

Lois Ann Laing

Richland, Wash.

July 5, 1913-August 9, 2013

Lois Ann Laing, 100, died on August 9, 2013, in Richland, Wash. She will be greatly missed and always remembered by those who knew and loved her.

She was born July 5, 1913, the only child of Paul F. and Hattie C. (Halverson) Walters in Yankton, South Dakota. She grew up on their homestead outside Phillip, S.D., riding horseback to/from a one-room school house eleven miles each day. During high school years she boarded with a family in Phillip during the week and returned to the ranch on weekends. She attended nursing school in Sioux City, Iowa.

After graduation, she moved to California and worked in a hospital, where she met her future husband. She married Charles A. Laing in 1937. They resided in California and South Dakota until 1941 when they moved with their two sons to Pendleton, Oregon. In the mid-'50s Lois' parents followed her to Pendleton and remained living there. Lois was a resident of Pendleton until 2011, when she moved to Richland, Wash., to be closer to her son Pat.

Lois worked many years as a registered nurse. After furthering her education,

she was employed by the State of Oregon in an executive nursing position until her retirement in 1975.



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She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Dorcas Church Circle, Pendleton Woman's Club, Pendleton Country Club, Elks, Red Hat Society and past matron of Eastern Star. She enjoyed playing bridge, scrapbooking, sewing, gardening, golfing and stamp collecting.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents and husband Charles. She is survived by

sons Chris (Linda) Laing, Tehachapi, Calif., and Pat (Ronnie) Laing, Kennewick, Wash.; granddaughters Janis (Dan) Steffens, Troy, Idaho, Leslie Laing, Vail, Ariz., and Eve (Carlos) Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.; grandson Jason Laing, Hermosa Beach, Calif.; and great-granddaughter Anna Steffens, Troy, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 6, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton, Ore. Interment will be at a later date, next to her parents at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, Oregon.

For online condolences please visit www.Hillcrest-MemorialCenter.com

captive commits suicide

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — The man who held three women captive in his home for nearly a decade before one escaped has been found dead and is believed to have committed suicide, a prison official said.

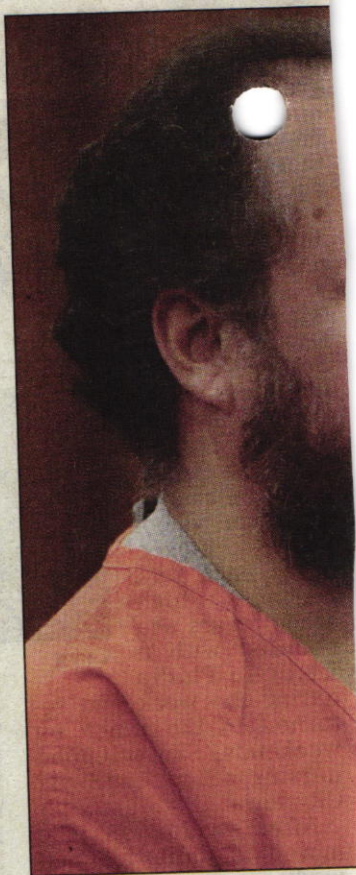
Ariel Castro, 53, was found hanging in his cell around 9:20 p.m. Tuesday at the Correctional Reception Center in Orient, a community located south of Columbus in central Ohio, JoEllen Smith, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction spokesman, said early Wednesday.

Prison medical staff performed CPR before Castro was transported to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

He was in protective custody because of the notoriety of his case, meaning he was checked every 30 minutes, but was not on suicide watch, Smith said.

Messages were left for Castro's attorneys at their offices and were not immediately returned.

The three women disappeared separately between 2002 and 2004, when they were 14, 16 and 20 years old. They escaped May 6,



This July 17 file photo shows Castro before a judge during his arraignment.

when one of the women broke part of a door and yelled to neighbors for help. Castro was arrested that evening.

