

## OBITUARIES

**David E. Graham**

Union • 1964-2020

David Earl Graham, 55, of Union, died May 16 at his residence. A service will be held May 23 at 11 a.m. at the La Grande Church of Christ.



David was born Dec. 11, 1964, in La Grande, to Eldredge Earl and Cheryl Anne Graham.

He attended school in Union and graduated from Union High School in 1984. David played football and was a member of the wrestling team. He also attended GTA feed school and sheep shearing school.

A member of 4H and FFA, David showed sheep, beef, dairy and hogs and earned numerous awards and recognition. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding his ATV and snowmobile. He also loved to BBQ, cook outdoors and to go camping.

David was a member of Eastern Oregon Miners Association, for which he was a board member and an officer. He was also a member of Eastern Oregon Miners and Prospectors and the Church of Christ in La Grande.

Surviving relatives include his father, Eldredge Earl Graham of Union; sister, Lory Anne Graham of Union; and nephews and spouses, Joshua and Trisha Stout of Union, Calvin and Brooke Stout of Union, and Jordan and Shelby Stout of Salem.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Cheryl Anne Graham.

Donations may be made toward funeral expenses in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 1508 Fourth Street, La Grande 97850 (541-963-5022, lfc@lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

**Janice 'Jan' I. (Hibbeln) Erwin**

Formerly of Union and La Grande • 1942-2020

Janice "Jan" Irene Erwin, 78, formerly of Union and La Grande, died May 15 at her home in Baker City after a nearly 10-year battle with Alzheimer's. A private family graveside service will be held May 22 in Union.

Known as Jan, she was born Feb. 5, 1942, in La Grande, to Lawrence and Ella (Erickson)

Hibbeln of Union. She began grade school in Union, then in the second grade moved with her family to Pilot Rock. She returned to Union, where she attended high school and was active in basketball, volleyball, pep club, thespians, National Honor Society and FHA. She also was class secretary, Sweetheart Queen and Homecoming Princess.

At Union High School, Jan met her future husband, Richard Erwin. After graduation she attended business school in Boise until she and Richard were married, on Nov. 18, 1960. Jan and Richard then moved to La Grande while Richard finished college at what is now Eastern Oregon University. After his graduation in 1963, they moved to Baker City, where he became manager at California Pacific Utilities (now Oregon Trail Electric).

Jan and Richard had three sons. Jan was very active in their activities and ball games. She was also active in the community, a member or leader in many clubs including the Jayceettes and TOPS. When her boys grew older she worked many years as a bookkeeper at Albertsons until her retirement.

Jan enjoyed spending time with her family, especially camping, at their home on Catherine Creek and at the cabin her family built on Mt. Harris. She also enjoyed outdoor activities like fishing, hunting mush-

rooms and picking huckleberries as well as reading, her flowers, big card games, and an occasional trip to the casino.

Jan's biggest joy, though, came from having her family around her at big family gatherings. Her Thanksgiving meals were legendary, and the bigger the crowd the more she loved it.

Jan's sons say she was the heart and soul of their family and all of the kindness, caring and generosity they have come from her (except in Ping-Pong, where she showed no mercy).

Surviving relatives include her husband of nearly 60 years, Richard; sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Donna of Clackamas, Douglas of Phoenix, Arizona, and Brian and Rhonda of Baker City; and five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Ella Hibbeln; brothers, Larry and Gene Hibbeln; and sister, Mary Bell Clyde.

Memorial donations may be made to Heart n' Home Hospice in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway 97834.

Online condolences can be made at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

**Paula D. (Barquin) Martin**

Formerly of La Grande • 1961-2020

Paula Dianne Martin, 58, of Long Creek and formerly of La Grande, died May 18 at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day. At her request, a small family memorial service is planned later.

Paula was born June 23, 1961, in Downey, California, to John and Carol (Reed)

Barquin. She married Ray Martin in 1986, and they had three sons: Dr. Levi Martin, Dr. Mathew Martin and Michael Martin. They were the loves of her life.

The family moved from La Grande to Long Creek in 1994. Paula had a rural mail route between Long Creek and Kimberly and also drove the route between Fox and Ritter. These were some of her happiest years. She also loved to watch the kids play ball.

Paula was a good friend to everyone who knew her.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice in care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day 97845.

To light a candle for

Paula or to offer condolences to her family, visit [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com).

**Robert D. Way**

Elgin

Robert D. Way, 86, of Elgin, died May 19 at his residence. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

**Kum Boyle**

La Grande

Kum Boyle, 74, of La Grande, died May 19 at his residence. Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory will be handling the arrangements.

