

OBITUARIES

Jim Walter Bench

Pilot Rock
August 20, 1933-December 30, 2014

Jim Walter Bench, known to many friends and family as J.W., age 81, of Pilot Rock, Oregon, died December 30, 2014, at 5:01a.m. at St. Anthony Hospital. Jim was born on August 20, 1933, at 7:00 a.m. in Clinton, Arkansas, to Jimmie and Lilly Kirkendoll-Bench. Services will be held at a later date. Jim earned a degree from Arkansas Tech in welding after serving in the Army during the Korean War from October 1953 to September 1955. He was stationed in Germany.



Bench

Jim lived in Dover, Arkansas, where he made his living running a chicken hauling crew for Cowboy Ferguson. Jim moved to Marrero, Louisiana, in the early '70s where he welded for many years for Standridge Brothers Welding Company. In 1990 Jim moved to Indio, California, where he drove buses for Sun Bus before landing a welding job with Ray Ogden Laser Farming Company. After retiring Jim moved to Eugene, Oregon, to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren. In 2003 they moved to Pendleton, Oregon, and in 2011 Jim moved to Pilot Rock. Jim enjoyed fishing, reading, especially fishing magazines and National Geographic, and watching old westerns with John Wayne in them. Jim also loved country music by Hank Williams Sr., Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline and Loret-

ta Lynn. He liked to go to car shows and talking about old cars. He liked to throw darts and was a pretty fair pool player. Jim is survived by his first wife, Joe Vivian Seaman, and second wife Thelma Booth; daughter Anna Bench-Stewart of Pendleton; son Michael Wayne Bench of Russellville, Arkansas; eight grandchildren: Yance Pierce, William Groves, Casandra Groves-Busch, Megan Groves-Smith, Angel Bench, Abba Bench and Charleston James Bench; great-grandchildren Kaden Pierce, Somer Burk-Pierce, Abigail Groves, Damien Busch, Dominic Busch and De'Dreic Busch; brothers Jonny, Garland and Cycle Bench; and sisters Geraldine Reed and Linda Edwards.

Jim is preceded in death by his wife Kathryn Frances Garttey-Bench; daughter Willa Mae Bench; sons James Edward Bench and Kenneth Ray Bench; parents Jimmie and Lilly Bench; and sisters Lillian and Mary Jane. Jim gave generously to Disabled American Vets and Veterans of Foreign Wars. I would like to thank all the doctors and nurses, especially Kathy and Chaplain Rick of St. Anthony Hospital. They were a source of great comfort to dad and me. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneer-chapel.com

Kaydeen Leona 'Kady' Murray

Pendleton
October 13, 1969-December 29, 2014

Kaydeen "Kady" Leona Murray, 45, of Pendleton, died on Monday, December 29, 2014, at her home. Kady was born on October 13, 1969, in La Grande, Oregon, to parents Lynn Murray and Nancy Herrmann. She graduated from Imbler High School upon finishing, and attended Arizona and Eastern Oregon University. Kady moved to Pendleton in October of 1992 and resided there for 22 years. She was a local computer technician and volunteered her time with many local organizations such as the Round-Up. Nothing made her happier than to be with kids. She helped out with Round Up City Cloggers, Kick-It-Up Kloggers, Camp Fire Boys and Girls, 4H, FFA, and coached youth sports. She enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, camping, and hunting. Kady is survived by her daughter, Ellie Murray of Glendale, Ariz.; mother Nancy Herrmann of Pendleton; sisters Heidi Ruth of Pendleton and Heather Gastin of



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Pendleton; brother Geoff Olsen of St. Cloud, Minn.; nieces Kaila Ruth of Pendleton, Kim Michaels of Lind, Wash., Morgan Warner of St. Cloud, Minn., and Karlee Olsen of St. Cloud, Minn.; nephews Zach Mangione of Boise, Idaho, Levi Coalwell of Walla Walla, Wash., and Ryan Gastin of Pendleton; and dogs Sophie and Fergie. She was preceded in death by her father, Lynn Murray; husband Mark Stillman; and her grandparents. Kady was a beloved mother, daughter, sister and friend to everybody that knew her. She will be loved and missed by all. There will be a memorial service for family and close friends at the Salvation Army Church on Thursday, January 8 at 2 p.m. There will also be a celebration of life at a later date for all friends and family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to make a donation in her honor to any charity or the Salvation Army Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.pendletonchapel.com.

James Carl 'Jim' Hudson

Gastonia, North Carolina
June 4, 1955-December 27, 2014

Jim passed away unexpectedly Saturday, December 27, 2014, at his home in North Carolina after spending a week in the hospital. Jim was born on June 4, 1955, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Chuck and Eileen Hudson. His family lived in Milton Freewater, Ione, Bend, and Oregon City. Jim attended Oregon City High School and Clackamas Community College where he was a three-sport athlete. Jim was a Junior College All-American in 1974. From CCC he was recruited to play football for the Oregon Ducks (75-76) where his name is engraved at Autzen Stadium. He earned a teaching degree from Portland State University. Jim taught and coached in Oregon City, Ashland,



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Medford, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Jim impacted many students and athletes through his love of sports and the classroom. He is survived by his son, Allan Scott, and Allan's mother Sharon; his partner Heather; siblings Patty Rolan (Rich), Allan Hudson (Yvette) and Joan Ferguson (Rich); and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles (2009) and Eileen (Senseney) Hudson (2004). There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, January 10 at 3:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Oregon City, Oregon. To honor Jim, memorial donations can be made to the Clackamas Community College Charles Hudson Endowment Fund.

