

## Tonya Holland

Oct. 1980 – Feb. 2015

Tonya Holland, 34, died on Feb. 2, 2015 at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date at the Union Cemetery in Union.

Tonya Marie Carpenter Holland was born on Oct. 28, 1980 in Baker City to Charles and Charlene (McCorkle) Carpenter. She was raised in Baker City and Fountain Hills, Ariz. She attended Four Peak Elementary School and Baker High School.

Tonya married Phillip Wayne Holland. They had two children: a son, Phillip Edward Holland, Jr., and daughter, Kandice Victoria Lynn Holland. Long after the divorce, Tonya was married to Robert Mars, for a short time.

During her life Tonya worked at Burger King in Baker City, as well as Safari Inn, Taco Bell, and West Co. Martinizing all in Boise, Idaho.

Tonya enjoyed writing in her journals, arts, crafts, and spending time outdoors. Tonya's favorite poem was one which she wrote entitled "Secret to Happiness."



Happiness is the ability to do the following: forget; apologize; admit errors; avoid mistakes; keep your temper; shoulder the blame; make the best of things; maintain high standards; think first, act accordingly; put the need of others before your own; forgive. Try using as many of these into your day as possible and you'll soon be rewarded with happiness.

Tonya was preceded in death by her mother Charlene Rose; grandfather Carpenter who blessed, baptized, and confirmed her to the LDS Church; grandmother Verna Marie; and two aunts, Dora and Tammy.

She is survived by her children Phillip and Kandice; father Charles Carpenter of Baker City; sisters Crystal Carpenter of Baker City and Charlie Carpenter of Haines; and grandmother Naomi Carpenter Stevenson.

Tonya had a heart bigger than she was and would help anyone in need. She was a free spirit, and a true soul.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Tonya may do so to defray burial expenses 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](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

## Samuel N. Campo

May 1932 – Jan. 2015

Samuel Campo, 82, of Union, died at Angeline Senior Living Center in La Grande on Jan. 30, 2015. A memorial service was held at Echos of Praise Church, 1520 'X' Avenue in La Grande on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Zan Coen officiating.

Samuel Newell Campo was born May 7, 1932 in Albion, Mich., to James Vincenzo and Mildred Hubbard Campo. He was raised in Michigan and started driving truck at the age of 16. He drove truck throughout 48 states and lived in Kansas, California, Nevada, Utah and Washington before moving to Portland, Ore. He drove truck for 33 years until a bad accident forced him into disability.

While in Portland, Sam met Mary Ann Schleichardt and they were married Jan. 4, 1992 in

Clackamas. They moved from Oregon to Michigan and back before moving to Union in 2008.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents; son Roger Campo; both James Campo; and a sister Roselia Meteyer.

Sam is survived by his wife, Mary Ann of Union; sons: Samuel P. Campo of Missouri, John Campo of Michigan, and Robert Schleichardt of Union; daughters Melissa and Annette, both of Michigan, Heather Bentz of Tennessee, and Jennifer Schleichardt of Union; brothers Joe Hubbard and Wheeler Campo of Michigan, Norman Campo of Washington, Don Campo of Indianapolis, Ind.; sisters: Maria Campo of Glenrock, Wyo., Carmela Schweer of Colorado, Cathy Harwood of Ohio; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gray's West and Company for the memorial fund for Samuel Campo. Arrangements were through Gray's West and Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

## Jesse Blair Dixon

June 1938 – Jan. 2015

Jesse Blair Dixon was born on June 21, 1938 in Prairie City to Max E. Dixon and Beatrice (Dickenson) Dixon. Jess and his sister, Dixie, lived in many logging camps in Baker and Grant Counties, prior to moving to Baker City in the early 1940s.

Jess was very intelligent, but his teachers had a difficult time holding his interest. He always wanted to grow up fast and face early the challenges of life. He did take time to enjoy learning and playing the trumpet and being in band. He loved playing football and always made the team. When his parents decided to open a "24 flavors" ice cream store in Pendleton, Jess moved there to help his mom open and run the store. Everyday it was Jess who made all of the ice cream.

It was during the first part of his sophomore year that he returned to join his friends at Baker High when he was confronted with his parents' divorce. Since his father had left for Portland, Jess took it upon himself to support his mother and sister. He wanted a better education, but realized that if he left school to work full time, his own future looked pretty dim. He knew that allotments were paid to dependants of the U.S. military and so, on Dec. 4, 1953, at the age of 15, Jess joined the Army. Now he would be able to send monthly support home to his mother and sister. He coerced a photographer he knew to help him forge a birth certificate, which he presented to the Army recruiter and was sent to Ft. Ord, Calif. for basic training. Basic took longer than usual, because he came down with a severe case of pneumonia and was hospitalized for over one month and had to start basic all over again. It was during this time that he earned his GED and was sent his diploma. Jess saw only humor when the Oregon Dept. of Education realized it had issued his diploma two years before his own class would graduate. They requested it be returned, but he did not.

