

OBITUARIES

Alexis Lee Alexander

Hermiston
April 19, 1969-February 15, 2015

Alexis Lee Alexander lost her long and exhausting battle with Crohn’s Disease on Friday, February 15, 2015. She died as she had lived ... with self-determination and great courage.

She leaves behind her mother Alice Alexander; sisters Angie Shepard (Todd) and Allison Alexander (Tom); her much-loved nephews Matt, Stephen and Reese Shepard and niece Maressa (James) and children; uncles Jim McCann and John McCann (Janice); Aunt Shirley and several cousins as well as her beloved cats, Nipsy and Ersas.

Alexis was born on April 19, 1969, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Alice and Dick Alexander, the first of three daughters. She attended the early years of elementary school there until the family moved to Villisca, Iowa, in 1977 where her father became the administrator of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home.

Rural Iowa gave Alexis an opportunity to explore her lifelong interest in history as the local newspaper had newspapers dating back to the late 1800s. She and her sisters discovered the famous Villisca Ax Murders of 1912 and got to hear the story from some of the residents at the nursing home. Alexis put together a collection of dolls from different periods of time and wrote the history of them; later she entered her display in a state school contest.

She and her sisters entered their artwork in the county fair at Red Oak and brought home many ribbons. From early childhood they had all shown an interest in art. Alexis was overjoyed to be invited to join an adult group doing experimental and innovative art forms. She was disappointed that the family moved before she was able to take the invitation to join a think tank group.

In 1981 the family moved to Stanfield, Oregon, while their house was being built in Hermiston where her fa-

ther was the administrator of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. Alexis had drawn the rough draft of the new house. She attended high school in Hermiston, graduating in 1987.

She greatly enjoyed her art classes, taking auto shop, being on the newspaper staff, taking science, and being in drafting class. During this time she invented a snoopy little character she named Bio.Frog who appeared in a comic strip for two of her high school years.

She was thrilled to spend two summers in Alaska working at a fish cannery while she attended Blue Mountain Community College and working in the Good Samaritan kitchen during the year as she attended college. After graduation she moved to the Tri-Cities and married Corey Christianson. There she worked in fine china at the Bon until they moved to Pullman, where Corey pursued a degree in engineering and Alexis enrolled in the architectural department. Later they moved to Spokane where they divorced. Alexis worked at the call center and later for Travelers Insurance until her health deteriorated to the point where she could no longer work.

At that point she was only able to volunteer. She dubbed herself the Chief Cat Cuddler at the animal shelter. She read widely, followed politics, spent hours on the computer, was an outspoken advocate for the poor, of abused women, of neglected animals, prisoners, children, and street people. She dreamed of being well enough to take flying lessons, to travel and to be a foster parent.

Prankster, outrageously extravagant lover of fine things, passionate explorer, compassionate, lovely, “diamond as big as the Ritz” we loved you so and will remember you always!

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 19th from 2:00 on at 820 Southwest 13th Place, Hermiston, the family home.

The funeral for Rockne Larvick, of Spokane Valley, Washington, formerly of Pendleton, Oregon, and Valley City, North Dakota, who died on March 18, 2015, will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Hennessey Funeral Home, 1315 N. Pines Rd., Spokane Valley, Wash. The interment with military honors will follow at 2:15 p.m. at the Washington State Veteran’s Cemetery, 21702 W. Espanola Road, Medical Lake, WA 99022.

Rockne, son of Alfred and Ethel (Field) Larvick, was born on July 25, 1931, in Fargo, North Dakota. He graduated from Valley City High School in 1950, and served in the United States Air Force Security Service, stationed in Mississippi, Texas, and two and one-half years in Bremerhaven, Germany. Rockne married Avis Ann Powlison on August 4, 1957. They resided in Pendleton, Oregon, since 1974 where Rockne taught at Blue Mountain Community College until retiring in 1993. In 2014, he relocated to Spokane Valley, Washington. Rockne taught for two years in high school, including assistant coach in football and basketball, as well as golf coach. In addition, he taught accounting courses at Willmar Area Vocational Technical School, including director of intramural sports and head of the accounting department; National College of Business; and Valley City State University. He was an internal auditor for the Inspection Division of the Internal Revenue Service for six years visiting IRS offices throughout the Midwest.