OBITUARY POLICY

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UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JAN. 3

No services scheduled

SUNDAY, JAN. 4

No services scheduled

MONDAY, JAN. 5

ZIMMER, GARRETT — Graveside service at 2 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 N. Main St.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6

No services scheduled

MEETINGS

MONDAY, JAN. 5

COLUMBIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, 1:30 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center Sand Hollow conference room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St.

MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m. study session, 7 p.m. regular meeting, Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave.

WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle.

WESTON LIBRARY BOARD, 5:30 p.m., Weston Public Library, 108 E. Main St.

IRRIGON PLANNING COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St.

MEACHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 6 p.m., Meacham Fire Department, Meacham. (541-786-2069).

BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle.

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., council chambers, 143 W. Main St.

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., council chambers, 150 W. Coe St.

UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Morrow County Courthouse, 100 S. Court St., Heppner.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton.

PENDLETON DOWNTOWN/RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY FACADE COMMITTEE, 3:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community development conference room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave. (Julie Chase 541-966-0204).

HERMISTON AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m., Hermiston Airport lounge, 1600 Airport Way.

PENDLETON FACADE COMMITTEE, 3:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall administrative council room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave.

CONDON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St.

Mario Cuomo, a giant in NY, liberal politics, dies

By DAVID KLEPPER AND MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Mario Cuomo had a loud and liberal voice that inspired a generation of politicians to turn to public service, and a story of humble beginnings that he wove into calls for social justice during his three terms as New York governor and years as a national figure when he deflected overtures to become a presidential candidate. Cuomo died at his home in Manhattan on Thursday of natural causes due to heart failure, just hours after his son Andrew began his second term as New York's chief executive. He was 82.



Cuomo

The son of Italian immigrants, Mario Cuomo played minor league baseball before embarking on a legal and political career. His oratory and his dedication to progressive policies made him a political star, but despite calls to seek the White House, he never made a run for president.

Hours before his father's death, the younger Cuomo delivered an inaugural address in which he honored the Democratic stalwart. "He is in the heart and mind of every person who is here," Andrew Cuomo said. "He is here and he is here, and his inspiration and his legacy and his experience is what has brought this state to this point. So let's give him a round of applause."

President Barack Obama telephoned Cuomo Thursday and offered his condolences. In a statement, the president called Mario Cuomo "a determined champion of progressive values, and an unflinching voice for tolerance, inclusiveness, fairness, dignity, and opportunity."

Cuomo served as New York governor from 1983 through 1994 and became nationally celebrated for his ability to blend the story of his humble upbringing with ringing calls for social justice.

He was also known for the presidential races he stayed out of in 1988 and 1992. Cuomo agonized so publicly over whether to run

for the White House that he was dubbed "Hamlet on the Hudson."

In 1991, Cuomo left a plane idling on the tarmac at the Albany airport rather than fly to New Hampshire and jump into the battle for the presidential nomination at the last minute. He left the door open for a lesser-known governor, Bill Clinton of Arkansas.

"When he placed my name in nomination at the 1992 Democratic Convention, he said government had 'the solemn obligation to create opportunity for all our people,'" the ex-president said in a joint statement with his wife, former U.S. secretary of state and U.S. senator from New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton. "In his three terms as Governor of New York, he honored that obligation."

Cuomo's last public appearance came in November, when Andrew was re-elected governor of New York. The frail-looking patriarch and his son raised their arms together in victory at the election-night celebration.

Andrew Cuomo said he showed his second inaugural speech to his father, who declared it was good, "especially for a second-term."

Mario Cuomo's big political break came in 1982 when, as New York's lieutenant governor, he won the Democratic nomination for governor in an upset over New York Mayor Ed Koch. He went on to beat conservative millionaire Republican Lewis Lehrman.

DEATH NOTICES

Sarah Raye Asbell

Hermiston
Oct. 30, 1923-Dec. 30, 2014

Sarah Raye Asbell, 91, of Hermiston died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, in Hermiston. She was born Oct. 30, 1923, in Galena, Kansas. A private burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Lillian M. Hill

Condon
Oct. 7, 1921-Dec. 31, 2014

Lillian M. Hill, 93, of Condon died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, in Condon. She was born Oct. 7, 1921, in Napa, California. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements.

Pauline Anna (D'Amico) Zanatta

Hermiston
Nov. 11, 1925-Dec. 28, 2014

Pauline Anna (D'Amico) Zanatta, 89, of Hermiston died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014, in Hermiston. She was born Nov. 11, 1925, in San Jose, California. Graveside services will be held Friday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

BRIEFLY

Mom, new daughter share New Year's Day birthdays

BEND (AP) — A New Year's Day "first baby" in Bend shares a birthday with her mother.

The Bend Bulletin reports that Maysra Aria arrived at 12:05 a.m. Thursday, the day her mother, Nafisa "Nikki" Aria, turned 35.

Spokeswoman Lisa Goodman of the St. Charles Health System said the girl was the first born in Central Oregon in 2015. St. Charles has hospitals in Bend, Redmond, Prineville and Madras.

The father, Behroz "Bruce" Aria, said doctors had estimated a due date of Christmas Day. The couple run a convenience store and have three other children.

2 face charges in 2012 rock tossing, runner injury

EUGENE (AP) — A grand jury has accused two Southern Oregon men of assault in a 2012 case in which a rock thrown from an Interstate 5 overpass shattered

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