

Helen R. Davis

Oct. 1936 - Sept. 2015



Longtime Baker City resident, Helen Ruth Carmon Davis, 78, passed away at Bee-Hive Assisted Living on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015.

Graveside services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015, at 1 p.m. in Halfway, Ore., at Pine Eagle Cemetery.

Helen was born on Oct. 6, 1936 at Emberson, Tex., to Olen and Anne Carmon. She was one of seven children. She spent her childhood in Texas.

She lived in Rialto, Calif., for many years before moving to Baker City where she had lived for the past 40 years with her husband, Alvin, of 52 years. She was the proud mother of four children. She enjoyed cooking for her family and especially enjoyed camping and fishing on the Snake River with family and friends. She spent many years working as a cook at Fancy Dan's, Smoke Shop, and Cattle Kate's. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who lived in Baker City and called her "Honey." She also loved her grandchildren who did not live here in Baker City with her, but cherished the times when she was able to visit with them as well. One of her favorite past times was to have lunch with her friends at the Senior Center. She was able to stay in her own home and be cared for by her daughter, Cindy and granddaughter Alyssa, Encompass Home Health, and Heart and Home Hospice until just a few weeks ago when she spent her final days at Bee Hive Assisted Living with her family by her side.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin of Baker City, son Jerry (Michelle) Bryan of Victorville, Calif., Daughters Cindy (Jim) Frampton of Baker City, Julie (Dion) Hess of Ridgefield, Wash., stepdaughter Denise (Loren) Eib of Maui, Hawaii, grandchildren Amanda, Jay, Alyssa, Samantha, Caleb, Kirk, Jason, Kelly, Justin, Harmony, Dana, and Dustin, great-grandchildren, Alexa, Haley, Laney, Craig, Max, Myles and Marcos. Sisters, Rita Wade and Joella Murphy and brother Ernest Carmon.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son Eddie, and sisters Mary, Etta, and Vessie.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions in memory of Mrs. Davis, may direct them to the American Cancer Society, this may be done through the Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Baker City, OR 97814.

Rita Soniavalinda Mason

June 1980 - Sept. 2015



Rita Soniavalinda (Gutierrez) Mason, 35, of Baker City died Sept. 19, 2015 with her family by her side. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Sept. 25, 2015 at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Officiating was by Father Robert Greiner of St. Francis De Sales Cathedral. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery with a reception following at the VFW Hall following the interment.

Rita was born on June 12, 1980 in Sacramento, Calif., to Manuel Huerta Gutierrez and Helen Ramos. She attended school at McClatchy High School in Sacramento and Baker High School along with attending the Job Corp.

She was Valedictorian at the Job Corp and received the Presidents Award from Bill Clinton.

Rita married Charles Mason on April 1, 2011 in Sacramento and the two of them raised their family. Rita loved taking care of her family and that was what she did until her passing. She loved cosmetics and was an avid consumer of the M.A.C. Products. She also enjoyed shopping and enriching the activities with her family.

She was a volunteer for the Sacramento Neighborhood Housing Project and the Sacramento START Program but the greatest accomplishment was taking care of a family she loved so much.

Rita is survived by her husband, Charles Mason, children, Aaliyah, Yasmine, Connor of Baker City and Manuel, Carlos, Rito, Blanca, Michelle, Chris of California, her father Manny Gutierrez of Baker City, aunts and uncles, Donna, Trino, Mary and Chuck nieces and nephews, Manuel, Michael, Hillary, Xochi, Beau, Jackie, Eric, Tatyana, Sonny, Jason, Jalena, Isabella and many others, and her in-laws, Abe, Mike, Richelle, Lori, Therman, Chuck and Chris, her first husband, Robert John Feeley and former mother-in-law Valerie Feeley both of Baker City.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Helen Ramos, her grandmother Connie Gutierrez, Uncles Rito and Leonard and her Aunt Lucy.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Heart N Home Hospice through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

Naomi Jean Shiflett

Nov. 1948 - Sept. 2015



Naomi Jean Shiflett, 66, died at her home in La Grande with her family at her side on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in La Grande. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception immediately following the service at the church.

Naomi Jean was born on Nov. 28, 1948 in Weiser, Idaho. In her youth, Naomi's family moved to La Grande where she was raised and attended school.

On Oct. 17, 1970, Naomi married Marvin Shiflett in La Grande and they had three children. During her life she worked various part-time jobs, but was a full time wife and mother.

