

OBITUARIES

Local funerals and visitations

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Stanley R. Humphrey
Island City
1945-2019

Stanley Robert Humphrey, 73, of Island City, died March 27 of natural causes. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. April 13 at the Pendleton Church of the Nazarene.

Known by his family and closest friends by his childhood nickname of "Corky," Stan was born Dec. 30, 1945, in Bellingham, Washington, to Percy and Thelma (Davis) Humphrey. A key member of the school's football team and a talented trumpet player, Stan graduated from Westfir High School near Oakridge in 1964. In 1975, he married Elizabeth Ann Connolly, and they moved to Elgin, where they raised their son and daughter.

A proud member of the International Bureau of Electrical Workers Local 89, Stan worked 32 years for General Telephone & Electric. He began his career building communications infrastructure in the local area and was later charged with the day-to-day operation of the company's offices in La Grande, Elgin, Imbler, Cove and Union. Throughout the 1980s and '90s, it was sometimes Stan's voice that could be heard advising GTE customers that they had dialed a number that was no longer in service or that they "must dial a one" when calling a number. Following his retirement from GTE, Stan worked as a courier for Interpath Laboratories in Pendleton, where he lived for 17 years before returning to Union County in 2018.

Beginning when he was a boy growing up on the Upper Willamette River, Stan was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to fish, especially in the Wallowa and Minam rivers and Jubilee Lake. Stan was a skilled hunter, preferring the Wenaha and Chesnimus areas for both deer and elk, also took meticulous care of his vegetable gardens and landscaping around his homes. Having also worked as a chef in his younger days, Stan was known by family members for his skills in the kitchen.

Stan attended the Nazarene churches in Elgin and Pendleton, and he drove the Elgin church's Sunday school bus for many years. He was also a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with the Elgin Ambulance for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; sister and

brother-in-law, Judy and Kenneth Strakbein of Fair Oaks, California; son, Ryan and wife, Mindy Blanchard, of Astoria; daughter, Gillian of Island City; three grandchildren; and six nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jeannette Hodgdon.

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

Erin L. Endicott
Cove

Erin L. Endicott, 76, of Cove, died Feb. 15. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. April 15 at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in La Grande. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Laryl G. Schaffer
La Grande

Laryl G. Schaffer, 63, of La Grande, died April 1 at his residence. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Lorili 'Lori' L. Mack
La Grande
1971-2019

Lorili Lee Mack, 47, of La Grande, died March 23 at her daughter's home in La Grande after a long battle with colon cancer. A memorial service was held March 30 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Known to most as Lori, she was born Nov. 10, 1971, in Burns, to Lonie Anderson and Jackie Collinsworth. She was the oldest of her siblings: sisters, Cyna Anderson and Nomi Wetter, and brother, Matthew Boren.

Lori was very involved in her children's lives. She taught them that life is what you make it, and you can change anything you're not happy with or unsatisfied with if you put in the work and have the right attitude. Lori was a kind, driven and passionate woman in whatever she did. She always did things with a full heart, the best intentions and a smile. She never did anything halfheartedly.

Lori set a great example to her daughters and everyone who knew her. She went back to college to get her bachelor's degree and nothing could've stopped her from walking across the stage with her best friend, Amber. They made a plan and Lori stuck with it even though chemotherapy and radiation treatments were hard. She was inspirational and touched the lives of everyone around her.

Lori found pleasure in many things, especially spending time with her grandbabies and her fur babies. Her great danes were her pride and joy, and she took them everywhere with her. She loved hiking and camping, making memories outside whenever possible. Lori loved the ocean and

hunting for mushrooms and horseback riding, spending time with people and it was important to her to spend personal time with God.

Survivors include her three daughters; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, brother and grandparents, Dewey and Hattie Anderson.

Marjorie J. (Hunt) Masterson
La Grande
1928-2019

Marjorie Jean Masterson, 90, of La Grande, died March 28. A memorial service will begin at 10 a.m. April 5 at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland.

Marjorie was born Aug. 13, 1928, in Baker City, to Herbert and Sybil (Carpenter) Hunt. She was educated in Baker, graduating with the class of 1946 before attending what is now Eastern Oregon University, where she earned a degree in secretarial science.

On June 5, 1949, Marjorie married Norman Masterson in Baker City. The couple lived in Ontario, Corvallis, South Twin Lakes and on Government Island in the middle of the Columbia River before returning to Corvallis and then moving to La Grande. Marjorie worked in clerical and secretarial jobs until her children were born, after which she became a full-time mom.

Marjorie enjoyed bowling, gardening, flowers, canning fruit, baking (especially cobblers), fishing and traveling.

Survivors include her sons, Mark of La Grande and Glen and wife, Nancy, of Arcadia, Michigan; sister, Dorothy Hunt of La Grande; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Portland 97209. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.danielsknopp.com.

Mary L. Turner
La Grande

Mary L. Turner, 90, of La Grande, died April 1 at her residence. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. April 8 at the Summerville Cemetery Chapel. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Marlene A. (Zelinka) Eddy
Cove
1943-2019

Marlene Ann Eddy, 75, of Cove, died March 21. No service is planned at this time.

