

Beverly Carol Robertson

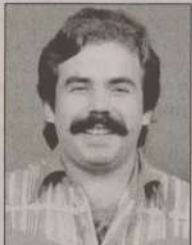
1934 - 2015



Beverly Carol Robertson, 81 of Ontario passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015. This was one day short of her 82nd birthday. She was a retired barber and Baker County judge. Our beautiful Mom is now with Dad, Ken Robertson, her mother, Beulah Miller, and many friends. Grave site services were held on Friday, July 17, at Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla, Wash., at 10 a.m. We will miss her dearly. Happy Birthday Mom! Daughters, Valerie, Tracey, their families and friends. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Richard "Rick" Leroy Whitmore

March 1959 - July 2015



Richard "Rick" Leroy Whitmore, 56, died unexpectedly July 7, 2015 in Baker City. A Celebration of Rick's life is being planned for Aug. 28, 2015, at Community Connection in Baker City (time to be announced). Rick was born March 30, 1959 in Baker City to David and Maria Whitmore.

Rick was raised in Baker. He received his education at Brooklyn Elementary, Middle and the Baker High School. As a child he enjoyed sports, especially wrestling and baseball. He lived most of his life in Baker.

In the late 1980s, Rick married. Although he later divorced, he had one son, Richard Lee. The day Richard Lee was born was one of Rick's most memorable times in his life. Rick worked in the lumber industry and as a logger. He also worked in the tire industry with his dad.

Rick took joy in fishing with his paternal grandfather Glenn as a child, and especially enjoyed the summer.

One of Rick's favorite poems was "Footprints in the Sand", part of which reads: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, You would walk with me all the way; But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, There is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you the most, you should leave me. The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

Rick's most memorable times in his life included not only the birth of his son as mentioned earlier, but also his grandchildren. He relished Thanksgiving dinner, Christmas, and birthdays. Rick will always be remembered for his kind heart.

Survivors include his son Richard Lee Whitmore, mother Mary Whitmore, and sister Anna and brother-in-law Michael Clark. His grandchildren Erika and Logan, nephews Dex, Alex, nieces Brezzy and Kanece; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rick was preceded in death by his father David and sisters Debbie and Sue, Grandparents Glenn and Edna Whitmore, Efrén Moreno.

Those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Rick may do so to help defray his expenses incurred at time of death through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services: P.O. Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Nancy Peyron

Sept. 1952 - July 2015



Nancy Peyron, 62, of Baker City died of pancreatic cancer in Springfield, Ore., on July 14, 2015. During the dying process she was surrounded by her loving mother, Liz Peyron, and sister friends, Jennell Hoehne and Sandra Jeffs. At Nancy's request she was cremated and no funeral or Celebration of Life service will be held.

Nancy was born in Baker, one of five children of Gaston and Elizabeth Peyron. She grew up in La Grande, and moved with her family at age 13 to Portland, Ore. She graduated from Rex Putnam High School in 1971. Her bachelor's degree was in International Studies and Peace Studies from the University of Oregon in Eugene. Her master's degree was in Organizational Development from the Leadership Institute of Seattle.

Nancy had a varied career; working for the United Nations in Vienna, Austria; Department of Justice Antitrust Division in Washington, DC, San Francisco, and Dallas; President's Office, University of Oregon, Chemical Dependency Counselor Training Program at Lane Community College, Micronesia and South Pacific Program at the University of Oregon, all in Eugene; teaching Entrepreneurship and Economic Development for Siroli Institute, primarily in Texas, England, and Scotland, and Volunteer and Trainer with Ford Institute Leadership Program in rural Oregon. In addition, she managed and sold the family ranch, managed other family properties, and assisted with elder care of her parents since 1999.

Nancy was passionate about what she believed in and inspired many people to get involved in her latest causes and added value to their lives. She was active in the Baker City community. She loved connecting with people and had many beloved friends all over the world. She loved cats, including her last three: Danny Boy, Bumby, and Chacho.

She was preceded in death by her brother, 'Little' Henry Peyron, father, Gaston Peyron, and uncle, Pete Peyron, and her grandparents, Esther and Tom Lashbaugh. Nancy is survived by her mother, Elizabeth Peyron, and three sisters, Rayna Peyron, Pam Peyron, and Laurie (Larry) Solisz, all of Baker City. She is also survived by two nieces, Sara Cothren, Baker City, Teri Cothren, Anchorage, AK; two nephews, Nicolas (Heather) Solisz, of Stafford, VA, and Phillip Solisz, Baker City, and two great nieces, Sylvia McCleary, Baker City, and Delilah Solisz, Stafford.

Final arrangements are being handled by Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Halfway. It is Nancy's desire that contributions in her memory be made to Refuge Point, a non-profit organization who provides lasting solutions for the world's most vulnerable refugees. To donate, please go to: <https://www.refugepoint.org/donate/>. You will have the option to indicate the donation is honoring Nancy and notify Nancy's family, with a note of your contribution. Any level of donation would be appreciated and Nancy's niece, Teri Cothren, will be receiving donation notifications at tericothren@hotmail.com.

