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— OBITUARIES —

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Donald “DJ” James Hutton

Baker City, 1954-2016

DJ had a knack for growing the most beautiful tomatoes, he had a green thumb and when it came to tomatoes, he grew the best! When he wasn't focusing on his tomatoes he enjoyed tending his garden, canning, woodworking (which he was very talented at!), and refinishing furniture; the results were beautiful!

He leaves behind his wife Shelley Hutton of Baker City, his daughter Nicole Fischer of Boise, Idaho, his son Joe Hutton of Baker City, Oregon and another son Mike Hutton also of Baker City, Oregon. DJ also leaves behind two brothers; John Hutton of Kevin, Montana and Ron Hutton of Baker City, Oregon.

DJ is preceded in death by his parents John and Shirley Hutton.

Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions may be made to Heart 'n Home Hospice through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle or leave a condolence for DJ, please visit: www.grayswestco.com.

Nola May Whitley

Baker City, 1918-2016

Nola May Whitley, 97, of Baker City passed away at Settler's Park Assisted Living Facility under the care of Heart 'n Home Hospice. Private family services will be held in Clovis, California.

On December 5, 1918, John L. Cunningham and Nora Thomas Cunningham welcomed Nola into the world in Taft, California. Nola attended high school at Clovis High School and then went on to earn a teaching degree from Fresno State. She was a teacher for over 50 years and taught students at the Fresno Unified School District as well as basic skill courses for Blue Mountain Community College.

Nola married Davis Prentice Whitley in Clovis, California on June 7, 1939 and together they had two sons, Phillip and Steve.

Traveling and seeing new countries each year, collecting carnival glass and needle point were some of her hobbies when she wasn't taking care of her family and teaching students. She was affiliated with the A.A.U.W and the First Presbyterian Church in Baker City.

Nola leaves behind her son Steve and Elain Whitley of Albin, Wyoming; son Philip and Judy Whitley of Baker City, Oregon; grandson Chad and Trina Whitley of Cheyenne, Wyoming; granddaughter Lari and Vern Hoffman of

Hamilton, New Jersey; great grandson Wolfgang Hoffman of Hamilton, New Jersey; great grand-daughter Bronwyn Hoffman of Hamilton, New Jersey; great grandson Devon Hoffman of Hamilton, New Jersey; grandson Wayne and April Whitley of Baker City, Oregon; great grandson Brett Whitley of Baker City, Oregon; and great grandson Levi Whitley also of Baker City, Oregon.

She is preceded in death by her husband Davis P. Whitley; brother Paul Austin Cunningham, brother Warren Robert Cunningham; brother John Estes Cunningham; sister Lula Edna Ross, brother William Alfred Cunningham, brother Thomas Henry Cunningham, and her grandson Brett Whitley.

Arrangements are under the care of Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

To light a candle, leave a condolence, or share a memory of Nola, please visit: www.grayswestco.com.

Hershel Wood

Baker City, 1926-2016

Hershel Wood, 89, died on August 20, 2016 in Baker City. A Memorial Mass will be held at the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Baker City on September 5, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Hershel was born on September 7, 1926 in Baker, Oregon to Carl C. and June Woodcock Wood. He attended six years at elementary school in North Baker. Three years at Helen M. Stack Middle School. Three years at Baker High School graduating in 1944.

He was inducted into the Army at Fort Lewis, Washington. Serving in the 153rd division as a Combat Engineer in the Philippines and South Pacific, from 1945 to 1946. Shortly after he was sent to Japan first landing of occupation in Okinawa. He was very proud to have served in the military.

Hershel married Catherine Elaine Osborn, they had two sons Daniel and Timothy. As a sophomore in high school he was released to start work as a projectionist at the three Baker theaters and continued to do so for the next 30 years. He also drove a wholesale truck for 23 years, and worked for the 5J school district. After retiring Hershel drove for the State of Oregon Resources and also for the Volunteer Veteran's Van. Hershel never met a stranger he didn't want to tell a story to, all of which about his life experiences.



Nola May Whitley

Hershel was a member of the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church; Baker Elks Club of 55 years, Knights of Columbus of 73 years and the American Legion of 53 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Ernibe Patton.

