

Frances Eileen Shurtleff

Aug. 1926 – Jan. 2015

Frances Eileen Shurtleff, 88, of Prairie City died on Jan. 29, 2015 while at Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City. A graveside service will be held for Frances at a later time.

Frances was born to Fayette Millard Bach and Edna Maude (Boyer) Bach in Mountain Home, Idaho on Aug. 21, 1926. She was the third of six children.

Her father worked for the railroad so the family moved often. She went to school in the Mountain Home and Mullen, Idaho areas. The year before Pearl Harbor was bombed, Frances lived with her oldest sister Catherine and Catherine's family in Hawaii. In 1943 the Bach family moved to Haines. Fran was part of the last graduating class at Haines High School. Fran went on to attend college in La Grande to become an LPN.

She married Leslie Perkins and had two daughters, Linda and Toby. She later married Donald Brown and had three sons, Kelly, Wade, and Brock. Fran met and married Lonnie D. Shurtleff who already had one son, Lonnie Lee Shurtleff. She and Lonnie had a son, John D. Shurtleff.

Lonnie and Fran lived at Rock Creek and raised cattle until Lonnie's death. Fran was a great cook and many family dinners were en-



joyed over the years. Fran made quilts, loved to play cards, shoot pool, and go fishing. She loved all the grandchildren. Throughout all those years Fran worked outside her home for the Democrat Herald newspaper, H & R Block and Senior and Disabled Services in Baker City.

After Lonnie died, Fran sold the ranch and moved to North Powder to be close to her youngest son, John. Because of failing health she moved to Baker City and lived at Idlewood Manor and Saint Alphonsus Care Center. When Saint Alphonsus Care Center closed, Fran went to Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City.

Survivors are Lonnie and wife Pat Shurtleff of LaGrande; Linda and husband Dennis Butenhoff of Barnesville, Minn.; Toby and husband Tom Hacker of Haines; Kelly and wife Georgia Brown of Baker City; Brock Shurtleff of St. Joseph, Mo.; John and wife Angela Shurtleff of Haines; sisters Edna and husband Alvin Gawith of Baker City and Carol and husband Andy Anderson of Guide Rock, Neb.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Frances is preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Leslie, Donald, and Lonnie; brothers William Bach and Gene Bach; sister Catherine Hoopii; son Wade Brown; grandson Darrel Hacker; and great-granddaughter Berlyn Anderson.

Contributions may be made to the Eastern Oregon Museum through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place Street, Baker City, Ore. 97814.

Alva Edison Justus

Oct. 1923 – Feb. 2015

Alva Edison Justus, 91, of Baker City, died Feb. 3, 2015. Services celebrating his life were held Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel with Pastor Dave Deputy of Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

Alva was born Oct. 6, 1923 in Rye Valley and remained an Oregonian his whole life. He was raised on a farm with five sisters and two brothers who rode "Old Red", the horse, to school together.

He graduated from high school in 1942 in Vale. Alva was an athlete, participating in high school football and basketball, and was on the boxing team. After graduation, Alva worked side by side with his father, Tona, on their farm until he left to serve his country in World War II. This duty took him to South Korea on occupational duty where he gained experience and knowledge to operate heavy equipment with the 13th Engineer Battalion. He was honorably discharged from the Army in May 1947.

Alva used his G.I. Bill benefits to get his pilot's license at a small airfield in Harper, flying a Cessna 140. He enjoyed flying himself and his friends around eastern Oregon, Idaho, and Washington, but after he married his



sweetheart, Norma, he never flew again.

Alva met and married the love of his life, Norma Jackson all in the same year. They were married in Vale on Aug. 10, 1951. Alva and Norma were married 63 years, and had four daughters. He moved his family to Baker City in 1970, and retired there at the age of 62. He enjoyed hunting and fishing on the Snake River.

Alva's career usually always involved heavy equipment operation and provided an opportunity to raise his four daughters on a farm, together with all the farm animals and adventures.

