

Nelda Marie Morton

May 1920 - Feb. 2016

Nelda Marie Morton, 95, formerly of Baker, Malheur, Wallowa, Union counties, died on Feb. 5, 2016 at the Valley View Assisted Living facility in John Day. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City. Nelda shared, "Although I am not a church going person, I have a very strong moral and religious beliefs."

Nelda was born on May 27, 1920 in Bridgeport, Oregon. Her parents homesteaded a cattle ranch there. She went to grade school in Bridgeport and went to Baker City High School—the old original high school. Her father hired a ranch hand, Joseph Kulis, and Nelda fell in love with him. "Love at first sight," she says. They were married in Boise, Idaho in 1939. The following year her son Ken was born and they moved to Baker City for Joe's job.

Nelda's father contracted Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and when he died they moved back to help her mother run the cattle ranch. In 1952, Nelda's husband was killed in a tractor accident on the ranch. Nelda and her 12 year old son, Ken, helped her mother continue running the ranch for the next five years. Because of a deer problem, the Oregon State Game Commission came out to the ranch to assess the deer damage. That is when Nelda met Karl Morton. They were married in June of 1956. Nelda and Karl moved back to Baker and Ken ran the ranch with his grandmother until it sold in 1960. Nelda's husband became the manager in Wenaha Game Reserve in Troy, Oregon and they lived there in a nice beautiful home until he retired.

After retirement they moved to Ontario where they bought a brand new home. They enjoyed winters in Baja, Mexico with friends. After Karl passed away from cancer, Nelda and her sweet black kitty Prince moved into Valley View Assisted Living in John Day.

Nelda worked hard most of her life running a ranch, she loves the outdoors and was an avid gardener. She was a very good cook and she spent many hours canning and preserving their harvest the old-fashioned way. She loved her home and she was an immaculate housekeeper. She enjoyed embroidery and was very passionate about crocheting. She crocheted hundreds and hundreds of doilies and she went through a new spool of thread every 2 days!

Nelda is survived by her son, Ken Kulis and his wife Gloria of John Day; granddaughter Donnetta of John Day, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On June 16, 2015 she became a great-great grandmother to her first great-great grandson, Miles Stoneman.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Nelda may do so to Blue Mountain Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Zelma "Louise" Maness

Feb. 1936 - Feb. 2016

Louise Maness, 79, of Baker city, died at her home, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016. A traditional funeral service will be held on Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2625 Hughes Lane in Baker City. A viewing will be held at 10 a.m. followed by a service beginning at 11 a.m.. Family and friends are invited to stay for a luncheon after the funeral service.

Zelma "Louise" Maness was born Feb. 16, 1936 in Baker to parents Delora and Vester Gover. Louise was raised on the family farm in Wingville, Oregon and was the second oldest of six siblings. She received her education in Baker and graduated Baker High School in 1954.

She married Delbert Getty soon after high school. They had three children together: Kevin, Delbert, and Theresa. After a few years she divorced and married Burton Briske. Burton passed away after a few short years. Approximately three years later, she married Arthur Maness and together they had two more children, Claud and Kurt.

Louise worked the majority of her life for the Forest Service managing the accounting department. She was a well-loved and dedicated employee. She lived most of her life in Baker City, however, for a time she lived in Bates, Portland, and Bellingham, Washington.

Louise loved quilting, canning, bright colors, peonies, camping and fishing. She enjoyed huckleberry hunting immensely and especially loved picking huckleberries with her son Delbert Getty. It has been said that she could sniff huckleberries out like no one else!

Most of all, Louise loved her family beyond measure. Her fondest times were spent during holidays and at family reunions where her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were present. These times brought her unspeakable joy. 10 years ago there was a Thanksgiving at the LDS Church for her immediate family that to this day, her family still talks about because it was so special.

Louise was not a woman who liked notoriety. Her life was simple and spent in the charitable service of others as she quietly went about serving her Father in Heaven. She was known for saying "Keep your chin up."

Louise was preceded in death by her husband Art Maness, son Delbert L. Getty, grandchild Cory Fletcher, brother Frank Gover and sister Bonnie Cole (Gover); parents Vester and Delora Frank.

Louise is survived by her daughter Theresa and husband Bennie James of Vancouver Washington; sons Kevin W. and wife Kathy Getty of Vancouver; Claud T. and wife Angie Maness of Ontario, Kurt A. and wife Amber Maness of Bar Munn, Wyoming; sister Donna Gover; grandchildren Salina Getty, Breanna Somers, Tyler Getty; Casey Fletcher, Monica Hayden; Jessica Maness, Hunter Maness, Ashely Maness; Tyrell Maness, Michael Maness; Taryn Maness, Konnor Maness; brothers Don and wife Kathy, Dean and wife Nancy; sister Donna and husband Lorin Johnson and 15 great grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their sincerest thanks to family, friends, church members and especially Heart and Home Hospice Care. We are so grateful for the tender mercies shown to her family by each of you.

Donations in memory of Louise can be made to the LDS Missionary Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543 Halfway OR 97814. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Lela Alice Bell

Sept. 1934 - Feb. 2016

Lela Alice Bell, 81 of Baker City died Feb. 4, 2016 at her home surrounded by her family.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Eagles Lodge 2935 H Street in Baker City from 11-2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Lela was born Sept. 19, 1934 to Clive and Nina (Payton) Wunder in Baker. She attended early childhood school in Lime then attended schools in Baker and later graduated in 1952.

