

OBITUARY

Mark D. Kubin

1958-2021
La Grande

Mark D. Kubin, 63, of La Grande, died Aug. 29, 2021. A celebration of his life will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at The Barn at Tamarrack Springs and Aspen Meadows in Summerville. Food will be provided.



Kubin

Mark was born June 21, 1958, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He attended Cahill Elementary school and Edina High School. He earned a bachelor's degree at Bemidji State University and a master's in education at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. In La Grande he was executive director of the Grande Ronde Child Center, and served as community relations coordinator, interim public health administrator and in many additional positions at the Center for Human Development. He was also director of housing at Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls and a resident hall director at San Jose State University.

Mark truly loved and supported the local communities he lived in. He volunteered and served on countless committees and received awards including Employee of the Year at San Jose State University. He was an Eagle Scout and was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of

America. Mark, nicknamed Kubs, will be remembered most for his great sense of humor and how he enjoyed making those around him laugh until their bellies hurt. His charming personality was always a joy to be around. He loved spending time with friends and family, having adventures, being outdoors, skiing, going to Grateful

Dead concerts and traveling to new places. He was a natural storyteller and enjoyed playing the blues on his harmonica and banjo while singing ballads.

Survivors include his sisters and their partners, Lorrie and Ian Holmes, Linda and Jeff Roehl, and Leslie Kubin and Charlie Bowman; aunt, Bonnie Edwards; and cousins, Kelly Shelton, Kim Ford, David Knop and Jane Knop Schwedt.

Cards for the family and memorials may be sent to Loveland Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com. On the Loveland website, you can plant a tree in remembrance of Mark by clicking on the "Tribute Wall" button above his obituary.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

John M. Barnhart

Formerly of Union County

John Michael Barnhart, 75, formerly of Union County, died Oct. 3, 2021, in Klamath Falls. A celebration of his life will be held Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Christian Life Center in Elgin.

Larry D. Bryant

Fox

Larry Duane Bryant, 77, of Fox, died Oct. 3, 2021, in Boise, Idaho. A visitation will be held Oct. 8 from noon to 4 p.m. at Driskill Memorial Chapel, John Day. A graveside service will begin at 11 a.m. Oct. 9 at the Fox Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Fox Community Center.

Carol V. Roberts

Elgin

Carol V. Roberts, 70, of Elgin, died Oct. 4, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

ONLINE

Go to lagrandeobserver.com for local police reports, OSP activity in our area and more obituaries.

David Oliver Romine

April 30, 1959 - September 12, 2021

David Romine, 62, of Halfway, Oregon, died on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the home of his parents in Richland, Oregon. A memorial service will be held at Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway, Oregon, at 2 p.m. on October 9, 2021.



David Oliver Romine was born on April 30, 1959 in La Grande, Oregon, to David and Ora "Skip" Romine. David was raised in La Grande, attending grade schools and graduated from La Grande High School in 1979. David joined the Oregon Army National Guard right out of high school and remained a cook the entire thirteen years that he was enlisted. He left the military with an honorable discharge. David married Sheila Neer and together they had two children. They divorced in 1994.

During David's life he was a Jack-of-all-trades. He worked for Western Automatic from 1978-82. He then went on to own and operate his own sprinkler fitting business called Blue Mt. Fire Protection from 1982-87. Dave then worked at Cascade Fire Protection from 1987-94. Currently, David was self-employed as a handyman and doing construction, from taking on the small projects of a pump house to putting on an addition to a home which might include foundation, drywall, painting, flooring and more. David had a huge heart, always willing to help anyone at any time with anything.

A favorite pet of David's was "Ol Red Dog." He loved going into the mountains and mushrooming. He enjoyed working with wood and yard art, and creating small furniture. Just before this year's Labor Day Rodeo he made a two-sided bench which found its way to Main Street, from one side of the street to the other and to the fairgrounds for people to enjoy.

He was preceded in death by his brother James Romine.

David is survived by his son, Craig Romine and his wife Natasha of Union, OR; daughter Sara Sword and her husband Kevin of La Grande, OR; parents David and Skip Romine of Richland, OR; nephews Tom and Jon Romine; uncles Jerry Romine of Clarkston, WA and Larry Romine of La Grande, OR; and aunt Shirley Harrod of Vale, OR.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of David, the family suggests Best Friends (pet adoption and rescue) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon, 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at all gatherings.

Oct. 7 — JAMES SAILER: 2 p.m. graveside service, Summerville Cemetery.

