

OBITUARIES

Bernard M. Abell

La Grande

Bernard M. Abell, 86, of La Grande, died Oct. 22 at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are entrusted to Mountain View-Colonial Dewitt of Walla Walla, Washington.

Della J. Burgess

Formerly of La Grande

Della J. Burgess, 91, of Clackamas and formerly of La Grande, died Oct. 23 at her residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Harold G. Carey

La Grande

Harold G. Carey, 86, of La Grande, died Oct. 23 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Iris A. (Lyon) Leonard

La Grande

1920-2018

Iris Arlene Leonard, 98, of La Grande, died Sept. 21. A celebration of her life and reception will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 27 at La Grande First Christian Church.

Iris was born Feb. 11, 1920, and grew up in a rural area outside of Troy during the Great Depression. This helped to establish her values of hard work and thriftiness. Since the area where she grew up was too sparsely populated to have a high school, she had to live with a family in town, called boarding out. Iris lived with three different families in three different states, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, during her high school years. She took some college courses before marrying Fred Leonard in November 1940. Together, they raised three sons and a daughter, living the majority of their marriage on a small farm outside of Island City, known as Leonard's Orchard.

While her children were young, Iris served on their schools' PTAs. When her youngest two children were in junior high, she went back to college and obtained a bachelor's degree when she was 55. Iris then taught kindergarten at a private Christian School for a few years until she and Fred retired. For several years, they traveled around the country living in an RV.

Iris was always busy. An avid knitter and reader, she was often found knitting with a book propped up in front of her. Iris was also very active in church and, no matter where they lived, she found a church home. For many years, she was a member of the Mr. & Mrs. Church group at First United Methodist Church in La Grande. During their retirement years, Fred and Iris were active in Good Sams and enjoyed traveling with them.

Survivors include her sons, Emery Leonard of La Grande and Les Leonard of Seattle, Washington; daughter, Eudie Pfeiffer of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 70 years, Fred Leonard; sister, Loree Leonard; brother, Oren Lyon; and son, Steven Leonard; and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Larry G. Miller

Enterprise

1932-2018

Larry Gene Miller, 86, a long-time Enterprise resident, died Oct. 13 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. At his request, there will not be a service.

Larry was born Sept. 1, 1932, in Yakima, Washington, to Carl and Marie (Walters) Miller. Carl worked on a road construction crew and the family moved often. Larry and his younger sister, Joan, attended 11 different schools during their youth. In 1948, the family moved to Enterprise, where Larry graduated in 1950.

It was during this time Larry met his future wife, Eleanor Marrs. After graduation, he attended what is now Eastern Oregon University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in elementary education just months before marrying Eleanor on Aug. 8, 1954. With Eleanor still in college, Larry joined the U.S. Army. He served 2 years in Korea receiving an honorable discharge in 1957.

Upon his return from the Army, Larry accepted his first teaching position at Elgin School District, along with the first of many coaching endeavours. When Eleanor graduated with her teaching degree, they both taught in Enterprise and Florence before moving to Springfield. Larry also attended summer school along the way and received a master's degree from Eastern in 1964.

While living in Western Oregon, Larry and Eleanor had two sons: Kevin in 1968 and Lance 14 short months later in 1969. In the early 1970s, the family returned to Enterprise, where Larry and Eleanor taught until retirement.

In the summers, Larry painted houses with his friend, Chuck Haines. After a summer of working for Ruth Cleaver, she paid Larry with her 1957 Dodge Royal Lancer. This began his love of antique cars. Larry loved spending time keeping his prized car in its original condition and showing it in local car shows.

Larry was a member of the Elks Lodge, a Little League and Babe Ruth coach and held various coaching positions at Enterprise. Upon retiring, he could often be found on the sidelines cheering for his many grandchildren. One of his proudest moments came this June when he attended the graduation of his granddaughter, McKenna, with her teaching degree from his alma mater. Larry was also an avid golfer, bowler, hunter and fisherman, hobbies he shared with and passed along to his sons and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Eleanor; sister, Joan Sager of Tacoma, Washington; son and daughter-in-law, Lance and Kannon of

Enterprise, daughter-in-law, Peggy (Simpson) Chesser and husband, Mike, of Bend; and six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Kevin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Enterprise Education Foundation, which Larry supported since its inception.

Shirley A. Keating

Elgin

Shirley Ann Keating, 79, died Oct. 23 at her home in Elgin. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Theron L. Harder

Imbler

1990-2018

Theron Layne Harder, 27, of Imbler, died Oct. 5 in Wyoming. A memorial service was held Oct. 11.

Theron was born Oct. 11, 1990, in La Grande, to Stephen Harder and Tina Bell.

He was raised in Imbler, graduated from Imbler High School and worked a variety of jobs. Theron needed more adventure and moved to California, where he worked climbing cell towers with his brother. He passed away while on a ride across America.

Theron is survived by his father, Stephen Harder; mother and stepfather, Tina and Jon Cagley; and brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Ali Harder of California.

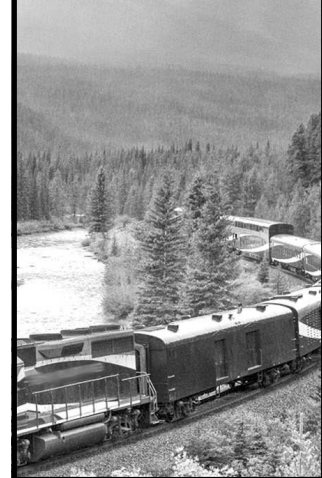
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The family of **Gordon Spencer** would like to express their gratitude to their family and friends, for cards, food, and flowers. Special thank you to Pastor Vernon Slippy, Lovelands Funeral Chapel and the La Grande EMT's.

