

OBITUARIES

Michael J. Miller

1947-2021
Enterprise

Michael Jay Miller, 74, of Enterprise, died Oct. 27, 2021, in Baker City, due to complications with Alzheimer's disease. A joint graveside funeral service for Mike and his brother, Don, officiated by Lee Bollman, will be held at 3 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Enterprise Cemetery, followed by a celebration of their lives at the Enterprise VFW Hall.



M. Miller

Also known as Mike, he was born Aug. 20, 1947, in Enterprise, to Robert Jay "Tex" Miller and Bonnie Jean (McCubbin) Miller. He was the oldest of three children. His brother, Donald Miller, died on the same day as Mike. He was raised and lived all of his life in Enterprise and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1966.

On June 2, 1967, Mike married Lynn Grote. The couple had two daughters, Wendy Roberts and Toni Bennett. The union later ended in divorce, but they remained close friends.

Mike was known for his skills in operating heavy equipment. He worked for RD Mac, Inc., DMCD and the Wallowa County Road Department, from which he retired in 2012. He proudly kept the town of Imnaha and the river woods clear of

snow every winter, making lifelong friends in the process.

Over the years, Mike served as a member of the Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department, belonged to

Elks Lodge #1829 and coached Little League softball teams for his daughter Wendy.

Mike was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends snowmobiling, riding ATVs, whitewater river rafting, hunting, fishing, drinking beer and watching his grandchildren play sports. He will be remembered for his kindness, sense of humor and gift for making others smile.

Survivors include his daughters, Wendy Roberts of La Grande and Toni Bennett of Baker City; sister, Janelle Miller of Pendleton; first cousin, Rick Miller and wife, Mindy, of Pendleton; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department, 108 NE First St., Enterprise 97828; the Alzheimer's Association, 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 190, Portland 97209; or the charity of your choice.

Donald E. Miller

1950-2021
Enterprise

Donald E. Miller, 71, of Enterprise, died Oct. 27, 2021, at his home. A joint graveside funeral service for Don and his brother, Mike, officiated by Lee Bollman, will be held at 3 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Enterprise Cemetery, followed by a celebration of their lives at the Enterprise VFW Hall.



D. Miller

Also known as Don, he was born April 11, 1950, in Enterprise, to Robert Jay "Tex" Miller and Bonnie Jean (McCubbin) Miller. He had two siblings. His brother, Michael Miller, died on the same day as

the Kenai River, where he enjoyed fishing for salmon.

Wallowa County eventually drew Don back home in the early 1990s, and he became a commuter, flying between Prudhoe Bay and home every two weeks. He retired in 2010 to help care for his dad who was in failing health.

Survivors include his sister Janelle Miller; his mom's first cousin, Connie McCubbin Ferguson; first cousin and hunting buddy, Rick Miller and wife, Mindy; nieces, Wendy Roberts, Toni Bennett, Emily Linder,

and Genevieve Methvin and husband, Chris; nephew, Charlie Linder and wife, Katie; great-nieces, Jordann Dewitt and husband, Eric, Carsyn Roberts, Kara and Alayne Bennett, and Cleo Methvin; great-nephews, Tyrel and Casey Rankin, Troy Bennett, Oliver Methvin, and Henry and James Linder; great-great-nephew, Parker Dewitt; and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 190, Portland 97209, or the charity of your choice.



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, NOV. 12

7:32 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a handicapped parking space at Green Tree Apartments, 2310 Q Ave.
8:07 a.m. — Local law enforcement arrested Steven Dean Johnson, 31, for violating a restraining order.
9:37 a.m. — A caller reported a transient camp at Pioneer Park, La Grande. An officer responded and resolved the situation.
11:52 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible missing person. An officer made contact and took information.
1:36 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal neglect on the 65000 block of Hunter Road, Summerville. An animal enforcement officer will follow up.
8:01 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a possible runaway from Grande Woods Apartments, 2005 Gekeler Lane. An officer responded and took a report.
11:04 p.m. — A caller complained about a loud party on the 900 block of North Gail Street, Union. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and counseled the parties.

SATURDAY, NOV. 13

3:21 a.m. — A dispatcher at the Union County Sheriff's Office, 1109 K Ave., La Grande, observed a car prowler. La Grande police officers made contact and resolved the situation.
5:45 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2300 block of North Court on a report of an assault. An officer took information.
1:40 p.m. — A caller reported an assault on the 200 block of Greenwood Street, La Grande. An officer will follow up.
2:27 p.m. — A caller asked local law enforcement to check on children playing in the street on the 700 block of North Main Street, Union. The kids were gone by the time the officer arrived.
5:23 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Walnut Street and Adams Avenue for a non-injury crash and arrested Wendy V. Vol-drich, 57, of Boise, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.
5:34 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about theft

of services on the 1700 block of Gekeler Lane.
10:51 p.m. — La Grande police cited a 36-year-old woman on a Umatilla County warrant for failure to appear in a theft and forgery case.

SUNDAY, NOV. 14

12:17 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 1000 block of Galveston Street, Elgin, on a report of a disturbance. The situation did not rise to the level of a crime.
1:43 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of a person knocking on the door of a residence on the 2600 block of Spruce Street. Officers checked the area but did not find anyone.
2:08 a.m. — A La Grande resident reported fraud on a credit card. An officer made contact and took a report.
9:21 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the 700 block of North Bellwood Street, Union, on a report of a disturbance. The deputy separated and counseled the parties.
12:35 p.m. — A caller reported two horses running loose in the area of 1100 Conklin Road, Cove. An animal enforcement officer responded and secured the horses.
1:19 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a deer stuck in a fence on the 600 block of North 13th Avenue, Elgin. A deputy responded and freed the deer.
2:12 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a theft from Powerhouse Automotive, 1529 Jefferson Ave. An officer made contact and took a report.
4:43 p.m. — A caller reported a suspicious person in a vehicle at The Observer, 911 Jefferson Ave., La Grande. An officer responded and the subject agreed to move along.
6:40 p.m. — Someone abandoned dogs at the Imbler Market, 350 Ruckman Ave. A Union County sheriff's deputy took information.
8:05 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1500 block of X Avenue on a report of fireworks and counseled one person.
8:46 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a sex crime in Elgin. A deputy responded and took a report.