**William H. Duane Jr.**

La Grande • 1934-2020

William H. Duane Jr., 85, of La Grande, died May 19 at his residence after a long battle with congestive heart failure. A memorial service will be held later. A private graveside service will be held May 22 at Grandview Cemetery.

William was born July 4, 1934, in Newark, New Jersey, to William and Lillian Duane. He had one sister and grew up in Hillside, New Jersey, where he learned to play the piano

and later became an accomplished jazz pianist.

In 1954, William joined the USMC and served his country for three years. After his military service, he attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, where he met his future wife, Elizabeth. They were married in 1961 and had three children together: Kathy, Susie and Carole.

William went on to attend Dallas Theological Seminary and in 1966 received a master of theology. He pastored his first church in Denville, New Jersey, and later was led to move his family to Southern California to pastor another church. Along with being a pastor, William also spent many years working as an electrical mechanical design engineer for Hughes Research Laboratories, Teledyne Technologies and Delco Defense Systems.

William retired from New Life Community Church, where he was a care ministry pastor for 10 years. He and Elizabeth then moved to La Grande, where his passion was mentoring men for the last nine years. He started many

men's Bible study groups and taught Sunday school at La Grande Church of the Nazarene. Wherever life took him, William always felt God had him on assignment. He spent his life serving God, teaching the Bible and loving others.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

**Donald Swart**

Joseph • 1934-2020

Donald Swart, 86, of Joseph, died May 12 after a long battle with cancer. There will not be a funeral ceremony at this time.

Known as Don, he was born Jan. 20, 1934, at Hot Lake to Roy Elmer and Ruth (Shintaffer) Swart of



Lostine. One of nine children to be born to the couple, he had three older sisters and was the first of six sons. Don began his education at the school in Evans, a settlement near Lostine, then attended third grade at the Lostine Grade School. He completed elementary and secondary school and graduated from college in La Grande, then taught music in Union for two years. He married Gail Coffin of Enterprise in 1956.

Don served in the U.S. Army, where he qualified to be in the 8th Army Band in Korea and was trained to pilot the U-2 airplane and fly reconnaissance missions. Following his military commitment, he returned home to Wallowa County to work with his father-in-law, Gwen Coffin, the publisher of the Wallowa County Chieftain. Don served as publisher and editor and eventually purchased the newspaper, selling it to his son Rick in 2000.

A longtime member of the Rotary Club of

Wallowa County, Don concentrated time and energy on the Rotary International Youth Exchange program. He directed the Rotary District 5100 youth exchange program for seven years. His committee enabled nearly 500 American high school students to experience a year in a foreign country and also brought nearly 500 students from other countries to live with American families and attend school in the Pacific Northwest. In 2008, Don received the prestigious Service Above Self award from Rotary International.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Evelyn, whom he married in July 2001; sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Liya of Eagle Creek, Donald Jr. and Sherroll of Enterprise, and David and Stacy of Shelton, Washington; daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and John Kirkiede of Missoula, Montana, and Lisa and Keith Phillips of Fox Island, Gig Harbor, Washington; stepsons, David Cairns of La Grande and Jim Cairns of Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand; stepdaughter, Mary Leigh Rohrman of Hermiston; 16 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; sister, Carol Collie of California; and brothers, Kenneth Swart of Pennsylvania, Harry Swart of Chicago and John Swart of Kennewick, Washington.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Don's family is planning a Book of Memories with contributions by family, friends and neighbors. Copies of a collection of memories and thoughts of Don as well as a few pictures will be published in the book and given to those who contribute items to it.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wallowa County Health Care Foundation or the Rotary Club of Wallowa County scholarship program.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## MONDAY

12:24 a.m. — Oregon State Police arrested Charles Joshua Power, 29, on accusations of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

5:35 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of vandalism to a vehicle on the 3100 block of Alder Street.

10:26 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint from the 100 block of Birch Street, Elgin, about juveniles riding all-terrain vehicles. A deputy talked to the youths.

1:30 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Gregory Carl Rogers, 46, no fixed address, on a Morrow County warrant for unauthorized use of a vehicle, criminal mischief, burglary and trespass.

4:59 p.m. — Oregon State Police responded to a single-vehicle crash and arrested a man on multiple counts. A trooper found a blue Subaru Forester crashed on the eastbound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 252 and saw a man walking along the shoulder. The trooper caught up to the man as he was entering a white SUV, according to the report from state police, but man denied he was involved in the crash, and when asked for his name and date of birth he gave false information. The trooper cited Ryan Christopher Elswood, 35, on accusations of unauthorized use of a vehicle, unauthorized entry into a vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, hit-and-run involving property, giving false information to police and driving without a license.

