

Sue Evelyn Brock Morrissey

March 1925 - June 2016

Sue Morrissey, 91, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, wife, registered nurse, rancher, and friend passed away peacefully on June 6, 2016.

A service will be held on June 23 at 2 p.m. at The Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise. There will be a viewing before the service at 1 p.m. All who knew her are invited to attend.

Sue was born on March 25, 1925, in Wallins Creek, Kentucky to Abijah "Beige" and Virginia "Virgie" Brock. She was the second of two children. Her sister, Ada Lee Dieker, preceded her in death as well as a half-brother and half-sister.

When the Depression hit, her father left Kentucky and his family to find work. In his absence, Sue and her sister were lovingly cared for by her grandparents, who owned a farm and a grocery store, in London, KY. When their father found steady work in Seneca, Oregon, he sent for them. Sue graduated from John Day High School in 1943. After high school, she spent a summer in Michigan. She had always wanted to be a nurse so she moved to Baker to join the Cadet Nurses Corps, which trained nurses for the war effort. She fully expected to go overseas to tend to the troops. The war ended before she completed the program. She graduated from the St. Elizabeth Nursing School in 1947.

She made life-long friends with nursing students who also attended the nursing program. They included: Eve Colton Hiatt, Liz Peyron and Mary Margaret Hansen. Sue loved nursing and often nursed ailing friends, staying by their bedside as long as she was needed.

In 1949, she met and married William (Willie) Patrick Morrissey. They had five children. They owned a cattle ranch in Keating, Oregon, and together, they ran the ranch until they sold it in 1988. They were members of the local Grange and enjoyed their many friends in the Keating and Medical Springs area. After selling the ranch, they moved to Baker. Sue volunteered at the Baker Heritage Museum. She loved meeting people and sharing the history of Baker. After the death of her husband, Willie, she moved to Boise, Idaho in 2001 to be closer to her two oldest daughters. She enjoyed attending church meetings and made lifelong friends in the congregation in both Baker and Boise. She died from complications of pneumonia.

She is survived by Mary Sue Davis and her husband, Jim; Ellen Hartgrove and her husband Shane; Colleen Leger and her husband, Dave; Shannon Thielen and her husband, Dave; Annette Garrett and her husband, Pat. She is survived by six grandchildren, Celeste Al-Hashim, Katie Leatham, Nichole Leger, Amy Eisele, Joel Garrett and Selena Garrett. She is survived by nine great-grandchildren.

Beverly (Bev) Frances Owen

Nov. 1943 - June 2016

Beverly (Bev) Frances Owen, 72 passed away June 15, 2016 at her home in Baker City, Ore. Services will be announced at a later date.

Beverly was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on November 19, 1943.

She loved to bowl and attend sprint car races. Her favorite holiday was Thanksgiving because she loved to cook. Her greatest passion was spending her time with family.

Beverly had a "heart of gold." She took care of her family and helped everyone no matter who or what their circumstances. A favorite memory of something she did "was to feed a homeless man who was digging in the garbage for food." She graciously gave him her food.

She was preceded in death by first husband Carl Dedrick Sr., who passed in July, 2000; and her second husband, Albert Owen, who passed in April, 2016.

She is survived her children Georgia Mann (Jeff Graen) of Elma, Wash.; James and Cheryl Miller of Federal Way, Wash.; Carl and Tracy Dedrick of Baker City; Kim and Ron Murray of Auburn, Wash.; stepson, Rob and wife Stephanie Owen Outlook; her grandchildren, Melyssa, Aarrin, Merinda, Carl, Stefan, Tabitha, Bryce, and Delaney, Tasia, Bodie, Allie, Xander, Oliver, Sebastian and Michael; great grandchildren Joshua, Carter, Araya, Cheyenne and Sylvia.

She will be truly missed.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Beverly, please do so with the VA Wounded Veterans Memorial Fund or St. Jude's Hospital. These can be made through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com..

**Baker City Council Has Opening**

The City of Baker City is looking to fill one open position on the City Council. City Councilor, Sandy Lewis, submitted her letter of resignation, effective July 13. Lewis was appointed less than one year ago to replace Ben Merrill. Lewis indicated she is moving out of Baker City, and would therefore not be eligible to serve on the Council as outlined by the City Charter.

The City began accepting applications through the office of City Recorder on June 16. They will continue to accept applications thru July 7 at 12 p.m.

The individual who is appointed by a majority vote of the City Council will serve a partial term on the City Council through December of 2016. An applicant must be a registered voter in the State of Oregon and have resided within the City of Baker City for 12 months immediately preceding the appointment.

To apply go to www.bakercity.com to download and complete the City Councilor application located on the City's home page and submit a letter of interest to Julie Smith at City Hall.