Rockne loved sports and lettered in football, basketball and tennis while in high school, including co-captain of the high school football team and president of the Lettermen’s Club. During college, he was a three-year letterman in football and tennis and was a member

of the 1950 college conference championship football team. He graduated from Valley City State University in 1957 with a BS degree, majoring in business education and physical education. In 1965 he graduated from the University of North Dakota with an MS degree in accounting.

After college, he was active in many organizations serving in various capacities including: member of Faith Lutheran Church, member of the Willmar Jaycees; member of

the Board of Directors of the Portland Chapter of the International Institute of Internal Auditors; chairman and member of the Board of Directors of Operation Blessing of Pendleton; member of Peace Lutheran Church, serving two terms on the Church Council; president of the Central Minnesota Business Education Association; and a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Rockne was diagnosed in 1976 with non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma cancer that had invaded his entire body and he was told that he did not have long to live. He said it was one of the best things that happened to him because it changed his priorities in life and he gave thanks to Jesus. He was a certified internal auditor and received a citation from the International Institute for Internal Auditors for outstanding achievement. For a number of years he enjoyed golf, tennis, and bowling until an injury prevented him from those activities.

He is survived by his wife, Avis; three children: Stewart (Carol) Larvick, Portland, Ore., Steven Larvick, Medford, Ore., and Roxanne (Pat) Brommer, Spokane, Wash.; and five grandchildren. Rockne was preceded in death by his father and mother, and one brother, Wally Larvick.

To view Rockne’s online memorial, please visit www.hennesseyfuneralhomes.com.



Larvick

Evelyn Bessie Ekru
Simpson Rhodes

Garland, Utah
June 27, 1932-March 22, 2015

Evelyn Bessie Ekru Simpson Rhodes, 82, passed away at her home in Garland, Utah, on March 22, 2015. Evelyn was born on June 27, 1932, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Ernest Erbal Ekru and Bessie Leta Harrington.

She was raised in Idaho, where she attended and graduated from Buhl High School in 1951. She married Marvin Eugene Simpson in Buhl on August 27, 1951. He passed away on October 23, 1993. She married Blaine Udell Rhodes on July 30, 2005, in Pendleton, Ore.

During her life Evelyn lived in many places throughout her life from Buhl, Idaho, to Augusta, Georgia; Modesto, California; Reno, Nevada; Fernley, Nevada; Stayton, Salem, Klamath Falls and Pendleton, Oregon; and Garland, Utah.

She worked for the Western Publishing Company in Reno, Nevada. She was also a school bus driver in Wadsworth, Nevada.

Evelyn loved to collect things: plates, dolls and especially fabric. She loved to quilt, sew and make crafts. Her greatest joy was her family and grandchildren. She loved living in Garland with her current husband Blaine. They enjoyed going to the rodeo, plays and church activities.

She joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at age 13 and was a lifelong member. She served in many callings in the Relief Society and Primary.

She was also a family history consultant.

Evelyn is survived by her husband Blaine Rhodes; daughters Elizabeth Ann (David) Shettles, John Marvin (Jolene) Simpson, Jeanine Marie (Richard) Persons and Karen Kay (Gary) Crowder; sister Lucinda Wright; brother Everett Copenbarger; 22 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Mike and Whitney Rhodes, Ronda and Theron Rose, Elaine and Jim Miller, Karen Petersen, Rocky and Rachelle Rhodes and Dan and Liz Leonard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Marvin Eugene Simpson, brother Benjamin Ekru, sister Anna Mae Dover, granddaughter Abigail Persons and daughter-in-law Lisa Simpson.

Funeral services for Evelyn will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Fielding Stake Center (4375 W. 15600 N.). Viewings will be held on Friday evening, March 27, 2015, from 6-8 p.m. at Rogers & Taylor Funeral Home (111 N. 100 E.) and prior to the funeral from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will take place in the East Garland Cemetery.

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

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Bear River Care Center, Primrose Hospice and Dr. Schow.



Rhodes

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

No services scheduled

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

LARVICK, ROCKNE — Funeral at 11 a.m. at Hennessey Funeral Home, 1315 N. Pines Road, Spokane Valley, Wash. Interment with military honors will follow at 2:15 p.m. at the Washington State Veteran’s Cemetery, 21702 W. Espanola Road, Medical Lake, Wash.

