J. (Rugg) Duff

Pendleton

March 25, 1927-March 13, 2014

Betty J. (Rugg) Duff was born March 25, 1927, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. She died March 13, 2014, at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Services will be held Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m. at the Pendleton Presbyterian Church.

Betty was born to a pioneer ranching family on Butter Creek near Heppner, Oregon. Lowell Rugg and Jean Rugg, Betty's father and mother, had George, Quentin, Betty and Lowell. Her early years were filled with horseback riding, outdoor activities and helping Grandfather Rugg tend the garden. Photos show her next to a fence where her brothers had hung rattlesnakes on the barbed wire and another with all four in their finest cowboy get-up. In the spring the extended family herded bands of sheep and cows through Pilot Rock to summer range near Hilgard, Oregon.

Betty graduated from Pendleton High School in 1948. She married William "Bill" Duff, born in 1924, on August 21, 1948; Bill passed thirty years ago March 14, 1984. George Rugg, Betty's brother, while at Oregon State arranged for their first date. Bill was a member of a pioneer family and after marriage their home was on the Duff Ranch a few miles east of Pendleton. Bill and Betty lived some 54 steps from Bill's parents, Roy and Auda.

Bill and Betty raised their three sons Scott, Greg and Jeff, on the Duff Ranch. Betty and Bill were active in the Pendleton community. They were members of the Pendleton Presbyterian Church, farm and ranching communi-

ty, Elks, Happy Canyon, Killcare and social organizations. Betty was active in the Oregon Cowbells, Country Girls Club, PEO and the Umatilla County Historical Society. Family came first; she helped her sons with homework, livestock shows and music

concerts. She was a good sport when camping with Bill and the boys. She developed artistic skills in tole painting and wood carving. Hand-carved Christmas Santa Clauses grace all three sons' homes. Betty was a detailed painter; the Umatilla County Historical Society asked

her to paint the tiny inventory numbers on artifacts. Betty's nickname was Betty Crocker; she was famous for her cinnamon rolls.

Betty's and Bill's family thanks the wonderful, supportive and loving farm, ranch and community members that made their lives so rich.

Betty is survived by her brother, Dr. Lowell Rugg, and his wife Jan, Clackamas, Ore.; sons Scott and wife Judith, Hillsboro, Ore., Greg and wife Brooks, Phoenix, Ariz., and Jeff, Adams; grandchildren: Aaron, Milton-Freewater; Keegan, Moscow, Idaho; Brandy, Phoenix, Arizona; Tiffany, King City; Chad, Phoenix, Arizona; Rebecca, Billings, Montana, and William, Vancouver, Wash.; great-grandchildren Quentin, Tanner and Emery of Milton-Freewater, and Reed of Phoenix, Arizona; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Umatilla County Historical Society or the Pendleton Presbyterian Church.



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Matt Bostwick, a 13-year employee of Hill Ranches, lived in the house with his wife Donna and three children. The family was asleep the night of the crash. Just after midnight, the sound of screeching metal woke Matt and Donna.

"The trailer scraped along the guardrail for a while before it went over," Matt said. "There was a series of thuds as it fell and landed in the gully."

Before sunrise, the clean-up operation was underway. Renz won't go on record with any sort of prediction for how long this operation will last.

"It's going to take as long as it takes," he said.

He's not being flip. There are so many variables, such as soil type and rainfall, which tends to cause the diesel to migrate further. There also are "operational constraints," which in this case consist of Highway 37 and the home. They sit on opposite sides of the ever-widening canyon. So far, only the north edge has tested clean.

"We're trying to protect human health and the environment," he said. "We've dug out about 18,000 yards of contaminated soil."

The bill for all this clean-up could be expensive. Maverik, the company that owns the truck, frequently has representatives and insurance people on-site. The company owns some 260 convenience/gas stores with an adventure sport motif.

Renz said air quality inside the



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home is top-of-mind

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Fritz Hill, one o the ranch, said he the dig almost ever stantly amazed at t He wouldn't be surp comes down.

"We really have cerns," he said. "The

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Those reams of red tape are forcing employers to reduce work hours for employees to less than 30 a week to avoid providing health care.

That means workers are earning less and paying more for their health insurance, he said, and fewer people are working full time. The new law also will sink home health care agencies, he said, and push 70 percent to operate in the red.

Growing family wage jobs remains the top priority in the district, he said, and much of it starts with backing down regulations that strangle economic growth.

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And timber com harvest after those 1 said the U.S. Fore Mountain plan allow of 56 millions board in reality only a few harvested each year.

Getting a timber again would create f turn around the di and curtail the waste fires. High-tech data gy development also Oregon's economic n

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