Jess did a lot during the next five years in the military. He spent time at Ft. Bragg, NC and Ft. Benning, Ga. and was a member of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. For the rest of his life Jess would have back trouble and would carry a 15 in. scar on his thigh from a night jump. The pilot had miscalculated and the troopers jumped into an old grove of trees. Only after his jump boots were filled with blood did he realize he had been injured. He just felt lucky to have survived. Some didn't. During this period, Jess came home to escort Carole to her Junior Prom and again to her Senior Prom. These were some of the last lighthearted breaks for him because by this time, the Army had discovered he was under age and was going to kick him out. Knowing he was a good soldier, his C.O. told him if he volunteered for Special Forces he would be immediately sent overseas and the Army wouldn't pay to bring him home. He applied and was immediately assigned to duty in Japan. Before he left, Jess came home and asked Carole to marry him. By this time, he was much older than his real-life 17 years.

Even though Jess didn't like to ski and was not very good at it, he was the best in his unit and became the ski instructor on Mt. Fuji. He didn't like it. He was ex-



remely proud of his grandson, Mace Berry, for his service in the Army, having served in Iraq in 2006 -

2007. Jess was a true patriot and very conservative.

He was a great story teller and told many stories of his Army years - many of them truly hair-raising, but he had an ability to make most of them humorous or even down right funny. He had great timing when telling jokes, of which he had many.

It was 20 years later that he proposed again to Carole and they married. They both had been previously married and divorced. Jess had no children and Carole (Simonsen) Smith had three (Arlen, Shan, and Gwen). Jess embraced them as his own and often, people would say that Shan looked just like her dad. They would just smile and wink at each other.

In March 2011, Jess and Carole sold their home in Spring Creek, Nev. and moved home to Oregon to share a house with daughter Shan. Every morning he would walk through the house and say, "How's my beautiful daughter this morning?" Shan and "her dad" were in the process of starting a new business together (Canby Carvers) specializing in custom carved personal and military related wood plaques and belt buckles. Now, through her tears, she is in the process of designing the urn that will soon hold Papa's ashes. As with all deaths, it is truly a very difficult time, but also so fun to remember the years dancing, music, partying with our kids, weddings, businesses -- and yes, Jess even took crews to Japan to build log homes. Jess was an avid reader, often reading a book per day.

It can be said that Jess could be very stubborn and a real challenge to live with, but life was never dull with our Jesse B. Dixon.

As with all things, Jess did it with gusto - even the cancer. An MRI on Dec. 18, 2014 showed nothing except the usual spine problems. But on Jan. 5, 2015, he was diagnosed with fully metastasized cancer throughout his body. Jess was a Christian and went to be with our Lord just 19 days later on Jan. 24, 2015.

He leaves wife Carole and daughter Shan, both of Canby; daughter Gwen Stuhr of Tigard; grandchildren Marcus Stuhr of New York; Alex Stuhr and great-grandson Mark Stuhr of Tigard; Mason (Rachel) Berry of Portland; Lonna (Berry) Lonborg and great-granddaughter Jade Lonborg of Tigard; sister Dixie (Dean) Sherwood; niece Marcy (Cliff) Ezell and family; nephew John (Gina) Sherwood and family; all of Elko, Nev.; nephew Kent (Katie) Sherwood of Sheridan, Wyo.; and many cousins and special friends.

Jess was preceded in death by son Arlen Smith; father Max Dixon; mother Bee Dixon, uncles Merle ("Toke"), Oliver ("Boo") and John Dickenson; as well as grandparents and cousins.

Per his request, no service will be held.

## Amos Frederick Rasmussen

May 1936 – Feb. 2015

Amos Frederick Rasmussen, 78, of Baker City died Feb. 8, 2015 at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. No services are planned at this time.

Amos was born May 21, 1936 in Toledo, Ore., to Pete and Mary "Jett" Rasmussen. He grew up on the Oregon coast and graduated from Newport High School. After high school he entered the Air Force and served as an Airman 2nd Class/Air Policeman from June 16, 1955 through Dec. 5, 1958 with an honorable discharge.

On Sept. 20, 1958, just before he was discharged from the Air Force, Amos married Rosemarie Leopold in ULM Germany.

