

Mary Alice Williams Carroll

Aug. 1926 - Aug. 2015



Mary Alice Williams Carroll, 88, died on Aug. 6, 2015 in Baker City. She was born on Aug. 17, 1926 in Baker to John B. and Margaret William. Most of her early childhood was spent in lumber camps around Bates, Austin and Whitney. Her father worked for the Oregon Lumber Company. The family lived year round in camp until her brother John started to school. Then they came to Baker where they lived on 15th Street. She and John went to Churchill School through the 6th grade except for the 4th grade when they went to school in a one room schoolhouse in Whitney. She remembers this year as the best time of all her happy childhood. Her father came home every night and they were all together. Probably the most important people in her life as a child were her brothers; John was 16 months older than she and was the fount of all her knowledge. Berley was 21 years older and she adored him. When they came to Baker from camp, he took her on his knee and they coagulated paint charts and she was allowed to choose the color he would paint the equator that week. She took this responsibility very seriously. The equator had to be painted often because "it is hot."

Mary went to Helen M. Stark Junior High School and graduated from Baker High in 1944. On Feb. 17, 1946 she married her childhood friend George L. Carroll. They were married in the old Christian Church on the corner of 4th and Church Street. They spent most of their early married life in Baker. George worked as a meat cutter. They had three sons and a daughter. In 1954 George re-inlisted in the Navy and the family moved around quite a lot. George left the service in 1961 and they settled in Esparto, Calif., where they raised their family and lived for over 30 years. They returned home to Baker City in 1992.

Mary enjoyed doing needlepoint and many a home has her work hung on the wall. She also knitted slippers and dish cloths, all year to give as Christmas gifts.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, George who died in 2002, sons James, George Jr. and Robert.

Mary is survived by her daughter Maggie and her husband Ken McGuire of Baker City; Delores Carroll of Vacaville, Calif.; grandchildren Kathleen and her husband Levi Schomberg, Robert Carroll, Laura Carroll all of Baker City; Kristen Glenn and husband Austin of Vacaville, Calif.; Stephanie Slavich and mate David Sanders; Austin & Cassie Schomberg of Baker City; great-grandchildren Hilary Rose, Marissa, Emily, Kelsey, Jonathan, Jasmine, Jax, Kenyan and Brodee Schomberg all of Baker City, Angelina & Abel of Vacaville, Calif.; nieces Joyce Rayborn and her husband Bruce; Roberta Peterson and her husband Dennis, John Williams and his wife Rosa and their son J.R.; many wonderful friends - David Burris was like a son to her; good neighbors Bettie and Marvin Schmidt who did so many kind things for her through the years; Julie and her son Nick Bouchard who kept her lawn mowed, hedge trimmed, painted her kitchen and other things too numerous to mention; Bev Coleman with whom she enjoyed many a hamburger, shared holidays and was a good friend; Sunny and Jack Lillard of Roseburg, Ore., who called her Aunt Mary and enjoyed a longtime close and loving relationship. Last but not least, her companion and much loved dog "Blossom Buttercup." Judy Chamard and John Powell have welcomed Blossom Buttercup into their home. Mary was at peace with this kind gesture. She also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

There will be a Memorial Service at Mt. Hope Cemetery at a later date for family and friends. Date and time will be announced. Julie made a beautiful box at Mary's request for her remains - it was much admired and appreciated. One thing that Mary always said and was, "I have to live with myself, and so I have to be nice for myself to know."

A huge thank you to Heart & Home Hospice especially Seth, Erica, Ben & Lettye. God bless you all for your kindness and compassion.

Those who would like to send condolences or make a memorial donation in memory of Mary may do so to an Animal Shelter of your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

A Free Market

The community is invited to a free market hosted by the Baker City LDS Church on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. Back to school items such as clothes, shoes, backpacks, etc. will be the emphasis, but all good, usable items will be accepted. Donations of your gently used, functioning items are most welcome. The LDS is located on Hughes Lane.

