

OBITUARIES

Duane E. Chesnut

Hermiston

December 17, 1949-November 26, 2014

Longtime Hermiston resident Duane Chesnut died peacefully while at hospital in Richland, Wash. He was being attended to by his son, Michael Munoz, when he passed.

Duane was born in Pendleton, Ore., and except for a short time on the Oregon coast he always lived in the Pendleton, Milton-Freewater and Hermiston area. He attended elementary schools in Reith, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater and graduated from McLaughlin High School in Milton-Freewater the spring of 1968. He attended Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., for two years.

Over the years he worked in the tire and front end alignment business with his father, spent a short time pulling green chain, then entered the muffler replacement business, and then found his longest-held niche as a bartender. While his health had begun to severely curtail his

activities, he enjoyed rock cutting and polishing and hunting and fishing, but dart and pool tournaments were his recent favorite activities. He had many caring and loyal friends that appreciated his "I march to my own drummer" sort of attitude.



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He was preceded in death by both of his parents in 2014. He is survived by his son, Michael and wife Camille Munoz, and two grandchildren, Gracie and Mason (all in Hermiston). He is also survived by his brother Ed and wife Judy Chesnut, nephew Matthew and wife Lora Chesnut, nieces Delaney and Hazel and stepmother Dee Chesnut, all of Milton-Freewater; several stepbrothers and stepsisters; and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

A gathering of family and friends is scheduled for March 29, 2015, starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Panda Inn in Hermiston, 675 N. First St. Food will be provided.

William Leslie (Bud) May

Pendleton

March 25, 1921-March 12, 2015

William Leslie (Bud) May died on March 12, 2015, at a local health care facility in Pendleton following a brief illness.

He was born on March 25, 1921, in East Bernstadt, Kentucky, to James Thomas May and Rose (Warner) May. He would have been 94 years old this month. He grew up in Milton-Freewater and the surrounding area.

In 1939, he joined the local National Guard before being inducted into the Army on September 16, 1940. Bud served for almost five years during WWII with the 41st Infantry Division (Sunset Division) before being discharged on September 6, 1945. During his time in the Army he participated in five major beach landings in the South Pacific and was awarded the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters while involved in the battle for Biak Island near New Guinea. After the war, Bud became employed by the Pendleton School District, where he worked for many years before retiring, as the head



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custodian at Pendleton High School. While working for the school district, Bud met Lida Jean Downing, who was the secretary at Lincoln School. They were married on March 8, 1956, and celebrated their 59th anniversary this month.

Bud was a charter member and trustee at Grace Baptist Church, where he attended faithfully from 1962 to the present. Bud is survived by his wife Lida and two sisters, Lavelle Scribner and her husband Wally and Janis Handley and her husband Harry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Rose May; brothers Roberts, Alvin and George; and a sister, Verna McLean.

Funeral service will be March 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church. There will be a graveside service with military tribute following the funeral service at Skyview Memorial Park. Viewing will be at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel on March 27, 2015, from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Ruth McAlavy

Helix

October 11, 1914-March 18, 2015

Ruth McAlavy of Helix, Oregon, died March 18th, 2015, at the Oregon Retirement Center in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015, at Helix Cemetery. A reception will follow the service at Helix Community Church.

She was born October 11, 1914, in Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Jacob and Caroline (Scholl) Schilling. She lived in northern Idaho, Finley, Washington, and Albee, Oregon. In 1934, she graduated from Pendleton High School.

She worked as a harvest crew cook for Stockman Ranches north of Helix, where she met Frank C. McAlavy. They were married on September 7, 1937, in Pasco, Washington. In 1941, they moved from Albee to Helix where she lived for approximately 65 years.

She was a member of the Helix Community Church where she was the church secretary and made coffee for fellowship time. She also taught Sunday school for 40

years. She was employed as the librarian at the Helix Library from 1954 until 1988.

Survivors include her sons, James A. McAlavy of Walla Walla, Guy McAlavy (Edie) of Walla Walla and Ray McAlavy (Karon) of Albee; granddaughters Cheryl McAlavy of Portland and Terri McAlavy of California; great-grandsons Kenny Estoy of Portland and Trevor Rhodes of California; and sister Dorothy Grosh of Grants Pass; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank C. McAlavy;



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parents Jacob and Caroline Schilling; sisters Eleanora Waterman and Louise Lathom; and brothers Henry Schilling and John F. (Fred) Schilling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Helix Community Church or the Helix Library in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

Edna L. (Kreutz) Murtishaw

Auburn, Wash.

January 26, 1926-March 10, 2015

Edna L. Murtishaw (Kreutz), 89, of Auburn, Wash., passed away on March 10, 2015. She was born on January 26, 1926, in Holstein, Iowa. Edna was the daughter of Magdalena Charlotte Kreutz and Martin Kreutz.