Naomi enjoyed bowling, crafting and cooking. Her favorite time of year was autumn and spring. Her most memorable times were the day she wed Marvin, the births of her children and grandchildren. Naomi was so loved and will be missed more than words can say.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ike and Jean Harsin.

Naomi is survived by her husband Marvin, daughters Denise Green of Ontario, Calif., Tamara and her husband Horacio Gonzalez of Woodburn, Ore., son Michael Shiflett of Nampa, Idaho; six grandchildren Elijah, Gabriel, Eric, Noah, Delaney and Kambria; brothers Ron, Darwin and Harold.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Naomi, the family suggests Grand Ronde Hospice Care 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

Morgan Lee Mawhinney

March 2015 - Sept. 2015



Morgan Lee Mawhinney, 5 1/2 months old, of Baker City, died at his home on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Morgan's life was held on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the Baker City Christian Church on Hwy 7.

Morgan was born on March 31, 2015 in La Grande, Ore., to Lindsey Nelson and Donald "Red" Mawhinney. Morgan's parents shared, "In the 5 1/2 short months that we got to hold our perfect baby boy, he was shown more love than some people endure in a lifetime. He was always being loved on, kissed, and held tightly. These past months have been such an amazing journey in our lives. Morgan got to do so much in his short life: camping, fishing, boating. He was really into cars and loved watching cars on television, so we took him to the Meridian Speedway Nightfire Races. We all went to the coast and Morgan loved putting his toes in the sand."

"His smile could light up a room and it was so contagious. He touched everybody's heart that knew him and could always get a smile out of anyone, no matter what. And when he grabbed your face to kiss you, you felt the love he had for you. He was perfect in each and every way. Even if he was taken from us way to early, he was loved unconditionally and he left us full of love with the hope to see him again someday."

Morgan also enjoyed jumping on his rocking horse, cuddling, kisses and he always had smiles. He flirted with his beautiful sparkling eyes and gave his Grandpa Chuck the best high fives. Pulling his Dad's Goatee was added fun. Morgan learned to roll over and was just about to crawl. He showed everyone what real love is, he taught his brother and sisters so much and was his Name's Mr. Magoo. Morgan also enjoyed watching Mickey Mouse Clubhouse and his eyes lit up when the theme song came on. He also enjoyed playing with a stuffed animal rabbit his big sister got for him when he was born.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers John Nelson and Jim Robinson; grandmother Sharon Brutscher; uncles Craig Robinson and Joshua Nelson; great grandparents LaFaun and "Pinky" Hood.

Morgan is survived by his parents Lindsey and Don "Red", sisters Madelyn and Hadley Backlund; brother Holden Mawhinney; grandparents: Chuck and Robin Mawhinney of Baker City, Kim and Pete Nelson of Baker City, Corey and Suzie Wallingford of Walla Walla, Wash.; great grandparents Allen and Vickie Stevenson of Baker City, Sara Lindell of Baker City; Rob Wallingford of Walla Walla, Wash., Jennifer and Robin Blackwell of Milton Freewater; great great grandmother Phyllis Stevenson of Bend; aunts and uncles Taylor Nelson and Kyle Johnson of Baker City, Brady Nelson and McKenzie Bailey-McIntire of Oak Harbor, Wash., Landon Nelson of Baker City, Jessica, Allison and Abigail Wallingford of Walla, Walla, Wash., Kristi Morris of Milton Freewater, Wash., Keri Robinson and Curtis Tatlock of Baker City, Stephanie and Chance McDaniel of Bend, Cody Mawhinney of Enterprise, Denny Mawhinney and Angie Ryder of Baker City, and 13 cousins who loved him very much; God father Jimmy Low of La Grande; God mother Joy Goodman of Evanston, Wyo.

Morgan was loved by all and will be missed so very much.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Morgan may do so directly to the family 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

Wayne Ellis Mash

Nov. 1942 - Sept. 2015

Wayne Ellis Mash, 72, of Sumpter died Sept. 18, 2015 at his residence surrounded by his family.

Wayne was born Nov. 26, 1942 in Boise, Idaho. Wayne was raised by his grandparents and after graduating from high school in 1960, Wayne served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

On Dec. 31, 1978 Wayne married Andy Morrow while in Vancouver, Wash. He became a truck driver and worked for Anodizing Inc. for 17 years, retiring in 2005.

He enjoyed doing carpentry work for a pass time and loved to fish and hunt.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Andy of Sumpter, two sons, David Mash of Bolivar, Ny., Kevin Mash of Olympia, Wash., a stepson, Larry Jones of Omaha, Neb., one grandchild and a sister, Marie Nolting of Cuba, Mo.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Gladys and Hazel and a brother, Glen.