Alva was simply a kind gentleman with a big heart. He worked hard, loved strong, and lived long. He served his country, provided for his family, was loyal, humble, selfless, and a fighter until his last breath.

Survivors include Alva's wife, Norma L. Justus; one sibling, Erma Johnson; four daughters: Lynn Miller and husband Bruce of Vancouver, Wash., Toni Goss and Milo of Baker City, Jeannie Olson and husband Roger of Bend, Ore., and Jill Walker and John of Moses Lake, Wash.; grandchildren: Shane Gutridge, Kristi Miller DeVoe, Lee Miller, Bobby Lemmon, Joshua Walker, Jared Olson, Cody Meiser; and 10 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Veteran's Memorial Club through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

Marion "Bruce" Christman

Aug. 1943 – Feb. 2015

Marion "Bruce" Christman, 71, of Baker City died Feb. 1 2015. A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, Feb. 20, at the North Powder Fire Department at 1 p.m. with Pastor Jesse Whitford of the Baker City Christian Church officiating. Interment will follow at the North Powder Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception at the North Powder Elementary School following the service.

Bruce was born Aug. 5, 1943 in La Grande to Calvin and Helen Coffee Christman. He attended school in North Powder. In 1961 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served for six years until he was injured in the line of duty. He saw action in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic.

After Bruce's military service he went on to work in the logging and construction industries in northern California and later in eastern Oregon. He worked as a surveyor, heavy equipment operator, and timber faller. After earning a degree he worked for the Oregon Employment Department. Then he contracted for the La Grande Observer before his health forced his retirement in 2006.

Bruce married Laura Lynn Morris on June 19, 1976 in Dayville. They combined their fam-



ilies and had two more sons. Bruce, Laura and their children lived multiple places in eastern Oregon, before settling in the Baker Valley in 1991, so Bruce could attend college in Pendleton and later La Grande where he earned a bachelor of science degree from EOSC in 1998. That was one of his proudest accomplishments.

Bruce was a lover of the outdoors and spent a great deal of time hunting, fishing, and picking mushrooms and huckleberries, all the time sharing his love and knowledge of the outdoors with his wife and children, and later his grandchildren.

Bruce is preceded in death by his parents; a brother Cedric Christman; and a sister, Janice Christman Metz.

Survivors include his wife Laura; sister Carol Wisdom and husband Duane of Nampa, Idaho; sister Marilyn Esquibel and husband Felix of Nampa, Idaho; sister-in-law Betty Christman of Lexington, Ore.; daughters Kelly Kenworthy and husband Robert of Baker City, and Tina Ingerson and husband Kevin of La Grande; and sons Cedric and Charles Christman, both of Baker City. He also had five grandsons, three granddaughters and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wildland Fire Fighter Foundation and/or Southern Poverty Law Center (Bruce's favorite charities) through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

Donald Lee Pringle

Dec. 1932 – Jan. 2015

Donald Lee Pringle of Baker City left his family and friends to a new life in Heaven on Jan. 9, 2015 at the age of 82 after a battle with cancer.

Don was born Dec. 27, 1932 in Longview, Wash. He was the son of Victor and Dorothy Pringle of Kelso, Wash. Don served in the Korean War on the front lines with the Army Infantry as a Sergeant for three years. Don was preceded in death by his grandson, Phillip Pringle.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Beverly Pringle; daughter, Darlene Johnson of Vancouver, Wash. and son-in-law, Mike Johnson; daughter, Char Buxton of Sherwood, Ore.; daughter, Linda Sterr; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Don worked for many years in the logging industry, but made a career in construction building many roads and bridges in the Pacific Northwest when he went to work for a Roy Ladd Construction. In the wilderness, Don found his life's passions: fishing, hunting, and camping, in addition to his most beloved passion, woodworking.

