

Milton Leon Levy

May 1917 – Dec. 2014

This obituary was written by our father more than 20 years ago, other than a few updates. He was an amazing individual who maintained a strong work ethic, incredible will power, and was a prolific writer and family historian.



Milton passed away on Dec. 8 at the age of 97. Milton's grandfather, Mose Fuchs, and great-uncle Isidor Fuchs, twins, both came to Baker City in about 1880. They were responsible for the first Sam-O swimming pool, Sam-O Springs bottling works, and Baker City's first golf course, located near Sam-O Spring on the east edge of Baker City. They and spouses are buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Milton was born in La Grande on May 21, 1917 to Gus and Gertrude Levy. His family moved to Baker City where he graduated high school.

Milton then graduated from the University of Oregon in 1941. He joined the Navy in 1942 and spent four years at various Naval bases and squadrons being discharged to inactive duty in Dec. 1945.

While Milton was attending electronic school in the Navy, he met his professor's daughter, Jean Cameron, at a USO dance. They were married in Corpus Cristi, Tex. in Jan. of 1943. Milton and Jean settled in Danville, Calif. with their two sons and lived there for over 50 years prior to her passing. Milton was a resident of Montecito Retirement Community in Concord, Calif. for the last 10 years.

In 1945 he became Advertising Manager and News Editor of a radio station in Baker City. In 1952 he became Manager of Radio Stations KLX and KLX-FM in Oakland, Calif., the Oakland Tribune Stations.

In 1954 Milton became Executive Vice President of the California Service Agency in Berkeley, Calif. which was an affiliated company of the California Farm Bureau Federation. While at the advertising agency he also managed the California Farm Network and the Voice of California Agriculture which were released on a score of radio and TV stations in California.

Milton was Executive Secretary of the Apricot

Producers of California and the Executive Secretary of the California Christmas Tree Growers. He was author and publisher of the California Agriculture Directory, the Media Awards Handbook and the Honor Awards Handbook.

While working in Berkeley he received a Masters of Journalism from the University of California, Berkeley.

Milton received recognition from the Radio Advertising Bureau, Freedoms Foundation, California State Legislature, Oregon Advertising Club Billboard, and the the Printing Industry of America. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth Club on California and also a member of the Executive Committee. He was the first chairman of the organization tour program. He served as President of a local chapter of the Reserve Officers Association and was a member of the Naval Reserve Association, the Retired Officers Association, and the Association of Naval Aviation.

Milton's Naval career spanned 10 years. His first active duty was as a third-class petty officer with the Naval Air Group where he was an electronic technician and radio gunner. In 1994 he received a commission as a Navy Ensign and his first assignment was as a Radio Material Officer at the Charleston Navy Yard. Following this he saw duty in the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. and at the end of WWII he was the Electronic Counter Measure Officer based in Guam.

Continuing with the Naval Reserve after his release Milton was the Electronics and Public Information Officer for ZP871 which was the Blimp Squadron based at NAS Oakland.

During the Vietnam War Milton was part of an air crew that took cargo into DeNang.

While with VP872 Milton was recalled to active duty with the squadron in 1961 during the Berlin Buildup. The squadron was sent to Hawaii and Christmas Island where they were part of the Joint Task Force 8 which was responsible for the detonation of 26 atomic bombs. He was the Navy Public Information Officer for that Task Force. Milton retired from the Navy as a Commander.

Milton is preceded in death by his loving wife Jean, brother Henry and Louis (Helen). He is survived by his sons David and Charles (Susan) and Grandson Nicholas (Michelle).

A private service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of the East Bay or a charity of your choice.

Nov. 5, 1990 in Naknek, Alaska. They made their home in Basque, Ore., where Bill was employed by ODOT for 19 years; he retired in 2012. Bill and Wanda moved back to Richland in 2012.

Bill enjoyed many things in life including the outdoors, animals, team roping, ranching, and farm work. He especially enjoyed hunting with his wife Wanda and his cousin Noble Keist. Bill had a great smile and big laugh; he always enjoyed a good party.

Bill was preceded in death by his father George Holcomb and brother John Holcomb.

