

## OBITUARIES

## Julian Vernel Furniss

Pendleton

October 27, 1947-December 29, 2015

Julian Vernel Furniss was born on October 27, 1947, to Wendell and Barbara Furniss in Pendleton, Oregon. He lived most of his life in Pendleton, Oregon.

He served in the Navy during Vietnam aboard CA-148 Newport News, 1965-68 and was stationed at Norfolk, Va. In 1975 he married Kathy Robertson of Pendleton; they had a son Tanner. Julian worked most of his work life in retail, mostly in sporting goods and hardware, although he was medically retired the last 20 years.

When he was able he was an avid outdoorsman. He was a steelhead fisherman, upland and waterfowl hunter and loved being in the mountains. He liked cutting firewood and target shooting with his son. He was a die-hard number one

Denver Broncos fan. Julian was known for his sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife Kathy, son Tanner, sister Linda Furniss-Jones, nephew Chris and nieces Jenny, Dannie and Laura.

He was preceded in death by parents Wendell and Barbara Furniss, brother Randy Furniss, grandparents Don and Daphna (Hascall) Merkling, uncles Roland and Berkley Merkling, and aunt Mona West.

He passed away at Kadlec Regional Medical Center on December 29, 2015, after many years of diabetes and cardiac problems. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Please sign the online guest book at pioneerchapel.com



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## UPCOMING SERVICES

## SATURDAY, JAN. 2

**MARTIN, LARRY** — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Milton-Freewater Elks Lodge, 611 N. Main St.

**ROGERS, HOLLY** — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at The Living Room Church, 1409 S. Garfield St., Kennewick, Wash. A luncheon will follow.

**SHROYER, GLENN** — Celebration of life service with military honors at 2 p.m. at Helix Church, 403 Harrison St.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 3

**TERRY, MARGE** — Funeral service at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

## MONDAY, JAN. 4

**GRAUER, DON** — Funeral service at 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 515 S.W. Seventh St., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 5

No services scheduled

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## MEETINGS

## MONDAY, JAN. 4

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

**MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave.

## MORROW COUNTY

**HEALTH DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Irrigon Medical Clinic, 220 N.E. Main St.

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

## TUESDAY, JAN. 5

**BUTTER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**, 10 a.m., district office, 73120 Highway 207 (Butter Creek Highway), Echo. (William Porfily 541-449-1327).

**ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**, 10:30 a.m., district office, 73120 Highway 207 (Butter Creek Highway), Echo. (William Porfily 541-449-1327).

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

**PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION**, 3 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 1100 Southgate Suite 8.

## 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**, 7 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. Em-

igrant 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. 6 MORROW COUNTY**

**COURT**, 9 a.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

**UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse room 130, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton.

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

**BLUE MOUNTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION**, 5 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular meeting, Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Hall boardroom, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

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

**UMATILLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., 305 Willamette Ave., Umatilla (McNary).

**HELIX SCHOOL BOARD**, 7:30, Helix School library, 120 Main St.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 7**

**PENDLETON DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION**, 7 a.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

**ADAMS PLANNING COMMISSION**, 6:30 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St.

**PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 8

No meetings scheduled

By BERNARD MCGHEE

Associated Press

Sometimes the act of dying, in and of itself, can represent a type of victory.

Such was the case for Richard "Dick" Walters, who was a leader in the effort to get Vermont to pass aid-in-dying legislation. Diagnosed with lung cancer, Walters ultimately used the law to end his own life in October at age 90, becoming one of the many notables who died in 2015.

Here is a roll call of some of the people who died in 2015. (Cause of death cited for younger people, if available.)

## JANUARY:

**Mario Cuomo**, 82. Son of Italian immigrants who became an eloquent spokesman for a generation of liberal Democrats during his three terms as governor of New York. Jan. 1.

**Edward W. Brooke**, 95. Former U.S. senator, a liberal Republican, who became the first black in U.S. history to win popular election to the Senate. Jan. 3.

**Anita Ekberg**, 83. Swedish-born actress and sex-symbol of the 1950s and '60s who was immortalized bathing in the Trevi fountain in "La Dolce Vita." Jan. 11.

**King Abdullah**, 90. Saudi monarch was a powerful U.S. ally who fought against al-Qaida and sought to modernize the ultraconservative kingdom, including by nudging open greater opportunities for women. Jan. 23.

## FEBRUARY:

**Bob Simon**, 73. Longtime "60 Minutes" correspondent who covered riots, Academy Award-nominated movies and wars and was held captive for more than a month in Iraq two decades ago. Feb. 11. Car crash.

**Lesley Gore**, 68. She topped the charts in 1963 at age 16 with her epic song of teenage angst, "It's My Party," and followed it up with the hits "Judy's Turn to Cry," and the feminist anthem "You Don't Own Me." Feb. 16. Lung cancer.

**Ralph Nobles**, 94. Nuclear physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project and later led efforts to save thousands of acres of San Francisco Bay wetlands from development. Feb. 20.