Hershel is survived by his wife Catherine, married 73 years; sons Daniel Wood of Nashville, Tennessee, Timothy Wood of Baker City, granddaughter Tayler Wood of Baker City, sister Freida George, daughter-in-laws Kriste and Deborah, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Hershel may do so to the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church or Heart 'n Home Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispi-nevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Jack McCrain

Huntington, 1935-2016

Jack McCrain, 81, passed away August 24, 2016 at home in Huntington, Oregon.

A memorial service will be held at the Ontario Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 322 SW 2nd Avenue, Ontario, OR ~ 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Friday, September 2, 2016. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held immediately following the service at the church.

Jack was born in Pueblo, Colorado on January 11, 1935 to Leroy and Nina. He was their second child. His sister Marjorie, was 14 years older.

He attended Park View Elementary School until 5th grade, Fountain School for 6th and 7th and Park School for 8th grade. He remembered staying with friends in Tabernash, Colorado near Fraser when the A-Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He was 10 years old at the time.

During his high school years, he rode his horse named Pet, to Pleasant View High where Jack graduated in 1953. Shortly thereafter, Jack started his first career as a horse wrangler and ranch hand at Paradise Inn in Scottsdale, Arizona.

In 1954 he traveled to Encampment, Wyoming where he worked on the



Hershel Wood

A-Bar-A Ranch as a horse wrangler and met the love of his life, Helen Ritchey. She was a sophomore in High School at the time, and worked as the nanny for the ranch owner's children.

Jack enlisted in the Army in December 1954, and went to boot camp at Fort Ord, California. He was deployed to Germany where he served as a rifleman on an armored personnel carrier, and later as a driver and mechanic. His company went on NATO maneuvers into the Black Forest and surrounding cities that had been destroyed during WWII.

After returning to the states, he and Helen were married January 1, 1957 at the Four Square Church in Wickenburg, Arizona. They moved to Pueblo, Colorado where he worked at the Steel Mill. Four months later, he was hired onto the Pueblo Police Department where he worked as a beat cop for a short time. Next, they moved to Ft. Collins, Colorado where Jack attended Colorado State University. He was a member of Xi Sigma Pi and graduated in June of 1961 with a Bachelor's degree in Forest-Range Management.

Jack worked for the United States Forestry Service from June 1961 to 1986. His first assignment took him to Gunnison, Colorado where he was employed with the Gunnison National Forest. In December 1966, he moved his family to Meeteetse, Wyoming where he was the Forest Ranger of the Greybull District of the Shoshone National Forest. During the next eight years, Jack and his family shared many memorable adventures such as horseback riding into the Jack Creek wilderness area and summers spent up at Timber Creek Ranger Station. In 1974, he returned to the Gunnison National Forest and later transferred to the Uncompahgre National Forest out of Delta, Colorado where he retired in 1986 after 25 years.

After retirement, Jack and Helen, along with their two youngest children, moved to Holbrook, Arizona, where he worked at the Holbrook Seventh Day Adventist Indian School as an agriculture teacher. Later on, they moved to Caldwell, Idaho so Retha and Luke could attend Gem State Academy. During this time, Jack worked at Rhodes Bake-n-Serve Bread, and as a night watchman at Gem State Academy.

Then it was on to Richland & Halfway, OR where he and Helen had a Handyman business. Then a move to Baker City, OR, where he worked as a certified nurse's assistant. During the summers of 1991 and 1992 Jack

and Helen manned the Wallowa-Whitman Summit Point Lookout Tower. In 1993 he and Helen served a 6 month Mission trip to Beijing, China where they both taught English as a Second Language at the University of Science and Technology.

After returning from overseas, they moved to Cohutta Springs, Georgia to be closer to their oldest grandchildren, Caitlyn and Courtney. During this time Jack led horseback riding trips and overnight campouts for both summer campers and adult groups.

After four years they moved back to the Idaho/Oregon area. He worked part time transporting recreational vehicles from the factory to dealerships all over the US and Canada. He logged over a million miles on the job. To say the least, Jack wasn't afraid of work or travel. He took easily to the life of a nomad.

Jack served as an ordained elder in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He taught his children the value of strong work ethics, the need to care for wildlife, and skills such as hunting, and fishing. He also shared with them his love of music. He was an avid harmonica and just harp player. He dabbled with the banjo and Appalachian Dulcimer.

Jack was preceded in death by parents LeRoy and Nina McCrain, and sister Majorie Vaughn.