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

Pat Cassidy Justus

Jan. 1924 - Sept. 2015



Pat (Emma Myrtle) Cassidy Justus died peacefully at Meadowbrook Place on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015.

Pat was born Emma Myrtle Cassidy in Baker on Jan. 6, 1924 to Darley and Edna Cassidy and lived in Baker City most of her life. She graduated from Baker High School in 1942 and immediately went to Pendleton to work at the Army Air Base. She later enrolled in the Army Cadet Nurse Program in St. Louis, Mo., but returned to Baker. She was employed at the Baker State Bank, now the US National Bank, retiring as Operations Officer in the 1980s.

In 1947 Pat married Daniel Sterling Justus (Bob). They had three sons: Dan of Eugene, David of Baker City, Bob of Castle Rock, Wash., and a daughter, Cheryl Lynn.

Pat and Bob enjoyed life to the fullest with snowmobiling, camping, motorcycling and trips to Nevada. They worked together to build a beautiful log cabin on East Eagle Creek and spent many happy years there in the summer and snow-mobiled there in the winter. Pat enjoyed gardening, reading and being with family. She was a long time member of the water aerobics group at the Baker pool and several service groups, including the Salvation Army board.

Pat is survived by her sons: Dan and (Rustie), David and (Jean), and Bob; her grandchildren: Jesse, Daniel, Misty, Barry; five great-grandchildren and her sister, Darlene.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bob, daughter, Cheryl Lynn, grandson Chris Justus, brother Bill and her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

Patricia Elaine Beymer

Aug. 1923 - Sept. 2015

Patricia Elaine Beymer, 92, a former Baker City resident, died Sept. 20, 2015, at the Oregon Veterans Home at The Dalles. Patricia was born on Aug. 28, 1923, in Klamath Falls. Her parents, Burrell and Elizabeth Short farmed in Klamath County and raised six children, Pat's three sisters and two brothers. Pat graduated from high school in 1942.

She attended Oregon State University for one year. She and her high school sweetheart, Fred Beymer, her parents and Fred's parents met in San Diego where Fred and Pat were married on Feb. 19, 1944. While Fred was away in the Pacific during the war, Pat gave birth to her first child. After the war Fred and Pat purchased a house and acreage from Pat's father and proceeded to raise potatoes and children. Their son Michel Fred's birth was followed by the birth of Starla Sue, Bill Patrick, Becky Jo and Kelly Lee. They also introduced their children to rodeo and Pat was a member of the Saddle Club, a female counterpart to the Sheriff's Posse. She and Fred rode in many parades and rodeos in southern Oregon.

She completed her college degree at Southern Oregon College in Ashland, Ore. Her teaching career started in Klamath Falls at Mills Elementary school where she taught second grade during the week and spent weekends on the road going to her children's basketball, football, softball and rodeo events until the family moved to Sisters, Ore. It was in Sisters that Pat started her career in one and two room schools. She taught in rural Oregon schools in Tumalo, Camp Sherman, Warm Springs, Simnasho, Wamic and Tygh Valley.

From Sisters, Pat and Fred moved to Camp Sherman in 1964 where they bought an A-frame restaurant and sold homemade French fries, ice cream and hamburgers during the summer season. They put their children to work guiding trail rides and taking tourists into the Mount Jefferson Wilderness on pack trips. From Camp Sherman, Fred and Pat went to the Oregon Coast where they had a pony ring at the Pixieland amusement park. Their next adventure was in Kahneeta on the Warm Springs Reservation where they again put their horses to work providing rides to guests of the resort. She retired in Oregon and moved with Fred to Nevada. There she took up the reins again and taught at Leonard Creek School, then a year at Denio and three years at Orovada for the Humboldt County School District. They bought a house in Baker City and commuted back and forth from Orvada, Nev., to Baker City on weekends. They then permanently retired in Baker City.

She leaves behind three children: Starla, Bill and Becky. She and Fred have 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Fred and her sons, Michael and Kelly. Pat and Fred will be together again in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

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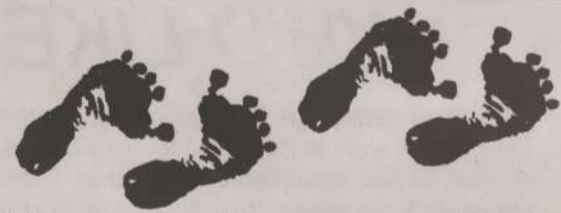
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