Oct. 8 — THOMAS JOHNSON: 10 a.m. memorial service (casual dress), Summerville Cemetery Chapel.

Oct. 9 — JOSHUA BURRIGHT: 2 p.m. memorial service (casual dress), Imbler High

School football field.

Oct. 9 — HUGH STEPHENS: 2 p.m. memorial service, Mountain Life Church, La Grande.

Oct. 16 — MEL ELDER: 10 a.m. memorial service, La Grande First Christian Church.

Oct. 16 — INEZ LOCKEN: 11 a.m. graveside service, Lostine Cemetery.

Oct. 16 — BRADLEY FARRESTER: 4 p.m. celebration of life, Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande; reception follows.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Rural Fire District board will meet be held Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. at the fire hall in Island City. Call 541-910-3114 for more information.

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Planning Commission will meet for a work session Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. at La Grande City Hall, 1000 Adams Ave. On the agenda is discussion of the 2021 land code development changes.

• LA GRANDE — The La Grande Parks and Recreation commissions will meet next week. Each meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. For more information and to request access to the meetings, contact Stu Spence, Parks and Recreation director, at 541-962-1348 or sspence@city-oflagrande.org.

The Community Landscape and Forestry Commission meets Tuesday, Oct. 12; the La Grande Arts Commission meets Wednesday, Oct. 13; and the La Grande Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meets Thursday, Oct. 14.

BRIEFS

Sign up for next Cove senior meal

COVE — Cove senior lunches this fall are again being served at Founders Hall on the Ascension School grounds on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Coffee and tea are available at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is served at noon.

The menu for Tuesday, Oct. 19, is chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes with

country gravy, green beans, salad bar and rolls, plus banana bars for dessert.

The price is \$5 per meal and reservations are requested to ensure there is food for everyone. If you haven't been contacted or wish to participate, call Betsy Arnsen at 541-568-4902 or Virginia Fischer at 1-907-299-6072 by Oct. 12.

Community invited to cider press party Oct. 9

ENTERPRISE — St. Patrick Episcopal Church, 100 Northeast Third Street in Enterprise, invites the community to a cider press party Saturday, Oct. 9, from 2-5 p.m. Bring apples and bottles or juice containers if you have them. Refreshments will be available.

Teen iCraft returns to Cook Memorial Library

LA GRANDE — The free monthly Teen iCraft gathering begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Cook Memorial Library, 2006 Fourth St., La Grande. Teens will make Pumpkin Spice Slime. Masks are required.

— The Observer

David R. Romine

April 14, 1934 - September 26, 2021



David R. Romine, 87, of Richland, Oregon, passed at the St. Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City on Sunday, September 26, 2021. A memorial service will be held at Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway, Oregon, at 2 p.m. on October 9, 2021.

David was a lifelong resident of Eastern Oregon. He was born in La Grande on April 14, 1934 to Oliver and Carrie Mae (Houston) Romine. David worked for the Royal Café during high school and graduated from La Grande High School in 1953. David went into the Army during the Korean conflict in June of 1953 and served for two years. Following an honorable discharge, he was released back to the Oregon National Guard, where he served for over 30 years.

David married the love of his life, Ora "Skip" Hendrix, in Baker City on November 24, 1956. They made their home in La Grande and Halfway and were married for 64 years.

David worked for Boise Cascade, then spent over 30 years at the Oregon Highway Department, removing snow at Meacham and in road maintenance. He was a lifelong member of the La Grande Eagles FOE 259 and was a longtime member of the Halfway Lions, volunteering a lot of his time to their community projects.

David was preceded in death by his two sons, Jim Russell Romine and David Oliver Romine.

He is survived by his wife, Ora Hendrix Romine of Richland, OR; brothers Jerry Romine of Clarkston, WA and Larry Romine of La Grande; sister Shirley Harrod of Vale, OR; grandsons Thomas Romine, Jonathan Romine and Craig Romine; granddaughter Sara Sword; great-grandsons Craig, Claesen and Tristan; and great-granddaughters Brooklyn, Rachael and Arianna.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of David, the family suggests either the Senior Meals or the Pine Valley Museum through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon, 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Elizabeth (Betty) Turley

July 2, 1939 - September 15, 2021



Betty Turley, 82, formerly of La Grande, Oregon, passed away September 15, 2021 in Corvallis, Oregon, surrounded by her family.

