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## LOSSES IN THE OREGONTUSCANS FAMILY

It is with sadness that we share news of the passing of three members of the Tuscan Association of Oregon.

Bill Galbreath passed away on Sep. 13 after a short illness. He was 87.

Jim Lamano died in late October at age 94.

Shirley Mannocci died on Oct. 26 at age 79. Shirley's husband, Carlo, founded the Tuscan Association.

Bill (below left) was a fixture at our meetings. He was born in Sherwood and grew up living the life of many Oregon descendants of Italian heritage: on the family farm – an onion farm. In fact, he attended Cipole grade school, *cipolle* being the Italian word for onions.

After a stint in the U.S. Army, Bill graduated from Willamette University, where he earned both his undergraduate and law degrees. He practiced law in Milton-Freewater in eastern Oregon for over two decades before returning to the Portland area in the 1980s. Bill was an excellent cook, a gentleman farmer and a lover of fine wine and good conversation.

Jim and Gloria Lamano (below center) have attended Tuscan

Club meetings for years. Jim grew up in Portland's Woodstock neighborhood and, like Gloria, was a member of the Franklin High School Class of 1942.

When Franklin marked its 2013 centennial, Jim recalled a visit by the 1939 NCAA champion Oregon Tall Firs basketball team when he was a high school freshman. He was a stalwart supporter of his southeast Portland alma mater. So is Gloria, who is currently recuperating from a recent fall.

Shirley Mannocci was, first and foremost, an accomplished artist. She loved watercolors and produced wonderful images which were often Italian-inspired, like the one to the left.

Shirley loved sharing her gift, especially with her family, as she did with her great-granddaughter, Aria (below right). But she shared her art in another way, as a blogger. Her blog, <http://mannoccinspiritart.com/>,

offers lovely images, but also lovely insights into her artistic technique and, beyond that, into Shirley herself.

Bill was memorialized on Sep. 19. Funeral details for Jim and Shirley are pending. Please watch [OregonTuscans.com](http://OregonTuscans.com) or our [Facebook page](#) for that information. Our sincere condolences go out to Carlo, Gloria and the Mannocci, Lamano and Galbreath families.