On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Rochelle Dunbar-Evans

April 1976 - July 2015



Rochelle Dunbar-Evans passed away on July 13, 2015 at her home in Vale, Ore., after a long battle with cancer. She was born April 28, 1976 in Baker City. Many of her younger days were spent doing her favorite things: riding horses, playing with her dogs and cats, going logging with her dad and riding with her grandpa in his log truck; hence, that's where she got the nickname, Tuffy. Many who knew her still called her Tuffy.

As she grew, she was active in 4-H, showing horses and sheep. She also competed in rodeo and was on many rodeo courts. During her high school years, Chell was in FFA showing sheep and cattle, along with public speaking and many other activities. She was a 1994 graduate of Baker High School. The summer after graduation, she worked as a spokesperson for the Oregon Beef Council, which she loved. Rochelle never met a stranger and loved telling people about anything she was passionate about.

She went on to study agriculture at Treasure Valley Community College. She spent the next 20 years of her life living and working in Malheur County. Chell continued to work in agriculture in some form the rest of her life from feed lots to veterinary assistant to buck-a-rooing, to finally a softer side, working at D&B Supply in Ontario. Rochelle's favorite job was spent being a mother; she loved Gus and Mackenzie and spent her time making sure they had everything they needed. They followed in her footsteps in 4-H and riding horses. She was very proud of them both.

After Chell got cancer, she worked at many fundraising events to help fight and promote cancer research.

Her last effort to fight cancer was to donate her body to OHSU for research to help future cancer victims. Rochelle is survived by her parents Randy and Michelle Dunbar, sister and brother-in-law, Pamela and Adam Nash, children Gus and Mackenzie Evans and husband, Mike Evans.

Alton L. "Tom" Dennis

1934 - 2015



Alton L. "Tom" Dennis, 81, longtime Eagle Valley/Sparta resident, died at his home in Baker City on July 9, 2015. A Celebration of Tom's Life with Military Honors will be held on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 2005 Valley Avenue in Baker City.

Tom was born in New Bridge, Ore., to Lester Lodd and Bernadine Lillie (Blank) Dennis and he grew up in Eagle Valley. He worked at a lot of different jobs during his high school years, including a carnival, unloading boxes at Robinette, or for the Orville/Greener Ranch. He graduated from Eagle Valley High School in 1952. He joined the Army during the Korean War. He was trained in refrigeration and served overseas in France. While there he flew officers around in helicopter and was on the rifle team. He received his pilot's license before his drivers permit.

Tom came home on leave in 1953 and married Arleta Griffin and they had five children. They divorced and he married Billie Patton.

Tom's father passed when he was 1 and a half. His mother married Bert Dennis who raised Tom as his own. He had a sister who died at birth, three brothers, Jerry, Melton "Bud", and Roscoe "Bimbo."

Tom was a logger at heart. He also worked on the Brownlee and Oxbow Dams. He sheared sheep and could shear 200 sheep in a day. He got his instrument license and flew folks to Alaska, California and Nevada. He went to meat cutting school in the 60s and worked at Ferguson's Market in Halfway, then later in Corvallis at Foodland before going to work at Wah-Chang. He was buying his own plane in 1968. He had a stroke that disabled him but the stroke didn't stop him for long. He tried other jobs. He worked in a tire shop with a friend from Richland for a time but it was more than his body could do. He moved to Halfway and tried walking ditch but by the late 70s he realized that he was unable to work.

Tom loved the outdoors, he always thought of himself as a logger, miner, sheep shearer. Tom even tried commercial fishing out of Newport, Ore. Most of his life he lived in Baker County; He thought it was of God's country...home. In 1979 Tom married the love of his life, Carol Sanders.

In the 80s he tore a house down in Richland and used the wood to build a cabin in Sparta in the early 90s. He was an avid hunter and fisherman from the time he was a kid. He was in his 70s when he took up painting, making his first beer then also and went from there to wine where his huckleberry won second place at the Newport wine festival. He wrote poetry, was a gardener and inventor.

Tom loved his family more than anything but didn't always show it until he got grandchildren and great grandchildren who taught him all about it.

Tom is survived by his wife Carol, daughter Arleen (Neal) Longstreet, Aron (Heidi) Dennis, Andy (Patty) Dennis, Amos, Tom and (Opal) and Bob (Sherry) Forsyth and Jackie Harris. Numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son Jack Dennis, step son Jeremy Forsyth and brother Bimbo Dennis.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Tom may do so to help defray funeral expenses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS PO Box 543 in Halfway, OR 97834.