Elizabeth Arlene was born on July 2, 1939, in Nampa, Idaho, to Glen and Marge (Angeroth) Raff. The family lived in La Grande but the doctor that delivered all three of the Raff children was in Nampa. They would go stay with family in Nampa before each baby was born.

Betty attended school in La Grande starting with Ackerman Elementary School and graduated from La Grande High School in 1957. In high school Betty was a member of the National Honor Society and was the Girls League president. Betty was an avid swimmer and was on the swim team. She was a member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, serving as Worthy Advisor. After high school she completed one year of courses at Eastern Oregon State College.

While in high school she met Daniel Turley and they were married right after graduation and had 6 children. Betty worked at the Veterans' Memorial Swim Pool in La Grande as a lifeguard when her first son was born and up until her second son was born, she then went to work part-time at a small preschool in a neighbor's home. After their third son was born, she became a stay-at-home Mom. Dan was transferred for work to Kalispell, Montana, where their fourth son was born and then they moved to Anaconda, Montana, where their fifth son was born. Then another work transfer moved the family to Boise, Idaho, where finally a daughter was born. After a brief move to Portland, Oregon, the family moved back to La Grande to be closer to family and later the couple divorced. Betty spent all her energy and time on her children. Her children and later her grandchildren were the most important things to her. She took really good care of her family and showed great love to all of them.

Betty worked at being the very best single Mom that she could be while raising her children. She worked part-time at B&N Grocery and then started working part-time for Evenson, Snyder, Lincoln, Seydel & Lewis as a bookkeeper. After all her children were in school, she went to work full-time with the accounting firm and retired after 40 years of service. She volunteered as a board member for the local Red Cross, board member for the Order of Rainbow for Girls, she was active as a member of TOPS for many years, and she spent many hours helping out with all her kids' activities; swim team, Boy Scouts, paper routes, baseball, softball, cheerleading, archery, chauffeuring

to meetings, state competitions, various fundraisers and receptions.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church when her kids were young and she enjoyed reading, gardening, growing flowers and making bows to go on the beautiful flower arrangements that she would so nicely put together. Betty enjoyed the holidays and loved having a full house, she had many decorations that she would decorate her house with for each occasion. At Halloween she loved having doughnuts and hot apple cider for everyone after trick or treating and this included any of the kid's friends, which some years that was a lot of kids. Her door was always open and through the years it seemed like there were always a few extra kids around calling her "Mom" and they still do to this day.

Betty was a breast cancer survivor of 11 years and enjoyed participating for many years in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure walk in Boise, Idaho, accompanied by family members.

She delighted in spending time with her family, and extended family and took great pride in their many activities and accomplishments. And as the family grew, she was overjoyed with each new addition.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Lisa and Travis Butler of Philomath, Dan and Tami Turley of Hermiston, Mark and Cathy Turley of Albany, Dave Turley of La Grande, Mike and Christine Turley of Portland and Matt and Katie Turley of La Grande; brother, Richard Raff of Auburn, WA; niece, Sheri Raff of Edgewood, WA; nephew, Rick Raff of Bonney Lake, WA; nephew, Sheck Raff of Bonney Lake, WA; grandchildren, Michael Turley of Granite Falls, WA, Andrea (Kyle) Norberg of Beaverton, Sara Turley of La Grande, Shawn Turley (Dakota Jenkins) of La Grande, Broc Turley of San Diego, CA, Emily Turley of La Grande, Mark Turley of Hermiston, Katrina Gerger (Will Potter) of Oakridge, OR, Grace Turley of La Grande and Ellie Turley of La Grande; great-grandchildren, Ayla, Jackson, Oliver, Delilah and Lucy Lu; great nephews, CJ Raff and Fred Elliot of Edgewood, WA; and special cousins, Bud & Karen Holmes of Caldwell, ID.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glen and Marge Raff; brother, Gary Raff; aunt, Virginia Holmes; and sister-in-law, Judy McCartney (Raff).

A celebration of life will be held at First Presbyterian Church of La Grande on November 20th at 2:00 pm with a reception to follow at the Fellowship Hall.

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

PICK'N PATCH OPEN!

Where: Corner of Booth Lane and Lower Cove Road

When: Friday and Saturday: 9am-6pm
Sunday: 10am-4pm
Monday-Thursday: By appointment

What you will find: Small corn maze, several varieties of pumpkins and gourds, straw bales, corn stalks.

If you would like to schedule a school field trip or other event, please call the number listed below.

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