Upon his return to the U.S., Amos completed



training at the Oregon Police Academy and worked from 1959 through 1988 with the Oregon State Police, retiring as Lieutenant. He also worked as the Marine Patrol Manager for the Baker County Sheriff's Department and as a U.S. Forest Service Liaison for the Grant County Sheriff's office.

Amos enjoyed a variety of hobbies including woodworking, leather work, horseback riding, sport shooting, motorcycle riding, and reloading, and was considered a Master Craftsman. He was a member of the Elks Club and an active community volunteer which included serving as the Western Heights water systems manager.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemarie Rasmussen; sisters, Irene Rasmussen and Maxine Rasmussen; and brother, Elmer "Speed" Rasmussen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Mary Rasmussen; and his brothers, Ed "Mickey" Rasmussen and Dale Rasmussen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation through Gray's West & Company Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Ore. 97814.

## Rickford Delmar Snyder

1947 - 2015

Rickford Delmar Snyder, 68, of La Grande died Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 at home surrounded by family after a two-year battle with cancer.

A Memorial Service will be held at Loveland Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m.

Rick is survived by his wife of 43 years, Linda Snyder; son, Rick Snyder; granddaughters, Addison and Abby; brothers Lonny Snyder and Robert Snyder; and many close friends and family members throughout northeast Oregon.

Born in McMinnville and raised in both Elgin and Baker City, Rick was the son of Delmar and Geraldine Snyder and was a lifelong resident of Oregon.

In his early years, Mr. Snyder helped run the family business, Snyder's Café and Fireside Steakhouse, later enlisting in the Army and completing a four-year tour of duty.

Shortly after his honorable discharge Rick went to work for Paramount Pictures in special effects. His time at Paramount and work on the movie *Paint Your Wagon* was always a lasting memory for all who knew him.



Rick met Linda, the love of his life, in Baker City and they married in 1972.

Rick owned two successful businesses in Baker City and La Grande and his last venture, Blue Mt. Radiator, was a staple business in the La Grande community for over 20 years.

Rick made his family, work, and everything north-east Oregon had to offer his top priorities. He was a very selfless individual who took great pride in introducing many first timers to the art of trout and steelhead fishing, along with countless hunting trips for both birds and big game with his trusted English Pointer "Deacon" by his side.

Mr. Snyder had very deep passion for family, friends, and animals. At the Snyder residence in La Grande the door was always open for anyone who wanted to visit or seek advice, or who just needed a helping hand, including many unannounced visits from stray animals needing food or a place to live. Everyone was welcome.

An avid reader, Mr. Snyder served on the Board of Directors of the La Grande Library, and was a lifelong member of the Baker City Elks, VFW, and Eagles Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the charity of your choice, in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 4th Street, La Grande, Ore. 97850.

Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

## James Dean Trost

July 1950 - Feb. 2015

James Dean Trost, 64, of Soda Springs, Idaho passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015 at the Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho.

Jim was born on July 4, 1950 in Concordia, Kan., the son of Merton Ezra and Dorthy Ellen Holton Trost. His family moved to Greenleaf, Idaho in 1952. He attended grade school in Greenleaf and graduated from Vallivue High School at Caldwell in 1968.



Jim moved to Park City, Utah and worked in masonry and later to Soda Springs, Idaho. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and collecting model cars and Native American knick-knacks.

He is survived by his daughter, Selena and her husband Chysler Weeks, and grandson, Kegan Jon Mickelson, all of Grace, Idaho. He is also survived by his sisters, Ilona (Dick) Ode of Nampa, Idaho, Deb (Don) Jenson of Bend; a brother Rick (Patty) Trost of Unity; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Norman.

Graveside services were held on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015 at noon at the Fairview Cemetery in Soda Springs, Idaho. Arrangements by Sims Funeral Home, Soda Springs.

## Death Notice

Barbara "Bobbi" Williams, 95, passed away peacefully at Bee Hive Home in Baker City on Feb. 13, 2015 with her family at her side. She will be buried next to her only love, Charlie, at a graveside ceremony in Napa's Tulocay Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).



## Thank You

Thank you to my family (most especially my sister and her husband, Meb and Jacque Dailey) and our friends for all the love and support you have shown my family and myself. A special Thank you to the Eagle Valley EMT's, Gordon Bond, the ladies of the Richland Christian Church, Tami Waldron for the beautiful service for Bill, and our community for all of the cards, flowers and food. I am so blessed to live in such a loving valley.

God bless you all  
The Family of Bill Holcomb

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