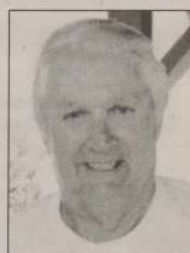
Service Notice

Donald "Pat" Paterson, Sr. - A Memorial Service with Military honors will be held for Donald "Pat" Paterson, Sr. on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015 - 11 a.m. at the New Bridge Nazarene Church in New Bridge, Ore. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception to be held immediately following the service at the New Bridge Grange. Those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Pat, may do so to the Eagle Valley EMT Training fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Albert F. Rasmussen, Jr.

June 1937 - July 2015



Albert F. Rasmussen, Jr. "Big Al" passed away in his home in Richland, Ore., on July 15, 2015, at the age of 78 years old. A Celebration of his fishing life with friends was held on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Hewitt Park in Richland. A final piece of the service was a 21 cast salute.

A viewing was held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 1-5 p.m. at Autumn Funeral Home in Redmond, Ore. A Graveside service with military honors was held on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Redmond Memorial Gardens in Redmond, Oregon.

Al was born June 30, 1937 to Albert F. Rasmussen Sr. and Lillian L. Harding in Lake of the Woods, Minn., and was the oldest of 15 children. He married Barbara J. Fisher in 1958 and they had four children. He was a combat veteran with the US Air Force, having served in Vietnam and Thailand. He retired as a Tech SGT in 1976 with 20 years of service. Al then went to work for the City of Bend from which he retired. After retirement he moved to the Richland where he made his home and enjoyed fishing on every day that ended in 'y'. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Al is also very fondly remembered as having a great sense of humor and loved a practical joke, especially if it was played on you.

He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, National Rifle Association and other organizations related to veterans causes and the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara who died in 1991, parents Albert and Lillian Rasmussen; siblings Ruth, Butch, Raymond, and three siblings who died as infants.

Al is survived by his children Norman and his wife Vera of Evans Mills, NY, Sharon Rasmussen of Bend, Ore., Rodney and Robin Rasmussen of ND, and Rebecca Rasmussen of Redmond, Ore; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren; his siblings; numerous nieces and nephews.

Those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Al, the family suggests Creating Memories (monies help with equipment, fuel, or fishing poles to give the opportunity to those children with disabilities the opportunity to hunt or fish) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Ore., 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Edna Louise Witzig Adamson

April 1923 - July 2015



Edna Louise Witzig Adamson crossed over Jordan July 17, 2015 at Providence Extended Care in Anchorage, Alaska after a long illness. She had dementia and diabetes.

Edna was born near Crawford, Neb., April 26, 1923. She moved with her family to Idaho when she was still a child. When she was twenty, she married Paul Thomas Adamson and together they raised five children. The couple worked in the shipyards at Vancouver, Wash., until the end of the war. Later they raised their family in Baker City, Ore., where three of their children graduated high school. Later they moved to Milton-Freewater, Ore., where the twins graduated high school. Mother's Day, May 1972, Paul, Edna, Bonnie and Lois started their one week journey to Anchorage, Alaska, where their three other children already lived.

When Paul retired they moved back to Milton-Freewater until unable to care for themselves properly and moved back to Anchorage where their children were living.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents William and Mae (Oetken) Witzig and two brothers Harold and Carl, husband Paul, Son Don, son-in-law Tom Schill and great granddaughter Erika. She is survived by her sister Alice Smith (Dale), children Paul E. Adamson (Sally Carr), Lois Tobuk (Bill), Bonnie Mulneaux (John) and Connie Schill (Tom) as well as eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made through Legacy Funeral Home, Heritage Chapel at Angelus. A memorial service is planned during the Family Reunion later this month near La Grande, Ore. Her ashes will be placed with her husband Paul and their son Don at a later date at Baker City.

To share condolences with the family please visit www.legacyalaska.com.

Lyle A. Swain

Aug. 1940 - July 2015



Lyle A. Swain, 74, of Payette, Idaho, died July 16, 2015 in Sumpter, Ore. Private interment was at the Sumpter Cemetery.

Lyle was born on Aug. 13, 1940 in Lapoint, Utah to Robert O. and Donna M. (Lyman) Swain. Lyle attended high school in Roosevelt, Utah and graduated from St. George College in 1960.

Lyle then went to work as a lineman at the Uintah Power and Light Company and later worked for Moon Lake Electric. On April 24, 1988 Lyle married Kay Swain in Payette, Idaho.

Lyle enjoyed farming, woodworking, bow hunting, pheasant hunting and riding four wheelers as well as volunteering his service for others. Most of all he loved spending time with his family. Lyle was a loving father and a devoted husband.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Kay Swain, of Payette, his sons Scott Swain and his wife Marie of Neola, Utah, Keifer Dodd of Payette, Idaho, Kevin Dodd of Weiser, Idaho, and daughter Jill and husband Glenn Todd of Saratoga Springs, Utah. He has 15 grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Donna Swain.

Arrangements are being handled through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

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