

# Local

## — OBITUARIES —

**Nellie Bernice (Boyer) Langlitz**  
Baker City, 1910-2017



Nellie Langlitz

Nellie Bernice (Boyer) Langlitz passed away on February 4, 2017 at the age of 106. Nellie was born on September 23, 1910, the daughter of John and Nutie (Wunder) Boyer and the granddaughter of two pioneer families. Her paternal grandparents arrived in Oregon with the 1864 Oregon Trail party, and her maternal grandparents arrived in the mid 1870s by stagecoach.

A lifelong resident of Baker County, born in Hereford, Oregon, her childhood years were spent at her parent's ranch on Denny Creek. She attend-

ed the Lockhart School and completed an eight grade education. She was married to Walter Langlitz on May 6, 1934 and together, they were the parents of daughters Lorraine and Verna, and sons Walter (Larry), and Gary.

Nellie and Walt were ranchers at heart. They owned property and lived in a small house barely a quarter mile from the Lockhart School that she attended as a child. In 1957, they purchased property in the Missouri Flat area of Baker Valley, and moved into a house with all the "modern conveniences", namely electricity, telephone, and indoor plumbing. They raised cattle, sheep, hay, and all the other common barnyard animals. For several years, they processed fresh Prowell turkeys for the

holidays and she worked at the Ward cellars during the potato harvest. Nellie was an avid gardener and took great care and pride in her flower beds and shrubs. She was still maintaining her flower beds and mowing her lawn with her riding lawnmower at age 100. Failing eyesight forced her to leave her beloved ranch at age 102 and become a resident of Meadowbrook Place, where she remained until her passing.

Nellie was a long-time member of the Baker County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. She was also a member of the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association and served as the Baker County Director for 25 years. She was a member of the Kitchen Band and performed at numerous local events and senior residence facilities.

Nellie is survived by her children, Lorraine of Yakima, Washington, Verna (Par Dar) of Tucson, Arizona, Walter (Ellen) of Battle Ground, Washington, and Gary (Diane) of North Powder, Oregon. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nellie was preceded in death by Walter, her husband of 50 years, her parents and her siblings; Bessie, Velma, Harold, Joe, and Raymond. She was also preceded in death by 2 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A committal service will be held for the immediate family and a Celebration of Life and reception will be held later this spring, the date and location to be

announced later.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Blue Mt. Old Time Fiddlers through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle for Nellie or share a condolence with the family, please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

**Barnett "Barney" Walton**

Baker City, 1957-2017

Barnett "Barney" Walton, 59, of Baker City, died at his home on February 10, 2017. Barnett Raymond Walton was



Barney Walton

born on April 26, 1957 in Tucson, Arizona to Stanley and Daisy (Bass) Walton. In his youth, the family traveled extensively.

Barney graduated high school in Blanchester, Ohio. Following High School, Barney enlisted in the Army and was honor-

ably discharged in 1976.

Barney was married and divorced twice. From the first marriage he had three children, and of the second marriage two children. Barney was a jack of all trades, he logged for a while with his brothers Rick and Steve, he also worked construction roofing. He wasn't much for hobbies, but enjoyed mining with his brother Rick. Barney shared "I lived a full life."

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Steve who died at age 58 and brother Stan who died at age 43.

Barney is survived by his sons Jason, Joshua, Joseph, Nigel and Noah, brother Rick, Sisters Rene', Nancy and Irma.

For those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Barney may do so to help defray funeral expenses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

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