Bill is survived by his wife Wanda; children; Shannon (Marin) Miller and children Loudon, Aislynn and Liam of Tacoma, Wash.; Gloria (Carlos) Montes and children Davis, Saxon and Teague of Canby, Ore.; and Christy Holcomb of Portland, Ore.; stepchildren Ken (Trish) Drazo of Ontario, Ore.; Darlene Drazo and children Britanni, Courtney, Christopher and Jordan of Fairbanks, Alaska; Joe (Jen) Drazo and daughter Sarah of Meridian, Idaho; and Kris (Tim) Hank and children Jamie and Timothy of Anchorage, Alaska; one great-grandson Aden; his mother Wade Holcomb of Baker City and favorite Aunt Gloria Linebaugh of Bend; and numerous cousins.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Bill, the family suggests either the VFW Post No. 7847 or Eagle Valley EMTs through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, Ore. 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Dad was a strong influence in many lives. When he worked at the Middle School, students would seek him out, just to talk and many years after he left the school those students and teachers would stop him, just to talk. Anyone that came to his house was treated like family and always welcome.

These words from our brother Darrell seem to say it all:

"He is gone, it seems our time on earth slips by so quickly. My father passed away yesterday, his worn out body gave up the battle as he slept. He was the person who always stood behind us, to help us up when we were down. For us, he was the greatest man in the world. A person who passed out love by the bushel, not just to his children but for all who passed into his life. I know that God has reserved a special place for him and even though I will miss him I must remember he has gone to a better place. A place where he can set high on the mountain and watch the antics of all who he managed to love and care for. I have known for some time this day would come but I was not ready. God bless him. My dad was loved and respected by all who ever met him. He walked softly but was an imposing force that helped shape the many lives he touched. He will be missed by all."

William is survived by his children: Darrell (Judy) Scott, of Boardman; Dianna (Pat) Hartman, Payette, Idaho; Patti (Ralph) Parkhurst, Salem; Dave (Pam) Halcom, Ontario; David (Linda) Scott, Ontario; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Myrtle and Herbert Scott, his wives: Bonnie Scott and Nan Scott, his daughter Gloria Jo Halcom and his sister LaNeva Shephard.

Services were held at the Lienkaemper-Thomson Chapel in Ontario, Oregon on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015. Viewing was at 10 a.m. and service was at 11 a.m. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Death Notice

Margaret "Midge" Nale, 83, former Richland, Ore. resident, died on Sun., Jan. 25, 2015 at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City. There will not be a service. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Dr. Menzie McKim, Jr.

Feb. 1922 – Dec. 2014

Dr. Menzie McKim Jr. Retired, 92, died Dec. 10, 2014, at his home in Baker City. A Memorial Service for the McKim Family was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Dec. 27 with Pastor Katy Nicole. 37 members of his family attended.

Menzie was born Feb. 4, 1922, to Menzie and Myrle Palmer McKim in the front upstairs bedroom of his parents' house located at 1535 2nd Street, Baker City. This is now known as the Palmer House.

Dr. Menzie lived a full and adventurous life. He graduated from Baker High in 1939 and then entered the U.S. Navy during WWII. He served 182 days which qualified him for the G.I. Bill.

Menzie attended Jefferson Medical College majoring in urinalysis, pathology, surgery, and psychology. He graduated Salutatorian of his class in 1947. Shortly afterwards, he was recalled to active duty by the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War.

Menzie was sent to Okinawa as a urinary surgeon for one of the first MASH Units. It was there that he worked with Dr. Dick Hornberger who co-wrote the book *Mash*. This book was later produced and became a famous movie based on the skillful, caring work, and rather outrageous humor of the operating staff. The family still argues about whether Menzie was Hawkeye or Trapper John.

Upon his return to Baker, Menzie (also called Kimmie by those who loved him) practiced at the old Baker Clinic with his brother, Dr. Palmer McKim, and Dr. Carl Kostol. In 1979 Dr. Kostol and Dr. Menzie built the new Baker Clinic, located on Pochontas Road, and were

Boyd M. Brill

Sept. 1951 – Dec. 2014

Boyd M. Brill, Jr. passed away in Dec. of 2014 at his home in Boise, Idaho of an apparent heart attack.

Boyd was born Sept. 17, 1951 in Baker City to Boyd and Barbara Brill. He attended school (St. Francis Academy) in Baker until he joined the Navy during the Vietnam War.

After his discharge he worked at Ellingson Lumber until it closed. He then attended Culinary School at Boise State.