Marlene was born June 22, 1943, in Woodburn, to Ignice and Rose (Zastopil) Zelinka. She resided in

Woodburn and in Cove. She graduated from Woodburn High School. Marlene was married to Emery Eddy. She was a hairdresser and a devoted mother and wife.

Survivors include her daughter, Bonnie Eddy of Cove; stepchildren, Kathy Brock and husband, Jim, Kris Leonard and Babette Teed, all of Washington; brother, Steve Zelinka of Salem; niece, Rohnda Tesche and husband, Tom, of Salem; and nephew, Lee Zelinka and wife, Kim, of Utah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emery; parents, Ignice and Rose; and brother, Alvin Zelinka.

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Kenneth Kennedy
La Grande

Kenneth Kennedy, 50, of La Grande, died March 31 in Vale. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Mary 'Leona' (Tetric) McLain
La Grande
1935-2019

Mary "Leona" McLain, 84, of La Grande, died March 26 at her home. A celebration of her life was held March 31 at Trinity Baptist Church.

Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Known as Leona, she was born Jan. 31, 1935, in La Grande, to Glenn and Sadie (Nedrow) Tetric. She was educated in La Grande, graduating from high school with the class of 1953 before she attended what is now Eastern Oregon University for a short time. On Nov. 6, 1954, Leona married David

McLain in La Grande. Other than two years spent in Anchorage, Alaska, she lived in La Grande.

Leona was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church, where she attended prayer meetings on Wednesday. She enjoyed participating in several lunch groups, especially the Thursday group that called themselves the Posse. Leona loved to read and was an amateur novelist. She enjoyed spending time with her two best friends, Gerry Marcum and George Neer, and taking drives through the valley. She had a big heart for animals and took in and cared for many strays over the years.

Survivors include her children, Cory of Milwaukie, Greg of La Grande, Tamra Staley of Pendleton and Talia Welch of La Grande; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jess Tetric; and husband, David McLain.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande 97850.

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UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS
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April 4

Mary Grant, formerly of La Grande; 3 p.m. Catholic burial; Hillcrest Cemetery, La Grande.

April 5

Marjorie Masterson, of La Grande; 10 a.m. memorial service; Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center; graveside service follows at 2 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland.

April 6

Jack Fox, of La Grande; 10 a.m. celebration of life; New Song Community Church, La Grande.

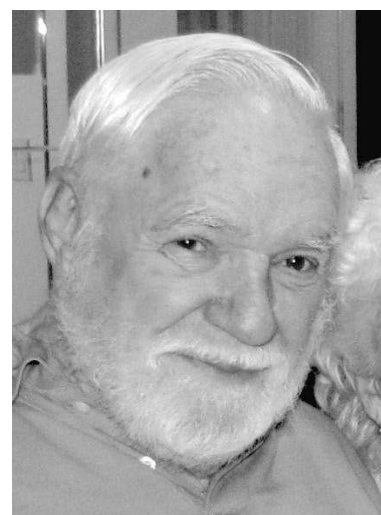
Dorothy Keltz, formerly of La Grande; 2 p.m. celebration of life; La Grande American Legion Hall.

Korinne Madsen, formerly of La Grande; 5:30 p.m. memorial service; Zion Lutheran Church, La Grande.

Rene Stevens, of North Powder; 2 p.m. memorial service; Summerville Baptist Church.

Floyd Knight, 88

June 26, 1930 - March 4, 2019



Floyd Knight, 88 of Island City, passed away peacefully on March 4 at his home. At his request, there will not be a service at this time.

Floyd was born on June 26, 1930 in Funk, Nebraska to Floyd and Martha Knight. Floyd grew up in Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado,

and Oregon. In 1951, Floyd met Cora Jean Hewitt in Colorado. They were married on March 15, 1952. Floyd and Jean had two children: Randy and Linda.

In 1949, Floyd joined the United States Air Force. He served as an Airplane Mechanic and a Flightline Supervisor. He was stationed in the Aleutian Islands, Colorado, Texas, Alaska, Washington, and served in Vietnam. He retired from the Air Force in 1969 as a Master Sergeant.

Following his Air Force career, Floyd and Jean moved to La Grande. Floyd worked for Boise Cascade at the Particle Board Plant before going to work with United States Postal Service. Floyd delivered to Route 1 as a Rural Route Carrier. He retired from the Postal Service in 1990.

In retirement, Floyd enjoyed spending time with family, boating, fishing, camping and going to the Oregon Coast. He could be found bowling, fixing cars, or doing yard work and woodworking projects. He was active in the Island City Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Eagles.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Jean; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Russ Graham; grandson Joe and Jamie Knight; grandson Ian Graham; granddaughter Laura Graham and Brian Clark; grandson Eleazar Knight; great granddaughter Danaka Knight; great grandson Ladd Clark; and brother Norman Knight. He was preceded in death by his son Randy Knight; his parents Floyd and Martha Knight; brother Ted Knight; sister Beth Hill, and sister Mayola Farrar.

We would like to say a special thanks to the staff and nurses at Grande Ronde Hospital Hospice and Grande Ronde Retirement for their care.

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