

Ann Grubb Breland

Pendleton
February 4, 1929-December 15, 2016

Ann Breland, 87, a long-time Pendleton resident, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2016, in Pendleton. Funeral arrangements will be made through Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Services will be planned for January or February 2017.

Ann was born February 4, 1929, to Hamilton and Olive Grubb in Petersburg, Indiana, where she was raised with her younger sister Judy. After graduating from Petersburg High School, Ann moved to Evansville, Indiana, where she attended Lockyear Business College on Fifth Street in downtown Evansville. After completion of the program, she went to work for many years at the urology practice of Dr. Acre and Dr. Hare, also in Evansville.

It was at Pfafflin Lake in nearby Newburgh, Indiana, that Ann met a young, Mississippi-born food chemist from the Evansville Igleheart Division of General Foods, Dan Breland, and not long after, in 1956, they were

married. In December 1961, Dan accepted a position as plant manager of the Igleheart Flour Mill in Pendleton, where he relocated with Ann and their two young children, Greg and Brad. Their youngest son, Patrick, was born in Pendleton.

Ann will be remembered as a good wife, mother and cook. Ann's true enjoyment in life was to be a good stay-at-home mother. Hawaii was a favorite travel destination, and she enjoyed being a member of several bridge clubs. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a regular at the Pendleton Racquet (Athletic) Club.

Ann is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dan Breland; sister Judy Berberich of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; sons Greg (Jackson, Miss.), Brad (Twin Falls, Idaho), and Patrick (Tucson, Ariz.); eight grandchildren; and niece Jayne LeGate and nephew John.

Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneer-chapel.com



Breland

Kimberly Ann Cohut Hickey

Hope Mills, N.C.
November 5, 1962-December 12, 2016

Former Pendleton resident Kimberly Ann Cohut Hickey, 54, of Hope Mills, N.C., died Dec. 12, 2016.

She is survived by her parents, Victor and Alma Fox Cohut of Hope Mills, N.C.; daughter Grace Ann Kublawi

of Hope Mills, N.C.; sons Brandon Joseph Hickey and fiancée Bethany of Spokane, Wash., and Dylan Douglas Hickey of Everett, Wash.; and sister Katherine Michele Nylin and husband Robert of Smithfield, N.C.

Jimmy R. Vertz

Weston
May 13, 1960-December 3, 2016

Jimmy R. Vertz, Weston, Oregon, passed away December 3, 2016, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington, at the age of 56 years. Memorial services will be Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Weston Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Weston Methodist Church. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, in charge of arrangements.

Jimmy was born May 13, 1960, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Ellen and Kenneth Vertz. His family moved frequently during his childhood, sparking his adventurous spirit. He attended schools in Pendleton, Helix, Hermiston and Tum-A-Lum, Grove, Central and Mac-Hi in Milton-Freewater. While attending Mac-Hi, he worked many years at the Farmers Market until it burned down, ending his budding career. During his Navy stint, he served in Chicago and Scotland.

Upon his return home, he worked at Watermill Foods. Seeking adventure, he moved to the Portland/Vancouver area where he resided for

many years. His last calling was to care for his widowed mother and stepgrandma.

He chose to live a life of free spirit and had no regrets of not being "tied down" in one place, which is why he never married. He is well known by many for his willingness to help and kindness. He often was seen photographing nature and space, which had become a recent passion inspired by God. After his death, with the donation of his corneas, he was able to provide eyesight for two people.

Jimmy is survived by his mother Ellen Jameson Purcell of Weston, Ore.; siblings Kathy and Mark Silva of Milton-Freewater, Ore., Jonie and Mark Clark of Weston, Ore., and Eric and Jennie Vertz Purcell of John Day, Ore.; many nieces and nephews whom at one time or another he cared for; many great-nieces and -nephews; seven maternal aunts and uncles, and a multitude of cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Kenneth Vertz and stepfather Glenn Rod Purcell, and grandparents Rose Emma Purcell and Margaret and Tex Jameson.

DEATH NOTICES

June E. Giarde

College Place, Wash.
Aug. 1, 1928-Dec. 14, 2016

June E. Giarde, 88, of College Place, Wash., died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, in Walla Walla. She was born Aug. 1, 1928. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth M. 'Betty' Hutchison

Forest Grove
Feb. 26, 1924-Nov. 23, 2016

Former Pendleton resident Elizabeth Marie "Betty" Hutchison, 92, of Forest Grove died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016. She was born Feb. 26, 1924. Private cremation rites have been held. Arrangements through Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives of Hillsboro.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

SPRINGER, ALLEN — Services at 1 p.m. at Anderson's Tribute Center, 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River.

