

Obituaries



Brett Allen Holter
1958 ~ 2009

Brett Allen Holter, age 51 died July 24, 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Brett was born July 24, 1958. Born in Seattle, WA. His parents were Robert Holter and Geri Holter. Brett married Susan at Lake Tahoe on June 21, 1989.

Brett's passions in life were his family; his wife Susan and beautiful daughter Ellen, and his home. He cherished going to movies with Ellen, and loved to spend his time outdoors gardening in his yard, camping, boating, and riding his motorcycle.

Brett began with Western Airlines in 1979, and spent most of his career in SLC. All who have had the pleasure of flying with Brett know him as a delightful person to work with, and a tireless worker; he could run circles around the best, and took great pride in working hard, both inside and outside of Delta. Susan shared that his peers would hold up napkins in the galley to "mop his brow" so he could go right back out into the aisle again. More importantly, most will remember Brett for his kind spirit.

Brett was recognized in 1998 as a Chairman's Club Honoree, a testament to the respect and admiration he had earned from his peers. He had received well over 100 compliments from both coworkers and customers throughout his career, using words like "hard working, kind, calming, comforting, and enthusiastic". One simply said, "You will find all the Delta values in Brett." Brett was our best friend, neighbor, father, son, brother, husband. We cannot possibly in this short time express all he meant to us. We will remember and honor him always. A friend said Brett was a man who had no enemies. He was one of the most well liked men amongst the thousands of Delta employees.

Brett was the heart of his neighborhood. And at home, his daughter Ellen was his soul. We love him. And will love him forever.

Preceded in death by his mother Geri, and his dog, his friend, Riki.

Survivors include his wife Susan, his daughter Ellen, his father Robert and step-mother Sherer, his sister Jody and her husband Jamie, his nephews Joey and Jake and niece Emilee, his sister Michelle and brother-in-law Jamie, his niece Natalie and many other extended family members.

Services were held Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Red Butte Gardens 300 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, Utah.

A memorial service will be held in the near future in Maple Valley. When details are available a notice will be published in the VOICE.

Cheryl Lee Fitzgerald

Cheryl Lee Fitzgerald left this earth on August 3, 2009.

Cheryl was born May 10, 1925 to Isabelle Sweitzer and Joseph Peterson who preceded her in death.

Cheryl was an active member of the Pythian Sisters of WAJAK and attained the status of Past Grand Chief. Since her return to Washington in 1993, she has volunteered her time as a Registered Nurse at the Renton Senior Center, served as an Ombudsman at Regency Rehabilitation Center and done taxes on behalf of AARP.

Cheryl had many friends and treasured them all. Most recently she had enjoyed the friends at the Radcliffe Place in Kent where she lived.

Survivors include one daughter, Janet (Jim) Goodbrod of Grants Pass, OR and three step-children, Linda (Tom) Stuck of Buxton, OR; Larry (Patricia) and Ronnie Fitzgerald of Richland, WA; several grand- and great-grand children; two sisters, Lana Mitsules and Gwen (Van) Rhodes both of Renton and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their thanks to Dr. Frank Fung for his service in Cheryl's life.

Cheryl's life will be celebrated at a memorial service to be held at the Masonic Hall, located at 31605 - 3rd, in Black Diamond, at 12 noon on Friday, Aug. 14, 2009. Following the service there will be a reception.

Interment will be held for the family at the Mountain View Memorial Park in Tacoma on a date to be announced.

Back packs for Kids!

The Black Diamond Community Center is now collecting donations of school supplies and clothing for low-income children, ages 5-18. They will be distributing the items the week before school starts, on Thursday, Aug. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Black Diamond Community Center.

Items needed are: binders, spiral notebooks, loose-leaf paper, folders, calculators, #2 pencils, ball-point pens, markers, crayons (24 pack), colored pencils (24 pack), pencil pouches and boxes, back packs, round-tipped scissors, erasers, glue sticks, rulers, kleenex, and gallon-sized ziploc bags.

They are also accepting winter clothing items such as: T-shirts, coats, jeans, shoes and so on, in children's and teen's sizes.

If you would like to donate items or wish to sign up to receive items please call 360-886-1011 or come by the Black Diamond Community Center at 31605 Third Ave (SR 169) in Black Diamond. Applications are due Tuesday, Aug. 25, but should be turned in as early as possible.

David Koresh (Vernon Wayne Howell) 1993 - killed by agents of FBI & Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms.

T. E. Lawrence (Thomas Edward Lawrence) 1935 - killed in a motorcycle accident after swerving to avoid two boys.



Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce Corner

A message from the Chamber's Board President, Kevin Kalberg

Last month I put down a challenge to everyone to join me in reading one book per month as a positive move toward filling our minds with positive encouragement and practicing life long learning.