Edna graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Cherokee, Iowa, in 1942, and in 1944 she joined the Cadet Nurses Corps. In 1972 she completed nurse's training and was a nurse for ten years.

In 1945 she married Ernest Copp, and later remarried Fred I. Murtishaw in 1954.

Edna enjoyed gardening, bowling, traveling in her motor home across the country and to the Washington and Oregon coasts, to wildlife refuges with her granddaughters

and spending time on Hood Canal with family. Among her hobbies were antiquing and collecting angel figurines.

She is preceded in death by husband Fred Murtishaw, son Martin Murtishaw and brother Jim Kreutz. She is survived by daughter Victoria Schwennsen, granddaughters Charlotte and Elaina Schwennsen and brother Dennis Kreutz.

Visitation will be on Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Klontz Funeral Home in Auburn, Wash. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. She will be buried in the Tahoma National Cemetery.

Friends are invited to share memories and sign online guest book at www.klontzfuneralhome.com.



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DEATH NOTICES

Hazel M. Piland

Hermiston

Sept. 1, 1934-March 15, 2015

Hazel M. Piland, 80, of Hermiston died Sunday, March 15, 2015, in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Bejou, Minnesota. Disposition was by cremation. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Marjorie A. Powell

Hermiston

Dec. 20, 1919-March 18, 2015

Marjorie A. Powell, 95, of Hermiston died Wednesday, March 18, 2015, in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 20, 1919, in Wheatland, Wyoming. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 24 at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Umatilla. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

John E. Van Swoll

Hermiston

Feb. 22, 1930-March 19, 2015

John E. Van Swoll, 85, of Hermiston died Thursday, March 19, 2015, at his home. He was born Feb. 22, 1930, in Ranier, Ore. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

CONANT, RON — Celebration of life gathering from 1-4 p.m. at the family home in Hermiston.

FITZHUGH, FRAN — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

GILLIAM, JEAN — Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church, 412 W. Walnut St., Condon. Burial will follow the mass at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Condon.

GREENFIELD, RICHARD — Graveside memorial service at 1 p.m. at the Fossil I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

KLIMASCHEK, GLORIA — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the Donald Fire Hall, 20909 Feller St. N.E., Donald, Ore.

MCJUNKIN, GENEVA — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. A reception will follow in the church's Rogers Fellowship Hall.

MILLER, BILL — Celebration of life service at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton.

MYERS, JAMES — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, 2260 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

HEIMGARTNER, DOUGLAS — Viewing and visitation from 1-5 p.m. at Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder, Walla Walla.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

HEIMGARTNER, DOUGLAS — Funeral service at 2 p.m. at Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder, Walla Walla. A reception will follow the service at the Walla Walla Elks Lodge #287, 351 E. Rose St.

WILFONG, MILDRED 'SAM' — Funeral service at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

POWELL, MARJORIE — Funeral service at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla.

William 'Bill' Miller

Pendleton

November 20, 1941-March 17, 2015

Bill Miller, 73, passed away at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton on March 17, 2015. A celebration of life service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton.

Bill was born in Washington, D.C., on November 20, 1941, to John William and Catherine Cecilia (Lloyd) Miller. He attended Catholic schools in Silver Spring, Md., and graduated from Mackin High School in Washington, D.C. After one year attending the University of Maryland, Bill traveled west and worked for the BLM in Burns, Oregon. After passing his pre-induction physical, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam in Special Forces. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and Bronze Star.

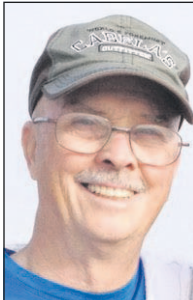
Following his discharge, he attended college in Bend and graduated with a degree in science from Monmouth, Oregon. He then attended and graduated from Northwestern School of Physical Therapy in Chicago. He worked in Pendleton as a physical therapist for St. Anthony Hospital and the Umatilla Education Service District.

While attending Central Oregon Community College in 1967, Bill married Virginia Anderson. They lived in Bend, Salem, Chicago and Pendleton. They have three children: Arthur of North Carolina, Teresa married to Ivan in Harrisburg, Pa., and Kimberly of Washington, D.C.

Bill was involved in numerous volunteer activities. He enjoyed reading, especially history related to the Civil War, running, and hunting. He was also a competitive shooter in the game of Cowboy Action Shooting. He and his family attended Peace Lutheran Church. He will be buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore.

Memorial donations in memory of Bill may be made to Peace Lutheran Church or Neighbor to Neighbor in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com



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For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

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Thursday, March 19	7 p.m.: 1-3-0-4
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