

OBITUARIES

Hubert 'Herb' M. Comfort

1935-2021
La Grande

Hubert Merle Comfort, 86, of La Grande, died Nov. 12, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital due to complications from pneumonia and COVID-19. A service celebrating his life will be held April 9, 2022, at the La Grande Nazarene Church.

Known in his young life as Merle and later as Herb, he was born Nov. 12, 1935, to Ralph Comfort and Edith Comfort in Greenleaf, Idaho. After a time in Woodland, Idaho, during the Depression he graduated from Greenleaf Friends Academy in 1953 and later moved to Newberg, where he worked as a school bus driver before attending George Fox College in 1956 and 1957.

In Newberg, Herb met his future wife, Cora Ann Pierce, and they were married in October 1958. The year after they were married, Merle Eugene was born in Newberg. Herb was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1959. Sharon Lynn was born in the early years of his military service at Fort Benning, Georgia. After a three-year tour of duty in Germany, Herb and Cora welcomed Eleanor Jean, in September 1965, and David Allen followed in July 1967 at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Herb was honorably discharged after a distinguished 20-year career in the Army Medical Corps Dental Detachment. In June 1979, the family moved to La Grande, where he was the founder of Comfort Dental Laboratory and was self-employed as a dental technician until the time of his death.

Among the family's favorite memories are road trips and camping. Herb was a loving husband and caring father.



Comfort



The house was always open to the kids' friends, and many have commented that they are better husbands and fathers themselves because of Herb's example. On any given Saturday, you might find him fishing at Morgan Lake, and in the evening you would find him playing cards or dominoes or working on a puzzle.

Herb and Cora were avid followers of La Grande High School and Eastern Oregon University sports, and he volunteered regularly as a clock operator. He was a long-time supporter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Oregon Association of Dental Laboratories, the National Association of Dental Laboratories, and the La Grande Nazarene Church. He was an NADL Certified Dental Technician and was honored by OADL in the late 1990s as the Technician of the Year.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Cora; four children; six grandchildren and one great-grandson; five siblings; several cousins; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Donald, Carroll and Audrey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the memorial fund at the Nazarene Church, 109 18th St., La Grande 97850.

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

Fredrick 'Fred' N. Zachow

1926-2021
Island City

Fredrick Norman Zachow, 95, of Island City, died Nov. 16, 2021, at his home. As he requested, his ashes will be spread on Silver Crown Mountain at Northport, Washington.

Known as Fred, he was born Oct. 24, 1926, in Northport, Washington, to William Edward Zachow and Frona Ellen (Tift) Zachow. He grew up and attended school in Northport.

Fred served in the U.S. Navy and was on a carrier during World War II. For the rest of his life, he was fascinated with aircraft and could tell you precisely how planes took off and landed on that ship. He liked to drive to Pendleton and watch military trainings at the airport.

For many years Fred and his brother, Bill, worked together driving car transport carriers. One would sleep as the other drove so they could make more trips. His favorite story was when he lost his brakes and ran into the front of a restaurant and calmly ordered a hamburger. Luckily no one was hurt in this accident, but it was a long time before they could laugh about it.

Later Fred moved to La Grande to be near his mother and sisters and started an upholstery business in his mother's garage. He was a perfectionist and soon word of the quality of his workmanship spread. He then built the Custom Trim Shop in Island City, where he worked well into his 80s.



Zachow



Fred loved to hunt, but fishing was his passion. Getting his boat out on the water was his favorite way to relax.

His best friend and neighbor, Ken Simmons, helped him continue fishing into his retirement years.

Fred also enjoyed rock hunting and had some made into small tables and coffee tables. He and his wife, Marilyn, were snowmobilers, and for many years he drove the grooming plow, making the trails safe.

Fred was a quiet man, but he loved to meet one-on-one and tell great stories of his life experiences. He gave his life to the Lord as a child and renewed that relationship when he was older, having many conversations with his sister Clara and her pastor, Ralph Trask, who became a good friend.

Survivors include his sister, Retta Hoxie of La Grande; niece, Ruth Lester and husband, Lonnie, of La Grande; nephew, Ron Zachow and wife, Phyllis, of Redding, California; niece, Joyce Hockett of Rathdrum, Idaho; and great-nieces, Becky Lester, Lisa Kelly, Brenda Bonney and Marci Pokorney.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; son, Brice; and siblings, Martha Cameron, Bill Zachow and Clara Wiscarson.

Memorial donations may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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MENU

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER TAKEOUT LUNCHES

Pick up between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande. Age 60+, \$3 suggested donation; all others, \$5. All are welcome.

Nov. 22-24

Monday: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, vegetables, roll, salad, fruit.
Tuesday: manicotti, Caesar salad, garlic bread, dessert.

Wednesday: honey-glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad greens, fruit, dessert.

Thursday & Friday: senior center closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Samuel G. Polkinghorne

Summerville

Samuel G. Polkinghorne, 89, of Summerville, died Nov. 17, 2021, at his home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Ronald A. Hayward Jr.

Island City

Ronald A. Hayward Jr., 59, of Island City, died Nov. 18, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Julia Luse

Formerly of Elgin

Julia Luse, 95, formerly of Elgin, died Nov. 17, 2021. Arrangements are by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Halfway.

