

OBITUARY

Derrell 'Jim' J. Tooke

La Grande
1943-2021

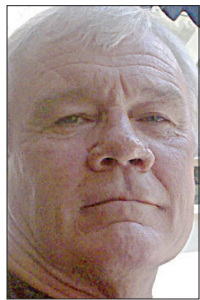
Derrell "Jim" James Tooke, 78, of La Grande, died Nov. 27, 2021. A memorial service will be held Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 43, La Grande. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

Known as Jim, he was born July 22, 1943, in Enid, Oklahoma, but he was a Texan, tried and true. He spent many years around the San Antonio area. He received a PhD in mathematics from Texas A&M

University in 1986. He was a professor at several universities until his retirement from Eastern Oregon University in 2009. He married Colleen on May 20, 2005, and adopted her three children: Cory, Ryan and Kate.

Jim was a teacher first. He had a passion for it. He enjoyed announcing sporting events and received an award at EOU as "The Voice of

the Mountaineers." He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle.



Tooke

Jim was known for his quick wit and storytelling. He loved country music, especially George Strait and Willie Nelson. He was a jeans and T-shirt kind of guy with an extensive T-shirt collection he

donned daily. Survivors include his sisters, Susan Hodges of

New Braunfels, Texas, Celia Kupersmith of Reno, Nevada, and Kate Newman of Dallas, Texas; wife, Colleen Tooke of La Grande; and children, Cory Macavoy of La Grande, Ryan Tooke, U.S. Air Force, and Kate Sanders of La Grande.

He was preceded in death by his adopted father, Howard Goldstucker, and his mother, Mary Jane Goldstucker. He was very close to both of them.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Patricia E. Anderson
La Grande

Patricia Ellen Anderson 78, of La Grande, died Dec. 3, 2021, at Kadlec Medical Center, Richland, Washington. A funeral service will be held Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, La Grande. A graveside service will begin at 2 p.m. Dec. 15 at the W.J. Ward Memorial Cemetery, Brookings. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Christen R. Hart
La Grande

Christen R. Hart, 52, of La Grande, died Dec. 4, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Patricia A. Lewis
Formerly of La Grande

Patricia A. Lewis, 91, of Boise and formerly of La Grande, died Dec. 3, 2021, at a care facility in Boise. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Evelyn L. Meeker
Union

Evelyn L. Meeker, 82, of Union, died Dec. 4, 2021, at her residence. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Ringling in the holidays



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Gabriel and Samuel Weems pet a lamb during the Union Winter Wonderland parade on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021. Nearly a hundred residents watched the parade and Christmas tree lighting at the annual event.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

Dec. 11 — MARYANN STAHL: 1 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.

Dec. 11 — JIM TOOKE: 1 p.m. memorial service, Amer-

ican Legion Post 43, La Grande.

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.

Jan. 15, 2022 — JIM LUNDY: 2 p.m. memorial service, Gilbert Center, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MEETINGS

• **LA GRANDE** — The La Grande Arts Commission meets Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconference. To obtain the meeting link or other information, contact Stu Spence at sspence@cityoflagrande.org or 541-962-1348.

• **LA GRANDE** — The Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission meets Thursday, Dec. 9, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconference. To obtain the meeting link or other information, contact Stu Spence at sspence@cityoflagrande.org or 541-962-1348.

BRIEFS

Free iCraft open to all teens

LA GRANDE — Teen iCraft will be held at Cook Memorial Library,

2006 Fourth St., La Grande, on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. Teens will make needle felted penguins during the free activity. Registration is not required. For more details, go to www.cookmemoriallibrary.org.

Bingo returns to Union VFW

UNION — The VFW High Valley Post 4060 in Union will again be hosting bingo games beginning Wednesday, Dec. 8. Doors open at 5 p.m., with early-bird games getting started at 6 p.m. and regular bingo at 7 p.m. The last game of the evening is the jackpot, and organizers say you could win up to \$500.

Donate toys to Cove holiday drive by Dec. 10

COVE — Cheri's Main Street Salon, 603 Main St. in Cove, is hosting its 23rd annual toy drive.

Residents are encouraged to help make the holiday season brighter for children in Cove by donating new unwrapped toys by Friday, Dec. 10. The toys will then be distributed by the Cove Methodist Church on Dec. 11. For more information, call 541 568-5069.

Help children cope with divorce, separation

LA GRANDE — The next session of "Helping Children Cope with Divorce and Separation" will be held virtually via Zoom Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 6-9 p.m. The class, sponsored by the Union County Family Law Advisory Committee, is free but pre-registration is required. To sign up or for more information, email teala.sunderman@ojd.state.or.us or call 541-962-9500, ext. 42.

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UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER TAKEOUT MENU

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

Dec. 7-10

Tuesday: Southwest tacos, chips and salsa, flan.

Wednesday: tender

beef, whipped potatoes with gravy, salad greens, fresh fruit, dessert.

Thursday: cabbage rolls, salad greens, cottage cheese, fruit, dessert.

Friday: chicken alfredo, spinach salad, garlic bread, fruit, dessert.

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La Grande Gun Show
2022 Presented by the Island City Lions Club
"Locked & Loaded"
March 11-12-13, 2022
Friday vendor setup noon to 7pm
Sat 9 to 5 • Sun 9 to 1
Vendors Contact Kayla Hansen
541-786-7210
Hansenkayla33@gmail.com



There will be Letters to Santa in the Dec 23 editions from area 2nd graders

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Nicole Cathey

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