

OBITUARIES

**Lee Doris Blais**

Feb. 18, 1920 – Feb. 27, 2015

Lee Doris Blais, 95, our beloved Tutu, passed away on Feb. 27, 2015, one year after being diagnosed with cancer.



Lee Doris was born in Council, Idaho on Feb. 18, 1920, to Grace Mildred Rice and Perry Albert Warnock, descendants of pioneers and Wallowa Valley Nez Perce. She grew up in Idaho, graduating from high school in McCall. She married Milton LaFay and gave birth to her first son, Larry, but lost Milton in a construction accident in Hawaii shortly thereafter. She then married Lawrence F. Blais, a young Air Force officer and had three more sons, Lance Michael, who died as a child due to complications from surgery, Curtis, and Craig Christopher, who died at birth. Following 26 years as an Air Force spouse and subsequent divorce, Lee Doris embarked on her own career, starting out as a hostess in a prominent restaurant in San Diego and then becoming a Realtor selling tract homes in Southern California. When she retired from real estate, she moved to the warmth of Bullhead City, Ariz. Throughout her adult life, Lee Doris traveled the world. She especially loved the state of Hawaii, so she became known as tutu wahine (grandmother) to friends and family alike. In 2011, she moved to Las Cruces to live with her son and daughter-in-law.

Lee Doris loved to dance. In August 2013, she started dancing lessons through the New Mexico State University DanceSport Program, leading to a special 94th birthday dance party with the DanceSport students and faculty and then winning gold medals in waltz and foxtrot in the Dona Ana County Senior Olympics in March 2014. Despite her declining health over the past year, she continued dancing, again celebrating her 95th birthday with a special dance party with the NMSU DanceSport Company. She remained beautiful and vivacious to the end.

Lee Doris is survived by two sons, Larry Blais and Curtis Blais (Kathy), five grandchildren, Michael Blais (Lisa), Deborah Blais, Kristopher Blais (Kristy), Marcus Blais (Tanya), and Lin Roden (John), and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at La Paz - Graham Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14. A scholarship fund is being established in her name at NMSU for DanceSport students in the Department of Education. Donations may be made out to NMSU Foundation, Inc., memo: Lee Doris Blais, and sent to NMSU Foundation, New Mexico State University.

**Jill C. Bickell**

Oct. 7, 1948 – Feb. 27, 2015

Jill was born in Portland on Oct. 7, 1948 — she died Feb. 27, 2015.

She was the firstborn daughter of Jack and Alice Coryell. She was raised in Tigard and attended elementary, intermediate (Fowler) and high school at Tigard High. During her senior year (1966) she was the Prom Queen.

For a short time after high school Jill worked for the State of Oregon in an office position. She then was interviewed by Northwest Airlines and accepted as a flight attendant. Jill flew on domestic flights while she was based in Minneapolis. Later she transferred to the Seattle base and flew domestic and military airlift flights overseas. While based in Seattle Jill meet a co-worker named Steve Bickell. They were married on Aug. 7, 1971, and were happily married for 43 years.

Jill left Northwest Airlines in 1972 and moved with her husband to Tigard. Jill worked for Rivera Motors for many years. In 1986 Jill went to work for Costco where she spent 15 years. During her time there she made many lifelong friends.

Jill is survived by her husband Steve, daughter Sarah, son Matthew, her sisters Janet, Julie and Judy, her brothers Jack and Jeff, and her grandchildren Kadence, Chase, Caleb, and Mahkiya. Also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Family that have preceded her in death are her mother, father, and Uncle Alden.

Jill loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She had a lifelong love of horses and dogs. Jill and Steve lived their dream when they moved to Wallowa County and spent 13 years in that beautiful place.

Celebration of life gathering will be held April 11, 2015, at 13885 SW 102nd Ave., Tigard, Oregon 97223.

**Donald Lorentz**

Aug. 4, 1939 – March 14, 2015

Donald Joseph Lorentz, a longtime resident of the Wallowa Valley, passed away peacefully at Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise, on Saturday, March 14. He was 75.



Don was born Aug. 4, 1939, in Ferdinand, Idaho to William (Bud) and Martha Lorentz. He was the second of eight children and was raised on the family farm where he learned the lifelong value of family and hard work. He graduated from Ferdinand High School in 1957.

Don moved to Enterprise, Oregon in 1980. He loved the people and the Western lifestyle that the Wallowa Valley had to offer. He made many friends over the years, which he cherished dearly.

In addition to his many friends, Don's family meant the world to him. Don frequently made the journey to see them and always looked forward to visits from his children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

His younger years working with his Dad and immediate family set the stage for a lifelong career in farming and ranching. In addition to this, Don owned the Range Rider Tavern in Enterprise for over 15 years. He also owned and operated Lorentz Trucking for decades through 2013. But Don's true passion was ranching. He always managed to keep a herd of cattle over the years, up until his last days.

Don had a hard work ethic, decades of experience and an eye for business. He loved to invest, sell and trade. Don's sense of humor was unmatched. He always managed to find the lighter side of nearly every situation that he faced. All of this (combined with a love for family and friends) is why people continually sought out Don's company and advice. He is loved and will be missed.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses, Pat & Jenny (granddaughter Alex) of Anchorage, Becky & Tom of Anchorage and Greg (grandson Kyle) of Kenai. Don is also survived by his four sisters and their spouses, Marlene & Hank Duclos, Shirley & Milton Baerlocher, Sharon & Tom Johnson and Sandy & Russ Kilborn.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Martha and three brothers Ralph, Willard and Glenn.

