

Donald "Don" Huff

July 1968 - Sept. 2015

Donald "Don" Huff, 47, died at his home in Baker City on Sept. 30, 2015. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, 11 a.m. at the Harvest Christian Church 3720 Birch Street in Baker City. Friends are invited to stay for a reception immediately following the service at the church.

Donald James "Don" Huff was born on July 20, 1968 in Bakersfield, Calif. The family moved to Yuba City, Calif., in 1979. Don graduated from Lindhurst High School in 1986. He married Anna Priddy in June of 1986 in Yuba City, Calif. They had two sons and one daughter.

Don's mom and step-dad were school bus drivers. At the age of 18 years old he followed in their footsteps and began a long career in the school transportation industry. He went from detailing buses during the summer as a kid, to becoming Director of Transportation in several school districts in California. He always had a great love for kids and enjoyed his work on the school bus. Don also coached soccer for many years.

Don enjoyed taking photos of scenery, family and wildlife. He enjoyed horseback riding, hunting and fishing, even learning to tie lures and loved to share them with others. Memorable times in Don's life include the birth of his children.

Other memorable times included: In 1991 there was a shooting at the high school and Don was the first bus on the scene to evacuate hundreds of students to safety. Another time Don's courageous spirit caused him to jump into action when there was a flood in Yuba County. Again Don was there on a bus to evacuate citizens to safety. Don was always ready and willing to help.

In 2009 Don moved to Baker City. He helped his mother remodel and prepare her home for adult foster care. Don became a CNA and worked lovingly and closely with his residents of the foster home. He developed lifelong friends of the residents and their families. He even "adopted" a grandma Crysta Chamberlin.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Joe and Wilma Hickman, Roy and Mildred Huff, niece Britney Blount, sister Stephanie Neilson.

Don is survived by his mother Kathy (Patterson) Hickman, father Jim Huff, step father Steve and his wife Debbie Blount; brother Michael and his wife Stephanie Blount, sister Bonnie Huff, Waltman, brother Melvin Huff, sons Andrew and his wife Robin Huff, Adam and his wife Erica Huff, daughter Katelynn Huff; six grandchildren Cameron, Hunter, Gracelynn, Aaliyah, Elijah, Aria; favorite niece Kylee and favorite nephew Chris; sisters Sherry and her husband Mark Tanis; Diane Blount; aunt Carol and husband Vito DeBartolo, Midge and Roy Mushrush; Cousins Tony DeBartolo, Cari Turner, Daniel DeBartolo, Hal Russie, and Greg Russie.

A special thank you for the loving kindness and care not only to Don but for all of the family, MSTI (Mountain States Tumor Institute) Encompass Home Health and Heart and Home Hospice Care. For those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Don may do so to MSTI - We all need the loving support until we find the cure for cancer. Those donations may be sent 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

Michael John Phillip Hendriks

Aug. 1946 - Oct. 2015

Michael John Phillip Hendriks, 69, of Baker City died Oct. 3, 2015 at his residence. A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the New Hope Church in Baker City, with Pastor Joe Bush officiating. A reception will follow.

Michael was born Aug. 20, 1946 to John Albert Hendriks and Fern Holmquist in Amery, Wis. After graduating high school, he spent four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam and reaching the rank of Captain. On Sept. 23, 1967 he married Sofia Leonor Higuera in Calexico, Calif. Michael and Sofia had four children.

He enjoyed golfing and fishing and loved watching football. He was a member of the V.F.W., Moose Lodge, and the New Hope and Apostolic Lighthouse Churches in Baker City. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Patty Hendriks.

Survivors include his wife Sofia Hendriks, a daughter Millie Trowbridge of La Crescenta, Calif., and three sons: Michael P. Hendriks and wife Jennifer Martin-Hendriks of Baker City, Jimmy Hendriks of Baker City and Johnny Hendriks of Mexico; also by five grandchildren.

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



Wanda Virginia Cole

April 1940 - Oct. 2015

Wanda Virginia Cole, 75, of Baker City died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 at the Baker City Christian Church. Pastor Jesse Whitford will officiate.

Wanda was born April 20, 1940 in Elizabethton, Tenn., to Hunter and Sarah (Buckles) Berry. She attended and graduated from Unaka High School. On March 5, 1958 in Elizabethton she was married to Roy Cole. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Her hobbies included cooking, shopping and spending time with her family. She worked for 31 years as a checker for Safeway.

