

Helmut W. Bethmann

Hermiston
November 15, 1953-May 19, 2016

Helmut W. Bethmann was born on November 15, 1953, in Augsburg, Germany, to parents Wilhelm F. and Maria T. Bethmann. He passed away on May 19, 2016, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 62 years.



Bethmann

Helmut served in the United States Navy on the USS Oriskany from 1973 until 1976 during the Vietnam era. He then served in the Naval Reserves for four years until his honorable discharge. He worked as a truck driver for well over 30 years. However, if you were to ask him what his occupation was, he'd tell you: provider. Helmut was a loving husband and father. He dedicated his life to his family, working hard to provide the best he could for them. He raised three wonderful loving children that are a reflection of his love for them and their love for him. The example he set for them will live on through them, for the rest of their lives.

Helmut loved his dogs, Little Bud and Lacey. He enjoyed computers, role playing games, fishing, listening to music, working

on his property and in his shop. Helmut loved watching his granddaughter, Madison play soccer and spending time with her. Recently he had a chance to meet his other granddaughter, Chasey, and spend time with her. Helmut loved both his granddaughters very much. He will truly be missed by all that knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of over 35 years, Kimberly E. Bethmann; daughter Amber J. Bethmann; sons Peter J. and Joseph M. Bethmann; granddaughters Madison R. Hunt and Chasey A. Bethmann; father-in-law and mother-in-law Jimmie E. and Ruth E. Ford; and three sisters and two brothers.

Helmut was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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

Etta L. Conner

Tutuilla Flats (Pendleton)
April 9, 1934-May 20, 2016

Etta L. Conner, 82, of Tutuilla Flats passed away on May 20, 2016, in Portland, Ore. Etta was born in Pendleton to Elsie (nee Spokane) and Gilbert Edward Conner on April 9, 1934. Her parents named her Wyassus (Dance) after her maternal grandmother from Wayam. Etta graduated from Pendleton High School and Portland State University with her B.A. in administration of justice.



Conner

Becoming an adult during the federal Indian Relocation Act era, Etta lived in Colorado Springs, Albuquerque and Los Angeles. A long-time resident of Portland, she worked at the PSU School of Social Work and sold Avon while being an industrious homemaker. While there, she was secretary-treasurer of the Portland Indian Rodeo Association and a ski-racer in slalom and downhill with club Ski-ente'.

Besides being an avid aqua-aerobics regular at the Pendleton RAC, she was also an oil painter and amateur cinematographer.

Devoted to camping at the annual Wallowa Tamkaliks Celebration and the Pendleton Round-Up tipi encampment, she also was

a long-time volunteer in the Happy Canyon Pageant. With her brother Taz and sisters, she helped revitalize the Indian participation in Chief Joseph Days and supported the launch of Tamkaliks in Wallowa.

She is preceded in death by son Gilbert John Lewis, her parents, two sisters, and four brothers.

She is survived by her elder sister Leah Conner, Pendleton, and nine children: Jennifer Mesteth (Mark), Irrigon; Deborah Carter, San Diego; Marcia Sorini (Greg), San Diego; Lonna Lewis and Clay Christiansen, Pendleton; Leanna Lewis (Keith Burke), Pendleton; Cami El Shoura (Eslam), Pendleton; Edward Joseph Lewis (Kathy), Spokane; and Kipp Lewis (Leanne), Las Vegas. She has 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be at Tutuilla Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 22nd. Interment service at Olney Cemetery at 10 a.m. Monday, May 23rd. Dinner will follow at approximately noon at the Mission Longhouse.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

Mary Ellen Hattenhauer

Beaverton
October 20, 1923-May 14, 2016

Mary Ellen Hattenhauer was born in Grass Valley, Oregon, on October 20, 1923, to Elwood and Ida (Harden) Ginn. The Ginn family moved to The Dalles in 1924 when Elwood accepted a job with the city. Mary graduated from The Dalles High School in 1941 and soon met Roy Hattenhauer. They were married on October 19, 1947.



Hattenhauer

A long-time resident of Pendleton, Mary moved to Beaverton to be closer to her family in 2010. She died on May 14, 2016, at the Raleigh Hills Nursing Home. Roy passed on June 29, 1998, in Pendleton.

The Hattenhauer family moved to Pendleton, Oregon, in 1955 when Roy took a job as superintendent of Helix Milling Company in Helix, Oregon. With their two boys in school, Mary returned to the working world. She worked at Hamley's, Tullis Office Supply, Winter Motors and finally retired in 1968 from the Oregon Hospital and Training Center. Mary was a tireless worker and, upon her retirement, she went to work at what was then the family business of operating Hatt's Elkhorn Tavern, The Smoke Shop and Packard in Pendleton, Oregon. While Mary loved to work she demanded

that her two boys perform well in school. She always told them that an education was a great way to get ahead in life. In hindsight, she would be correct and she was proud that her boys were very successful in pursuing an education and life.

When Mary was younger she was an avid bowler and enjoyed golfing and swimming at the Pendleton County Club. Mary loved to attend family athletic events, concerts and recitals. However, all who know Mary may well recall her enjoyment of wearing fine clothes and always making a stylish presentation.

Mary Hattenhauer is survived by her son Richard Hattenhauer and his wife Janice of Beaverton, Oregon, her son David Hattenhauer of Eugene, Oregon, and her stepson Dr. Mark Hattenhauer and his wife Chris of Lake Oswego, Oregon. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy, her brother Walter Ginn, her sister Roberta Watson, and her parents.

In lieu of a service, memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Relief Nursery in Pendleton, Oregon.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, MAY 21

ACHESON, LYNN — Celebration of life gathering at 1 p.m. at the Pheasant Cafe, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston.