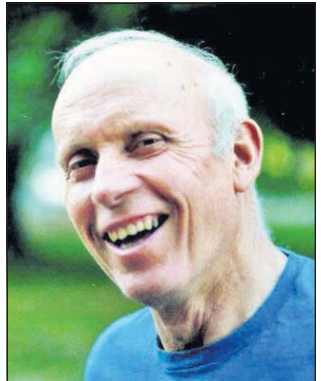
A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, at St Katherine's Catholic Church in Enterprise. The Mass will be preceded by a recitation of the Rosary at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at the Enterprise Cemetery. Following the burial, please join us for a potluck at the VFW in Enterprise to honor Don.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Bollman Funeral Home.

**Lyle Bryce Shumway**

Jan. 31, 1926 – Feb. 22, 2015

Lyle Bryce Shumway was born Jan. 31, 1926, to Lyle and Maurine Shumway in Wallowa. The family lived on Alder Slope on a ranch. He graduated from Enterprise High School in 1944. He had two younger sisters, Maravene and Loveta. Bryce married Joan Roys July 18, 1951, in Enterprise. At that time, Bryce was a caretaker at the Enterprise Cemetery and dug four graves by hand on the day of their wedding. He was sure tired!



They had four children, the first being twins, Elwin and Elaine, then Kevin, and Julie. The family lived in Enterprise and Bryce worked cutting logs and wood until he found a job as a contract milk hauler for Raven Foods until they closed down. They then moved to Wallowa where Bryce worked for the Bate Mill. He worked on the green chain and drove the lift truck until the mill closed due to a strike.

The family then moved to the Salem area where Bryce worked as a Montgomery Ward tire repair salesman. One day while at the coast, he found a job as a contract milk hauler for the Tillamook Cheese Factory. They lived on a farm in Neskowin for about 30 years. They then moved to Salem around 2008 where they resided and Bryce did maintenance and lawn care for Bethel Park Conference Center.

As a child Bryce was accident-prone. He broke his leg trying to out-jump his sister, and broke both arms in two other different accidents. His arms were never set correctly which limited his mobility but it never stopped him from doing what he needed to do. When he was called for the draft and he couldn't straighten his arm for shots, they told him to go home and work on the farm. He loved hunting with his family, and fishing. He came from an era of hard work and hard times. His father was a garbage collector and that was where they got some clothes and shoes — which didn't do his feet any favors when they were too short! He enjoyed telling jokes and would laugh when telling them. Bryce loved to play the guitar, mandolin, and piano, as well as singing with his wife or sang solos. After retiring, he loved singing at a nursing home every week.

He loved the Lord, had a gentle kind spirit, and had a passion for helping people. He went to the hospital Dec. 14, 2014, and then to Marian Estates Nursing Care Facility in Sublimity, with hope and determination to go back home to be with his wife. But, God chose to take him to his heavenly home Feb. 22, 2015. He will be missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, family, and many friends.

Bryce leaves behind his wife Joan of close to 64 years, his children Elwin (Robin) Shumway of Oregon, Elaine (Carl) De Ceasar of Arizona, Kevin (Lorita) Shumway of Alaska, Julie (Curtis) Holt of Oregon, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, sister Loveta (Duane) Buhler of Idaho, cousin Dean Hulse of Oregon, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

**Training scheduled for volunteer weather spotters**

Volunteers are being sought to participate in the next weather spotter training on April 30 in Enterprise.

Weather spotters trained by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) assist meteorologists by providing up-to-date information about storm activity.

The Skywarn Weather Spotter training is free and will be held in Enterprise

in the Cloverleaf Hall front meeting room beginning at 6 p.m. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. The training is being co-sponsored by Wallowa County Emergency Management.

For more information, contact Dennis Hull at 541-969-7136, dennis.hull@noaa.gov. Additional information is also available at the National Weather Service website at weather.gov/pendleton.

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**High and Low Temperatures**

According to data sent to MesoWest: www.mesowest.utah.edu

Enterprise			Lostine		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
March 11	25	69	March 11	53	60
March 12	41	59	March 12	47	64
March 13	27	65	March 13	34	72
March 14	55	58	March 14	62	65
March 15	46	63	March 15	53	70
March 16	38	53	March 16	40	54
March 17	43	n/a	March 17	42	n/a

Joseph			Wallowa		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
March 11	43	52	March 11	41	53
March 12	41	50	March 12	41	60
March 13	32	64	March 13	24	66
March 14	50	61	March 14	42	63
March 15	46	63	March 15	47	66
March 16	37	50	March 16	38	55
March 17	41	n/a	March 17	42	n/a

Imnaha			Troy		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
March 11	43	54	March 11	45	60
March 12	28	61	March 12	43	69
March 13	31	63	March 13	34	73
March 14	34	65	March 14	48	65
March 15	31	64	March 15	50	54
March 16	46	58	March 16	40	57
March 17	46	n/a	March 17	45	n/a

**Six-day forecast**

March 18 - March 23

Source: National Weather Service

March 18		H: 54 L: 24	Slight chance of rain
March 19		H: 63 L: 35	Mostly sunny
March 20		H: 66 L: 38	Mostly sunny
March 21		H: 53 L: 27	Showers likely
March 22		H: 60 L: 32	Mostly sunny
March 23		H: 59 L: n/a	Slight chance of showers

**Phases of the moon**

March 24	March 31	April 7	April 14
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

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