CHALK IT UP TO ART ~ CALL TO ARTISTS

A sidewalk art day dedicated to building community through the arts

Baker Art Guild is once again sponsoring Chalk It Up To Art, a fun, family friendly event that recognizes the artistic talent in our community. The event takes place Saturday, July 23, with participants beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing throughout the day. Residents and visitors are invited to view the work, both in progress and finished, while shopping, dining, or strolling along Main Street.

All creative and interested people (any age) are invited to participate! Businesses are invited to sponsor sidewalk squares for chalk drawings at \$5 a square to help support Baker Art Guild events.

To sign up for Chalk It Up To Art or for more information, please call: 541.519.0698 or sign up at Short Term Gallery, 1829 Main Street, Baker City, 541.519.2515.

News of Record

June 13 – CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court Warrant) and Out-of-County Warrant: John Robert Loebbs-Lamiller, 29, of Baker City, at 8:08 p.m., in the 1200 block of Campbell Street; jailed.

June 13 – PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Justice Court warrant): Karl Wade Roberts, 55, of 1720 Estes St., at 5:16 p.m., Oak and Campbell streets; jailed.

June 13 – PROBATION VIOLATION (Out-of-County Warrant): Ricci Carl Berti, 57, of Vancouver, Washington, at 10:46 p.m., Elm and Myrtle streets; jailed.

June 14 – THEFT III: Neil Sloan Lewis, 33, of 2430 Fifth St., at 12:32 p.m., at his residence; jailed.

June 14 – UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, THEFT II and CRIMINAL MISCHIEF II: Scott Robert Bradley, 24, of Washougal, Wash., at 7:45 p.m., at 2205 Broadway Ave.; jailed.

June 14 – DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS: James Montez Lansdon, 31, address unknown, at 10:35 p.m., at Washington Avenue and Clark Street; jailed.

June 15 – PROBATION VIOLATION (Multnomah County Warrant): Ricci Carl Berti, 57, of Vancouver, Washington, at 10:11 a.m., 3410 K St.; jailed.

June 15 – PROBATION VIOLATION (Baker County Circuit Court Warrant), CONTEMPT OF COURT (Baker County Justice Court Warrant) and a Parole and Probation Detainer: Roderick Joseph Gagnon, 38, address unknown, at 6:01 p.m., 3410 K St.; jailed.

June 15 – DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANTS, RECKLESS DRIVING, and RECKLESS ENDANGERING: Scot Paul Miller, 56, of 31808 Old Hwy 30, at 6:59 p.m., Clark and Campbell Streets; jailed.

June 16 – PROBATION VIOLATION, three counts (Baker County Warrants): Ann Marie Bolanos, 36, of 3305 1/2 Fourteenth St., at 8:44 a.m., 3320 K St.; jailed.

June 16 – UNLAWFUL DELIVERY OF MARIJUANA TO MINORS, five counts, ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, two counts, and RESISTING ARREST: Miguel Guzman, 30, of 1107 Elm St., at 1:19 p.m., in Geiser-Pollman Park; jailed.

June 17 – WARRANT ARREST (Out-of-County Warrant): Elizabeth Mae McCoy, 29, 1777 Church St., at 10:30 p.m., in Baker City; jailed.

June 18 – POST-PRISON VIOLATION (Baker County Parole and Probation Detainer): Daniel Jason Blood, 32, of Baker City, at 4:39 p.m., 2400 Resort St.; jailed.

Lanning Indicted by Baker County Grand Jury

On June 20, 2015, James Lanning (dob 12-08-1969) of 5633 NW Coyner Ave, Redmond, Ore. was arraigned in Baker County Circuit Court on one count of Attempted Murder. Lanning was indicted by a Baker County Grand Jury on June 17, 2016. Lanning is alleged to have shot Scott Bradley while Bradley was seated in a vehicle. The shooting occurred on Elm St. on the night of June 13, 2016. Bradley and Lanning knew each other. Bradley was treated at Saint Alphonsus Hospital the night of the shooting and was released. Bail was set at \$750,000.

Walden Hosts Town Hall in Baker City

Approximately 50 people gathered at the Sunridge on Monday evening, June 20th, to hear from U.S. Congressman Greg Walden during a scheduled one-hour Town Hall event.

Congressman Walden opened the meeting by recognizing Commissioner Tim Kerns for his work and dedication to Baker County over the years. Walden presented Kerns with a plaque. Kerns will be retiring from the Baker County Commission at the end of 2016.