Boyd worked at several re-



later joined by Drs. Robert McKim, Menzie's nephew, Jon Pederson, and son,

Thomas McKim. Their years of high-quality surgery and family practice were considered to be outstanding by many in the community. Dr. Menzie McKim retired from practice in 1989.

Menzie had many hobbies. He loved fishing, football, his faithful hunting dogs, work and parties at the family cabin on the Snake River, harassing his good buddy Cliff Bond, and watching his wonderful family grow.

Volunteer Community Service was also an important part of Menzie's life. He served as a Director of the Baker School District, a 50-year member of the Masons, and 45 years with the Elks.

Preceding Dr. Menzie in death were his parents, his wife Elizabeth Hanes McKim of over 60 years, and brothers Dr. Palmer McKim, Robert McKim, and Donald McKim.

He is survived by his wife, Holly Sullens McKim, of Baker City; his son, Dr. Thomas McKim (Dr. Cynthia McKim), of Eagle, Idaho; daughter Nancy Galvin (John Galvin), of Boise, Idaho; stepson Eric Menard, of Monterey, Calif.; and sister-in-law, Jean Hall, of Boise, Idaho. Four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in Dr. Menzie's memory may be directed to The First Presbyterian Church or Soroptimist International of Baker County. This may be done through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, Ore. 97814.

sorts including Death Valley and Crater Lake before joining the staff at the Veteran's Hospital in Boise, Idaho.

He enjoyed the outdoors and football, and was an avid Oregon Ducks fan.

Boyd was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara; father, Boyd, Sr.; cousin Julie Hoffman; and brother-in-law, Steve Bell.

He is survived by his sister, Linda Bell and cousins, Lorna Greer and Karen Mooberry, along with numerous other relatives.

Rites have been performed by the Cremation Society of Idaho.

William Dean Holcomb

Dec. 1947 – Jan. 2015

William Dean Holcomb, 67, passed away on Tues., Jan. 20, 2015 in Boise, Idaho from respiratory failure. A Memorial Service and Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on Sat., Jan. 31, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Richland Christian Church in Richland, Ore. Interment will be at Eagle Valley Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception to be held immediately following the interment in the fellowship hall at the Richland Christian Church.



William "Bill" Holcomb was born in Baker City on Dec. 5, 1947 to George and Wadean (Rohner) Holcomb. Bill grew up in Richland where he attended Richland Elementary and graduated from Eagle Valley High School in 1966. After high school Bill enlisted in the Army and served in Korea for three years.

After his stint in the service, Bill married Marti Davis and had three daughters. He pursued an Associate's degree from Blue Mountain Community College in Animal and Agricultural Management. During those years, Bill worked in Richland and also at the feed lot in Boardman. He and Marti divorced in the early 1980s.

Bill later married Wanda (McAfee-Draze) on

William Hubert Scott

Dec. 1916 – Jan. 2015

William Herbert Scott, 98, of Ontario, Ore., passed away Friday, Jan. 9, 2015 in a local care facility.



William was born on Dec. 25, 1916 in Oroville, Wash., the son of Herbert and Myrtle Scott. He was raised in Baker City and graduated from Baker High School in 1936. He married Loyce Bonnie Scott in Weiser, Idaho on Nov. 21, 1941. William entered the service on Sept. 25, 1942 and was one of the survivors of the invasion of Okinawa. He didn't talk about his service time but he did tell his family about losing his helmet and a fellow soldier who no longer needed his. He used the soldier's helmet and it seemed to protect him throughout the rest of the war.

William worked at many jobs during his life time, Western Union, wood mills, sugar factory, small engine repair, electrician, farmer and janitor at Ontario Middle School. He told his family he was the jack of all trades and master of none. William lived in Baker City, Whidbey Island, Austin Junction, Bates, Prineville, Nyssa, Vale, Sumpter and Ontario, Ore.

Bonnie and Bill had five children, Darrell, Dianna, Patti, Jo and David. They had many happy years at the mining claims with children, grandchildren and any friends who wanted to come. He loved hunting and fishing and had all the family up to Sumpter for flea markets. He was able to hunt and fish until the last couple of years.

After Bonnie's death he married Gretchen (Nan) Scott in Baker City, on Sept. 16, 1997. They were together 17 years. They traveled, visiting friends and family, Sumpter flea markets and "The Ranch".

Melts in your hands



She will . . .
when she opens
your Valentine's
surprise.

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