

Alphonse Franchot Halfmoon

Mission
March 11, 1922-November 10, 2016

Alphonse Franchot Halfmoon, 94, of Mission, Oregon, passed away November 10, 2016, at the home in which he was born, surrounded by loved ones.



Halfmoon

Alphonse, or Al, was known by many as Frenchy. He was born March 11, 1922, to Alphonse Otis Halfmoon, a Nez Perce tribal member, and Mary Joshua, a Cayuse descendant from the CTUIR. He had four sisters and eight brothers. The Halfmoon surname is a result of the family livestock brand of halfmoon that was used when his Nez Perce grandfather was baptized in the 1800s.

Alphonse married Florence M. Dishion on March 16, 1952. She preceded him in death in 2014. Together they raised their four sons and four daughters in the Pendleton and Mission area. Three of their sons, Mark, Matthew and William "Billy" Halfmoon, preceded them in death.

Much of Frenchy's early years were spent with his Kautza Tawax and Gilbert Minthorn, and his aunt Amy Webb, where he learned the seasonal rounds of that generation: subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering. It was in this time when Frenchy was given his Cayuse name, Lungeon (meaning stands apart or alone) by Gilbert Minthorn.

In Johnson Creek, Catherine Creek, McCoy Creek, Pearson Creek, Limber Jim, Vey Meadows, on the Minam and Lostine rivers, to the falls of Celilo and from the ridges of Battle, Black, and Strawberry mountains to Kamela and Kanine is where Frenchy acquired a treasured education of life in a simpler time with family and friends of a different age; a time of seasonal rounds that resonated deeply with Frenchy and gave him the foundation and framework for his dedication to the land, the importance of family and heritage, service to others, preservation of tribal ways, and stewardship of the last of his culture. In many ways the last of his kind, Alphonse attended St. Andrews Indian Mission boarding school, St. Joseph's Academy, Chemawa Indian Boarding School, Haskell Indian Nations University, Blue Mountain Community College and Lower Columbia College.

He enlisted in the Army in 1940 and served until 1945, serving first in the Army's last actual cavalry unit out of Presidio, Calif., then in the Army's Signal Corps in the Pacific Theater of Operations in WWII, receiving full disability upon his discharge.

He was elected to the Confederated Tribes Board of Trustees in 1968 and became chairman in 1969. He served one term on the Board of Trustees in order to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where he emphasized riparian protection as a method of protecting not only fish but also other animals that depended upon healthy watersheds.

Frenchy received training as a typesetter and worked for the *East Oregonian*, participated in agricultural research and harvest, was a heavy equipment operator, logger, construction and carpentry, livestock drover, and caretaker/bus driver at St. Andrew's Mission Indian School for 16 years until its

closure in 1972. In 1973 he relocated to Cathlamet, Wash., where he lived on and worked for the Columbia Whitetail Deer National Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) until his first retirement in 1988. After his retirement he went to work for a logging operation out of Trout Lake, Ore., until he and Florence returned to Pendleton, where he was elected to the governing body of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in 1992 until retiring finally in 1999. In 1996 he served a term as chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and was inducted into the CRITFC Hall of Fame in 2006.

Alphonse was generous with the knowledge he was given. He was a prolific writer, an inveterate reader and gladly shared his own history, experiences and knowledge with the CTUIR and other tribes and in sundry tribal forums. Family, family history and genealogy were paramount and prominent in Frenchy's life and family gatherings were a central part of his life, and one in which he avidly participated until health issues and the passing of his late wife, Florence, took a hard toll upon him.

The life he and Florence shared was one of endurance, strength and faith, a hallmark of which was his devotion to the Catholic faith. In their life together, he and Florence raised eight children, as well as helping countless other children and families through their philanthropic endeavors, leaving a legacy of giving and compassion.

Alphonse is survived by his brothers Ron Halfmoon (Chet), Harold Halfmoon (Elsie); his brothers-in-law Lee Clure and Darrell Brown; his children Hilda Alexander (Randy), David Halfmoon (Ramona), Kateri Cochran, Gretchen Halfmoon-Sauvie (Rex), and Susan FastHorse (Virgil); his grandchildren Kyle Daley, Sunni Alexander, Fawn Eiford (David), Rebecca Rivera, William Halfmoon (Amy Mullen), James Halfmoon FastHorse (Tracy Wilken), Midnight Brockie, Georgia Wallahee (Leo) and Alaska Koski; his great-grandchildren Kiona Rivera, Violet, Helen, Claire and Mariane Eiford, LaRiah and Nicolas Alexander, Weptas and Demetri Brockie Jr., Layla, Liberty and Margo Wallahee, and Audrey Florence Halfmoon; and many nieces, nephews and cousins that he was close to, as well as many friends in the community and throughout the Pacific Northwest.