Coral M. (Pritchard) Ward

La Grande
1936-2021

Coral Marie Ward, 85, of La Grande, died Nov. 9, 2021, at Grande Ronde Retirement Residence. A memorial service will be held Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at the La Grande First Presbyterian Church. Masks will be required. The service will also be streamed live to www.facebook.com/groups/FPCLaGrande.



Ward

Coral was born July 5, 1936, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The family moved to Richland, Washington, in 1944 when her father accepted a job with the Hanford Project. She graduated from Richland High School in 1954, attended one year at Pacific Lutheran University, then married her grade school sweetheart, Robert "Bob" Ward in 1956.

Coral was a full-time mother to four daughters until returning to the workforce in 1976. She was a secretary at what is now Eastern Oregon University in the office of Residence Life, retiring in 1997. Coral attended the

La Grande Presbyterian Church, was a member and officer in TOPS, and enjoyed the company and conversation of local book clubs. The Grande Ronde Valley was her home for 52 years.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Denis Whittet of Gladstone, Julie and Mike

McKerrow of Eugene, Cherrie Ward and Mark Barber of La Grande, and Karen and Brian Tannehill of North Powder; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, in 1988.

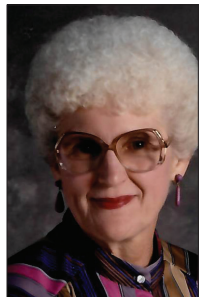
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Friday Backpack Program, P.O. Box 537, La Grande 97850, or to the First Presbyterian Church, 1308 Washington Ave., La Grande 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com

Marlene Turner

1932-2021
Union

Marlene Turner, 88, of Union, died Nov. 8, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of her life will be held Nov. 20, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, followed by committal and interment at Hillcrest Cemetery, La Grande.



Turner

Marlene was born Dec. 30, 1932, in La Grande, to Loren Turner and Edna (Gekeler) Turner. During her senior year at Union High School she was an aide in the high school office, and after graduation she was hired as the high school secretary when the former retired. She worked in that position until her own retirement. She was all things Union High School and was a huge supporter of all events.

Marlene enjoyed gambling and traveling to the Coast and Jackpot with her best friend. She was also active in the Rebekah Lodge and enjoyed time at the Elks Lodge. She was close with her nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews, Kevin Beardsley, Troy and Denise Beardsley, Robyn Dix, Monte and Jamie Turner and Shelley and Denny Bolyard; and great-nephews, Eric Collins, Patrick Bolyard and Brandon Bolyard.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Joy Beardsley; brother, Darrell Turner; and great-nephew, Kody Beardsley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Union High School.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• PENDING — The Board of Directors of the InterMountain Education Service District meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the IMESD, 2001 SW Nye Ave., Pendleton.

• ENTERPRISE — A meeting for volunteers for the January 2022 Eagle Cap Extreme sled dog race will be held Thursday, Nov. 18. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at 309 S. River St., Enterprise. Masks are required inside the building.

BRIEFS

Library hosts free movie for teens tomorrow

LA GRANDE — Cook Memorial Library's Teen Mid-Week Movie for November happens at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17. Call the library or visit their web page at www.cookmemoriallibrary.org for movie title.

Virtual literary reading series features poet

LA GRANDE — On Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. the ACE Writing Project will present a virtual reading by Brittney Corrigan from her poetry book "Daughters." Access the reading by clicking on the event's description at www.artcentereast.org.

Ski swap set for Saturday

LA GRANDE — The Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol Ski Swap is planned for 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Riviera Activity Center, 2609 Second St., La Grande, offering deals on both new and used equipment. Equipment check-in is from 9 a.m. to noon, with pickup and payout from 4-5 p.m. For information call Zak at 208-596-2807.

— The Observer

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Margaret Moss

La Grande

Margaret Moss, 82, of La Grande, died Nov. 13, 2021, at Wildflower Lodge. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Halfway.

Tracy Moss

Formerly of La Grande

Tracy Moss, 60, formerly of La Grande, died Nov. 11, 2021, at his home in Prairie City. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Halfway.

Peggy L. Johnson

La Grande

Peggy L. Johnson, 79, of La Grande, died Nov. 11, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Viewings will be held Nov. 17 from 5-7 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 9:30-9:50 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 10 a.m., all at Loveland Funeral Chapel.

Phillip Miller

La Grande

Phillip Miller, 82, of La Grande, died Nov. 13, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES

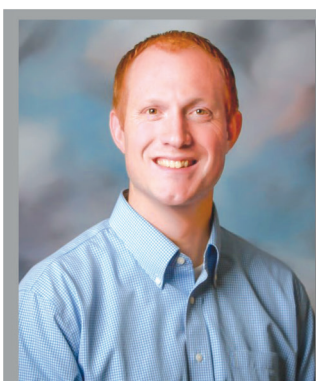


Funeral, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.
Nov. 20 — RYAN "JORGY" JORGENSEN: 10 a.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.
— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Nov. 16 — JERRY LOU GERBER: 10 a.m.

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