**Leonard Nimoy**, 83. Actor known and loved by generations of "Star Trek" fans as the purely logical science officer Mr. Spock. Feb. 27.

**Boris Nemtsov**, 55. Charismatic Russian opposition leader, former deputy prime minister and a sharp critic of President Vladimir Putin. Feb. 28. Fatally shot near the Kremlin.

## MARCH:

**Dean Hess**, 97. Retired Air Force colonel who helped rescue hundreds of orphans in the Korean War and whose exploits prompted a Hollywood film starring Rock Hudson. March 2.

**Malcolm Fraser**, 84. Former Australian prime minister who was notoriously catapulted to power by a constitutional crisis that left the nation bitterly divided. March 20.

**Lee Kuan Yew**, 91. Founder of modern Singapore who was both feared for his authoritarian tactics and admired worldwide for turning the city-state into one of the world's richest nations while in power for 31 years. March 23.

**Yehuda Avner**, 86. Former Israeli diplomat and aide to a string of prime ministers who turned his insider stories about the country's leaders into a best-selling memoir. March 24.

## APRIL:

**Sarah Kemp Brady**, 73. She became an activist for gun control after her husband was shot in the head in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. April 3.

**Percy Sledge**, 74. He recorded the classic 1966 soul ballad "When a Man Loves a Woman." April 14.

**Mary Doyle Keefe**, 92. Model for Norman Rockwell's iconic 1943 Rosie the Riveter painting that symbolized the millions of American women who went to work on the home front during World War II. April 21.

**Wladyslaw Bartoszewski**, 93. Former Auschwitz prisoner and member of Poland's underground World War II resistance who helped save Jews and later served twice as the country's foreign minister. April 24.

**Jean Nidetch**, 91. New York housewife who tackled her own obesity, then shared her guiding principles with others in meetings that became known as Weight Watchers, the most widely known company of its kind. April 29.

**Ben E. King**, 76. Lead singer for the Drifters and solo star whose plaintive baritone graced such pop and rhythm 'n' blues classics as "Stand by Me," "There Goes My Baby" and "Spanish Harlem." April 30.

## MAY:

**Maya Plisetskaya**, 89. She was regarded as one of the greatest ballerinas of the 20th century, her career at the Bolshoi Theater spanning more than 35 years. May 2. Heart attack.

**Kenan Evren**, 97. Turkish general who led a 1980 coup that ended years of violence but whose rule unleashed a wave of arrests, torture and extrajudicial killings. May 9.

**B.B. King**, 89. His scorching guitar licks and heartfelt vocals made him the idol of generations of musicians and fans while earning him the nickname King of the Blues. May 14.

**Elisabeth Bing**, 100. Lamaze International co-founder who popularized what was known as natural childbirth and helped change how women and doctors approached the delivery room. May 15.

**John Forbes Nash Jr.**, 86. Mathematical genius whose struggle with schizophrenia was chronicled in the 2001 movie "A Beautiful Mind." May 23. Killed along with his wife, Alicia Nash, in a car crash.

**Doris Hart**, 89. Tennis great who won each Grand Slam tournament at least once, and once won three Wimbledon titles in a single day. May 29.

**Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III**, 46. Son of Vice President Joe Biden and two-time attorney general for Delaware. May 30.

## JUNE:

**Tariq Aziz**, 79. Debonair Iraqi diplomat who made his name by staunchly defending Saddam Hussein to the world during three wars and was later sentenced to death as part of the regime that killed hundreds of thousands of its own people. June 5.

**Christopher Lee**, 93. Actor who brought dramatic gravitas and aristocratic bearing to screen villains from Dracula to the wicked wizard Saruman in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy. June 7.

**Suleyman Demirel**, 90. Former Turkish president who was a master pragmatist and survived two coups. June 17.

**Dick Van Patten**, 86. Genial, round-faced comic actor who premiered on Broadway as a child, starred on television in its infancy and then, in middle age, found lasting fame as the patriarch on TV's "Eight is Enough." June 23. Complications from diabetes.

## JULY:

**Nicholas Winton**, 106. Humanitarian who almost single-handedly saved more than 650 Jewish children from the Holocaust, earning himself the label "Britain's Schindler." July 1.

**Burt Shavitz**, 80. Reclusive beekeeper who co-founded Burt's Bees, and whose face and wild beard appeared on labels for the natural cosmetics. July 5.

**Saud al-Faisal**, 75. Saudi prince who was the world's longest-serving foreign minister with 40 years in the post until his retirement this year. July 9.

**Omar Sharif**, 83. Egyptian-born actor with soulful eyes who soared to international stardom in movie epics, "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Doctor Zhivago." July 10. Heart attack.

**Tom Moore**, 86. "Archie" cartoonist who brought to life the escapades of a freckled-face, red-haired character. July 20.