## TUESDAY

7:30 a.m. — La Grande police arrested Steven Lane Anglen, 40, on a warrant out of Montgomery County, Texas, for indecency with a child.

12:17 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about juveniles smoking marijuana at Birch Street and 11th Avenue, Elgin. A deputy responded but did not find the youths.

1:37 p.m. — A caller reported flooding on the 1000 block of Church Street, Cove.

4:02 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 100 block of First Street on a report of an assault. An officer talked to the people involved.

**Douglas Leon Trice**

April 19, 1952 - May 6, 2020

Douglas Leon Trice passed away at his home in La Grande, Oregon, on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at the age of 68. He was born to Lafayette (Lucky) Trice, Sr., and Dorothy Trice at the St Joseph Hospital, in La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, April 19, 1952.

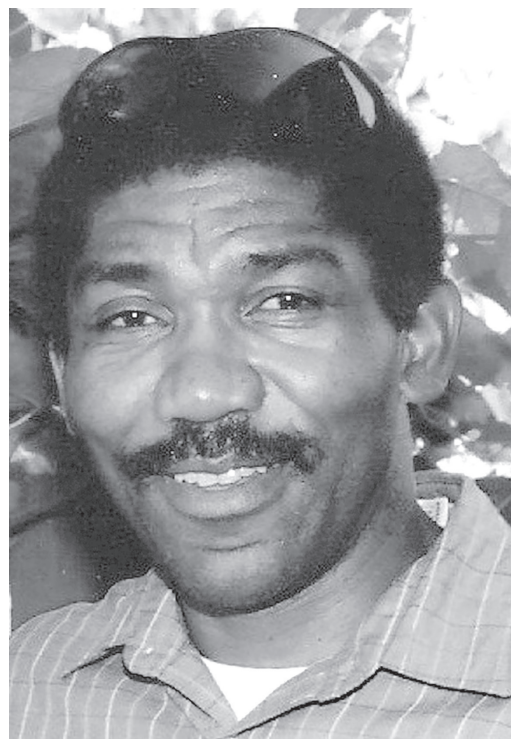
Doug attended Greenwood Elementary School and Junior High School. He graduated La Grande High School in June 1970, where he starred as a football player and received honorable mention as an all-state running back in 1969.

Doug continued his career in football at Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in Monmouth, Oregon. While on the gridiron, he set a school record for all-purpose yardage gained at Western Oregon University, a record that still stands today. In 1974, Doug completed a four-year education degree. Upon graduation, he returned to La Grande and found an opportunity to work as a brakeman for the Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement. In August 1977, Doug married Lynn Dorn, Salem, Oregon, and they had two children, Kiley and Braden.

In September 2006, he was inducted into the Western Oregon University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Doug was very active in the community and was a source of encouragement and support for youth sports for many years, including little league baseball and softball. He also worked with his grandchildren, Jordan and Hayden, in softball and introduced them to skiing and snowboarding.

He continued to make a difference in the lives of others as an active volunteer for over 18 years with the Special Olympics, and he co-directed the Union County's Special Olympics program. In 2007, Doug was selected as one of 20 assistant coaches for Team USA at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China. That same year he received a Governor's Gold Award from Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski for his work in Special Olympics. In 2011, Doug was again selected as a Special Olym-



pics coach for Team USA in Athens, Greece.

The La Grande Tiger Booster High School Hall of Fame recognized him in their 2019 selection as an Outstanding Male Athlete for his Special Olympics work and his athletic accomplishments.

Doug had a passion for helping others, especially his grandchildren, and was a "rock of support" to us all. We love him and will dearly miss him.

Doug is survived by his daughter, Kiley Trice, son, Braden Trice, mother, Dorothy Trice, brothers, Lafayette (Bunny) Trice, Jr, Arthur Trice, David Trice, Danny Trice, and sisters Jack Hurd and Gwendolen Trice. Doug leaves behind three grandchildren: Jordan, Hayden, and Maddox, as well as several cousins, nephews, nieces, and many friends.

Deceased family members include his dad, Lafayette (Lucky) Trice, Sr. and grandmothers Ella Trice and Grotis Smith.

Arrangements will be handled by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory. A memorial service celebration of life for Doug will be held in the upcoming months.

In place of flowers, we would appreciate donations to a sports scholarship in Doug's name, details provided at a later date.

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