

Kathryn Greene Kemp

Sept. 1919 - Dec. 2015



Kathryn Greene Kemp, resident of Baker County for 38 years, passed away in Lodi, California on Dec. 26, 2015, at the age of 96.

Kathryn Belle Greene was born Sep. 13, 1919 in White Pine, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by parents William Thomas Greene and Julia Ann Faulkner, and siblings Nelly Jones, Jess Greene, Edna Hall, Earl Greene, Lucille (Jackie) Turner, and Louise Dawson. She grew up in a Southern plantation home with white pillars and an expansive porch, but no electricity or running water. After High School, Kathryn became a beautician in Knoxville. She later moved to Los Angeles, and eventually became an executive secretary at U.S. Steel Corp. in San Francisco. There Kathryn met Philip Giles Kemp, and they were married in 1964. The next year they moved to Baker City.

Phil and Kathryn operated Cedar Manor Nursing Home in Baker City for 20 years, as well as the Sunset Manor and Park Place adult foster care homes.

They were active in the American College of Nursing Home Administrators, and also local organizations such as the Lions Club and 4-H in Baker City. They were very involved in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the Ascension School Camp in Cove.

Phil and Kathryn retired to Sumpter, Ore. in the 1980's. They later moved to Enterprise in Wallowa County in 2003, where Phil passed away on Jan. 18, 2005.

Kathryn then moved to Austin, Texas, living with her sister Louise, and later nephew Ted Dawson. Eventually they moved to California, settling finally in Lodi, where Kathryn was very happy to be in their loving home in her final years.

Kathryn was a legendary cook, who could bake a pie or a turkey to perfection in an antique wood-burning stove. She was respected in business and had a warm smile for everyone she encountered. She loved traveling with Phil. The one-armed bandits of Reno trembled at her approach. She could spot a hawk in a field a half-mile away. Her greatest joys were meals and birthday with family.

Kathryn is survived by two stepsons, four grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her stepsons are William Giles Kemp, of Sisters, Ore., his wife Karen and children Kendra and Spencer, and Robert Philip Kemp and his wife Anne-Marie of Joseph, and their daughters Kathryn and Lindsay.

Kathryn was especially close to the families of her sisters Jackie and Louise. She is remembered in her sister Jackie's family by niece Jewell Roach, her husband Bill and their children Geoff and Julianne Buckley, and niece Julia Escardo, with husband Hector, and their children Hector Allen and Julia. Kathryn is survived on her sister Louise's side by nephew Ted Dawson, his wife Myrna, their daughters Cheri Labarthe and Jaime Dawson and their children.

Kathryn would wish that gifts and remembrances be made to the Ascension School Camp and Conference Center, Box 278, Cove, OR 97824

To light a candle in memory of Kathryn, please visit: www.grayswestco.com

Yvonne Ruth Dennis

July 1936 - Jan. 2016



Yvonne Ruth Dennis, age 79, of Newport, Oregon, peacefully passed on Jan. 5 in the presence of her children and some grandchildren at Samaritan Regional Medical Center, in Corvallis after a long hospital stay.

Yvonne is survived by five of her children Kerlyn (Darrell) Staffens of Newport, Richmond Dennis of Keizer, Oregon, La Donna Belt of Aloha, Oregon, DaRene "Dori" (Phil) Damm of Salem, Oregon, and Lynn Dennis, Jr. of Auburn, Washington; 18 grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren and one on the way, an older sister, Elaine Sheridan of Ocean Park, Washington, six nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by both parents; her husband, Lynn; a brother, Darris Eccles; a son, Wayne Dennis; and a grandson, Trevor Belt.

Yvonne was born to Richmond and Lenore Eccles on July 16, 1936 in Baker City. In Feb. 1953, Yvonne married Lynn Dennis, while he was serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. She graduated from Baker High School in 1954. The family moved from Baker City to Toledo, Oregon in 1963, then finally to Newport in October of 1967.

Besides raising her children, Yvonne worked at a Bakery in Toledo and in grocery stores before finding her life's work, serving in the Lincoln County Veterans Service Office. Yvonne learned the importance of volunteering and her love for the Veterans Organizations by watching her mother serve sandwiches to the troop trains passing through Baker City during World War II. She continued to support Veterans organizations for the remainder of her life. Starting in 1971, she volunteered as the secretary, at the Lincoln County Veterans Service Office, she was then appointed to run the office in 1976 where she continued to work until her retirement in 1998 after 26 years of service.

