

## Charlotte Thompson

Sept. 1919 - June 2016

Charlotte Thompson, 96, of Haines died Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at her residence. A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Baker City. Committal took place in the Union Cemetery in Union, Ore.



Charlotte was born in Cardston, Alberta, Canada on September 2, 1919 to Benjamin and Dora (Davis) Marsden. She married Trever Thompson on June 29, 1936 in Cardston, Alberta and they were married for 60 years before Trever's passing. Charlotte was a wonderful housewife and spent 10 years as a Practical Nurse at the Hot Lake Nursing Center in La Grande.

Being a wonderful wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great and great grandmother were accomplishments she was proud of and her family loved her deeply for. Charlotte found joy in spending time with her grandkids, sewing, crocheting, and reading. She was also a proud member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church in Baker City.

She is survived by her brother Nophe Marsden of Vancouver, Wash., her daughters Treva Ethel Costen of Bremerton, Wash., Charlene Dora Gordon of Baker City, Benita Gail Nielson of Pocatello, Idaho, Linda LaRue Holt of Burley, Idaho, Jonetta Opal Sarman of Nampa, Idaho, Denice Arley of Elgin, Ore., Penny Renee Okelberry of Grande Island, New York, her sons Terrance Zane Thompson of Elgin, and Brent Ernest Thompson of Haines. She is also survived by 41 grandchildren, 91 great-grandchildren, and 52 great-great grandchildren.

Charlotte is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Trever Thompson, three brothers, two sisters, and numerous others.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsie Thompson Fund (for the ongoing medical care of Chelsie Thompson) through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle or leave a condolence for Charlotte, please visit: [www.grayswestco.com](http://www.grayswestco.com).

## Wayne William "Bill" Bird

1931 - 2016

Wayne William "Bill" Bird, 85, of Halfway, passed away at his home on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

On Friday, July 1, at 11 a.m., there will be a festive walk to celebrate his life beginning from the cemetery gate and it will proceed to his gravesite. At Bill's request, "When the Saints Go Marching In" will be played and all will be invited to sing along.

Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception at the Halfway Lions Hall immediately following the graveside service. Those wishing to make a memorial donation may do so to OHSU Parkinson's or to the Pine Haven Cemetery Beautification Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Service, P.O. Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalley-funeralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalley-funeralhome.com)

## Jade Elizabeth Peer Simpson

Feb. 1983 - June 2016

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held for Jade on Saturday, July 2, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the Pine Valley Presbyterian Church in Halfway, Ore. Interment will follow at Pine Haven Cemetery. Following the placement, you are invited to join the family for a potluck reception at the Halfway Lions Hall.



Jade Elizabeth Peer Simpson was born on February 8, 1983. Until the past four years, Jade had lived her entire life in Halfway. Jade went to Halfway Elementary School until the 6th grade. She then attended Richland Elementary where she made a lot of new friends through the 8th grade. She enjoyed playing softball during her school years.

Jade graduated from Pine Eagle High School, where she enjoyed being a cheerleader and playing softball. Jade loved being on Rodeo Court. She was a princess for the Haines Stampede, the princess and queen of the Hells Canyon Jr. Rodeo, as well as a princess and queen of the Baker County Fair and Rodeo. Jade always loved meeting new people and making new friends. She also enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors.

During high school, she worked at the Halfway Motel where she continued to work after graduation. Jade also worked at the Halfway Bowling Alley and the Hells Canyon Inn.

In the fall of 2002, Jade was in a bad car accident which left her with a traumatic brain injury. She worked hard and fought harder to again walk and talk. She persevered to overcome her injuries.

Jade had a beautiful daughter, Gracie Faye, who was born on February 19, 2006. Gracie died seven weeks later from complications of the rare CMV Virus. This was very hard on Jade, but she again found the strength to overcome the grief.

Jade worked part-time cleaning paint brushes for a paint crew. She started going to church and losing weight, gaining confidence and strength in herself.

On Thanksgiving of 2011, Jade met Lance and they began a whirlwind of adventures. They had a beautiful wedding in 2014, and continued on new adventures every chance they got. Jade and Lance died together on June 10, 2016, in Utah. Lance had been employed there since December of 2015.

Jade was a tenacious, funny, red-headed spitfire, who in her blessed stubbornness was able to overcome many obstacles in her life. She had a fire in her heart for those she loved. We will miss her dearly.

