

BIRTHS

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL

CALDWELL: Mac Ryan Caldwell, born Dec. 11, 2021, to Alexis Jade Caldwell and Ryan Patrick Caldwell, of La Grande. Grandparents are Bert and Kathy Kirby and Pete and Kathy Caldwell.

GIVENS: Kennedy Jamin Jo Givens, born Dec. 10, 2021, to Cheyenne Bright and Logan Givens, of La Grande.

MEADERDS: Xavier Angelo Meaderds, born Dec. 27, 2021, to Belen Meaderds and Joseph Andre Meaderds, of La Grande. Grandparents are Angelo Meaderds, Beatrice Meaderds, Raul Calderon and Nely Calderon.

ORTON: Giovanni Orton, born Dec. 23, 2021, to Kylee Orton and Christopher Orton, of La Grande. Grandparents are Darren Montgomery, Gina Montgomery and Linda Orton.

SHECKS: Thibault David Shecks, born Dec. 17, 2021, to Jessica Shecks and Matthew Shecks, of Cove.

TROYER: Madison Kate Troyer, born Dec. 15, 2021, to Stephanie Renae Troyer and Benjamin Roy Troyer, of Union. Grandparents are Dwayne and Marlene Martin and Jerry and Ivy Troyer.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR CENTER LUNCH MENU

Dine-in meals: Served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; use front entrance and observe social distancing.

Takeout meals: Pick up from noon to 1 p.m. at kitchen's back door.

Cost: Age 60+, \$3 suggested donation; all others, \$6.

JAN. 10-14

Monday: cheeseburgers, steak fries, fresh fruit, dessert.

Tuesday: taco salad, chips and salsa, fresh fruit, light dessert.

Wednesday: fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, salad greens, fresh fruit, dessert.

Thursday: teriyaki chicken wrap, pasta salad, fresh fruit, vegetable sticks, light dessert.

Friday: honey-baked ham, scalloped potatoes, steamed green beans, salad greens, baked bread, fresh fruit.

UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



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

Jan. 8 — WANDA JOHNSON: 2 p.m. memorial service, New Song Community Church, La Grande.

Jan. 10 — BETTY BRONSON: 2 p.m. funeral, Union Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Jan. 11 — BARBARA WEISHAAR: 2 p.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery; casual dress preferred.

Jan. 15 — AUDREY BEAN: 9 a.m. viewing, 10 a.m. funeral; Island City Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Jan. 15 — MAMIE McCRAE: 11 a.m. funeral, Bollman Funeral Chapel, Enterprise.

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

Jan. 22 — WAYNE WOLFE: 1 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial, St. Katherine Catholic Church, Enterprise; vault interment follows at Wallowa Cemetery.

— calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel

Betty Irene Bronson (nee Hayes)

January 4, 2022

Betty Irene Bronson (nee Hayes), age 87, of Emmett, ID, formerly of Union, OR, passed away January 4, 2022. A Funeral Service will be held at the Union Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 2:00pm.



She was born in Vinita, Oklahoma, to Alvie Martin Hayes and Jessie Mae Hayes (nee Dow). Due to the Dust Bowl, her family moved several times before settling in Oregon where Betty graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1952. That same year, she married Kenneth Howard McDonald and together they had three children; John Lawrence, Kevin Martin, and Kara DeeDawn McDonald. On May 11, 1963, Betty married William (Bill) Everett Bronson, gained two more children, Toni Lee Bronson and Robert M Bronson, and had two more sons; Erin William Bronson and Andrew Joseph Bronson.

cook for the Senior Meals program. A lifetime lover of the Arts, Betty was an excellent painter, who enjoyed crafting, gardening, and dancing. She spent many years as an active participant in the Pastorius Scandinavian dancing while on the Oregon coast.

Additionally, as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Betty served 2 missions; one in the Philippines and one in the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, assisting in the work of eternal families. She held numerous other volunteer positions with the church as well, but her favorite was teaching the children's lessons. She was a strong, determined, and active woman who is survived by her seven children, 18 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her brother Devoyd Hayes and sister Oma Jean Swartwood (nee Hayes). Betty will be dearly missed, but always remembered.