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Making Sense of Madness Training Offered

Baker School District 5J is pleased to announce an exciting professional development opportunity coming to Baker City, Oregon. Jeff Noble, is coming to Eastern Oregon as part of his 2015 North American Tour "Making Sense of the Madness." Jeff and his organization, Noble Initiatives, provides hope and education to people caring for those living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

Jeff's training is highly interactive, entertaining and filled with "lightbulb moments" of discovery. Please join us Sept. 14 at the North Baker Education Center, 2725 7th Street in Baker City from 8:30-4 p.m. for this enlightening experience. Following is the link for further information and the required registration form: <http://goo.gl/forms/Lj7oLouvJe>. Registration deadline is Sept. 3, 2015. There will be light breakfast offerings and a no-host lunch; however, the event is free.

Gerald John Lequerica

June 1938 - Aug. 2015

Gerald John Lequerica, 77, of La Grande, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A casual dress Graveside Service was held at the Union Cemetery on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 1:30 p.m. A Celebration of Life reception followed at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Club House at 2 p.m.

Gerald was born June 27, 1938, in Winnemucca, Nev., to John and Eloise (Mendeita) Lequerica. He grew up in Arock and Jordan Valley, Ore., McDermitt, Nev., Emmett, Idaho and Pondsosa where he attended Pondsosa Elementary and graduated High school in Union. After high school, he married Linda Baum on June 15, 1956. He then attended Eastern Oregon College graduating with a degree in Secondary Education for Math and Science.

Gerald's love of trucking came from many summers as of age 4 in McDermitt, Nev., with his Papa Jo, Jaca Trucking Company. He formed a partnership with Tuffy Bowman Trucking called LBoW Trucking hauling logs in Eastern Oregon. He later continued to haul logs with his own trucking business. Gerald also worked in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska and for Eagle Truck Weaver Construction and Mike Becker Construction all of La Grande.

Gerald was an avid lover of the outdoors from huckleberry picking to the many pack trips he made to the high country of Eastern Oregon. Many of those horseback trips were shared with his son Las and many other friends to hunt elk in the wilderness. If you were a mushroom, berry or elk and Gerald was around, you better hide.

One of his other ventures was ownership with his partners of a dock on Brownlee Reservoir where they had countless days of fun and frolic as well as fishing. He worked hard and loved his off time as well. For many years, this crew sponsored an event called the Pig & Jig.

Gerald is survived by his partner, Rayetta Thomas; his children, Las Lequerica (Shar), Joni Lequerica (John Coote) and Daren Lequerica; sisters, Eleanor Wood and Jonelle Krakau; brother, Tim Lequerica; grandchildren, Brianne, Rachelle, Nic, Cale, Cali, DJ and Karin as well as 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Smith.

Mary Kay Williamson

April 1961 - July 2015



Mary Kay Williamson, 54, of Baker City died July 31, 2015 in Meridian, Idaho. A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the New Beginnings Fellowship Church, 1820 Estes Street, Baker City. John Jeffries will be officiating. A reception is also scheduled following the service.

Mary was born in Baker City on April 17, 1961 to Bruce McMurren and Joanne Duncan McMurren. After graduating from high school, Mary attended Blue Mountain Community College and received a degree in accounting. She put her education to good use by working at the Credit Union and an audiology office.

Mary loved going to Halfway with her Aunt Nancy to spend Easter and Thanksgiving with Randy and Dana Simrell each year. During the early years before her illness, she would hold an open house that was lavishly decorated and had lots of home made specialty goodies.

Survivors are her husband, Russell Williamson, her daughter and son-in-law Courtney and Aaron Moses of Springfield, Ore., her four grandchildren: Theron Russell Springer, Mark Emmanuel Springer, Bella Marie Moses and Regina Marie Moses, all from Springfield; her mother and father-in-law, Caron Williamson and James Ward of Baker City, her sister, Jody Califf, her aunt and uncles: Nancy Simrell and Poly of Baker City, Norval and Margaret Byron of La Grande, Larry and Pat Byron of Nampa, Idaho.