Gene McKinney

Island City

Gene McKinney, 83, of Island City, died Nov. 16, 2021, at his residence. A funeral will be held Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Island City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Lee T. Insko

La Grande

Lee T. Insko, 86, of La Grande, died Nov. 16, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of his life will be held Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. at Quinn Coliseum on the Eastern Oregon University campus, La Grande. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

Nov. 20 — CINDY SHIPP: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. viewing, Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise; 4 p.m. celebration of life, Hurricane Creek Garage, Joseph.

Nov. 20 — MARLENE TURNER: 11 a.m. celebra-

tion of life, Daniels-Knopp Funeral Center, La Grande; committal and interment follows at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Nov. 20 — BETTY TURLEY: 2 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande First Presbyterian Church; reception follows.

Nov. 20 — MIKE & DON MILLER: 3 p.m. graveside services, Enterprise Cemetery; celebration of their lives follows at Enterprise VFW.

Beverly J. (Graybeal) Bushman

1930-2021
La Grande

Beverly Joan Bushman, 91, of La Grande, died Nov. 17, 2021, at a local care facility.

A graveside service will be held Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date.

Nicknamed Bev, Beverly was born Sept. 22, 1930, in Weiser, Idaho, to Ira Graybeal and Iola (Anderson) Graybeal. She attended school in Elgin, where she was the captain of the volleyball team.

Beverly worked at the Liberty Theatre in La Grande, where she met her future husband, Leroy V. Bushman. They were married on June 24, 1947. They traveled with Leroy's employer, Union Pacific Railroad, all over the Pacific Northwest early in their marriage and resided several years in Gibbon before settling in Perry. Beverly was a devoted wife and

mother. She enjoyed making beaded jewelry, scrapbooking and arranging flowers for weddings. She loved gardening and cross-pollinating irises to develop new color variations.



Bushman

Survivors include her husband, Leroy; children and their spouses, Julie and Dale Alexander of Pendleton, Jeffrey and Lisa Bushman of Summerville, and Steven and Brandy Bushman of La Grande; sister, Karen MacWilliams of Hillsboro; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Lee "Bud" Smith of Hillsboro; 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Lora Anne; daughter, Diana Malone; brother, Melvin Kerr; and stepfather, John Kerr.

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

Wayne G. Williams

April 4, 1938 - November 9, 2021

Wayne G. Williams, of Montrose, Colorado, formerly of Cove, Oregon, passed away on November 9, 2021, at his daughter's home in Montrose, with his loving family by his side.

Wayne Griffith Williams was born April 4, 1938, in Utica, New York, to Griffith Morris and Margaret (Davies) Williams. Wayne grew up in the Utica area and graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1955. Wayne and his family enjoyed the outdoors of the Adirondacks, often spending weeks with family and friends camping. After high school Wayne headed west, to take his love of the outdoors and study Forestry. This led him to different jobs within the United States Forest Service.

When in Washington State he met the love of his life, Rosemary Ellen Warfield, and they were married December 21, 1963, in Quilcene, Washington, where in September 1965 their daughter, Carla Jean, was born. Then in October 1969 their son, Griffith Ewan, was born in Corvallis, Oregon. Early in 1970 the family moved to La Grande, Oregon, where Wayne took a job with the U.S. Forest Service, at the Range & Wildlife Lab, where he was a Research Technician. He helped to gather research for many different papers, within the Range & Wildlife Lab. Wayne was instrumental in the construction of the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range facility.

Wayne and Rosemary resided in La Grande until the time of his retirement. In 1997, they moved just outside of La Grande, to Cove, Oregon, where they had their little farm, which they both loved. Between fruit trees and a large garden, and many friends, they enjoyed sharing their crops of raspberries, peaches, apples and vegetables. Wayne was also very active with the Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol. He spent over 45 years as a member of the National Ski Patrol, earning many awards and commendations. He was also a past member of the La Grande Volunteer Fire Department as well as Grande Ronde Hospital Ambulance Service.

He will always be remembered for his fun demeanor, his love of western clothes, his dance shuffle in his cowboy boots and his love for helping people and his comforting smile. He enjoyed spending time



with his family whenever he could.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Rosemary of Montrose, Colorado; his daughter, Carla (Kelly) Crippin of Montrose; his son, Griffith (Yvonne Santiago) Williams, of La Grande, Oregon; sister, Margaret "Penny" Moody of Portland, Oregon; granddaughters, Lindzey (Drew) Ruderman of Montrose, Nicole (Nicholas Parks) Santiago of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Monique Williams Santiago of La Grande, Oregon; his great-grandson, Henley J. Ruderman of Montrose; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hopewest, 725 S 4th St., Montrose, CO, 81401 (<https://www.hopewestco.org/donate/>) or to Anthony Lakes Ski Patrol in care of amy@anthonylakes.com for the purchase of rescue equipment.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Montrose as well as La Grande, Oregon. A 'Last Sweep' to honor Wayne will be held at Anthony Lakes, Oregon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Crippin Funeral Home, Montrose.

Cutest Adopted or Rescue Pet photo contest

Submit your photos and be entered for your chance to win a \$30 gift certificate to a local restaurant of your choice

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