This is a quote that our father Alphonse wrote in November 2002 in describing his life with our mother and what they wanted to leave behind: "We've lived quite a life raising eight children and then some. Both of us have been given a longer duration of living and to hope for a longer life is up to how we live. And there is no guarantee of being centenarians. But I would like our life to be an example for our children and our grandchildren on up to the generations to come." Dad, we have never been more proud to be your children. We will miss you terribly and look forward to the day we will be reunited with you, mother and our brothers.

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Susan Earlene (Truscott) Koeller

Pendleton
March 11, 1954-November 19, 2016

Susan, 62, Pendleton, Ore., passed away on November 19, 2016. Susan was born on March 11, 1954, to Richard (Dick) and Carleen Truscott in Baker City, Ore. She spent her younger years growing up on her family ranch on Auburn Road in Baker City. She graduated from Baker City High School in 1972.



Koeller

After graduating from high school she moved to Portland, Ore., where she attended Northwestern College of Business and received a certificate in accounting. She then moved to Pendleton with her best friend Lynn Van Dorn and attended BMCC, where she received her associate's degree in ag business and was a part of the livestock judging team.

She met her husband Larry in the summer of 1986, and then married February 28, 1987, in Reardan, Wash. In 1987 they had their first child, Travis, in La Grande, Ore. In early 1988 they moved to Pendleton, Ore. In Pendleton they had their second child Corissa and youngest Sarah.

During her time in Pendleton she worked for the *East Oregonian* as the ad manager for several years and then doing advertising for several other businesses. She also owned The Bread Board for a few years. Her most recent job was working part-time for the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon offices.

Her children were her pride and joy. She enjoyed

helping and volunteering with her children's extra-curricular activities and throughout the community. Her love for the Green Bay Packers was well known. GO PACK! In 2008 she was diagnosed with breast cancer and was an eight-year survivor. After being diagnosed with cancer she enjoyed helping with the breast cancer awareness groups.

She is survived by her husband Larry Koeller, Pendleton, Ore.; children Travis Koeller, Corissa Schuening and her husband Scott, and Sarah Caldwell and husband Stephen, Pendleton, Ore.; stepsons Jeramiah and Carl Koeller, Davenport, Wash.; mother Carleen Hottendorf, Pendleton, Ore.; sister Gail Hersey, Jacksonville, Fla.; brother Rusty Truscott and wife Eva, Davenport, Wash.; godmother of her children Lynn VanDorn, Pendleton, Ore.; many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and -nephews; and grandchildren Abigail and Bristol Schuening.

She is preceded in death by her father, Richard Truscott, brother Randy Truscott, and in-laws Janet and Dale Koeller.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, December 3, 2016, at noon in the Roy Raley Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. The family will provide meats, drinks and some sides. Please bring a favorite side dish to share if you would like.

Robert 'Bear' Moore

Athena
December 21, 1965-November 18, 2016

Little Chief Rain in the Pants was born at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Prineville, Oregon, to Ray and Nellie Moore. A rambunctious child, he made us a family. He started school in Port Angeles, Washington, then attended first grade at Idleld Park, Oregon, then moved to Camp Sherman, then on to Pendleton, Oregon, where he graduated high school.



Moore

During his middle school years he joined the Umatilla Tribal Police Cadets. When he graduated high school he was lieutenant commander of the cadets. During his cadet years he took the same training as police recruits. This included self-defense police baton, handcuffs and extractions, as well as wrestling heavyweight in high school.

His kindness and listening skills were apparent when shopping with his parents and meeting a classmate who had problems and needed to talk. Listening was a lifelong trait.

After high school he attended the police academy then went to work for the Intertribe police force working on the Columbia River. Later he began working for the National Park Service serving at Mt. Rainier, Yosemite, Fort Vancouver and Fort Clatsop, where Lewis and Clark wintered over. At Fort Vancouver he was involved in reenactments of fort days as Chief Casino, prominent Columbia River chieftain.

After his national park service he went to work for Rams Security and became their outstanding pistol marksman.

Along the way he married and had two sons, J.R. and Thomas, who were the apple of his eye.

He began working for the Umatilla Tribe as a surveillance officer at Wildhorse Casino where he worked for 16 years until his death of liver disease.

