

Darlene Ballard

July 1922 - April 2016

Darlene Ballard, 93, of Union and Baker City died on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Hospital-Baker. A Graveside Service at Union Cemetery will be held at a later date, to be announced.

Darlene Ballard was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother and friend. She was a skilled gardener and enjoyed gathering mushrooms, picking huckleberries and camping. Many afternoons you could find Darlene embroiled in a cutthroat round of pinochle with a daily beer. You couldn't begrudge her uncanny luck of drawing 300 pinochle.

Born July 21, 1922 to Alfred Gray and Edith May Pratt, Darlene Hattie Pratt made it through her junior year attending high school in Ericson, NE. She then moved with the rest of her family to Union, OR. It was there that Darlene met and married Meade Ballard. At Meade's passing they had been married 63 Years.

Darlene birthed and raised five children. Much on her own during WW11, she managed Dixie and Connie, while Meade, served in the Navy. Deforest (Tork), Sue, and Louann followed. Darlene was a hard-working woman. Busy raising her children and taking care of the home. She was an avid gardener and filled countless canning jars with her garden crops. Darlene was always busy—working hard, playing hard, and taking care of her family.

She and Meade ran the Cove for a couple of years. Otherwise she was pretty much old school stay at home homemaker.

Darlene lived in Union, OR for approximately 65 years, relocating to Baker City only after her husband passed away. Darlene was preceded in death by her husband Meade and daughter, Louann.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Darlene, the family suggests the Union High School Bobcat Foundation through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

A Graveside Service will be held on June 18, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Union Cemetery in Union, Ore. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS.



Marsha Sue Hollriegel

May 1944 - April 2016

Marsha Sue Hollriegel, 71, of Sumpter died April 30, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. No services are planned at this time.

Marsha was born on May 5, 1944 to Vernon D. and Juanita (Lockwood) Richards in McMinnville, Ore. She worked as an administrative assistant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 18 years until her retirement in 2006. On November 13 of 2001 she married Richard T. Hollriegel in Portland, Ore.

Survivors include her husband Richard of Sumpter, a daughter Tami J. Richards of Fairview, Ore., a grandson Joel R. Teixeira of Baker City and a granddaughter Tianna E. Teixeira of Fairview, Ore.

To light a candle in Marsha's memory, please go to www.grayswestco.com



Jadene "Skeeter" Profitt

May 1956 - April 2016

Jadene "Skeeter" Profitt died April 12, 2016 in Boise, Idaho. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11am at the Eagles Lodge, in Baker City.

Jadene was born May 16, 1956 in Portland, Ore. (due to her being premature) to Mildred and Buford Kennison. She was raised in Pendleton, Ore. and in later years moved to Montana where she attended High School.

On August 2, 1971, Skeeter wed her husband Loren Profitt whom she had met while still in school. Together they had two sons.

Skeeter moved to Baker in 1972 and has lived here ever since. Skeeter worked in construction until a neck injury prevented her from continuing in that field. She later worked as a dietary aid at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker City, until her injury required surgery.

As a child, Skeeter enjoyed riding horses on the family ranch. She loved summer and camping with her own family but always said that her favorite time in her life was when she became a grandmother.

Skeeter will be remembered for always making people smile. She had an infectious laugh, always had an ear to listen and a huge heart.

She was preceded in death by parents Grace and John Profitt; Buford and Mildred Kennison; sister Alberta Lee Dixon

Jadene "Skeeter" is survived by her sons Chad Laverne Profitt of Salem, Ore., and Nick Profitt of Baker City, Ore.; grandchildren Logan Owen Profitt of North Powder, and Hunter Gage Profitt of Baker City; brothers Stan and wife Denise Kennison of North Carolina, Steve Scott Kennison of Richland, Ore.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Jadene "Skeeter" may do to defray end of life expenses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS - PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Death and Service Notices

Marsha Sue Hollriegel, 71, of Baker City, Oregon passed away on April 30, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. Arrangements are being made under the care of Gray's West & Company. To light a candle in memory of Marsha, please visit: www.grayswestco.com

Dan Liebman - A Celebration of Dan's life will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 - 2:00 p.m. at the Pine Valley Grange in Halfway, Ore. Donations can be made to The Nature Conservancy through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS - PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Cora Woodworth, passed away at the age of 86 on May 5, 2016. A memorial service for Cora and her husband Laurie will be held on May 20, 2016, at 1:00 pm at First Lutheran Church, 1734 Third St., Baker City, OR. Memorial contributions can be made to First Lutheran Church through Gray's West and Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave, Baker City, OR, 97814. To light a candle in memory of Cora, please visit www.grayswestco.com.