She is survived by her husband Roy of Baker City; two daughters, Tammy Rannels and Robin Mastrude both of Baker City; also by two brothers and two sisters of Tennessee and six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Sarah and Hunter Berry, a brother Clarence Berry and a granddaughter Melissa Cassidy.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in c/o Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, Oregon 97814



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Editorial

We are Growing, and Changing

The *Record-Courier* has served readers in Baker County for 114 years since the *Haines Record* was established in 1901. Many changes have occurred in the news industry during the 87 years since Byron Brinton's parents, Charles and Elizabeth Brinton from North Dakota, purchased and combined the *Haines Record* and *North Powder News* in the 1920s.

An excerpt from By Brinton's obituary referring to a 1992 *Courier* Christmas greeting said, "I was born in a printshop, that is, in living quarters with dividing door within a few feet of a large cylinder press and the bedroom window within feet of the huge gas engine that powered the plant six a.m. till six p.m. six days a week. My mother was a compositor till Dad installed one of the first Linotypes before I was born."

The obituary went on to explain, "His name first appeared on the masthead when his family bought the *Haines Record* and the *North Powder News*, in 1928, where he was listed as Assistant Editor, Manager.... Byron's career spanned the whole history of printing from hand-composed forms, printed on a hand-pressed to rotary letterpress and rotary offset composed on computers."

The *Record-Courier* ceased the printing of its newspaper altogether about ten years ago.

Today, two of us, Heather Honeywell and I, publish the paper solely by electronic means from different parts of the state. I, here in the office in Haines, and she, from a computer in her home near Collier Memorial State Park, nearly 350 miles away. When the pages are complete, they are sent electronically to the *Ontario Argus Observer* which physically prints the paper. We transport the paper to the office where we label and prepare it for mailing. It is then delivered to the post office in Baker City each Thursday morning, very early.

It costs around \$33,000 a year to print and mail the papers to our paid

subscribers. If someone moves without notifying us of their address change and the paper is sent back, it costs an additional fifty-seven cents. If the post office fails to deliver a paper and we send it first class, the cost is even more.

The printed paper is not the only means of delivery we, and other newspapers, employ. Websites, Facebook, and other electronic options provide flexibility and a method of delivery unimagined during the life of Charles Brinton. Computers and smartphones have, in many cases, replaced newspaper delivery drivers and newspaper boxes. With constant changes in technology, who knows what the next 10, 15 or 20 years may bring?

The *Record-Courier* is unique in that while it has a very loyal local readership base, it also has a significant amount of out of area readers who have a love for the area and want to remain connected. Many still own property here and are among those who visit regularly, spending significant amounts of money at a variety of local businesses during their stay. A friend who is very involved with a local non-profit, says their organization receives some of its largest donations from out of area *Record-Courier* readers. Another friend, Carrie Folkman, who owns Mt. View RV Park, said to me recently that she is always reminded of the reach the *Record-Courier* has any time any member of her family is in the paper.

Changes in technology with regard to newspapers make me think of daily home milk deliveries which ended, not because there was less of a demand for milk, but because of the innovation and convenience brought about by refrigeration. Another stark example came last year when I was having a conversation with Duane Chandler who was experiencing difficulty "loading" his cattle-not in a trailer, truck, or even on a train like his great-grandfather did, but in "loading" videos and photos of his sale

cattle onto the internet for a "virtual" sale.

The tradition of community newspapers remains special. There's something about seeing your grandson's wedding announcement, your loved one's obituary, and even your letter to the editor in print. I remember seeing the Super Bowl Champs holding up their hometown papers at the conclusion of the game sporting bold headlines about the "win." Was it important to them because it provided them with information about the game in which they weren't aware? Nope. They were there. They lived it. Rather, their experience was affirmed and recognized by people in their community, the places in which they're known and loved. Being seen in print (at least in a positive light) helps people know their lives matter.

Baker County is unique in the sense it has four local newspapers. Choice and competition is a good thing and each of Baker County's newspapers offers a different voice and perspective. It's our job to continue to find ways to fill unique niches and meet the needs of our respective audience. We also have to work to continue to find ways to grow business.

Growth does not happen without change. Providing well written, "intensely local news," and positive human interest stories while continuing to offer innovative, effective advertising opportunities of value for local business owners, remains our commitment to the tradition of the *Record-Courier*. Next week, we will be making what we consider a positive and significant announcement regarding dynamic changes we are implementing to the *Record-Courier* beginning in November.

As in Fred Warner Sr.'s kind letter to the editor regarding the *Record-Courier* about a couple of weeks ago, it is our plan to "Carry On!"

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Service Notices

Shirley Taylor, former Baker County resident, age 85, died Sept. 20, at her home in Cove. A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. on Oct. 10 at the Cove Sportsman Club in Cove.

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