Together, Betty and Bill raised their children in Warrenton, Oregon, then moved to Union, Oregon, where they lived for 27 years until Bill's death in 2013. They were happily married 50 years. In 2021, Betty moved to Emmett, Idaho, to be nearer to her son Erin and his family. During her life, Betty worked as a waitress and bookkeeper, participated as a member of the Union City Council, and volunteered as a

The family would like to thank the wonderful help and care given by Hospice of St. Alphonsus Hospital. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in her name to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Union Ward or churchofjesuschrist.org/donations. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

Myra Christenson

La Grande

Myra Christenson, 88, of La Grande died Jan. 7, 2022, at Wildflower Lodge. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

John R. Shafer

La Grande

John R. Shafer, 22, of La Grande, died Jan. 3, 2022. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Kenneth E. Smith

La Grande

Kenneth E. Smith, 93, of La Grande, died Jan. 6, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Betty I. Bronson

Formerly of Union

Betty I. Bronson, 87, of Emmett, Idaho, and formerly of Union, died Jan. 4, 2022, at her residence. A funeral service will be held Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Union Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Wayne Wolfe

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Wayne Wolfe, 103, of Wallowa, died Dec. 31, 2021, at a local care center. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 22 at St. Katherine Catholic Church in Enterprise, followed by vault interment at the Wallowa Cemetery. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise, and services by Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

Mamie M. McCrae

La Grande

Mamie M. McCrae, 86, of La Grande, died Jan. 2, 2022, at her residence. A funeral service will be held Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. at Bollman Funeral Chapel, Enterprise. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Barbara M. Weishaar

La Grande

Barbara M. Weishaar, 88, of La Grande, died Jan. 3, 2022, at a local care facility. A graveside service will be held Jan. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Island City Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

Wanda Marie Johnson

November 18, 1964 – December 25, 2021

Wanda Marie Johnson, 57, of La Grande, passed away on Saturday, December 25, 2021 at her residence. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 2:00pm at New Song Community Church.



Wanda was born on November 18, 1964, in Myrtle Point, Oregon, to Jim and Marty (Cazone) Guida. She attended schools in St. Helens, Oregon, and Joseph, Oregon. She married Mike Overton and they later divorced. She then married Scott Johnson. Wanda was active in

church, especially with the children's ministries. She loved fiercely and cared deeply for those around her.

Wanda is survived by her husband, Gordon Scott Johnson; children, Misty Emerson (Steven) of Salem, OR; mother, Marty Cazone of Salem, OR; sisters, Debi Fox of Oklahoma City, OK, and Charlene Dunn (Terry) of Spokane, WA. She was preceded in death by her father, Jim Guida. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Merald "Rusty" Brodhead

November 28, 1937 - November 19, 2021

Merald "Rusty" Brodhead died on November 19, 2021 at Grande Ronde Retirement Center in La Grande, Oregon. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date (time and date to be announced).



M e r a l d (Rusty) Lee Brodhead was born on November 28, 1937 to Phyllis Jean (Hatfield) and Morvan Francis Brodhead. Rusty grew up on a ranch in Dayton, Washington. He graduated from Dayton High School. Following high school, he went to work for John Deere out of Walla Walla, Washington, before going into the Army, where he was stationed in Germany.

On June 27, 1968 Rusty married Donna Jean (Daggett) Grove and took on the responsibility of raising her five children. He worked several years for the Union County Road Department, then later after he semi-retired, he worked for North Powder Lumber in North Powder, Oregon.

Rusty was an active member, for numerous years, belonging to both the Eagles, and the Elks in La Grande, Oregon. Rusty

enjoyed playing shuffleboard and pool, he played on several different teams/leagues throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-dad Delos Jay Rayburn; siblings Clive (Sonny) Morvan Brodhead and Danice Lily (Brodhead) Brown; grandson Colby Blake.