Congressman Walden opened with remarks regarding the status of the Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument proposal currently being considered by the White House. Keen Shoes, headquartered in Portland, and the Oregon Natural Desert Association, located in Bend, are leading the call for President Obama to declare 2.5 million acres of land in Malheur County a national monument. The President has the authority to make such a declaration under the Antiquities Act. The Act side-steps Congress and allows the President to act unilaterally on the matter.

Walden openly opposes the proposal and shared with the audience his efforts to eliminate any congressional funds that would help to support such a designation. Walden referred to a public vote in Malheur County in which 90% of the local voters opposed the measure.

"I get that they (Keen) wants to sell shoes," said Walden. It's a good marketing campaign and they have the right to pursue it. But, I think locking up basically fifty percent of Malheur County is a bit unreasonable."

Walden recognized State Representative, Cliff Bentz, who was also in attendance. Walden thanked Bentz for helping to lead the local effort to oppose the designation.

Audience member, Rob Ellingson, raised questions about the recent bill introduced by Senator Wyden that appears to prohibit the extraction of minerals from the area that mirrors the geography of that under the National Monument proposal.

"Senator Wyden was just here several weeks ago and talked about listening to the local concerns and raising issues with leaders that would impact Malheur County and its economy," stated Ellingson. "Now this bill. I am not sure exactly what that is all about."

Walden acknowledged had not been aware of the measure until it was made public by Senator Wyden. "Obviously, we have differences in opinion on what should happen in Malheur County on this issue."

Congressman Walden also addressed his strong concerns regarding mental health and drug addiction matters.

In the area of mental health, Walden expressed his doubts about the current approach being taken in this nation to address this matter.

"Currently we have 112 different federal programs through the federal government designed to address the mental health problem in this country. We spend more than \$130 billion each year on mental health. I think we can all agree there is a serious problem in this country. What we are doing is not working."

Walden shared with the audience that the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee recently passed The Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act. According to Walden, the measure goes a long way in better integrating mental and physical health care. In addition, it seeks to fund the most effective programs – programs that are peer reviewed or evidence based.

"We are going to make sure that we are funding the most effective programs out there to help people," stated Walden.

Audience member, Steve Culley shared his personal journey with mental health and drug addiction as it related to his two children.

"I've got a daughter who is in a correctional facility, and I lost my son to suicide," said Culley. "What we are doing on these issues is just up-side down."

Culley went on to discuss the impact of methamphetamine. "Thirty day, sixty day treatments – these are not the answers," stated Culley. This drug changes your brain. We have to understand what this really is and deal with it. It changes you forever."

Culley offered his help to the Congressman in working to develop a plan that really addresses the issue of drug addiction and mental health. Culley passionately suggested that the issue is far more serious than we all realize. He hoped real solutions would be considered by leaders.

Walden agreed with Culley. "These are brain destroying, family ruining, highly-addictive substances. We have to get better at dealing with this problem."

Various audience members raised concerns about timber management, particularly as it related to watershed areas.

Walden shared with the audience the recent bipartisan passage of The Resilient Federal Forest Act.

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Preliminary investigation revealed the 2003 Buick sedan was traveling on Highway 30. It then crossed the centerline and was struck on its passenger side by a 2011 Toyota sedan. Upon impact, the front-end of the Buick caught fire. It was extinguished by first responders and people that had stopped to help using fire extinguishers. Witnesses to the crash also used a bucket and water from the ditch next to the road.

Medics pronounced the female driver of the Buick, Christina Lynn Long, 39, of Haines, dead at the scene. The driver of the second vehicle, Tricia Eileen Price, 40, of Haines and a 17-year old passenger were both taken to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City and then transferred by air ambulance to regional trauma centers for life threatening injuries.

An eye witness stated that he saw Long make a dangerous corner pass on Highway 30 west of Haines, just minutes ahead of the crash. According to the witness, she passed a pickup while traveling through a corner at a high rate of speed. He then saw Long come to a stop in front of the pickup she had just passed.

As the witness proceeded on Highway 30, he saw the Buick driven by Long approaching him from behind at a high rate of speed. He was concerned that Long was going to rear end him so he pulled over. He then pulled out behind it and was attempting to get a license plate to call in a driving complaint. He stated that when he came to the next corner he saw the Buick suddenly swerve into the oncoming lane of travel and crash into the other vehicle.

Roadway evidence suggests that the 2003 Buick braked aggressively. It initially traveled in a straight path within its lane of travel before veering sharply to the left into the oncoming lane. The vehicle rotated nearly 90 degrees counter-clockwise where it was struck in the passenger side door by the Toyota.

Highway 30 was closed in both directions for approximately four hours for the crash investigation. Oregon State Police was assisted by the Baker County Sheriff's Office, Baker City Fire, Oregon Department of Transportation and Baker Rural Fire.