Jack is survived by his wife, Helen. Four children, Clark McCrain (Cathy) of Colorado, Rhonda Hancock (Al) of Arizona, Retha Choi (Jongin) of South Korea, and Luke McCrain (Kelley) of Colorado and seven grandchildren, Alfred Hancock, III, Caitlyn McCrain, Courtney McLachlan (Mark), Isaac Choi, Hayden Choi, Cole McCrain and Jace McCrain.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Jack, the family suggests either Heart 'n Home Hospice or to your favorite charity through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispi-nevalleyfuneralhome.com

We are grateful for the kindness and love shown to us by the staff members of Tami's Funeral Home and Heart 'n Home Hospice.

Phyllis Jean Hansen-Hawkins

Baker City, 1935-2016

Phyllis Jean Hansen-Hawkins, 84, of Baker City, Oregon passed away at her residence under the care of Heart 'n Home Hospice on August 27, 2016. A visitation will be held on Friday September 2, 2016 from 2-6 p.m. and on Saturday, September 3,

2016 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR. A

funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Elkhorn Baptist Church, 3520 Birch St. in Baker City, Oregon with Pastor Tim Fisher officiating.

On September 11, 1931, Phyllis Jean Hansen was born to Henry McClure and Tressie (Smith) McClure in La Grande, Oregon. She attended high school in North Powder, Oregon. In 1950, Phyllis married Harold "Bud" D. Hansen and together they had five sons; Dee, Don, Jerry, Phil, and Roy Hansen. Phyllis and Bud were married for 47 years before his passing. In 1999 she was remarried to David E. Hawkins and added two more sons to her family; Steve and Scott Hawkins.

Phyllis was a stay at home mom and daycare provider. She loved baking cakes, snowmobiling, motorcycling, water skiing, hunting, fishing, and any indoor/outdoor activities where good times could be had. Phyllis was proud to be affiliated with the Elkhorn Baptist Church, a charter member of the Blue Mountain Snowmobile Association, and a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Phyllis is survived by her husband David E. Hawkins of Baker City, sister Reva Calhoun of Baker City, sister Mazie Marquez of Savanna, Illinois, brother Arnold (Sheila) McClure of Boardman, Oregon. She is also survived by four sons and two step-sons; Dee Hansen of Baker City, Don Hansen of Baker City, Jerry (Carol) Hansen of North Powder, Phil (Annette) Hansen of Cedar City, Utah, Steve (Lynn) Hawkins of Baker City, Scott (Leslie) Hawkins of Union, Oregon, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her son Roy H. Hansen, parents Henry and Tressie McClure, husband Harold D. Hansen, brother Delmar McClure, and daughter-in-law Becky A. Hansen.

Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or to the Doernbecher Children's Hospital through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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Phyllis Hansen-Hawkins

Man arrested in thefts

Recently there has been a series of thefts from motor vehicles primarily in the center part of Baker City. In those cases U S coins were taken from inside the vehicles. On August 26, Officer Coleton Smith observed a suspect acting suspiciously in an area where some of those thefts occurred. Officer Smith made contact with the subject however at that

time there was not enough probable cause to affect an arrest.

The following evening, (8/27/16) shortly after 7:30 p.m. Officer Smith and Reserve Officer Zach Thatcher observed the same subject in the same general area where several thefts from vehicles had just been reported.

Officers Smith and Thatcher made contact

with the individual at Geiser Pollman Park and this time probable cause existed for him to be cited for Theft III.

The subject cited was Tyler Arthur, 23 years of age, who resides at 3311 Place St in Baker City. The investigation is continuing in an effort to, if possible, return stolen property to the rightful owners.

Police talk school safety

With school back in session, a couple of reminders to enhance safety: Those under the age of 16 are required by law to wear safety helmets when riding bicycles, skateboards and scooters. With a number of students riding such devices to school this year it is important for them to know what the law requires. Doing so could save their life or prevent

serious injury.

Each of our schools has disabled parking spaces adjacent to the school. It is unlawful under both state law and local ordinances to park in such spaces unless the driver displays a DMV issued disabled parking placard. That means that stopping or parking, even for a brief period of time to drop off or pick up passengers, without display

of the placard is unlawful. Fines are expensive and our officers are enforcing this law.

Finally a caution against double parking. In their haste to pick up students some parents double park in a lane of traffic when curb side spaces are full. Doing so is unlawful and is unsafe for children as it inhibits their view of the roadway.