

OBITUARIES

Betty J. Cook

Pendleton
June 27, 1932-February 10, 2016

Betty J. Cook, a longtime resident of Pilot Rock, died February 10, 2016, surrounded by her family at Willowbrook Terrace in Pendleton. She was 83 years old.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 2016, at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton chapel with a luncheon to follow at the Pendleton Eagles Club. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.



Cook

Betty was born in Burns, Oregon, on June 27, 1932, to parents Wilbur and Julia (McKennon) Reynolds. She attended first-sixth grade at "The Grange School" on 395 close to the Middle Fork of the John Day River. Betty then continued her schooling in Long Creek, Oregon, where she graduated from Long Creek High School.

Betty married the love of her life, Jack L. Cook, on July 2, 1950, in Long Creek, Ore. The family later moved

to Pilot Rock, Oregon, where they raised three sons, Wayne, Dennis and Kenny. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. Her family was the most important thing in life.

Betty worked for Kerns Furniture Factory in Pilot Rock, and the Pilot Rock School District, from which she retired.

Betty enjoyed yard-saling, camping (she and Jack were members of the Pendleton Eagles Camper Club), and spending vacations and holidays with her family.

Betty is survived by her sons Wayne (Jeane) of Pilot Rock, and Dennis (Ann) of McNary; sister Colleen (Jack) Page of Boise, Idaho; sister-in-law Janet (Dallas) Morris of Stanfield and brother-in-law Gordon (Mary) Cook of Pendleton; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jack, son Kenny and her parents.

Clayton Reed Faircloth

Pendleton
August 22, 1950-February 6, 2016

Clayton Reed Faircloth, a resident of Pendleton, died suddenly at home on February 6, 2016. He was 65 years old.

A graveside inurnment service will be held Saturday, February 27, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Skyview Memorial Park in Pendleton. A luncheon will follow at the V.F.W. Hall. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com

He was born in Prairie City, Oregon, on August 22, 1950, to Darrell and Wavalee Faircloth. He loved to play horseshoes, poker, camping, hunting and fishing.

He went through school in Pendleton before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. He completed his GED with concentrated studies in agriculture while in the military and served three tours of duty in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 stars, RVN Cross of Gallantry

with Palm and Frame, Rifle Marksmanship Badge and Good Conduct Medal.

He drove truck and worked for the lumber mill at Blue Mountain Lumber Products in Reith until his retirement in April 2015.

Clayton is survived by his longtime partner LaDonna Jamison of Pendleton; his mother Wavalee Faircloth of Pendleton; his daughters Tamberlee Faircloth of Pendleton and Sheila Faircloth; stepchildren Leilani Star of Pendleton and Ryder and Levi Heidenrich of Pendleton; sister Kay Cooper of Pendleton; grandchildren Jonathon Faircloth of Pendleton, Sterling Faircloth of Union, Ore., and Serenity Faircloth-Blivens of Pendleton; step-grandchildren Colton, Victoria, Lillian, Phillip, Richard Jr. and Dylan Star of Pendleton, and Hunter of Milton-Freewater; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Darrell Faircloth.



Faircloth

Barbara Jean Stansbury

Pendleton
April 10, 1958-February 12, 2016

Barbara Jean Stansbury peacefully passed away at the age of 57 on Friday, February 12, 2016, at her home in Pendleton, Oregon, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. The love of her family and friends as well as her belief in God ultimately helped give her peace.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, February 27, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton chapel. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at the Seventh-day Adventist Church (basement) in Pendleton. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer society or curePC.org in Barbara's memory. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara was born April 10, 1958, in Butte, Montana. When she was very young her family moved to Spokane, Washington, which is where she spent most of her childhood, creating memories. She attended East Valley High School in Spokane, Washington, where she met her best friend and future husband Robert (Bob) Stansbury. She graduated high school in 1977 and soon after she and Bob were married, June 11, 1977. It was the happiest day of their lives until they had their children. Together they raised two great kids, Susan Stansbury and Bobby Stansbury.

Barbara loved spending time with her family and friends, playing games and

sharing funny stories. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed family vacations and camping trips.

Barbara had always been a hard worker, working for Nor Pac and Senior & Disabled services in Salem, Oregon. She and her family moved to Pendleton, Oregon, in 1980 where she continued to work with Senior & Disabled Services for a number of years before starting work at Willowbrook Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She was with Willowbrook for over 13 years.

Barbara loved working with the elderly. This is the main reason she loved her job so much and the people she worked with loved her. She had such a big heart, and even during her cancer treatments she thought of others, making hats for fellow cancer patients to brighten their day.

