

OBITUARIES

**Nancy Louise Brown**

Echo

January 6, 1951-April 19, 2015

Nancy Louise Brown was born on January 6, 1951, in Gold Beach, Oregon, to parents James and Peggy Burkett Lindberg. She died on April 19, 2015, at her home in Echo, Oregon, at the age of 64 years.

Nancy lived in Oregon, France, Georgia, Washington, Germany and Texas. She moved to Stanfield, Oregon, in 1985 and later to Echo, Oregon, in 1999, where she has lived since. Nancy worked at Lamb Weston for 13 years and then for the Simmons Agency in Hermiston, Oregon, for a couple of years. She was a volunteer and committee member for Relay For Life, a member of A.C.S. CAN, member of Lung Cancer Alliance, Stanfield Moose Lodge, and one of the founding parents of STAND TALL. Nancy enjoyed crafts, tying flies, reading, making cards, and knitting.

She is survived by her children: Charles Ray Craig Jr., Jennifer and Jeff Johnson, Echo, Ore., Valerie and Howard Califf, Umatilla, Ore., Elizabeth and Steven



Brown

Castillo, Umatilla, Ore., and Rachael Craig, Echo, Ore.; stepdaughter Barbara Nagy, Centerville, Wash.; mother Peggy Lindberg, Stanfield, Ore.; sisters Roesealee Combs and her husband John, Hooks, Texas, and Donna Lindberg, Port Orford, Ore.; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; uncle Kenny Burkett, Irrigon, Ore.; two nieces, one nephew, and many cousins.

Nancy was preceded in death by her father; first husband Charles Craig; second husband Robert Brown; and stepson Robert Brown Jr.

A celebration of life potluck gathering will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Nathan Bard Park, Stanfield, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Nancy's memory to the Shriner's Hospital or St. Jude's Hospital.

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

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

**Howard Mullins**

Ione

September 18, 1944-April 20, 2015

Howard Mullins, 70, of Ione, Oregon, passed away Monday, April 20, 2015, near Burns, Oregon, while on a hunting trip with some of his closest friends. A celebration of life honoring Howard will be held Saturday, May 2, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Ione. Please feel free to join the family and bring your favorite memories of Howard to share.

He has lived in many places, but has called Ione home since 1999. Howard was born September 18, 1944, at Apalona, Indiana, the son of Lloyd L. and Amy L. Krutz Mullins. He graduated from Oil Township High School in Saint Croix, Indiana, in 1962. In 1989 after working for various corporations, he became co-owner of Western Precision Products, Inc. at Tualatin, Oregon, retiring in December 2003.

Howard married Dianne on December 6, 1997, at Portland, Oregon.

He had a passion for fishing, hunting, playing his

guitar and spending time with family and friends.

Howard was one of the founders of the Ione Education Foundation as well as various other organizations.

Survivors include his wife Dianne of Ione; sons Bill and his wife Angie, and their two daughters Madeline and Abby of Portland, and Jerry and his wife Kelli Sund of Molalla, Oregon. Additionally, he is survived by his son David Meadows and his wife Cindy and their son Luke; daughter Kelly Wyland and her husband Jeff; granddaughter Katharine Jaskowiak and her husband Tyler, and their three children Morgan, Karley, and Logan. Preceding him in death were his parents, Lloyd and Amy, and brothers Floyd Mullins and Jim Mullins.

If anyone wishes to make a donation in his honor, please make it to the Ione Education Foundation, P.O. Box 61, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.



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**Rufina Garcia Arvizu**

Pendleton

February 28, 1929-April 18, 2015

Rufina Garcia Arvizu was born to Magdaleno Garcia and Maria Arvizu on February 28, 1929, in Elzoyatal, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, a remote mountain valley being settled by her family. From childhood she participated with her mother and Tio Pedro Arvizu in healing the ill and dying through prayer and their traditional knowledge of local plants, herbs, and teas. In Mexico she was known as a miracle worker. She was always attentive to the needs of strangers, travelers and the outcast — especially that they be fed.

Growing up in Elzoyatal, Rufina developed her love for God as an active proponent of the Sunday Devotions and daily rosaries that were observed as a community, in Latin, and led by Rufina's Tio Pedro, Tia Trine, and her mother and father, Maria and Magdaleno. This community of prayer included Tomas Hernandez who would later become Rufina's husband. Holy Mass and Holy Communion were rare occurrences as there wasn't a priest within a day's travel.

Rufina fondly recalled how, as a teenager, she would walk as a pilgrim to Santuario de Atotonilco, in the Mexican state of Guanajuato, for prayers, fasting, meditations and religious exercises.

Rufina married Tomas Hernandez and was devoted to him her entire life. It was her wish to be with him, always. Raising their young family in Elzoyatal, she and their children would cook on an open fire and take food to Tomas in his fields or wherever he was working. She was always cooking.

Rufina believed in education and striving to better their life, which is why the family moved to Mexico City, where Tomas could work for pay and their children might have more opportunity. While in Mexico City they attended Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and other world-famous shrines.

The last 25 years of Rufina's life have been spent in Pendleton, where she has regularly attended, simultaneously, St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Mission and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton. For her 50th wedding anniversary she made a pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Madison, Wisconsin, by train with her husband, family, and church members, where a Mass was held to reaffirm

their marriage.

Wherever she wound up, she overcame adversity, bloomed, and was a valued member of the community. Rufina loved music and had an angelic voice. She was always singing. She loved flowers. Going to Mass and Adoration and praying the rosary were her favorite activities. She always prayed for her family and for all those in need, especially her priests and deacons.

