

OBITUARIES

Carol K. (Hartsock) Tate

North Powder
1938-2019

Carol Kay Tate, 81, of North Powder, died Sept. 29 at her residence after an extended illness. A joint memorial service for Carol and her husband, Gary Tate, will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 5 at Loveland Funeral Chapel. Following the service, a celebration of their lives and potluck will begin at noon at the Transit Center, 2204 E. Penn Ave. Bring a dish to share if you would like.

Carol was born on March 6, 1938, in Los Angeles, California, to Bapa and Norma Hartsock. She was married to Gary Tate. Carol was a loving person who would help anyone she could.

Surviving relatives include her children, Richie of Calgary, Canada, Linda of Whitefish, Montana, and Kelly of Whitefish, montana; many grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Hall Lodge, 1303-1/2 Adams Ave., La Grande 97850, or the Lions Club.

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

Gary L. Tate

North Powder
1941-2019

Gary Leroy Tate, 78, of North Powder, died Sept. 30 at his residence. A joint memorial service for Gary and his wife, Carol Tate, will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 5 at Loveland Funeral Chapel. Following the service, a celebration of their lives and potluck will begin at noon at the Transit Center, 2204 E. Penn Ave. Bring a dish to share if you would like.

Gary was born May 9, 1941, in Kansas, to Leroy and Dorothy (Adams) Tate. He resided in North Powder. Gary married Carol Hilbun, who he loved with his whole heart. Carol passed away the day before Gary, on Sept. 29. Now, as in life, they are still loving

each other and are at peace.

Gary worked as a real estate broker and was an active member of the Masonic Lodge and Lions Club.

Surviving relatives include his son, Ben Tate of Seattle, Washington; daughter, Pam Buxton of Baker City; brother, Jack Tate of Ontario; sister, Judi Bruneau of Seattle, Washington; numerous grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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Jerald D. Walker

La Grande
1939-2019

Jerald “Jerry” Duane Walker, 79, of La Grande, died Sept. 15 at his home after an extended illness. A celebration of his life will take place at a later time.

Also known as Jerry, he was born Oct. 16, 1939, in Charleston, Illinois, to Bernice and Mable Walker. He graduated from high school in Charleston in 1958 and took several college courses throughout the years. Jerald married Shirley Whitley on May 17, 1959, and together they had three children: Marla, Eddie and Sherri. In 1968, Jerald and his family settled in La Grande.

Jerald was very active in his community until his health started declining. Some of the things he did involved the local youth. He always wanted to make a difference in their lives. He was also part of the Jaycees, Elks Lodge and the Eagles.

In the 1970s, Jerald collected data on the tussock moth outbreak in Oregon. He then took all of his information to Washington, D.C., where he met with then Vice President Gerald Ford. Jerald worked

for Boise Cascade Particle Board during this time, and preserving our woodlands became a very personal matter to him.

Jerald was an insurance salesman for years and truly loved and enjoyed visiting and meeting his clients. Before retiring due to health issues, he helped build and operate several motels from Baker City and La Grande to Lincoln City.

Jerald was a master woodworker and made many beautiful pieces. He also had a talent for drawing. An avid hunter, fisherman and camper, Jerald loved the outdoors and loved telling his stories to anyone he visited with. But his biggest love of all was his family and spending time with them.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 60 years, Shirley; daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Danny Ritchie of La Grande; son and daughter-in-law, Eddie and Shelley Walker of Portland; sister, Penny Witmer of Austin, Texas; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernice and Mable Walker; daughter, Marla Ransom; brother, Richard “Dick” Walker; and sister, Sandra “Sandy” Aufdenkamp.

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

Joan Elsberry

La Grande

Joan Elsberry, 87, of La Grande, died Oct. 2 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

Billie J. Jungert
La Grande

Billie Jeanne Jungert, 78, of La Grande, died Oct. 1 at a local care facility. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

Violet E. (McMurren) Malone
Formerly of Elgin and La Grande
1923-2019

Violet Emily Malone, 96, formerly of Elgin and La Grande, died Sept. 15 in Salem. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 26 at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center. Interment will follow at the Cove Cemetery.

