

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Margaret M. Rimbey

La Grande

Margaret M. Rimbey, 100, of La Grande, died Dec. 2, 2021, at her home. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Vernon F. Valiant
Union

Vernon F. Valiant, 91, of Union, died Nov. 24, 2021. A funeral service will be held Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. in the former Union Methodist Church. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

9:56 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about vandalism at Pioneer Park. An officer responded and took a report.
 1:06 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 100 block of Jackson Avenue on a report of a disturbance and resolved the situation — for now.
 3:03 p.m. — La Grande police received a report about a suspicious subject at Cove Avenue and Albany Street. An officer responded and trespassed one person.
 3:19 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a sex crime.
 4:34 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about transients loitering at Max Square. An officer responded, and the subjects agreed to move their belongings.
 5:16 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance involving a juvenile on the 2100 block of Leo Lane, La Grande. An officer made contact and explained options.
 11:14 p.m. — La Grande police responded to U Avenue and Fir Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Police cited a 15-year-old girl for minor in possession of alcohol and assaulting a public safety officer.

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

2:21 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of two 911 hangup calls from the 2900 block of Third Street. An officer responded and resolved the situation.
 10:31 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2100 block of Leo Lane on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers found this was an argument.
 12:08 p.m. — A caller on the 3100 block of May Lane, La Grande, reported the theft of a vehicle. An made contact and took a report.
 3:15 p.m. — A resident on the 2500 block of May Lane, La Grande, reported fraud. An officer made contact and took information.
 4:51 p.m. — La Grande police assisted medics at a traffic crash involving injuries on the 700 block of H Avenue.
 7:06 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible intoxicated driver at Walmart, 11619 Island Ave, Island City. A deputy responded and arrested John Conrad Keller Jr., 21, of La Grande, for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.
 7:54 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the Royal Motor Inn, 1510 Adams Ave., on a report of a disturbance and resolved the situation.
 8:14 p.m. — La Grande police received a 911 call with a child saying profanities. An officer responded and along with a parent counseled the child.

Maryann K. Stahl

1957-2021
La Grande

Maryann Katherine Stahl, 64, of La Grande, died Nov. 16, 2021. A celebration of her life will be held Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. at the La Grande Nazarene Church, officiated by Pastor Kevin Goss. Masks are required. The service also will be livestreamed through social media. Arrangements are by Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City, Idaho.



Stahl

Maryann was born Feb. 10, 1957, in San Bruno, California. She was a retired customer service representative for the IRS. During retirement she enjoyed part-time work as a Stampin Up! demonstrator.

Maryann was an active member of the Church of the Nazarene in both Newberg and La Grande. She was also actively involved in Celebrate Recovery and a member of the Happy Hookers crochet group.

Maryann was a devoted mother, grandmother and friend. She enjoyed

spending time with her family and friends, especially during knit night, trips to card-making and crafting events, the beach and the zoo. She has friends and family across the states who will miss playing Pokemon Go with her.

Survivors include her children, Amy Gordin, Greg Minor and Ryan Minor; three grandchildren; and siblings, Fred Stahl, Jude Holmes, Peggy Dixon, Michael Dixon, Judy Mattson and John Dixon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cora Wilkie and Jude Stahl; brother, Mike Stahl; and grandson, Cameron Burton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Orphans' Project, which rescues and rehabilitates orphaned elephants, at www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/donate.

OBITUARIES

Marilyn L. (Powell) Rachau

1932-2021
La Grande

Marilyn Lucille Rachau, 89, of La Grande, died Nov. 30, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A service will be held in the spring.

Marilyn was born Oct. 27, 1932, in Baker City, to Earl Powell and Lucille (Giles) Powell. She resided in Union and La Grande and graduated from Union High School. She married William "Bill" Rachau on Jan. 10, 1953.

Marilyn was employed by First Interstate Bank as a bank teller. Some of her favorite moments were spent with her family at the cabin. She

enjoyed riding trail bikes, snowmobiles, and four-wheelers. She loved getting firewood and traveling.

Survivors include her husband, William Rachau of La Grande; son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Bobbi Rachau of Los Lunas, New Mexico; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and five nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Lucille Powell, and son, Todd Rachau.

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

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

Dec. 4 — LEE INSKO: 10 a.m. celebration of life, Quinn Coliseum, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande.
Dec. 4 — JULIA LUSE: 11 a.m. celebration of life, Christian Life

Center, Elgin.
Dec. 11 — MARYANN STAHL: 1 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.
Dec. 13 — VERNON VALIANT: 11 a.m. funeral, former Union Methodist Church.
Dec. 19 — MARY REEDER: 1 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.
— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

COMBE: Axel Henry Combe, born Nov. 6, 2021, to Emma Stockhoff Combe and Kyle Combe, of Summerville. Grandparents are Joe and Laura Combe and Hank and Val Stockhoff.
MEIER: Rowdy Meier, born Nov. 9, 2021, to Marlee Meier and Josh Meier, of La Grande. Grandparents are Lisa and Jeff Nice, Bob and Donna Kennon, Ramona Meier and Tom Meier.
RASMUSSEN: Ryder Thomas Rasmussen, born Nov. 15, 2021, to Gina Vermillion and Ian Rasmussen, of La Grande.
ROBERTSON: Hannah Robertson, born Nov. 16, 2021, to Cristyna Dawn Fellows and Cody Lee Robertson, of La Grande.
VanARSDALE: Kaden Charles Dean VanArsdale, born Nov. 1, 2021, to Hailey VanArsdale, of La Grande.
WRIGHT: Ivy Rose Wright, born Nov. 8, 2021, to Haley Marie Wright and Chad Matthew Wright, of La Grande. Grandparents are Sherri Johnson, Jesse Johnson, Jill Macy and Sean Macy.