BLANSETT, ROBIN — Graveside inurnment at 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the Free Methodist Church, 1711 S.W. 44th St., Pendleton.

HAYNES, JUDIE — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate.

RAMOS, JOHN SR. — Celebration of life service at 11 a.m. at the Echo High School gymnasium, 600 Gerone St.

SCHIEWE, IDA — Funeral services at 2 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 209 S.W. First Ave., Milton-Freewater. Concluding services and interment will follow at the Weston Cemetery.

SMITH, BILL — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at 80602 S. Edwards Road, Hermiston.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

BETHMANN, HELMUT — Graveside service with military honors at 3 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

CECIL, DARREL — Graveside service at 2:30 p.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.

CONNER, ETTA — Funeral service at 2 p.m. at Tutuilla Presbyterian Church, 45682 Tutuilla Church Road, Pendleton.

MONDAY, MAY 23

CONNER, ETTA — Interment service at 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. Dinner will follow at noon at the Mission Longhouse.

WAGONER, DONNA — Memorial mass at 11 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Private family burial will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

No services scheduled

Janet Nadia 'Jani' Beamer-Wilson

Heppner
September 15, 1934-May 13, 2016

Janet Nadia "Jani" Beamer-Wilson, 81, of Heppner died Friday, May 13, 2016, at her home. A graveside memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born September 15, 1934, at Pendleton, Oregon, the daughter of John Wesley and Nadia Renee Lasure Scroggins. She was raised mostly in the Portland area where she graduated from Milwaukie High School. She attended beauty college and worked for a time as a hairdresser and later in life she worked in the hospitality field as a waitress.

Jani was a longtime member of the Elks Lodge. She enjoyed doing ceramics,

horseback riding, working in her yard and she loved the outdoors.

Survivors include her children Douglas Preston, Wallace Johnston and Carrie Vernon; a brother, Edmund Scroggins; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her husband Neil Beamer; son Gerald Johnston; and sisters Joan, Dorothy and Frankie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

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Mervin Lee Lewis

Hermiston
August 11, 1936-May 15, 2016

Mervin Lee Lewis passed away in peace on May 15th, 2016, at the age of 79. He was born in Grants Pass, Oregon, on August 11th, 1936. A remarkable life.



After graduating from Laurelwood Academy, he served in the United States Army as a corpsman, stationed both in Texas and at Walter Reed Army Hospital. He was honorably discharged in 1958. He then left D.C. and spent the next 18 months on a Harley, taking whatever jobs he could. He saw the country on the way home, a job and a gas tank at a time.

Once back in Grants Pass, he met Dona Denise Hahn. They married in November 1959. Dona and Merv had three children. Their young family moved to Hermiston in 1964.

Merv, as everyone knew him, loved to hunt, fish and camp. In the 1970s he spent several seasons as a Little League baseball coach. He fulfilled one of his dreams and used his G.I. Bill to obtain his private

pilot's license. Merv was a cow man, having raised registered Angus cattle for over 40 years. He always had a project in the works.

He was a loving husband, a fantastic father and an especially proud grandpa. There were memorable family vacations to Canada, and all of the Western states. There were a lot of camping trips in between.

Merv is preceded in death by his parents Dezzie and Joseph, and his brother Charles. He is survived by brother Delbert. He leaves behind Dona, his wife of 56 years; his son Rodney; daughters Deanna Schalk and Teresa Cameron; and his two grandchildren, Kevin and Nicole Schalk.

In respecting Merv's wishes, there will be no memorial services. He was always willing to help a friend or neighbor, regardless of time (or timing). In lieu of donations, please honor Merv by paying it forward; and helping out a friend or a neighbor.

BRIEFLY

WW.Friends plan potluck gathering

PENDLETON — A potluck lasagna meal is planned during an upcoming gathering of WW.Friends.

The group, which is open to widows and widowers, meets monthly to share friendship and fun. It's not designed as a support group.

Everyone is invited to attend Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. on Lindell Lane, Pendleton. People are asked to bring a dish to share.

For more information, call 541-276-4708 or 541-276-2790.

Organizations set flag exchange

PENDLETON — People in the community can exchange a worn-out United States flag for a new one during Flag Week.

Prestige Senior Living and McKay Creek Estates, in partnership with Burns Mortuary, invites the public to exchange their flag June 12 through June 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McKay Creek Estates, 1601 Southgate Place, Pendleton. There is a limited number of flags available and people may reserve them in advance by calling 541-276-1987.

Burns Mortuary will perform a ceremonial disposal of flags turned in at a later date.

For more information, contact Karen Hoholik at 541-276-1987 or khoholik@prestigecare.com.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 23
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse room 121, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton.

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., Stafford Hansell Government Center Doherty conference room, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

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

AT HENA - WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION, 6 p.m., Preston Winn residence, 79566 Winn Road, Weston.

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.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 24
UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT WORK SESSION, 10 a.m., Pendleton Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place. (ShawnHalsey 541-966-3774).

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

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m. budget meeting, 7 p.m. regular board meeting, Echo School, 600 Gerone St.

LOTTERY

Thursday, May 19

Lucky Lines
01-06-10-14-FREE-18-24-26-30
Estimated jackpot: \$25,000

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

Friday, May 20

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 0-4-0-3

DEATH NOTICES

Heidi Hildegard Eidler

Hermiston
Dec. 1, 1950-May 17, 2016

Heidi Hildegard (Kleinschmidt) Eidler, 65, of Hermiston died Tuesday, May 17, 2016, in Oregon City. She was born Dec. 1, 1950, in Johannesburg, South Africa. A celebration of life will be held next week with date, time and place to be announced. Hillside Chapel in Oregon City is handling arrangements.

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