Jade was preceded in death by her Grandma Grace Ritter, baby Gracie Faye, brother Josh Peer and her husband, Lance Simpson.

Jade is survived by her father, Roger and his wife Beth Peer; sister, Annalisa Peer; brother, Addison Peer; mother, Melody and her husband, Tom Huff; brother, Jacob Huff; and her four-legged cat, Cloudy; and many, many other family and friends.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Jade, the family suggests the nonprofit Creating Memories (for children with disability/ability have an opportunity to fish, hunt, and camp) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Service, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, Oregon, 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## Robert E. Knox, Jr.

1934 - 2016

Robert E. Knox Jr., 82, Baker City, died on Monday, June 27, 2016, at St. Alphonsus Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 2, at 11 a.m., at the Harvest Church in Baker City. Vault interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m., on Friday, July 1, at Coles Tribute Center. Those wishing to make memorial contributions in his memory may direct them to; Friends of The NRA, Best Friends, or the Eastern Oregon Mining Association. This may be done thru Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. If you would like to light a candle in memory of Mr. Knox, please visit [www.colestributecenter.com](http://www.colestributecenter.com).

## Record Courier Readers:

In order to give our staff and their families some much-deserved time to enjoy the 4th of July holiday, there will be **no paper delivery next Thursday, July 7.** We hope you will understand.

From all of us at the Record Courier, we wish you a wonderful and safe Independence Day!

**Thank you!**

## Death and Service Notices

**Billy McCauley** - Placement and interment of the urn will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, July 15, at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City. At 1:00 p.m., friends are invited to join the family for a potluck barbeque at the home of Alan McCauley. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

## Vivan Crawford Memorial Scholarship Awarded

The \$500 Vivan Crawford Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Madison Elms. Madison plans to attend Eastern Oregon University where she will major in Biology. She wants to further her education by pursuing a doctorate in Optometry.

Madison is a 2016 graduate and Salutatorian of Baker High School. She played varsity golf and volleyball. She was also active in the Future Business Leaders of American and the National Honor Society.

The Vivan Crawford Memorial Scholarship was established by Ken Crawford, Vivan's P.E.O. Chapter CJ sisters, and friends. An excellent, enthusiastic teacher for 25 years, Vivan was always interested in promoting education. This fund honors her memory.

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Thursday, June 30, 2016

## The Catty Shack Gives Love and Hope for Baker County Felines



Photo by MJ Guyer

Barb Gloden (left) and Karen Skeen were on hand to show open house visitors the kittens and cats available for adoption through New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals.

There is no doubt about it; kittens are cute. Last Saturday, New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals hosted a lot of cute when it publicly debuted its new feline shelter, better known as, "The Catty Shack".

Located at the home of known animal advocate, Karen Skeen, locals streamed in during the open house to see first-hand the brightly colored, climate-controlled, safe environment that 12 kittens and five cats currently call home.

"We initially had an area over at the Leo Brookshire building, but we had no electricity and other amenities needed to keep them there, particularly as it got colder," said Skeen

As luck would have it, Skeen was checking out a garage sale and happened upon a supply shed that someone no longer needed. "I knew right away I had to have it."

The original building sported many of the same festive colors that today give it a signature look. Following a few modifications that included outdoor access to a safe kennel, climbing apparatus, lots of kitty beds, the The Catty Shack was open for business. To date, the more than 150 cats and kittens have spent time there waiting to be adopted.

Recently, 15 kittens brought to Skeen were transported to the Oregon Humane Society for adoption. Within two days, six had already found homes. Many of these kittens had been waiting for homes in the local area for two months.

Skeen shared that they work closely with the Oregon Humane Society, who has an extensive network in the metropolitan area where adoption demand is high. "We don't euthanize so we have to work very hard with all our partners to get these little ones a home."

"Our numbers in town (Baker City) have been showing a decline, but our rural numbers have really climbed up there," said Skeen. "We can't stress enough to everyone who has a cat how important it is to spay and neuter them."

New Hope for Eastern Oregon Animals is a volunteer, non-profit organization.

If you are interested in adopting a cat or kitten, you are encouraged to call New Hope at (541) 403-2710 or Karen Skeen at 541-523-6863. There is an adoption fee of \$35 which includes the feline's first shots, worming and the cost of spay or neuter.

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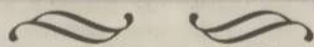
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