Gerard Lafreniere, 75, of Baker City died at his home with his family at his side on Monday, May 9, 2016. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Gerard, the family asks that you make it to the 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

John Rayl - A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 14, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church. A private burial will be held at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in College Place, Wash. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Jadean "Skeeter" Profitt - A Celebration of Skeeter's Life will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Eagle's Club in Baker City. For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Skeeter may do so to help defray her memorial services through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

M. Geralean Sneddon - A Celebration of Life/ Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Florence Christian Church in Florence, Ore. A Graveside Service will be held at Pine Haven Cemetery on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 11 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

David E. MidKiff

Nov. 1942 - April 2016

David E. MidKiff, 73, of Baker City, Ore., passed away on April 24, 2016 at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. A celebration of life will be held on May 28, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the Baker City VFW.

David was born in Klamath Falls, Ore. on Nov. 27, 1942 to Elmer Antony MidKiff and Mary Nell (Istitt) MidKiff. Throughout his childhood he relocated to Umatilla and Hermiston following his dad as he worked in construction and building the McNary Dam. As a teenager, David worked at the Baker Livestock Yard and in several grocery stores as a box boy. In 1962, David enlisted into the United States Army and completed his GED in 1966 while serving his country as a Staff Sergeant. During his time in the Army, David and his first wife Charlotte McKenzie of Irrigon, Ore. had a daughter, Ginger, who was born in Oregon and a son, Cameron, who was born while David was stationed in Germany. David was married to his second wife for a short period of time; Cordelia (Mahon) Spain of Sonoma, Calif.

On May 9, 1971 he married Janet Bredehoff at her mother's house in Boyes Hot Springs, Calif. and all of the family was able to attend. Janet and David were together for a total of 46 years before his passing.

During his lifetime David owned many businesses and held many jobs. In 1972 he purchased a small ranch in Klamath Falls, Ore. as well as worked for Weyerhaeuser until he was injured and needed surgery in 1975. David then moved to Baker City, Ore. and purchased the Green Gables motel until he sold it in 1981. While working as a part-time ranch laborer, David learned how to paint professionally from Lee Cotton and in 1986 he started his own painting company, Dave Co. Painting. David also worked as a custodian at the Senior Center for three years during this time. In 1997 David purchased Baker RV and operated the business until 2001 when he became semi-retired. After retiring, while he was still able, David and George Swanson took many enjoyable horse camping trips at Minam.

David enjoyed many hobbies which included The Mounted Posse youth trail rides, breaking horses, R.C. 10 racing, dirt car racing, hunting, fishing, and camping. He was a member of the Mounted Posse from 1999-2016 and enjoyed his affiliation with the Posse tremendously. David was also a volunteer for the Cub Scouts in Haines and a member of the Baker Black Powder Club where he was given the nickname "Shakey Dave."

Survivors include his wife Janet MidKiff of Baker City, his son Dan and daughter in-law Michelle MidKiff of Hermiston, Ore., son Cameron MidKiff of California, daughter Ginger MidKiff of California, grandson David C. MidKiff of Pendleton, Ore., and several cousins in Oregon as well as many friends and great neighbors.

David is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Bunny Jo Stilwell and his son David Leland Mid-Kiff.

Arrangements are under the care of Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of David, please visit: www.grayswestco.com.



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Saint Alphonsus Auxiliary- Baker City's Annual Spring Book Fair

Baker City, Ore. - Saint Alphonsus Auxiliary- Baker City will be holding their annual book fair Thursday May 20th from 9 AM to 2 PM. The book fair will be located in the hospital breezeway. There will be a wide selection of books as well as other gifts at 40% to 70% off retail pricing. Come and bring a friend. Proceeds will go to benefit Saint Alphonsus Medical Center - Baker City and our Auxiliary Scholarship Fund for students seeking a career in the medical field. Credit Cards accepted.

Death and Service Notices

Billee Howard, 94, longtime Halfway resident died on May 4, 2016 at Meadowbrook Place. There will not be a service, but for those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Billee, the family suggests donations earmarked for Fencing Material for the Panhandle Fair and Rodeo through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & CS - PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Rosalyn Powers, 81, of Baker City, Oregon passed away on May 7, 2016 at her home. Arrangements are being made under the care of Aspen Burial & Cremation.

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