

**Lauren
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Loennig**Oct. 25, 1999 - April 24,
2015

Lauren Loennig, age 15, of North Powder passed away April 24, 2015. She was born in Baker City in 1999. She is survived by both parents Gerald Loennig (Father) and Elizabeth Loennig (Mother); and three siblings, Logan Loennig (Brother), Lindsey Loennig (Sister), and Lane Loennig (Brother).

Lauren was an avid outdoors person who loved many activities, particularly hiking, fishing, and tying flies. She was proficient with the guitar, enjoyed singing, and loved to dance. She was driven in all aspects of her life, whether it be her hobbies or academics.

In addition, she was actively involved with many charitable activities, including donating her hair to Locks of Love and volunteering on a medical mis-



sion to Honduras. She also loved taking care of animals. She showed livestock through 4-H and was always taking in strays. Lauren was a loving and benevolent girl who always thought of others first.

The public memorial will be held at the North Powder Charter School on Friday, May 1,

2015 from 12 - 2 p.m. If you would like to send flowers, please have them delivered to the school on Friday morning.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Sierra Bingham Heart fund. An account has been established at the Baker City Branch of Umpqua Bank.

Stan Brooks

Dec. 1928 - April 2015

Stan Brooks, 86, longtime Richland, Ore., resident, died on April 20, 2015 at Meadowbrook in Baker City. At his request there will be no services.

Stanley Wayne was born at his grandparents' home on Dec. 11, 1928 in Halfway, to Paul and Olga LaRue (Miller) Brooks. He was the oldest of three boys: with brothers Dwight and Charles. He was raised in Richland, Ore., attending Richland Elementary, then graduating from Eagle Valley High School in 1947.

After high school graduation he went to work for his dad on the ranch and for a short time worked on the Brownlee Dam.

Stan married LaRue Colton on June 1, 1952 at her aunt's home, the home of Wallace and Bess Richardson (at the old Fort Moody Place) in Richland. They had three children: Gail, Steve, and Rod. He started milking cows in 1962 and later joined his brother Charles and sister-in-law Mary Lee in the dairy business. He worked at the Pine Eagle Co-op, first



making butter before going into the dairy business and later as the accountant,

before retiring.

He loved fly fishing, hunting, camping, playing cards, and hunting for mushrooms in the spring. Stan used his carpentry skills for home remodeling projects and building picnic tables. Hobbies were leather work, making billfolds, purses and belts for family members, and after retiring he tied flies for fishing. He enjoyed family gatherings and playing pinocle.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Charles; and grandsons Matt Halley and Rory Huff.

Stan is survived by his wife LaRue; children Gail and her husband Mark Halley of Sisters, Ore., Steve and his wife Gerri of Richland, Ore., and Rod and his wife Kelli Brooks of Addison, Tex.; grandchildren Paul, Ace, Miranda, David, Christopher, and Carla; and eight great-grandchildren.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Stan, the family suggests the Eagle Valley Ambulance/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.

Death & Service Notices

Bruce Valentine died on Nov. 23, 2014. Interment and Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 4 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family members suggest memorial donations be made to the OHSU Cardiac Transplant Unit, where Bruce experienced many miracles. This may be done 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.

Brigita "Brixie" Huey, 66, of Richland, Ore., died on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

**Felix "Val"
Valenzuela**

1930 - April 2015

Felix "Val" Valenzuela died in Baker City on April 21, surrounded in love.

Born in 1930 and the youngest of three siblings, Val was born in Los Angeles back when it was surrounded by orange groves.

Raised in Southern California, he entered the Navy in 1950. Val was in the Navy for more than 20 years, serving on many different ships including the *USS Columbus* (CA-74), *USS Somers* (DD-947), *USS Coucal* (ASR-8), and the *USS Prairie* (AD-15). Val served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars and during that time, while stationed in London, he served on the Board of Translators and Interpreters for his Command and the US Embassy.

Val met Victoria (Vickie) Barnes of Haines in 1965; and three days later they married. While in the Navy, they adopted their son John and daughter Suzan.

After retiring from the Navy in 1975, Val and Vickie moved back to Baker City to raise their family. They added to the family with the birth of their youngest son, David. Val built their home together on Madison Street, turning a two-bedroom home into a five-bedroom home. Working together, Val and Vickie rocked, sided, and wired the home, an experience Val enjoyed and treasured.