The family of Gordon Spencer



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

LA GRANDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cited: Cayce M. Bailey, 37, a transient, was cited on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

Accident: Nobody was injured in a traffic accident Tuesday at 4th Street and I Avenue. The accident was reported at 10:48 a.m.

Arrested: Shawn Howard Banks, 48, unknown address, was arrested by the Hermiston Police Department on a charge of failure to appear in court on an original charge of second-degree theft. Banks was later arrested while lodged in the Umatilla County Jail on a Union County warrant charging failure to appear in court on an original charge of second-degree theft, two counts.

Cited: Tamara L. Hall, 50, La Grande, was cited on a charge of third-degree theft.

Arrested: Cassandra Marie Stellings, 25, unknown address, was arrested on a parole and probation detainer.

UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrested: Jace D. Clark, 26, La Grande, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (meth), distribution of a controlled substance (meth) and possession of a controlled substance (heroin).

Arrested: Robert B. Benson, 55, unknown address, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Accident: Nobody was injured

in a traffic accident on Gekeler Lane Monday. The accident was reported at 5:19 p.m.

OREGON STATE POLICE

Arrested: Elizabeth E. Horne, 22, Union, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants, alcohol.

Arrested: Stephanie Rose Barker, 33, Ontario, was arrested on charges of 3 counts possession of a Schedule III controlled substance; 2 counts of possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance; manufacture of heroin, delivery of heroin and 2 counts of possession of a weapon by a felon.

Arrested: Anthony M. Espinoza, 28, unknown address, was arrested on charges of delivery of methamphetamine, manufacture of methamphetamine and possession of heroin.

Arrested: Lee Orien Hainline, 63, La Grande, was arrested on a charge of not registering as a sex offender within 10 days of his birthday.

Arrested: Zoe Elizabeth Cleveland, 18, unknown address, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, two grams or more; manufacture of methamphetamine and delivery of methamphetamine.

Arrested: Shellie Shellean Utley, 43, unknown address, was arrested on a Baker County warrant charging second-degree failure to appear in court on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Arrested: Colton Isaac Monrean, 28, Lynwood, Washington, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants, alcohol; reckless driving and exceeding the speed limit by driving at least 100 miles per hour.

LA GRANDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

La Grande Fire Department responded to six calls for medical on Monday and 11 calls for medical and one fire alarm check on Tuesday.

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Richard "Dick" Wayne McLaughlin

December 3, 1943 - October 16, 2018

Dad "Dick" fell asleep to God's memory and was with his family and grandchildren.

Dick was born in Alliance Nebraska and moved to the Summerville area with his family. From his freshman year he worked full time to help support his large family and his beloved mother Hazel and father Theodore. He then settled in Elgin Oregon from 1963-1996.

Dick is survived by his daughter Barbara and her husband Todd and seven children,

Tyler, Tiara, Drew, Jordan, Jessica, Londa, Laney and 5 great-grandchildren. His daughter Angela and her two children Lamar and Maranne and 1 great grandchild. A brother Gene McLaughlin & his wife Colleen, his sister in law Deanna McLaughlin and his Yorkie Zephyr who was adopted by his favorite nurse from his home. He is proceeded in death by his parents, Hazel & Theodore, and his siblings, Rosemarie, Teddy, MaryLou, Dean, Martin, Jerry, Suzie, Jim and David.

Dick worked many positions at the Boise Cascade Mill from 1962-84 starting at the Stud Mill, then purchasing his own log truck and returning to BCC as a Chip Truck Driver until 1984. He then had a dump truck & tow truck business and also helped run and renovate the Elgin Opera House from 1989-96. Richard moved away from the Elgin/LaGrande area in 1996 and lived in Bend and then settled in the Tri Cities near his brother David and wife Deanna. In 2015 he went into assisted living, where his dear sister in law Deanna and great nephew Konner were a great help and support. This summer when his health was declining, his daughter Barbara and her husband Todd moved him close to them, so he could be close to them and his grandchildren. They enjoyed seeing their "Dad & Papa" and taking him to the Kingdom Hall, playing checkers, eating pumpkin pie & ice cream, going to Black Widow Harley Davidson, and talking to him about the better days to come on a Paradise earth with no pain, illness and suffering. Psalms 21:4

Dick began his love of classic/muscle cars and racing at an early age raced cars at the Hermiston Speedway and had dreams of being



a NASCAR driver. He owned many muscle cars that he restored/rebuilt in his garage in Elgin. At one time he and his daughters Barbara and Angela all owned 1966 Chevy Malibu's which he rebuilt and restored. In 2009 his daughter Barbara and husband Todd flew him to Daytona Florida and they along with his

grandchildren attended the Daytona 500. Dick "Papa" had a great time and to this day still had his ticket stub, book, autographed picture, T-shirt and Hat (never worn). He said it was one of the best weekends he ever had in his life!

Dad "Dick" was a wonderful person with a quiet but big heart. He was the first to hold your child and could always make a baby stop crying and became "Papa/Uncle Dick" to many friends children. He would be the first to help shovel someone's driveway or help in his quiet way. He always made time for his daughters while growing up and was in the bleachers for Barbaras sports activities or dance team or attending Angela's music events.

Dad "Dick" will be missed tremendously and we look forward to the day when we can welcome him back and he will have life eternal with great health and live forever on a paradise earth with his family and friends! Psalms 115:16 Psalms 37:29

Donations for Richard "Dicks" Memorial can be sent to https://www.gofundme.com/9d543p&rcid=r01-153997157047-d3721bfae4e7400e&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w



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