**Howard Jones**, 104. He pioneered in vitro fertilization in the United States. July 31.

## AUGUST:

**Frederick R. "Fritz" Payne**, 104. World War II fighter ace who left his mark on aviation and wartime history by shooting down six Japanese warplanes during the Battle of Guadalcanal. Aug. 6.

**Frank Gifford**, 84. Pro Football Hall of Famer who led the New York Giants to a league championship in 1956 and later teamed up with Howard Cosell and Don Meredith in the "Monday Night Football" booth. Aug. 9.

**Julian Bond**, 75. Civil rights activist and longtime board chairman of the NAACP. Aug. 15.

**Yvonne Craig**, 78. She played the sexy, crime-fighting Batgirl in the 1960s TV hit "Batman." Aug. 17. Complications from breast cancer.

**Paul Royle**, 101. Australian pilot who took part in a mass breakout from a German prisoner of war camp during World War II that is remembered as The Great Escape. Aug. 23.

**Wes Craven**, 76. Prolific writer-director who startled audiences with iconic suburban slashers like "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Scream." Aug. 30.

## SEPTEMBER:

**Ben Kuroki**, 98. He overcame the American military's discriminatory policies to become the only Japanese American to fly over Japan during World War II. Sept. 1.

**Judy Carne**, 76. A star of the U.S. comedy show "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" who popularized the "Sock it to Me" phrase on the hit TV show. Sept. 3.

**Martin Milner**, 83. His wholesome good looks helped make him the star of two hugely popular 1960s TV series, "Route 66" and "Adam-12." Sept. 6.

**Sultan Esmail Kiram II**, 76. Leader of a sultanate in the southern Philippines that staged a 2013 invasion of a bustling Malaysian state and sparked a deadly security crisis. Sept. 19. Kidney failure.

**Yogi Berra**, 90. Hall of Fame catcher renowned for his malapropisms and his record 10 World Series championships with the New York Yankees. Sept. 22.

## OCTOBER:

**Paul Prudhomme**, 75. Cajun who popularized spicy Louisiana cuisine and became

one of the first American restaurant chefs to achieve worldwide fame. Oct. 8.

**Geoffrey Howe**, 88. Former British Treasury chief who was a prominent figure in Margaret Thatcher's government but helped bring about her downfall after they parted ways over policy toward Europe. Oct. 9.

**Jerry Parr**, 85. Secret Service agent credited with saving President Ronald Reagan's life on the day he was shot outside a Washington hotel. Oct. 9.

**Ken Taylor**, 81. Canada's ambassador to Iran who sheltered Americans at his residence during the 1979 hostage crisis. Oct. 15.

**Cory Wells**, 74. Founding member of the popular 1970s band Three Dog Night and lead singer on such hits as "Never Been to Spain" and "Mama Told Me (Not to Come)." Oct. 20.

**Maureen O'Hara**, 95. Flame-haired Irish movie star who appeared in classics ranging from "How Green Was My Valley" to "Miracle on 34th Street" and bantered unforgettably with John Wayne in several films. Oct. 24.

## NOVEMBER:

**Guenter Schabowski**, 86. Senior East German official whose cryptic announcement that the communist country was opening its fortified border precipitated the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Nov. 1.

**Ahmad Chalabi**, 71. Prominent Iraqi politician who helped convince the Bush administration to launch the 2003 invasion to overthrow Saddam Hussein by providing false evidence of weapons of mass destruction. Nov. 3. Heart attack.

**Allen Toussaint**, 77. Legendary New Orleans musician and composer Allen Toussaint, who penned such classics as "Working in a Coal Mine" and "Lady Marmalade." Nov. 10. Heart attack.

**Michael C. Gross**, 70. Artist, illustrator, film producer and designer who created pop culture images, including the "Ghostbusters" logo. Nov. 16.

**Kim Young-sam**, 87. Former South Korean president who formally ended decades of military rule in South Korea and accepted a massive international bailout during the 1997-1998 Asian financial crisis. Nov. 22.

## DECEMBER:

**Sandy Berger**, 70. Former national security adviser who helped craft President Bill Clinton's foreign policy and got in trouble over destroying classified documents. Dec. 2.

**Scott Weiland**, 48. Former frontman for Stone Temple Pilots and Velvet Revolver. Dec. 3.

**Tibor Rubin**, 86. Hungarian-born concentration camp survivor who joined the U.S. Army out of gratitude for his liberators, fought heroically in Korea and received the Medal of Honor 55 years later. Dec. 5.

**Kurt Masur**, 88. Conductor credited with helping prevent violence after the collapse of communism in East Germany who later reinvigorated the New York Philharmonic during an 11-year stint as music director. Dec. 19.

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## Thursday, Dec. 31

Lucky Lines  
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27-30

Estimated jackpot: \$23,000

Pick 4  
1 p.m.: 7-0-9-2

4 p.m.: 4-9-4-1

7 p.m.: 3-3-9-3

10 p.m.: 0-2-1-0

## Friday, Jan. 1, 2016

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