

# Obituaries

## Louise A. Carscallen

Louise A. Carscallen of Potlatch died Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Gritman Medical Center of age-related causes.

Louise was born Jan. 22, 1913, in Potlatch to John Valentine and Elmira (Gibbs) Katzenberger. She was the last survivor of nine children – five sisters and three brothers. Her family made a living by selling cream, eggs and bread and her dad practiced as a rural veterinarian.

Louise graduated from Potlatch High School in 1933. She married Wilmer (Bill) Carscallen on May 10, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1995. Bill owned a sawmill, worked in the woods, did carpenter work and was a general handyman. She was a homemaker, but helped with bookkeeping for his logging jobs. She served as treasurer for the Elmore Methodist Church for many years.

The Elmore United Methodist church sits on land donated by her father. She was a member of the church since her childhood, and became the senior member in the last few years. She participated in Bible study, missionary meetings, choir and attended church regularly.

Louise enjoyed being with her large family, playing the fiddle, camping, hunting, grandchildren's sporting events, playing cards, eating out, working crossword puzzles, watching the Mariners and crocheting. She was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers and an honorary member of the Silver Spurs Remuda saddle club.

Louise was one of the first women to join District 9 Idaho Old Time Fiddlers. She was a lifetime member.

Survivors include her children, Betty (Don) Nagle, Janice (Donovan) Palmer of Potlatch and Rod (Penny) Carscallen of Viola. Also, she is survived by her grandchildren, Marcia Nagle (Joe) Harrison; Brad (Kay) Palmer of Potlatch; Denise Palmer (Bob) Scully and Laura Palmer Telin, both of Bothel, Wash.; Luanne Palmer (David) Briggs of Boise; Dan (Debbie) Carscallen; Toby (Lisa) Carscallen; and Bryan (Wendy) Thompson; seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son, Byron; her sisters, Rose Bysegger, Elsie Gaebel, Bertha Munger, Beth Adams and Doris Whiting; and three brothers, Vincent (Doc), Curtis and Homer Katzenberger.

The family suggests memorials be made to Elmore Methodist Church or Potlatch Ambulance Fund.

## May G. Kirsch

May Gunhild Kirsch, 81, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away on April 26, 2009. She was born in Oakland, Calif., in 1928.

She was a very musically talented girl when growing up. By the time she was a young adult, she was playing various musical instruments, finally settling on the violin. She started to get interested in Old Time Fiddling later in life, playing in many local and state fiddle contests over the years.

She always looked forward to the third week in June; that's when the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest is held in Weiser. She enjoyed seeing her many friends and family that came to listen to her play the fiddle.

May was preceded in death by her husband, Curt Kirsch.

She is survived by her children, Marsha Dodson (Milton), Marlaine Aly (Mostafa), Steven Kirsch, Calvin Kirsch (Janet), and daughter-in-law Wallie Moore (Andy); 12 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Helen Van Tassel; and two brothers, N. Donald Lindahl (Laura) and Roy Lindahl (Cathy).

A memorial was held on Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m. at Thomason Funeral Home, Weiser, Idaho, with burial later this summer in Ronan, Mont., next to her beloved husband, Curt.

District 2

# Good jamming at Hoots Cafe

Hello from District 2.

Just got home a couple of days ago from a wonderful time of fun fiddling at our annual spring State Jam at Hoots Cafe in White Bird. The weather cooperated (a little bit). Friday was a nice sun shiny day but it clouded up on Saturday and had some showers Saturday night. Lots of good jamming went on and Hootie had her usual scrumptious buffet on Saturday evening.

If you didn't make it, you missed a good time. We were blessed to have Bill Molenda from Darby, Mont., back with us again. And Clovena Byrd from Vancouver, Wash., who comes every year was there.

We're always happy to have you folks come pick and grin with us.

—Duane Stephens



## District 9 Campout

Third Annual Idaho Old Time Fiddlers District Nine Campout & Fiddle Show, August 21, 22 & 23, 2009.

Three Rivers Resort, Lowell Idaho, 50 miles east of Orofino.

Cabins, motel, A-frames, RV and tent campsites.

Swimming, rafting, hiking, jacuzzis, fishing.

Friday, August 21: Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Jam following dinner.

Saturday, August 22: Music workshops & jam at 9:30 a.m.; Fiddle Show at 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 23: Breakfast.

Camping Reservations: 888-926-4430 <http://www.threeriversresort.com>.

Anyone who plays an acoustical stringed instrument or enjoys listening to old time music is welcome.

Additional information: Dave Bezdicek: [bezoc@pullman.com](mailto:bezoc@pullman.com).



## Copy Deadline

Copy Deadline for  
the June Issue of The  
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June 5, 2009

All material **MUST** be in our hands by the above date to be included in the June issue.