Also known as Vi, she was born April 30, 1923, in Portland, to Roscoe and Mary McMurren. She was an only child but took up a central role in a huge extended family when she married Arnold Malone in 1942.

Vi spent most of her childhood with her grandma Wilson and she graduated from Elgin High School. After she married Arnold, she lived with his family while he was serving in World War II. After the war, they settled in Detroit and then moved to Salem. Vi had a long career with Montgomery Ward where she won awards as a successful furniture salesperson. She retired from Montomgery Ward in the early 1990s.

After retirement, Vi and Arnold moved to La Grande, where they were once again surrounded by family. After Arnold’s death in 1993, she lived with both daughters and then her granddaughter Kristi.

Vi loved to travel and had lots of opportunities with her two daughters and their families living far away. She often traveled and was able to see many interesting places. Her last long trip was to Massachusetts just five years ago. In her later years, family came to see her regularly as she slipped into dementia.

Surviving relatives include her daughters, Ketty Derrick and Billie Plasker and husband, Jim; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Arnold; son, Ron; and son-in-law, Gary Derrick.

Steven J. McNeil
Formerly of La Grande
1946-2019

Steven J. McNeil, 72, formerly of La Grande, died unexpectedly Oct. 1 at his residence in Lakeview. At his request there will not be a service. Arrangements are under the direction of Desert Rose Funeral Chapel of Lakeview.

Steven was born Nov. 22, 1946, in Albany, to Fred G. and Frances E. McNeil. He graduated from Jefferson High School in 1965. Following graduation, he served in the Army National Guard for seven years. He married Patricia Williams and they had one son, Scott. The marriage ended in divorce.

Pursuing his dream of being a buckaroo, Steven moved to Burns. He met and married Marilyn and they had one daughter, Naomi. He adopted Marilyn’s two children, Tina and Rod. Steven and Marilyn worked and lived on several different ranches in Harney County. They divorced in 1986, and he moved to Baker City/ Haines then to Seneca.

After several years of ranching Steven decided to get a degree in counseling and work with troubled juveniles. He worked in Vale as a corrections officer, then at the Burns Oregon Youth Authority. He then transferred to La Grande, where he finished his career as a juvenile corrections officer for Oregon Youth Authority Camp Riverbend, retiring in 2017. He made many dear friends and really enjoyed working with the youth.

Steven loved to hunt and fish and spend time with his family. He looked forward to the summer fishing trips he took every year with his

friends. He had a huge heart for his beloved dogs, Sugar, Whiskey, Millie and Jazmine. His last couple of years he got to spend some quality time watching his grandson in high school sports and his great-grandchildren in their school programs.

Surviving relatives include his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Del of Albany; nephew, Mike of Albany; children and their spouses, Tina and Vince of Vale, Rod and Patty of Burns, Scott and Julie of Albany, and Naomi and Clint of Lakeview; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts.

Memorial donations may be made to either the Kids Club of Harney County, 267 S. Egan, Burns 97720, or to the Oregon Hunters Association, 67494 Market Lane, Cove 97824.

William L. Knight

North Powder

William L. Knight, 85, of North Powder, died Oct. 1 at a local care facility. A celebration of his life will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 12 at Loveland Funeral Chapel. Casual dress is preferred by the family. An obituary is forthcoming.

William M. Hart

La Grande

William M. Hart, 66, of La Grande, died Oct. 2 at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. An obituary is forthcoming. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

John Stebbins

La Grande

John Stebbins, 85, of La Grande, died Oct. 2 at his home. An obituary is forthcoming. Arrangements are under the direction of Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center.

UPCOMING FUNERALS AND VISITATIONS

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FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATORY

Oct. 4 Jacob Berado:
4-8 p.m., open house celebration of life, Steve and Susan Eder residence, La Grande.