While serving in the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, she was the Auxiliary President, 1987-89, was the Department of Oregon Ladies Auxiliary President for 2001-02, and held various positions within the Auxiliary between 1972 and 2015.

Additionally, she routinely volunteered serving holiday meals and helped organize medical screening for those in need, and ensured that American Flags were on all Veteran's graves on Memorial Day.

Besides her family and close friends, Yvonne loved sports. Yvonne was a fixture at her children's sporting events and that passion continued well after they graduated from Newport High School. She loved baseball and football and the Seattle Mariners and Seahawks were her favorites. She would religiously follow Newport High School sports, and watched all the other baseball and football games she could fit in.

She also continued working on behalf of Veterans Organizations and she volunteered in the community in various capacities.

In 2000, Yvonne joined the Newport Church of the Nazarene where she was a member of the Joy Group and attended the Nazarene's Bible Study.

In continuation of Yvonne's passion for supporting veterans, the family requests in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the United Service Organization (USO) or The Fisher House.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Newport, Church of the Nazarene at 11:00 am on Jan. 16, 2016.

See *Record-Courier* obituaries online at www.therconline.com

Robert Franklin Russell

Nov. 1919 - Jan. 2016



Robert Franklin Russell, 96, of Baker City died Jan. 3, 2016 at Satter's Park Assisted Living at Baker's Park Assisted Living Community. No services are planned at this time. The family will have a memorial at the beach later on.

Bob was born Nov. 28, 1919 in Washougal, Washington to Frank and Edith (Wood) Russell. He attended Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon and went on to graduate from Oregon State University with a Bachelors Degree. In March of 1943, Bob joined the U.S. Army serving in the Southern Philippines, Japan and New Guinea to list a few places. While in the military, on July 25, 1944, he married Norma Marilyn Aaron. After he was honorably discharged in March of 1946; Bob went to work for the Federal Fish and Wildlife managing various wildlife refuges until his retirement in 1973.

Robert's favorite hobbies included fishing and hunting. He loved playing golf and exercising and he attended the YMCA every day.

Survivors include his wife Norma Russell of Baker City, and two daughters; Susan Huddleston of Baker City and Terry Ann Underhill of Bend, Oregon as well as three grandchildren, four great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Paul Franklin Russell.

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

Friends and family are invited to light a candle in Bob's memory at www.grayswestco.com.

Andrew "Andy" Henry Johnson

July 1937 - Jan 2016



Andy was born in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota to Andrew and Elanore on July 7, 1937. He passed peacefully at his home in the company of his two best friends and his great-granddaughter on January 1, 2016. He was 78.

Like many men from his generation, Andy had very little formal education. He left home a young teenager and enrolled in the "school of hard knocks". He spent many years cowboying for ranchers in the Salmon, Idaho area. He learned how to mechanic, weld and a hundred other trades and skills. He never hired anything out; he just learned how to do it himself.

Andy and his wife Gladys moved to Baker City from Alaska in 1992. He had a little upholstery shop and worked with Tyler Equipment for a short time. In 1995 he and his stepson Darin opened A & D Restoration. He was an amazing fabricator that built anything asked of him. He never needed blue prints or an engineer. He would simply think about it and then build it. Andy always said, "ten minutes of thinking can save you hours of labor." Many people thought he was hard to work for, but that was not the case. He just wanted it done right and did not like lazy people.

Andy was a quiet man with a big heart. Not much brought him happiness after his wife passed away. However, there was one thing that always put a big smile on his face, his great-granddaughter. To her, he was her "oldest papa". They spent hours giggling, eating ice cream and candy bars, and having a good time.

Andy didn't do much outside of working; he believed that if a man didn't work, he shouldn't eat. He was an honest man that knew right from wrong and never put a dime in his pocket that he did not earn. If he took time off, it was to build something, mostly for Gladys. He would go fishing from time to time and in his last years he started working with horses again but his failing health eventually made it difficult for him.

He quietly and generously supported many youth programs in the Baker area for many years.

Andy is preceded in death by his wife Gladys, his parents, Andrew and Elanore, his brothers George and John, his sister Annabelle, and his grandson Jorge Dayton (JD).

Andy is survived by his sisters; Rachel, Joann, and Mary, his brothers Dick and Ray, his sons; George, Andy Jr., and Fred, his daughters Sandy Pruett and Diane Dockery, his stepchildren; Shelly Weststeyn, Scott Van Dyken, and Darin Van Dyken. He is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Andy did serve in the Air National guard; dates are not available at this time.