Lela met Harold Bell in 1950 and was later married on May 4, 1952 in Baker. Together they had three daughters; Connie, Carol and Colleen.

Lela drove school bus for Baker School District 5J for 30 years, driving many generations of children from Baker County to and from school. Her first route began in Sumpter and her last years ended with the Durkee route.

Lela's most cherished time in her life was the birth of their three daughters and for each of her grandchildren's birth. She was able to celebrate not only a 50th but also a 60th wedding anniversary. On her 60th Anniversary their grandchildren Haley and Dan picked Harold and Lela up for a ride. When they returned to the house Grandma said, "Looks like they are having a party." Haley replied, "Yes, it's for you!"

Lela enjoyed hunting ground squirrels, bowling, camping, fishing, sewing, water skiing, canning, picking huckleberries and reading but most of all her family. She loved watching her grandson Josh play football, her granddaughters Haley and Kymberly play softball where she would exclaim; "strike em out!" She also enjoyed spending time with her grandson Harold on the sand dunes near North Bend, Oregon. She also enjoyed her time with her great grandchildren Ashton and Ally listening to their fun adventures and music programs and going to the local fair to watch Drew and Morgan.

Lela will always be remembered for her love and dedication to her family, her laugh, kind smile and her "way with words".

Lela was preceded in death by her parents Clive and Nina Wunder, Sister Alta Fales, and her son in law Pete Srack.

Lela is survived by her husband Harold of 64 years; children Connie and John Robinson, Carol Srack both of Baker City, Colleen and Rod Boesch of North Bend Ore.; grandchildren, Haley and Dan Morris, Kymberly and Daniel Hansell, Josh and Michelle Srack, Delena, Jessie, Shawn and Harold Boesch; great grandchildren, Drew and Morgan Morris, Ashton and Ally Hansell, DeAnna, Dillion, and Briana Mendenhall, Chelsey, Angela, Deegan, Donavon and Blakely Boesch; and her extended family of Keith Montgomery, Karen Kirkland and families, many nieces and nephews.

Those of you who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Lela the family requests Hospice, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, VFW or a charity of your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, PO Box 543, Halfway OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Jerry R. Brosnan

Sept. 1970 - Feb. 2016

Jerry R. Brosnan, 45, of Baker City passed away at his residence on Feb. 5, 2016. A public graveside service is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner. Arrangements are being made through Gray's West & Co.

Jerry was born on Sept. 26, 1970 to Edward and Lorraine (Harnden) Brosnan in Pendleton. He attended high school in Heppner. He was a member of 4-H throughout grade school and Jerry played football and ran track in high school. Jerry was also a member of the Catholic Church.

From 1995-2000, Jerry worked in the timber industry as a logger for McCarty Logging, and from 2000-2005 he worked for the Walmart Distribution Center as a forklift operator. After suffering a traumatic head injury, Jerry spent a year at Elks Rehabilitation learning to walk and talk again. In a year's time, he had improved enough to live independently and was able to go back to work as a logger, which he dearly loved. Learning to live again was his greatest accomplishment and one he did very successfully until his death.

Fishing, hunting, trips to the ocean, cattle drives, night herding cattle, and traveling were among his favorite things. Jerry was also a very talented gardener and you could always count on him to send you home with a bag of tomatoes! He was also very generous and loved to share with family and friends.

Jerry is survived by his mother Lorraine F. Brosnan of Baker City, sister Dyan L. Brosnan and Greg McCarty of Baker City, brother Michael (Mike) E. and Dawn Brosnan of Heppner, brother James (Jim) D. and Carolyn Brosnan of Barboursville, Virginia, and brother Mark A. and Sally Brosnan of Lexington. He is also survived by his nephews; Clay McCarty, Ben McCarty, Brent Brosnan, Zachary Brosnan and his nieces; Jolee McCarty and Kaity Brosnan.

He is preceded in death by his father, Edward M. Brosnan. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Jerry to the Heppner Catholic Church and/or the Elks Rehabilitation center through Gray's West & Co. 1500 Dewey Ave. Baker City, OR 97814.

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



Death and Service Notices

LaVonne Raupp, 75, of Richland died at her home on Feb. 6, 2016. A traditional funeral service will be held on Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at the Richland Methodist Church. Interment at Eagle Valley Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception immediately following the interment at the Eagle Valley Grange. Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of LaVonne may do so to the Eagle Valley Grange, Eagle Valley Ambulance or the charity of your choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Jack Schoening, 88, of Baker City passed away in his home Jan. 24, 2016. His memorial service will be Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 11 a.m. Pacific Time at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. in Baker City. You may go to www.grayswest.com to light a candle in memory of Jack.

Joyce Robertson, 88, of Baker City passed away in her home Feb. 9, 2016. Arrangements are pending through Gray's West & Co. You may go to www.grayswest.com to light a candle in memory of Joyce.

Donald Germond, 83, of Baker City passed away at his residence Feb. 4, 2016. Arrangements are pending through Coles Tribute Center. You may go to www.colestributecenter.com to light a candle in memory of Donald.



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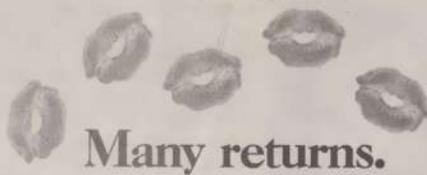
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