Don was an active member of the Baker County Sheriff's Posse, and was voted Posseman of the Year. Don was an active member of the Elkhorn Muzzle Loaders for the past few years, a 50-year member of the International Laborers Union, a VFW member, and a volunteer at the local food bank. He will be remembered for his humanitarian work and for the significant contributions he made to all of the hundreds of families around the world that he helped throughout his life.

A memorial service was held to honor Don's life at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, 2015, at Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 Southeast Mount Scott Blvd., Portland, Ore. 97086. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

Donate Life NW Honors Ore. DMV for 40 Years of Saving Lives: Baker DMV Feb. 9 - 20

98 percent of Oregon's registered organ donors come through the Oregon DMV.

Donate Life Northwest (www.donatelifenw.org), whose mission is to save lives and improve health through the promotion of organ, eye, and tissue donation, is publicly recognizing the work that the Oregon DMV does every day to ask customers if they would like to register onto the organ, eye, and tissue donor registry.

"Since 1975, DMV has been the main gateway for organ donors in Oregon," DMV Administrator Tom McClellan said. "About 400 DMV employees at 60 offices throughout Oregon are the driving force behind asking customers whether they would like to register for the donor registry and place a "D" on their driver license or identification card."

This year, Donate Life Northwest will go on tour with the 2014 "Threads of Life" quilt stopping at several locations around Oregon to thank the DMV for its hard work while sharing local stories of lives that have been impacted by organ, eye, and tissue donation.

In Baker City, the DMV is going above and beyond its call of duty. It is also organizing a high school assembly on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 with student leaders from Baker High School, to educate the students about this important mission. Sarah Lein, DMV Regional Manager, will speak about how she was touched by donation after hearing one of her DMV employees Sheila, share how important it was to her to donate her son's eyes after his fatal car accident a few years ago. Sheila will also speak. A particular highlight will be Baker City's most grateful family for the work the DMV does: Stacy Bingham will thank the DMV on Wednesday, Feb. 18 around 8:15 a.m. at the DMV and then go on to Baker High school to share her family's story on organ transplantation.

Lindsey Bingham of North Powder, is eight years old and suffers from dilated cardiomyopathy. She was listed on the heart transplant wait list on June 20, 2012. After being kept alive by the Berlin Heart – a mechanical pump – for months, Lindsey finally received her new heart on Valentine's Day 2013. Lindsey is the third child of Jason and Stacy Bingham whose oldest daughter, Sierra, received a heart transplant over six years ago and may need to go back on the transplant list this year. What's more, Lindsey's brother, Gage, three years old, also suffers from dilated cardiomyopathy. Last summer he had a pacemaker implanted. He may need a heart transplant one day too. Her other siblings, Megan, 10, and Hunter, 8, have shown symptoms and are being monitored.

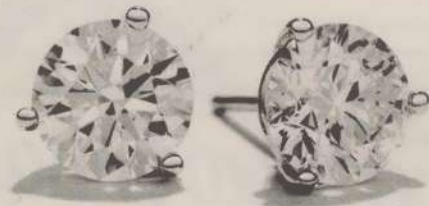
In the Pacific Northwest alone there are over 3,000 people on a waiting list to receive a life-saving organ. Nationally there are over 120,000 people waiting according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. Donate Life Northwest encourages everyone to register to be a donor to ensure that as many lives as possible are saved and improved each day through the miracle of donation and transplantation.

Becoming a registered donor in Oregon is simple. Add the "D" code on your Oregon driver's license application when you are up for renewal or when you are getting your license, permit or ID card for the first time, go online any time at www.donatelifenw.org to register, or request a paper form by calling 1-800-452-1369.

Death Notices

Amos Rasmussen, 78, of Baker City passed away on Feb. 8, 2015 while at Saint Alphonsus Hospital. Arrangements are being handled through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

Tonya Marie (Carpenter) Holland, 34, former Richland and Baker City resident, died on Jan. 2, 2015 at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A Celebration of Tonya's Life will be held during the summer. For those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Tonya may do so to help defray funeral expenses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, Ore. 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamipinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



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