Val retired after 17 years from the Oregon Transportation Department in 1993. Val was an excellent cook and known for making the hottest salsa around; if you gave him a jar of preserves he returned that jar filled with his "famous" salsa. Val enjoyed vintage cars and owned several throughout his adult life. He was a member of the St. Francis DeSales Cathedral, the Fleet Reserve Association, and the Elks. Although Val had traveled and lived around the world, he felt most at home in the Baker Valley and in the community of Baker City.

Val believed that all people deserved to be safe, cared for, and heard. For years, Val volunteered his time to translate at different agencies and locations in Baker City and LaGrande. Countless times, Val brought families home who were stranded on the road to ensure they were safe and had a good meal. And when he would learn that a family was in need of food or shelter he would take food or volunteer to fix their homes to make them more comfortable. Val was a generous and loving soul. He was very sensitive and kind. He could tell a good joke and laugh deeply. He ended every conversation with "God bless you" and meant it. He would help a stranger, give a hand to someone others might pass by, and talk with everyone, whether at the bank, the grocery, or the post office -- Val was a friendly and genuine guy.

Val is survived by his wife Vickie; and his three children and their spouses, John and Kimberly Valenzuela of McFarland, Wis., Suzan and Brian Huntington of Portland, Ore., and David and Gokce Valenzuela of Augusta, Ga.; and two grandchildren, Addyson and Riven Valenzuela.

The family would like to share their deepest and most sincere appreciation of the nursing staff at Saint Alphonsus in Baker City. The nurses and CNAs were kind, caring, and compassionate, giving special attention to Val's needs and providing the best comfort care possible while reassuring and supporting the family. We will be forever grateful. A celebration of life for Val will be held this summer. In Val's memory donations may be made to St. Francis DeSales or the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

**Patricia Lynn
Cartmell**

April 1954 - April 2015

Patricia Lynn Cartmell, 60, of Baker City, died on April 21, 2015 at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. A family gathering will be held at a later date.

Patricia Lynn was born on April 25, 1954 in Mapleton, Iowa to John and Bernice (Bollig) Virtue. Pat was the eighth of 12 children. She was raised in Iowa where she attended school in Castana through the 8th grade before moving to California with her family. While living in Washington, Pat met Bill Cartmell; they were married from 1984 to 2006. After suffering a stroke in 2005, Pat moved to Baker City to be closer to her family.

Pat claims her employment history consisted of "a workhorse for life." She milked cows, took care of chickens, worked with horses, did lots of yard work, tended to flower beds, gardened, and canned. Pat worked on many ranches



as a cowboy." She enjoyed the horses and driving pony carts.

Packing into the high country to hunt deer, elk and bear were special memories. Pat in her own words shared, "Life itself was a ride."

Pat loved a good party, being crazy, making memories. Pat collected Native American artifacts, fossils, marbles, and all things Western or related to horses. She studied and knew the importance of each piece collected.

Pat was lovingly referred to as "Aunt Pat Pat" to numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; baby sister Sheral; brother Jim; sister Lori; brother Jerry; and nephew Kim M. Virtue.

Pat is survived by brothers Jack Virtue, Steve and Kim Virtue, Randy and Anna Virtue, Tom and Tina Virtue, and Kent and Tammy Virtue;

brother-in-law Kenny Austin; sisters Shirley and Phil Barbera, and Sandy Shumway and Mike Proschold; sister-in-law Marianne Virtue; nieces and nephews Luke and Courtney Benson and children Remington and Welker, Luke and Ashley Austin, Buddy and Rhonda Hillman, Dustin and TJ Hillman and son Mason, Corey and Jessica Hillman and daughter Temperance, Codey Hillman and Nevada Hillman, Nicole Virtue, Garrett and Kertbie Virtue and Paisley, and many more nieces and nephews in other areas.

Pat had a compassion for others. She worried, said a prayer, and always wanted to be of help if she could. And as the days would test her, she would say, "It's always something."

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Pat, you may do so to the charity of your choice, 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.

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SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45
MON-THURS 6:45

THE MONKEY KINGDOM (G)
A nature documentary that follows a newborn monkey and its mother as they struggle to survive.
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SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON-THURS 7:10

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