NAILLON, TOMMY — Graveside service at 1 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Ontario.

PANDURO, RUBEN — Visitation from noon to 8 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert P. ‘Bob’ Holowecky

Pendleton

July 29, 1940-March 23, 2015

Robert P. “Bob” Holowecky, 74, of Pendleton died Monday, March 23, 2015, at his home. He was born July 29, 1940. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.

Mary L. Judd

Hermiston

March 15, 1929-March 24, 2015

Mary L. Judd, 86, of Hermiston died Tuesday, March 24, 2015, in Hermiston. She was born March 15, 1929, in Salem, Ore. Arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD, 4-5 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP, 9-11 a.m., Banner Bank meeting room, 100 E. Gladys Ave., Suite A., Hermiston. (541-567-6121).

SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD, 12 noon, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

EOTEC AUTHORITY BOARD, 7 a.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center Doherty conference room, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

No meetings scheduled

Ruben Panduro

Pendleton

November 27, 1948-March 16, 2015

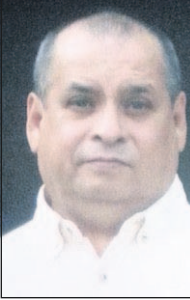
Ruben Panduro, 66, was born on November 27, 1948, in Tecalitlan, Mexico. He passed away on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 4:50 a.m. in Pendleton, Oregon. Visitation will be at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel on Thursday, March 26 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Friday, March 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Ruben came to the United States from Mexico in 1970. He met his wife in 1976 and they married in 1977. They had six children. In 2000, he moved to Pendleton, Oregon. He spent the last 15 years of his life employed, working between Wildhorse Resort and Keystone.

He was a dedicated, loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with his loved ones, especially

his grandchildren. He loved cooking, watching old western movies, and listening to Spanish music. He was loved and respected by many and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Angel Panduro and Josefina Medina, and his three sisters, Elena Rivera, Ester Panduro and Tina Hernandez. Ruben is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maria Panduro; two sons, Ruben Jr. and Gabriel Panduro; four daughters, Alma, Diana, Martha and Rosalinda Pan-



Panduro

duro, all born in Los Angeles, California; his six grandchildren, Alyssa, Marissa, Jeffrey and Bentley Virgil, Jasmine and Asher Cox, all born in Pendleton, Oregon. Also many close relatives, near and far.

Love you, Dad.

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

JoAnn Aleda Seifer

Yakima, Wash.

August 15, 1937-March 22, 2015

JoAnn Aleda Seifer was born on August 15, 1937, in Long Beach, California, to parents Emmett and Laveta Blanche Haines Williams. She died on March 22, 2015, in Yakima, Washington, at the age of 77 years.

JoAnn lived in Echo, Oregon, from 1972 until moving to Yakima, Washington, in 2006 where she has lived since. She retired from the Umatilla Army Depot after proudly serving 32 years in various civilian positions. JoAnn had a passion for patriotism. She was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 922, and had served as department president of the Oregon State VFW Auxiliary in 2004. JoAnn is remembered for her strong will and stronger opinions. She was obstinate and ornery, the qualities that endeared her to those who loved her most.

She is survived by her



Seifer

sons Ernie Thomas, Echo, Ore., Marvin Seifer (Gwen), Medford, Ore., and Patrick Seifer (Amy), PRC (China); daughter Georgina Smedema (Butch), Yakima, Wash.; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband: Dale Seifer in 1988, and daughter Patsy Mae Seifer in 2002.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

JoAnn’s family would like to thank the staff at Good Samaritan Health Care Center in Yakima, Wash., for taking exceptional care of her over the past three years.

Memorial contributions made be made to the YMCA Yakima, 848 W. Yakima Ave., Yakima, WA 98902 or by phone at 509-248-7796.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

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Lucky Lines
02-07-09-14-FREE-19-23-25-30
Estimated jackpot: \$26,000

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20-39-58-63

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 7-9-4-2
4 p.m.: 0-7-8-2
7 p.m.: 9-2-5-6
10 p.m.: 5-8-6-8

Tuesday, March 24
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 9-1-1-8