Robert loved music and was a shooting enthusiast. He was very proud of his Native American heritage. His grandmother was an original enrollee of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

He leaves behind his wife Marva Moore of Umatilla, Ore.; son J.R. and wife Christina, their children Kyle Moore of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Heather Hiatt of Vancouver, Wash.; son Thomas Moore of Athena, Ore.; his parents Ray and Nellie Moore of Athena, Ore.; auntie Jewel Mooney of Prineville, Ore.; eight grandchildren; and numerous cousins, friends and people he touched along the way.

At Rob's request a wake, non-alcoholic, will be held Saturday, December 3, 2016, at 12:00 noon at Weston-McEwen High School in Athena, Oregon.

Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.

DEATH NOTICES

Kristi Lynn Zimmerly
Hermiston
Aug. 8, 1971-Nov. 19, 2016

Kristi Lynn Zimmerly, 45, of Hermiston died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, in Richland, Wash. She was born Aug. 8, 1971, in Redmond. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, NOV. 24
 No services scheduled

FRIDAY, NOV. 25

DAVIS, CARROLL — Recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

HIBBERT, RITCHIE — Viewing from 6-8 p.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande.

LOTTERY

Tuesday, Nov. 22
Mega Millions
 01-43-45-66-69
 Mega Ball: 7 Megaplier: 5
 Estimated jackpot: \$15 M
Lucky Lines
 03-06-12-13-FREE-18-21-27-32
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Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 1-0-4-6
 4 p.m.: 0-8-3-8
 7 p.m.: 9-8-4-9
 10 p.m.: 5-2-4-8

Wednesday, Nov. 23
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 4-8-4-7

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, NOV. 24
 No meetings scheduled
FRIDAY, NOV. 25
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)
MONDAY, NOV. 28
NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)
UMATILLA BASIN WATER-SHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. (541-276-2190)
MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Clinic basement, 130 Thompson St., Heppner. (541-676-9133)

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY

6:08 a.m. - A caller told Pendleton police she spotted her friend's stolen car on Southeast Dorion Avenue.
 6:20 p.m. - A Pendleton woman told police she believed her estranged husband is stalking her. She said she is house sitting, and Monday at about 7:30 a.m. he blocked the road she is on, and that night he sent her text stating, "Go to bed."
 7:10 a.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office took a report about a local offender sending threatening text messages.
 9:12 a.m. - A man told Umatilla police someone stole his identity and opened up a cable TV account.
 12:19 p.m. - A semi west-bound on Highway 332 lost its second trailer near milepost 8. The trailer veered off the south side of the road and collided with a power pole, several trees and a private fence. No one was injured.
 1:08 p.m. - A Umatilla man asked to speak to police about harassment charges against a woman for posting lies and stories about him on Facebook.
 3:39 p.m. - Playground equipment at Pioneer Park, 400 N.W. Despain Ave., Pendleton, was the target of vandalism. A caller reported a juvenile male threw paint on the playground equipment and sign, then left heading east on Despain.
 4:36 p.m. - Milton-Freewater police received a report of someone egging a home and recreational vehicle trailer on the 1400 block of Wilkerson Avenue.
 4:52 p.m. - Hermiston police responded to the parking lot of Big Lots, Hermiston Plaza, 930 S. Highway 395, for a man screaming at people.

5:50 p.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office lost phone service. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office took over dispatching for Umatilla County. The neighboring agencies serve as each other's communication backup in these situations.
 Kathy Lieuellen, commander of the Umatilla County communications center, reported on the sheriff's Facebook page an equipment failure in a phone box on Murieta Road, Pendleton, caused the circuits to lose power. The 9-1-1 lines were working by 7:30 p.m., and the business phones came back online around 9 p.m.
 8:08 p.m. - A male rummaged through vehicles on West Orchard Avenue, Hermiston.
 8:56 p.m. - A caller told Hermiston police he was willing to provide a warm place to sleep to the homeless male staying behind Perfect Look and Fiesta Foods on North First Street.
 9:09 p.m. - Pendleton police responded to a downtown bar for a man that tried to start a fight.
 11:23 p.m. - A Hermiston woman reported her husband was verbally provoking her.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Hermiston police arrested Devin Lindsey Christensen, 25, of 760 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston, for first-degree burglary (residence), first- and second-degree theft, possession of heroin, and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle.

WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO

11/24
Cineplex Show Times
\$5 Classic Movie
11/30
THE MUSIC MAN

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG13)
 2D 1:00* 7:00
 ED 4:00 10:00

Allied (R)
 1:50* 4:40 6:40 9:30

Trolls (PG)
 11:40* 2:20* 4:30 7:20 9:40

Moana (PG)
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 ED 1:40* 9:50

Doctor Strange (PG13)
 1:30* 4:10 6:50 9:20

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