Barbara was the beloved wife and best friend of her one and only love, Robert Stansbury, for over 38 years; devoted mother of Susan Stansbury and Bobby Stansbury Junior; doting grandmother to Christopher Aguirre, Tucker Harris, Kirsten Harris, Jeremy Stansbury and Angelina Stansbury; dear daughter of Marlene Lawr and Alex Lawr (stepfather) and the late Jerry Ebel and Marie Ebel (stepmother); and loving sister to Terri Luce, Karen Riggen, Sandi Gill and Raymond Lawr, as well as stepbrother Donavin Jewell and stepsisters Cecilia Donnelly and Christine Rayburn.



Stansbury

Harper Lee, 'To Kill a Mockingbird' author, dies at 89

NEW YORK (AP) — Harper Lee, the elusive novelist whose child's-eye view of racial injustice in a small Southern town, "To Kill a Mockingbird," became standard reading for millions of young people and an Oscar-winning film, has died. She was 89.

Lee died Friday, publisher HarperCollins said in a statement. It did not give any other details about how she died.

"The world knows Harper Lee was a brilliant writer but what many don't know is that she was an extraordinary woman of great joyfulness, humility and kindness. She lived her life the way she wanted to — in private — surrounded by books and the people who loved her," Michael Morrison, head of HarperCollins U.S. general books group, said in the statement.

For most of her life, Lee divided her time between New York City, where she wrote the novel in the 1950s, and her hometown of Monroeville, which inspired the book's fictional Maycomb.

"To Kill a Mockingbird," published in 1960, is the story of a girl nicknamed Scout growing up in a Depression-era Southern town. A black man has been

wrongly accused of raping a white woman, and Scout's father, the resolute lawyer Atticus Finch, defends him despite threats and the scorn of many.

The book quickly became a best-seller, won the Pulitzer Prize and was made into a memorable movie in 1962, with Gregory Peck winning an Oscar for his portrayal of Atticus. As the civil rights movement grew, the novel inspired a generation of young lawyers, was assigned in high schools all over the country and was a popular choice for citywide, or nationwide, reading programs.

By 2015, its sales were reported by HarperCollins to be more than 40 million worldwide, making it one of the most widely read American novels of the 20th century. When the Library of Congress did a survey in 1991 on books that have affected people's lives, "To Kill a Mockingbird" was second only to the Bible.

Lee herself became more mysterious as her book became more famous. At first, she dutifully promoted her

work. She spoke frequently to the press, wrote about herself and gave speeches, once to a class of cadets at West Point.

But she began declining interviews in the late 1960s and, until late in her life, firmly avoided making any public comment at all about her novel or her career. Other than a few magazine pieces for Vogue and McCall's in the 1960s and a review of a 19th-century Alabama history book in 1983, she published no other book until stunning the world in 2015 by permitting "Go Set a Watchman" to be released.

"Watchman" was written before "Mockingbird" but was set 20 years later, using the same location and many of the same characters. Readers and reviewers were disheartened to find an Atticus who seemed nothing like the hero of the earlier book. The man who defied the status quo in "Mockingbird" was now part of the mob in "Watchman," denouncing the Supreme Court's ruling that school segregation was unconstitutional and denouncing blacks as unfit to enjoy full equality.



Lee

MEETINGS

MONDAY, FEB. 22
UMATILLA-MORROW HEAD START, 6:30-8:30 p.m., New Hope Community Church fellowship hall, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. (Leanna 541-564-6878).

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., district office, 77096 Highway 207, Echo.

NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Pendleton.

ATHENA - WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING, 6 p.m., Athena Elementary School, 375 S. Fifth St., Athena.

UMATILLA BASIN WATER-SHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915

S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston OR Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St.

IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon.

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth St.

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Hospital, 564 E. Pioneer Drive, Heppner.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23
UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TAX DIS-

TRIBUTION, 10 a.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave.

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

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Morrow County Bartholomew Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24
MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Pioneer Annex conference room, 150 Rock St., Heppner.

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

UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL

& WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mendelez Brothers, 1759 N.W. Geer Road, Hermiston. The district also will award Conservation Producer of the Year award to Broken Spur Ranch of Hermiston. (Tom Demianew 541-278-8049 ext. 134).

THURSDAY, FEB. 25
OREGON WHEAT COMMISSION RESEARCH REVIEW AND MEETING, 9-11:30 a.m. Wheat Industry Advisory Committee meeting, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Annual Research Review, Blue Mountain Community College OSU Extension conference room, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

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

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