The first book I finished was Spencer Johnson's "Who Moved My Cheese." This is the story of four mice (Sniff and Scurry and Hem and Haw) living in a maze searching daily for enough cheese to eat. One day they happened upon "Cheese Station C" where they found what they thought was enough cheese to last forever. Believing they had found cheese heaven they stopped their routines of searching for the next meal. Day after day they returned to station C to enjoy the piles of cheese and continued to put off the search for new cheese. One day Sniff and Scurry noticed the cheese supplies diminishing so they started to prepare for the new search for cheese while Hem and Haw were blinded by their belief that the cheese supply would never end. The end had come when Hem and Haw returned to Cheese Station C to find no more cheese.

After looking high and low for the cheese, anger and disappointment set in with Hem shouting "Who Moved My Cheese?" Sniff and Scurry, who had prepared for change, had moved on and found more cheese further into the maze. For days Hem and Haw came back to Station C to find no cheese. Haw suggests looking for new cheese but Hem is still in denial about his cheese supply and the lack of fairness to his situation.

After the hunger and desperation set in Haw begins to question his current situation and questions his fears. He asks himself "What would you do if you weren't afraid?" Haw enters the maze writing on the walls various encouraging notes for his friend should he venture out and find him into the maze.

Slowly Hem is battling his fears of change finding out that in his mind he had made the fear of the unknown worse than it actually was. He had realized that "When you move beyond your fear you feel free." He begins to find small pieces of cheese along the way, building confidence with each new find and realizing that the cheese he had at Station C had become moldy and old. The further he goes the more encouraged he is that new cheese is out there. Finally he finds his friends Sniff and Scurry at Cheese Station N with mountains of cheese, even some that he hadn't had before. He reflects and writes: Change Happens "They keep moving the Cheese". Anticipate Change "Get ready for the cheese to move", Monitor Change "Smell the cheese so often so you know when it is getting old", Adapt to Change Quickly "The quicker you let go of the old cheese, The sooner you can enjoy the new cheese". Change "Move with the cheese", Enjoy Change "Savor the adventure and enjoy the taste of new cheese", Be Ready To Change Quickly And Enjoy It Again and Again "They keep

moving the cheese!"

This is such a great read it reinforces our need to not only accept change but to embrace it. Most of the most successful people in this world are the ones who anticipate change, react quickly and lead others into the unknown. I think in this ever changing economy we should take these lessons and put them to work daily in our lives. My message this month is go get some new cheese!

August is a great month for new cheese; first the luncheon on the 19th will feature Randy Conrads the founder of Classmates.com and Redweek.com. Second, the Prime Time for a business event the same afternoon is a trade show event that was a huge hit last year. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to show the community and other chamber members what your business has to offer. Check with Sue for more details at the chamber office.

Next month's book will be Dan Miller's "48 Days To The Work You Love." For September I will be reading "Guerilla Marketing", I hope you will join me in expanding our minds and future!

Mark your calendars for our next Business After Hours at Kriss Chiropractic in Sawyer's Village, Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.. Dr. Kriss is offering free spinal screenings, appetizers, and door prizes. (prizes include an exercise ball and cervical pillow!) Join us for this opportunity to discover the services offered at Kriss Chiropractic and to Connect, Communicate, and Collaborate with other Chamber members and leaders of the business community.

Welcome to PrimeTime for Shopping, Food, Services, and Fun!

There is still space available for our August PrimeTime event! Call the Chamber office to reserve a tabletop space to showcase your business to other members and the general public. And this year, it's half the price! \$25 for half a table; Free to Restaurants and Caterers providing appetizers and sampling! Registration deadline, Thursday, August 13!

When: Wednesday, Aug. 19,



2009 from 4:28 to 7:28 p.m. at Lake Wilderness Lodge - 22500 S.E. 248th St. Maple Valley,

Please go to www.maplevalley.com or www.blackdiamondwvachamber.org to search for member businesses, job postings, hot deals, and a community calendar of events. If you would like to host a Business After Hours or submit an article for the Chamber Corner, call the Chamber office today! 425-432-0222 or e-mail us at chamber@maplevalley.com.

Volunteers needed at GMVCC

The Greater Maple Valley Community Center is looking for volunteers for various positions. We have job openings in many of our different programs. More information is available on our web site at www.maplevalleycc.org. Applications can be picked up at the Center or filled out electronically, or if interested please call 425-432-1272 and ask for Jean Fea or Kelly Travis.

Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson - Confederate General 1863 - pneumonia, after accidentally being shot by his own troops. Last words.

Josef Jakobs - German spy 1941 - last person to be executed in the Tower of London, England. Little known last.

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