

OBITUARIES

Ronald Duane Parker

Pendleton

July 12, 1938-March 2, 2014

Ronald Duane Parker, age 75, passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and family at St. Anthony Hospital on March 2, 2014.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 7, 2014, at 2 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary of Pendleton chapel followed by interment at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.

Ron was born in Baker City, Oregon, on July 12, 1938, to William Richard and Genevieve (Swearingen) Parker. He was raised in Baker City and Maupin, Oregon. At age 17 he joined the navy and served on the USS Osborn for 4 years. He met the love of his life, Sharon Arrants, in 1957 while home on leave. After his discharge in June of 1959 he married Sharon on July 19th in Pendleton, Oregon. They had two children, Cyndi and Steve. They were married 54 years

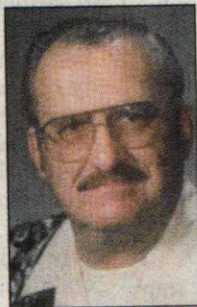
until his death.

Ron had many hobbies: oil painting, wood carving and working on cars. Ron had a special love for foreign cars and owned several. He loved spending time with family and friends.

Ron spent many days on the Snake River fishing and camping on his houseboat "the-hopeshefloats." Ron worked for Union Pacific Railroad for 33 years and retired in 1999. He was a member of the Bahai faith since 1961.

He is preceded in death by his father and stepmother

Inelda Parker, his mother and stepfather Glen Boltz, sisters Donna Hancock and Jane Treaner, niece Laura Reed and nephews Shawn Barr and Mike Hancock. He is survived by his wife Sharon; daughter Cyndi; son Steve; grandchildren: Amber and her husband Alex Corona, Tyson Clark and Miranda Clark; great-grandchildren Kennedy and Ebin Clark and Sylvia Corona; and brothers Joseph Parker and Jerry Barr.



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BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ



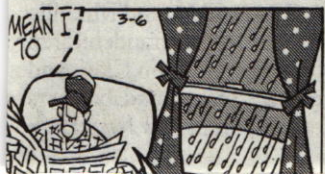
BY LYNN JOHNSTON



BY JOHNNY HART



BY PAT BRADY



Reading comfort

Dear Abby: "Still Alive in S ego" (Nov. 22) said she reads th uaries every day and feels sor disappointed when she doesn' name she recognizes. She ask was "weird" and you told her yo it seemed like a lack of empath

I don't agree. What's happen this woman is lonely and the ty has become the hub of her gives her something — sadly look forward to and a sense of ness to her acquaintances wh recognizes their names.

My advice to her would be t way to fill the void and not ob obits. Joining a club or taking activity would allow her to me betting she will feel less of a ne to the obituaries if she expands cle to include the living. — **Bee In Rhode Island**

Dear Been There, Too: Y well-stated, and it was echoed b ers who, like you, read betwee "Still Alive's" short letter. Re

Dear Abby: If the letter- abled, elderly or has outlived companions, it might explain h when no one she knows appear aries. Seeing a familiar name m memories of better times and more connected to the outside **lie In Wisconsin**

Dear Abby: An obituary is death announcement. It tells a s the last memory loved ones ha