Rusty is survived by his children, Susan Faith (Grove) Blake of Portland, Robert George Grove of Pendleton, Russell Howard Grove of La Grande, Ruth Irene (Grove) Frieboes of North Powder, Anthony Kent Grove of La Grande; grandchildren Eric Blake, Andrea (Blake) Acosta, Zeb Grove, Sam Grove, Tyler Grove, Riley Grove, Adam Grove, Jen (Frieboes) Smith, Josh Frieboes, Toni Marie Grove, and numerous great-grandchildren; brothers Phil and Jay Rayburn; step-brother Lawrence Rayburn; step-sisters Sharon and J'Anna Brodhead.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Mae Weishaar

July 10, 1933 - January 3, 2022

Barbara Mae Weishaar, 88, of La Grande, Oregon, passed away peacefully Monday, January 3, 2022. Graveside services will be held at the Island City Cemetery Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 2 p.m. Casual dress is preferred by the family. A memorial service to honor Barbara's life will be arranged for a later date.



Barbara was born July 10, 1933 in Clarkston, Washington, to Dale Walter and Zella Mae (Hubbard) Rowe. The family later moved to Kennewick, Washington, where she graduated from Kennewick High School. She was a cheerleader and an exceptional student.

She married the love of her life, Stanley Weishaar in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and they soon moved to La Grande. Barbara was the quintessential busy farm wife feeding many farm hands at harvest time. She was a beautiful woman who enjoyed music, tending to her yard and roses and keeping a tidy home with never a hair out of place. Meeting often for coffee with her dear friends was a very important tradition that brought her joy for many years.

Barbara attended Eastern Oregon College, worked 15 years as a secretary for the Union Soil and Water Conservation District and Secretary/Treasurer for the Wallowa Lake Yacht Club. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi for many years and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She competed in the canning and baking divisions at the Union County Fair for many years receiving numerous first place prizes for her efforts.

Stan and Barbara celebrated their time together

traveling across the country, going on cruises, trips to various countries, vacationing in Hawaii while occasionally taking the grandchildren with them. They also loved the summer visits from the grandchildren that included camping and hiking at Wallowa Lake and time on the farm. Stan and Barbara enjoyed 51 happy years together. Following Stan's passing her constant companion was her beloved dog, a Shih Tzu named Mitzi.

Barbara is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Tom McCormack of Rio Vista, California; sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Dee Toland of La Grande, and Guy and Peggy Weishaar of La Grande; daughter-in-law, Debbie Weishaar of La Grande; brother and sister-in-law, Lynn and Fran Rowe; brother, Mike Rowe; twelve grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Zella Rowe; her beloved husband, Stanley Weishaar; daughter, Donna Vancura; and son, Steven Weishaar.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask you donate in her honor to a charity of your choice serving the causes of dementia and cancer, to which she succumbed.

Special Note: The family would like to thank Connie Seaman of Country Rose Manor for the wonderful, loving care she gave to Barbara in her last months of life. Connie, you are very much appreciated.

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



Donna Jean (Daggett) Brodhead

April 23, 1935 - December 24, 2021

Donna Jean (Daggett) Brodhead died December 24, 2021 at Grande Ronde Retirement Home in La Grande, Oregon. A memorial service for Donna and her husband Rusty will be held at a later date. (Time and date will be announced)

Donna Jean was born on April 23, 1935 in Wallowa, Oregon, to Lester and Mary (Hunter) Daggett. Donna grew up in Wallowa and Union County, she graduated from La Grande High School. She worked numerous jobs throughout her life including owning and running a small grocery store in North Powder, Oregon. Donna also baked pies, breads and pastries for the North Powder Cafe for a number of years. She absolutely loved being a grandma and great-grandmother, she was always telling everyone how many grandchildren she had.

Donna married and later divorced George Claire Grove. She married Merald "Rusty" Lee Brodhead on June 27, 1968. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Rusty Brodhead, her older sister Arlene, and her grandson Colby.

Donna is survived by her children; Susan Faith (Grove) Blake of Portland, Robert George Grove of Pendleton, Russell Howard Grove of La Grande, Ruth Irene (Grove) Frieboes of North Powder, Anthony Kent Grove of La Grande; grandchildren Eric Blake, Andrea (Blake) Acosta, Zeb Grove, Sam Grove, Tyler Grove, Riley Grove, Adam Grove, Jen (Frieboes) Smith, Josh Frieboes, Toni Marie Grove, and numerous great-grandchildren; sister Blanche (Daggett) Hutchison.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

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