Oct. 4-5 Michael Gooderham:
5-7 p.m. Oct. 4, viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; 2 p.m. Oct. 5, funeral, Island City Lighthouse Pentecostal Church.

Oct. 10 Annie Richmond:
7 p.m., memorial service, Island City Lighthouse Pentecostal Church.

Oct. 27 Jerry Johnson:
1 p.m., memorial service, Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Clubhouse, Union.

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for listening in the Grande Ronde Valley at KOLU 93.7FM. The lineup includes conservative Christian music from choirs to Gospel quartets and instrumental to bluegrass as well as programs for all ages and Bible preaching. KOLU, out of Pasco, Washington, is having a Sharathon this week with a goal of raising \$80,000 to continue offering Christian Family Radio in their entire listening area. Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. they will be focusing on their new listening area here in the Grande Ronde Valley. If you wish to support this station with a tax deductible donation you can reach them at www.KOLU.com or send it to Summerville Baptist Church.

ODFW speaks to UC Cattlemen

ISLAND CITY — The Union County Cattlemen will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 7 at the Ag Service Center in Island City. ODFW staff will be the guest speakers and will discuss elk management in the valley

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LOCAL BRIEFING

this winter. They will also discuss deer management and landowner’s preference tags in the Catherine Creek Unit. The meeting is open to the public.

EOLS Directors convene Tuesday

UNION — The October meeting of the Directors of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Association will begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 in the EOLS Clubhouse located on Delta Street, Union.

LHS football team selling Tiger Cards

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School football team is selling Tiger Cards as a fundraiser. The card offers multiple discounts at various businesses around town. The cost is \$10; if used a few times, it pays for itself. The cards are available for purchase at the LHS front office. Local businesses participating in the discounts are: Dominoes, La Fiesta, Subway, Cock-n-Bull, La Grande Sub Shop, Raul’s Taqueria, Island Express Lube & Car Wash,

Mountain Works Bicycles Commercial Tire, Beach Bums Tanning Salon, We Paint La Grande, Moy’s Dynasty, Cinco de Mayo, D’Nails Hair

& Tanning Salon, Short Stop Xtreme Froyo, Papa Murphy’s, Blue Mountain Outfitters, Local Harvest, The Cell Fix and Tap That.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

1504 ALBANY ST., LA GRANDE

Oct. 7-11; lunch served 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. age 60+ \$3 suggested donation; others \$6

Monday: BBQ country pork ribs, baked beans, fruited coleslaw, fresh fruit, dessert (alternative meal available).

Tuesday: stuffed red peppers, steamed winter blend veggies, salad greens, fresh fruit, cookies.

Wednesday: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed California blend veggies, Jell-O, roll, cake.

Thursday: sloppy Joes, seasoned fries, broccoli-cauliflower salad, sliced oranges, ice cream.

Friday: chicken Alfredo, steamed Italian blend veggies, Caesar salad, bread, dessert.

June (Judy) Pearl Elizabeth Swanson Tyler

June 4, 1929 - September 24, 2019

June (Judy) Pearl Elizabeth Swanson Tyler, 90, of Union, died Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at home surrounded by her family. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, October 12, 2019~1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses (1511 26th Street) in La Grande, Oregon. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held immediatly following the service at the Kingdom Hall.

June was born in Hood River, OR. June 4th, 1929. She spent the majority of her life in Lebanon, OR, where she married Darrel Tyler. Together they raised 6 children: Norman, Tim, Becky, Nancy, David and Cindy. She is survived by all 6 children, 12 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and her sister Trudy Combs. She resided with her daughter Becky and son-in-law Aaron since her husband Darrel passed in 2006.

Her love for her God Jehovah and her love for her family made her a happy contented person. She had a beautiful amazing voice and sang at many weddings and funerals. Her love of playing the piano has left her family and friends with many wonderful memories. Her strong faith in the resurrection helped her to be at peace to the end.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of June her family suggests the Jehovah Witnesses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Image of June (Judy) Tyler