

**OBITUARY**

**Claude Anderson Sr.**

May 5, 1919 - June 12, 2018

Applegate Valley resident Claude “Victor” Anderson Sr. passed away on June 12, 2018, at the age of 99, at Hearthstone Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Medford, Oregon.

Victor was the seventh of eight children born to immigrant parents, John and Ida Anderson, from Sweden.

Victor was born on May 5, 1919, in Central Point, Oregon.

During World War II, from 1942 to 1946, he served in the US Navy as a gunner’s mate second class on a destroyer in the South Pacific.

Victor spent 38 years in Alaska as a heavy equipment operator before moving to Applegate, where he owned a small-engine repair shop for 20 years. In later years, he would dismantle and recycle the small engines of lawn mowers and other equipment neighbors dropped off along his driveway. Victor was in his workshop daily, keeping



active and doing what he enjoyed.

During walnut season, Victor would dry roast, shell, and can walnuts, then give them to family and friends in the community for Christmas.

Victor was preceded in death by Margo, his wife of 29 years; son Claude Jr., from a prior marriage; brothers Lloyd,

Ted, Richard, and Ray; and sisters Ella, Ida, and Edith. He is survived by two nieces, Jean Tiempe of Gresham, Oregon, and Margie Riley of Talent, Oregon; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 Eighteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20006 (800-555-9140).

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Victor will be inurned at Eagle Point National Cemetery. Chapel of the Valley - L.B. Hall Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

*~ In Memoriam ~*

Robert Alsenz

September 1, 1928 - June 12, 2018

**Welcome to the *Applegater*,  
Cathy Rodgers!**

New *Applegater* board member Cathy Rodgers has had property on the Applegate River for almost 30 years. Now, after nearly 40 years with IBM as vice president of global engagements and years spent globe-trotting, she has moved back to the Applegate, where she has already made herself indispensable to the community.

In addition to the *Applegater* board, Cathy also serves on the Cantrall Buckley Park Enhancement Committee and is a member of the Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council Board of Directors.

Cathy serves as a passionate speaker and advocate on climate change, global warming, sustainability, women’s issues, and entrepreneurship. She has been recognized as “Woman of the Year” in California for her work in disaster preparedness and featured in the *New York Times* for her role with minority suppliers. She has worked with the US State Department on topics



concerning women, youth, education, and entrepreneurship around the world. She is a frequent lecturer at colleges and universities, including Semester at Sea. She serves as the Institute of

**THANK YOU,  
FIREFIGHTERS!**

As this paper goes to press in late August, wildfires are still raging in southern Oregon. But the smoke—rated “hazardous” at times—that plagued the Applegate Valley is gone. Thank you to the estimated 7,000 firefighting personnel, including the National Guard and recruits from Australia and New Zealand, who have worked tirelessly to put out these fires. We extend our heartfelt appreciation.



Photo, left: Firefighters take a much-needed break from their heroic efforts.

Photo, bottom: Sunset on the Taylor Creek Fire. Located ten miles west of Grants Pass, the Taylor Creek Fire is the second largest of the lightning-caused fires burning since July 15.

As of August 28, fire had consumed almost 53,000 acres.

The largest fire, Klondike, had burned over 93,000 acres.

Photos: Oregon Department of Forestry Facebook page.



Supply Management’s committee chair on sustainability, social responsibility and ethics, and is co-founder and president of Rooted in Hope, a nonprofit organization dedicated to environmental conservation and sustainable development, located in the Applegate.

Born in Chicago, Cathy spent her younger years in New York, then moved west to California, living the last ten years at Lake Tahoe. Cathy enjoys writing, hiking, and kayaking. She has summited Mt. Kilimanjaro and is the fourth woman to have completed a half

marathon on all seven continents. In fact, she recently returned from Bhutan, having circled the seven continents for the *second* time and becoming, with her daughter, the first mother-daughter team to run a half marathon on all continents. Fittingly, she was one of the first female paramedics certified in California.

Cathy holds a master’s degree in hazard management and community service and a master’s in business administration. She is currently completing her PhD in environmental policy in Kenya.



Over the years, *Look Who’s Reading the Gater* included photos of Cathy on all seven continents. This is one of them, from 2006, in Sydney Harbor, Australia.