She enjoyed going to her favorite restaurant, El Charrito, where she could be surrounded by family and friends.

Father Mike, Father Kumar, and Deacon Omar were God's instruments in Rufina's peaceful Christian death. She thanked them and blessed them before she passed away.

Rufina was happy by nature and was happiest when all of her children and their families were with her. She passed away peacefully on April 18, 2015, at home with Tomas and her children present at her side.

She is survived by her husband, Tomas Hernandez; children: Nora Hernandez, Jose (and Mary Ann) Hernandez, Bibiana (and Mike) Montchalin, Angelina Hernandez (and Martin Molina), Antonia Hernandez, Victor (and Carol Lee) Hernandez, Gina Hernandez (and Ramon Garcia), and Diego (and Tasha) Hernandez; 24 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces; brothers: Inocensio Garcia, Placido Garcia and Berto Garcia; and sisters: Cleotilde Garcia, Brijida Garcia and Sara Garcia.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maria Arvizu; her father, Magdaleno Garcia; her brother, Benedicto Garcia; and her sisters Rosa Garcia and Guadalupe Garcia.

In her memory, Rufina would appreciate a Mass and your prayers.

Viewing will be held Thursday, April 30, 2015, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, May 1, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton.

Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.



Garcia Arvizu

DEATH NOTICES

**Lawrence L. Conklin**

Lexington

June 17, 1933-April 27, 2015

Lawrence L. Conklin, 81, of Lexington died Monday, April 27, 2015, at his home. He was born June 17, 1933, in Dolph, Ore. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Tisha Lynn Gutierrez**

Hermiston

Jan. 26, 1974-April 25, 2015

Tisha Lynn Gutierrez, 41, of Hermiston died Saturday, April 25, 2015, at her home. She was born Jan. 26, 1974, in Tacoma, Wash. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, April 29 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial will follow in the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

**V. Jay Hughes**

Pendleton

Feb. 13, 1916-April 25, 2015

V. Jay Hughes, 99, of Pendleton died Saturday, April 25, 2015, at his home. He was born Feb. 13, 1916. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m. in the Burns Mortuary of Pendleton chapel. A full obituary will follow. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

**Marie Murphy**

Heppner

March 10, 1919-April 26, 2015

Marie Murphy, 96, of Heppner died Sunday, April 26, 2015, in Heppner. She was born on March 10, 1919. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Robert F. Thomas**

Spokane, Wash

May 6, 1930-April 25, 2015

Former Pendleton resident Robert F. Thomas, 84, died Saturday, April 25, 2015, in Spokane, Wash. He was born May 6, 1930. A full obituary will follow. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

**Donald D. Troxell**

Kennewick, Wash.

Feb. 4, 1928-April 23, 2015

Former Spray resident Donald D. Troxell, 87, died Thursday, April 23, 2015, in Kennewick, Washington. He was born Feb. 4, 1928, at Selah, Washington. A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday May 2 at 1 p.m. at the Haystack Cemetery at Spray. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

**Cleatus 'Dink' Ward**

Hermiston

Sept. 16, 1928-April 26, 2015

Cleatus "Dink" Ward, 86, of Hermiston died Sunday, April 26, 2015, at his home. He was born Sept. 16, 1928, in Bernie, Missouri. Funeral arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

UPCOMING SERVICES

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

**WADE, LARRY** — Graveside service with military honors at 10 a.m. at the Condon Masonic Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow at 11 a.m. at the Condon Elks Lodge, 117 S. Main St., with a potluck reception following.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

**GUTIERREZ, TISHA** — Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

**OLSSON, TRACEY** — Graveside funeral services at 2 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

**UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING**, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse room 121, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton.

**WEST UMATILLA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT**, 3 p.m., district office, 3005 S. First St., Hermiston.

**IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 3:30 p.m. work session, 4:30 p.m. board meeting, Ione Schools, 445 Spring St.

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

**MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

No meetings scheduled

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**  
**OREGON WHEAT COMMISSION**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Port of

Morrow Sandhollow Room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. Lunch will be provided to all attendees. (503-467-2161).

**MILTON-FREEWATER AMBULANCE BOARD**, 6 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Monahan Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave.

**MILTON-FREEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE**, 6:30 p.m., Mc-Loughlin High School science building room S101, 120 S. Main St.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, MAY 4

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

**Dorothy Mae Stiffler**

Milton-Freewater

August 5, 1935-April 23, 2015

Dorothy Mae Stiffler was born on August 5, 1935, to Velt and Oma Davis in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On April 1, 1950, she married Les Stiffler in Modesto, California. Her family came first and that's what mattered most to her. They moved to Milton-Freewater in 1969 and raised all their children here. Dorothy enjoyed cooking for her entire family.

She is survived by two brothers, Albert Davis

and Tom Collins; six children: Kay Scudder of Milton-Freewater, Allen Stiffler of Athena, Jess Stiffler of Athena, Frank Stiffler of Walla Walla and John Stiffler of Milton-Freewater; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her parents and husband of 53 years, Les Stiffler, all preceded her in death.

To leave a condolence for the family on-line visit www.munsellerhodes.com

AIR QUALITY

Air quality and burn day information: www.pendleton.or.us/public-works/environmental. Air Quality Index: www.deq.state.or.us/aqi. Burn Line: 541-966-0327.

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Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

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

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