A graveside service will be held on May 7, 2016 at Mt. Hope Cemetery at one 1 p.m. in Baker City.

Contributions in memory of Andy may be made to Heart 'n Home Hospice or the Baker City High School FFA Program through Coles Tribute Center 1950 Place St. Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Andy, please visit: www.colestrIBUTEcenter.com.

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Norman Leon Moyes

Dec. 1942 - Dec. 2015



Norman Leon Moyes, 73, died on Dec. 30, 2015 at the Utah Valley Specialty Hospital in Provo, Utah. He was born Dec. 22, 1942 in Payette, Idaho to Maurice Reuben Moyes and June Beatrice Pyper, the fourth of their five children. The family moved to Baker in 1945 and Norman attended both Tiedemann and North Baker elementary schools, then Graduated from Helen M. Stack Junior High School and in 1961 graduated from Baker Senior High School.

After high school Norman attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and graduated from there August 19, 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Relations with a minor in Psychology.

He then accepted a job as a caseworker in the welfare department of Emory County, Utah, working hard to successfully help people get off welfare. When his boss told him if he continued with that success there would not be a caseload big enough to support two caseworkers, Norman returned to BYU to pursue a Masters' Degree.

After receiving his Masters' in Family Relations with a minor in Sociology Aug. 21, 1969, he taught Sociology and Marriage and Family classes at Chadron State College in Nebraska.

During his undergraduate years he had developed a love of family history work, and did the research to locate and then contact the descendants of his Scottish immigrant third-great-grandfather and grandmother, Robert Moyes and Elizabeth Hutchison. (She was the aunt of David Eccles, founder of the Oregon Lumber Company and Baker, and the Moyes children worked with and were always close to their cousin David.) Norman successfully established that Moyes Family Organization, with a membership of over 2800 descendants of the immigrant couple.

While in Nebraska, Norman began teaching adult education classes in Genealogy, and each summer he brought the participants in his seminars to Salt Lake City to access the LDS Family History Library with his help.

Eventually he returned to Utah to start his own business as a professional genealogist with a specialty in Scottish research.

His niece Rachel Orr said of him that "He readily showed interest in everyone with whom he came in contact, and, therefore, never met a stranger. He cared about people." Through the years he has cheerfully helped thousands of others in learning how to trace and find their ancestors, giving freely of his time, interest, effort, and energy to help them.

He and his wife, Llona Dene Crane (also of Baker) whom he had married in 1962, raised their three children in Orem, Utah. (Then that marriage ended in divorce.)

Norman was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and all three of his children served missions for the Church, the first in Austria, the second in Mexico, and the third in The Netherlands. All three have married and given Norman fourteen grandchildren.

His second marriage was to Doris Ann Mortenson of Salt Lake City, Utah in September 1994. (Doris was originally from Texas.)

Norman is survived by his wife of 21 years, Doris Ann Moyes; his children, daughter Llona Lise Moyes (Nathan Paul Christiansen) of Orem, Utah; son Norman Leslyn Moyes (Cynthia Rae Johanson) of Washington, Utah; and son Jeffrey Kirk Moyes (Sharla Winder) of American Fork, Utah; and by those fourteen grandchildren.

Norman also survived by three sisters and two brothers: Phyllis McDowell of Logan, Utah; Wanda Smith of Baker City, Oregon; Phillip Moyes (Carol Ann Bardsley) of Springville, Utah; Becky Shorts (Roy, originally of Waldron, Arkansas; and Nathan Irvin of Baker City, and by one paternal aunt Zelpha L. Bush of Montrose, Colorado and two maternal aunts Roxie M. Sillkett of Seattle, Washington and Donna J. Dunn of Little Rock, Arkansas, and by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents (his father of Medford, Oregon, and his mother June Hulick of Baker City), his older brother M. Robert Moyes of Baker City, an infant sister LouAnn Irvin (buried in the Baker City Cemetery), his stepfather Harold Irvin (of Baker), his mother's third husband Millard Hulick (of Baker), and his brother-in-law Robert C. McDowell, Jr., who was born and raised in Baker.

His funeral was held Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 in Orem, and he received a send-off by Robbie Smith piping a medley of "Scotland the Brave," "Amazing Grace" and "Going Home" on the bagpipes, bringing tears to many. Interment was in the Orem City Cemetery, Orem, Utah.

Those wishing to share memories of Norman and condolences to the family may do so at www.serenityfhs.com.

Death / Service Notices

William "Bill" Nill, 81, formerly of Baker City, died at his home in Powers, Oregon on Jan. 11, 2016. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

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