TINSLEY, DEBRA — Celebration of life service at 11 a.m. at the Athena Christian Church, 485 E. Van Buren St.

ZIMMERLY, KRISTI — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

REYNOLDS, BRUCE — Services at 2 p.m. at Rainier View Christian Church, 7719 224th St. E., Graham, Wash.

MONDAY, DEC. 19

No services scheduled

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

VERTZ, JIMMY — Memorial services at 11 a.m. at the Weston Methodist Church, E. Main and S. Arman streets, Weston.

Donald George Shirilla

Portland
January 11, 1946-November 18, 2016

Donald George Shirilla, passed away Nov. 18, 2016, in Portland.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, George and Donna Shirilla, and his brother Tom Shirilla. Don is survived by his sister Georgia; sister-in-law Kathy; nieces Katie and Stacey; several second and third cousins; and dearest friend Virginia.

Don was born Jan. 11, 1946, in Pendleton, and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1964. His heart and soul were always full of love, compassion and passion. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Linfield College and a master's degree from the University of Washington, both in sociology.

He worked for several social service agencies and medical institutions in Hermiston, Pendleton and the Portland area and during his service in the Army Reserves.

Don's greatest passions were running, baseball, football, especially college football, and his many classmates, friends and family members who shared his interests and life experiences. Don loved growing up in Eastern Oregon. He loved running along the wheat fields around Pendleton and camping near Meacham and Battle Mountain. Don ran many marathons, but after the Honolulu Marathon about 30 years ago, Don learned he needed a heart transplant. He

was the 12th heart recipient at Oregon Health & Science University, and their longest survivor with an original heart. More info about Don and the transplant program can be found in the online archives of the Oregonian. Don and his family could not be more grateful to the doctors, nurses, researchers and so many others at OHSU for giving him the gift of an additional 30 years of life.

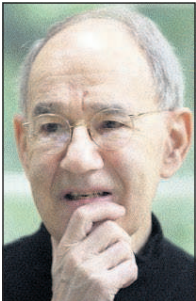
Don was a deacon at the Multnomah Presbyterian Church in Portland where

his memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Jan. 11, 2017. His church family gave him great friendships, strength, joy and comfort.

Special thanks go the residents and care providers at West Hills Convalescent Center and the hospice program for their kindness, care and comfort.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Multnomah Presbyterian Church with "Don Shirilla" on the memo line; these gifts will go to the Deacon Assistance Ministry. The address for the church and service is 7555 S.W. 45th Ave., Portland, OR 97219. Or donations may be made to the OHSU Organ Transplant Center, OHSU Foundation, 1121 S.W. Salmon St., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205. Please add "In Memory of Don Shirilla" on the memo line.

Please sign the online guest book at www.oregon-live.com/obits



Shirilla

Lawrence (Larry) Watkins

Pendleton
June 16, 1957-December 12, 2016

Lawrence (Larry) Beebe Watkins, 59, of Pendleton passed Dec. 12, 2016. Larry was born June 16, 1957, in La Grande, Ore.

Larry is survived by son Justin Watkins, mother Kaye Woods and stepfather Willard Woods of Pendleton; sisters Leona Brown of Prineville and Gwen Little of Pendleton; aunt Virginia

of Pendleton and uncle Bill Beebe of Anchorage; numerous aunts and uncles; and companion Bonnie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hubert Watkins, and his brother, Gail Watkins.

No services are planned. Life Tributes Cremation in Kennewick, Wash., handled arrangements.



Watkins

BRIEFLY

Living nativity shares reason for the season

HERMISTON — Live animals and actors will present the Biblical story of Jesus' birth during a living nativity this weekend in Hermiston.

The Hermiston First United Methodist Church is in its 24th year of offering the presentation as a gift to the community. The Living Nativity is Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at 191 E. Gladys Ave. In addition to the animals and people, it features several stations with reader boards.

Visitors are invited to enter the church afterwards for a time of fellowship. Warm drinks and cookies will be served. Also, during the Saturday performance, live music will be presented by the Desert Aire Dulcimers.

For more information, call 541-567-3002.

Faith Center to distribute food, cancels nativity event

PENDLETON — Families in need can receive fixings for a Christmas dinner in a program offered by Pendleton Faith Center Church.

Hams for the Hungry includes a ham, potatoes, margarine, canned vegetables and canned fruit. People requesting a meal need to call to register at 541-276-9569. Those picking up a meal box also will receive a special prayer.