She is preceded in death by Lewis Williamson, her parents, Joanne Duncan and Bruce McMurren and her grandparents, Carl and Millie Byron.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Beginning Fellowship Church through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

Death Notice

Patricia Williamson, 81 of Baker City passed away on August 10, 2015 at her residence. There will be a rosary and funeral mass Thursday, Aug. 13 beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Francis DeSales Cathedral in Baker City. Urn interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery with a luncheon following at St. Francis DeSales Parish Hall. Arrangements are being handled through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Baker City, OR 97814

Service Notice

Charles D. Davis, 77, a resident of Baker City died Sunday Aug. 9, 2015 in Jerome, Idaho. Funeral services for Mr. Davis will be held Tuesday Aug. 18, 2015 at 11 a.m. in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Pastor Monte Wood of the church will officiate and interment will follow the services at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation for Mr. Davis will be held Monday Aug. 17, 2015 from 1-7 p.m. at Coles Tribute Center. Donations maybe made to either the American Diabetes or the Kidney Foundation/ This maybe done through the Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Baker city, OR 97814.

Funding Available to Oregon Ranchers for Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation

Apply by Aug. 28 for this year's funding

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service has financial and technical assistance now available to help Oregon ranchers improve sage grouse habitat in Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur and Union counties.

The funding will help landowners perform a variety of rangeland health conservation practices, such as removing invasive juniper trees and other conifers, treating exotic annual grasses, and addressing other threats to stabilize or improve rangeland ecological conditions.

The funding is available to landowners interested in pursuing a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances, or CCAA. CCAs offer protection from future regulatory requirements should the greater sage grouse be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

NRCS conservation programs give landowners the tools and financial assistance they need to successfully implement the conservation measures identified in their site-specific plans," said Kevin Conroy, NRCS basin team leader. "Together, NRCS and its partners will work closely with private landowners to plan and design conservation treatments to improve sage grouse habitat and overall rangeland health."

Funding is limited to landowners within sage grouse habitat areas.

Interested landowners should submit applications to their local USDA Service Center by Aug. 28 to be considered for this current round of funding.

This funding is part of a new five-year project

selected for funding this year though USDA's highly-competitive Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Collectively, this project aims to improve sage grouse habitat across 3.4 million acres of privately-owned lands in Eastern Oregon.

NRCS will invest \$9 million in the project over the next five years, and partners are matching that investment dollar-to-dollar, for a total investment of \$18 million. The lead partner for this project is the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts. Other collaborating partners include: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management; Oregon State University; USDA Agriculture Research Service; Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board; State of Oregon Governor's Office; Oregon Department of Agriculture; The Nature Conservancy; Baker Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD); Crook County SWCD; Ft. Rock-Silver Lake SWCD; Harney SWCD; Lakeview SWCD; Burnt River SWCD; Eagle Valley SWCD; Grant SWCD; Keating SWCD; Malheur County SWCD; and the county courts of: Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur.

For more information, contact a local USDA Service Center in the following counties: Oregon USDA Service Centers within Sage Grouse Core Habitat Areas:

- Baker County: Misty Bennett, District Conservationist, 541-523-7121. Misty.Bennett@or.usda.gov
- Grant County: Lorraine Vogt, District Conservationist, 541-575-0135. Lorraine.Vogt@or.usda.gov
- Union County: Mike Burton, District Conservationist, 541-963-4178. Mike.Burton@or.usda.gov



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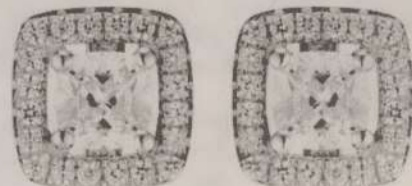
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