Longtime community leaders leaving area

By **DICK MASON**
The Observer



Shannon Garlitz/Contributed Photo
A farewell gathering for Joe and Irene Garlitz is planned for Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, in Elgin.

ELGIN — Joe Garlitz, a longtime community leader, and his wife, Irene Garlitz, a retired award-winning teacher, will be recognized Sunday, Dec. 5, in Elgin.

The couple will be saluted at a farewell potluck lunch at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 93 S. 12th St., Elgin. The potluck is open to the public and is expected to start following Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, around 1:30 p.m.

The couple have lived in Elgin since 1973 after moving there from Colorado. They will be moving to Eagle, Idaho, in the upcoming week to be closer to medical facilities in the Treasure Valley and to be with their daughters, Alena and Serena. The Garlitzes also have two sons, John, who lives in La Grande, and Paul, who lives in Amarillo, Texas.

Irene Garlitz is well known in the community, partly due to 20 years of work as a teacher

about 20 years as Elgin's city administrator.

While city administrator, Garlitz played roles in helping the city create its Hu-Na-Ha RV Park and the Clarence Witty Park. He also was instrumental in helping create a health district, which has a tax base, and in updating the city's sewer system so it could better meet Department of Environmental Quality standards.

"It was the community which made everything happen," he said.

Garlitz retired as city administrator in 2009 but has continued to have an active role in his church as a deacon.

"It was a wonderful chance to serve," he said.

Garlitz said one of the roles he enjoyed most as deacon was officiating at weddings.

Whether at church or in the community, he said that Elgin's people are what make it special.

"Whenever people here see a neighbor in need, they step forward," Garlitz said.

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James Clark Lundy, Sr.

April 26, 1935 - November 24, 2021



James Clark Lundy, Sr., a fifty-two year resident in the Grande Ronde Valley, died at his home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Jim Lundy was born on April 26, 1935, in Caldwell, Idaho, to Glen W. and Bernice (Maves) Lundy. He grew up in Idaho, Oregon, and California as his father moved from farming to preaching. Jim was one of four children, with two older sisters and a younger brother.

Jim served in the United States Army during 1954-55, stationed in Korea before returning to use his GI benefits to attend Oregon State University. He earned a degree in Business Administration and Food Science, graduating in June 1958.

While attending OSU he met Judy Altmiller, whose family had moved to Oregon from Oklahoma. They married on September 12, 1958, and would share 63 years and raise five children together.

Jim began his career with the Oregon State System of Higher Education in the OSU business office the month he graduated. Except for an 18 month detour through Boeing in Federal Way, Washington, during 1962-63, he worked as an Oregon State higher education administrator until his retirement from Eastern Oregon University in 1992. He returned to OSU for several years following his work at Boeing, moving to Eastern Oregon College in 1967. During his time at Eastern he progressed from Business Manager to Vice President of Business Affairs, gathering various additional tasks over the years. He taught Accounting, oversaw numerous building projects and Physical Plant Operations at Eastern Oregon. After retiring Jim continued his service to Eastern Oregon University as EOU Foundation treasurer and board member.

One of his most meaningful extracurricular activities was Rodeo Coach. Jim and Judy made this a family experience and he learned from the student team members as well as providing guidance. (Side benefit, cowboy hat and boots add height!) This is when he began his life-long side-gig officiating at wedding ceremonies for student couples and others, including all his children. Jim served in a ministerial capacity for colleagues, community, friends, and family throughout his adult

life. Jim Lundy was active in church and civic organizations from his youth onward. He was an elder at the Church of Christ in La Grande, a member of Rotary, Lions, 4-H leader, and Mayor and city council member for Cove. He was reliably available for church, school, and community activities that needed his time and energetic support.

Jim's time away from work was spent golfing, gardening, camping, beekeeping, and fishing. He enjoyed all these activities more if they were shared with friends and family. He directed youth camps for Irondyke Christian Camp, where he introduced years of campers to the joy of fishing. Many friends shared the produce from his gardens (especially the pumpkin patch), and he shared the critical task of beekeeping with his grandsons.

Jim and Judy had five children and were closely connected to both extended families. Family reunions were regular yearly events and new additions were always welcome. Jim and Judy have 17 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren (and counting!)

Jim Lundy's many interests and activities were all directed by his belief in God and his faith in the promise brought by His son, Jesus. Jim followed the example set by his own father in continuing to study, learn, and share the truth that guided his life.

Jim is survived by his wife, Judy, and their five children (James Lundy, Jr., Lori Stadler, Mary Lundy, Braden Lundy, and Brenda Harlan) as well as his two sisters; Mary Biszmeier and Carolyn York.

A memorial service will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the Dalton Gardens Church of Christ in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. A memorial service in La Grande, Oregon, will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at the Gilbert Center on EOU campus.

Contributions in memory of Jim Lundy may be made to the Jim Lundy Civic Scholarship at Eastern Oregon University Foundation One University Blvd., La Grande, OR, 97850 or Great Northwest Christian Camps@GNWCC.org.

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

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS
 • ENTERPRISE — A meeting for Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race volunteers begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Toma's Conference Room, 309 S. River St., Enterprise. call 541-263-1838 for more information.
 • LA GRANDE — The Union Soil and Water Conservation District's monthly

board meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. in the OSU Extension Office Conference Room, 10507 N. McAlister Road, Island City. Principal subjects to be discussed are monthly financial statements, staff reports and partner agency reports. Call 541-963-1313 for more information.

— *The Observer*

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