The food will be distributed Sunday at noon and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at the church, 108 S. Main St., Pendleton.

Also, due to inclement weather, the church announced regretfully that it is canceling the Living Nativity at Roy Raley Park. People can watch a

Norman David Vorvick

Vancouver, Wash.
March 15, 1931-December 9, 2016

Norman David Vorvick, 85, died December 9, 2016, at Legacy Hospital in Vancouver, Wash., after extended stays in hospitals.

He was born to Sigvart and Thea Vorvick in a Norwegian community in Otter Tail County, Minn. They moved from their dairy farm in Minnesota during the Depression to a mixed (livestock and produce) farm in Finley, Washington. Throughout his life, he was proud to be Norwegian, a farm boy, and to have worked as a carpenter starting at age 15.

He graduated from Kennewick High School. He received a B.A. in Education (Pacific Lutheran University); a M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling (Washington State University); and an Ed.S. in Counseling Research (University of Northern Colorado). He enlisted in the Army during the Korean War.

Surprisingly, he met his wife, Carolyn Ann Pritchard, on a double date. Carolyn took one look at Norman, looked at her date, and said to herself: "I am with the wrong guy." Also attending PLU, she was able to get his class schedule from Admissions so she could just "happen to run into him" on campus. He had no idea.

They married in 1956 and shared a romantic love for over 40 years. Upon her death in 2000, he said: "I was proud just to be associated with her."

He worked in Washington schools from 1956-1965 teaching mainly math and sciences. He worked as a counselor at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton for over 30 years, and also taught prisoners at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution. After retiring from BMCC, he performed house inspections and returned to working in carpentry until he truly retired.

Norman faithfully attended church in Pendleton and then in the late seventies began attending a house-church that grew to be Faith Center. When he moved to Washougal, Wash., he attended Calvary Commu-

nity Church and was known for bringing root beer to his home group, and donuts to his Saturday morning men's group.

"I'm a believer!" he would say with a confident, exuberant smile. From a young age, Norman was a believer in Jesus Christ, and he knew he would go to heaven. Perhaps it was solely this faith or maybe the combination of his happy-go-lucky personality that allowed him to have such an ease about the challenges of life.

Norman was exquisitely, consistently hopeful. He had a remarkable appreciation for life. He was man at peace with dying since age 50, but a man so enjoying life and wanting to continue living, that he took his many health issues in stride. He had a profoundly impressive attitude, and it was a blessing for those around him.

Like all of us, Norman was still human and imperfect, but he was a good man.

Around 2011, he said: "I finally bought the headstone." Norman had the stone inscribed for Carolyn: "An Amazing Woman." Though it would be years before his death, he had inscribed for himself: "A Man Blest Beyond Measure."

He had a late brother Phil Vorvick (Bonnie) and sisters Harriet Turik, Mary Ann Fenimore (Bob), and Leone Cummins.

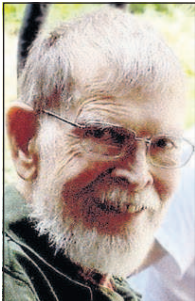
He and Carolyn had four sons and one daughter: Paul (Andrea), Phil (Belenda), John (Melanie), Joshua (Jana), and Kari Vorvick.

And now the loved grandchildren: Jared, Kate Breault (Austin), Jenny, Jesse, Zack, Levi, Eli, Ezra, and Jagur Vorvick.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be given to the Compassion International child he sponsored, Miss Akinyi-Onyango, of Kenya (KE8090288) or Medical Teams International.

A celebration of life will be held at Pendleton Faith Center Wednesday, December 21st at 10 a.m. with graveside service to follow at Olney Cemetery.

We'll catch up with you later, Dad.



Vorvick

MEETINGS

MONDAY, DEC. 19

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 9 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. An executive session will be called to discuss union negotiations. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY HEAD START, 11:30 a.m., Head Start office, 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Kerry Tassie 541-564-6878)

NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

HELIX CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Helix City Hall, 119 Columbia St., Helix. (541-457-2521)

PENDLETON YOUTH COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Intermountain ESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

ATHENA CEMETERY DISTRICT, 5:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

IRRIGON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-1811)

UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, 6 p.m., USDA Service Center conference room, 1 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8131)

MORROW COUNTY FAIR BOARD, 6 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. (Ann Jones 541-676-9474)

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Echo Community School, 600 Gerone St., Echo. (541-376-8436)

PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

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STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)

OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Oregon Trail Library District office, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. (541-481-3365)

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