

Jane Elizabeth Keesey

Pendleton
December 6, 1951-January 6, 2017

Jane Elizabeth Keesey was born December 6, 1951, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Paul and Jean (Hancock) Keesey. She grew up in Humboldt County, California, and the Bay Area. Jane went to Foothills College, Mesa College, and Lane Community College.



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She met her husband, Chris Roop, while taking a course titled Natural History of Baja, California, in December of 1978. They have been together ever since, and were married on June 22, 1989, when they eloped to Caldwell, Idaho.

After returning from Mexico, they lived outside of Junction City, Ore., until she became pregnant, at which time they moved to Eugene, Ore. Their son Cassidy was born August of 1983. The family moved to Pendleton in 1984 for two years prior to moving up the river. They have lived on the CTUIR Reservation since then but did move closer to town.

Jane worked at a number of occupations: book binding, ordering and inventory control for Kaneka Far West, plant propagation for Chase Gardens, real estate renovation, grading inventory plots among other things while with the Forest Service and receiving awards for her work there, and then worked for Bill Alexander Forestry as an office manager. She also drove her truck to deliver supplies for forest fire suppression.

Her interests included archeology, anthropology, botany, and biology. She

enjoyed gardening and working with livestock when she lived up the river. Jane was accomplished at delivering lambs that had birthing problems. When the family business took over producing the June Cruisin car show, she was the registrar. For the last 15 years, she

enjoyed attending and sometimes organizing Gary's Run, an annual memorial cruise for MG sports cars that alternates between the U.S. and Canada. She was a charter member of the Oregon Country Fair and traffic crew volunteer since 1981. Besides volunteering for the fair and car show, which benefits Washington School, Jane donated to The Giving Tree at Hamley's, Bat Conservation International, and Blue Mountain Wildlife, among others. Even in death she was generous, donating her corneas so that two other people would be able to see.

Jane was preceded in death by her mother Jean. She is survived by her father, Paul Keesey of Sunnyvale, Calif.; husband Chris Roop, Pendleton; son Cassidy Roop of Corvallis; sister Alice (Fred) Mecoy of Allen, Texas; brother James (Jennifer) of Sunnyvale, Calif.; and nephews Geoffry and Manfred Mecoy.

A service will be held at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton Saturday, Jan. 14 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Blue Mountain Wildlife, 71046 Apaloosa Lane, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Robert C. Bertsch

Stanfield
May 14, 1939-December 8, 2016

Robert C. Bertsch, Stanfield, was born on May 14, 1939, and died on December 8, 2016.

Bob was born in Klickitat, Washington, to parents Marjorie (Monzingo) and Robert Bertsch. The family moved to Oregon shortly thereafter. Bob went to school one year in Monument, Oregon, where he met his future wife of 54½ years, Judith Mae Stirewalt. Born of this union were Wade James and Ward David Bertsch.

Bob was a fifth grade teacher. His first school was in Wilder, Idaho; he spent the next two years in Council, Idaho, before moving to Stanfield and teaching at West Park Grade School in Hermiston for 28 years. Bob truly enjoyed the students and used a variety of methods to get his students to especially enjoy reading and math.

Bob worked every position in the lumber mills where his dad was the millwright. He also cruised timber, all the



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while breaking and shoeing horses, always his second love. Bob was a director of the Mustangs and volunteered 40-plus years at the Pendleton Round-Up.

He was preceded in death by his mother Marj, his father Robert Bertsch, brother

Kenneth Donald Bertsch and a baby sister.

Bob is survived by Judy and son Wade of Stanfield, Oregon, and son (Ward) Tiny of Stephenville, Texas; granddaughters Kelly Marie, Katie Sue and Jayden Mae Bertsch; grandson Taygan Tee Bertsch; two

nephews, Kevin and Kai Bertsch; and several other nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held January 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Stanfield Community Center, Stanfield, Oregon. A potluck luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers and the Alzheimer Foundation, please mentor a young child academically and/or in horsemanship skills.

Larry Leroy Martin

Pendleton
June 6, 1943-January 5, 2017

Larry Leroy Martin was born on June 6, 1943, at Caldwell, Idaho, to Francis and Flora Martin. He lived with his parents and older sister Connie in Caldwell through fourth grade when his family moved to Weippe, Idaho.

He married Sharon Marshall on March 24, 1963, in Nampa, Idaho. Their first "date" was in 1948 in Caldwell when his family lived temporarily in a basement apartment only four houses from Sharon's family. Larry was just 5 years old and Sharon was 6 years old at the time. He walked to her home and asked if she would like to walk to church with him. The church was just a couple of blocks away. They attended high school together at Gem State Adventist Academy and he gave his watch to her to wear as a sign that they were "going steady."

After finishing eighth grade at Orofino Adventist Elementary School the Martin family moved back to Caldwell, Idaho so Larry could attend high school at Gem State Adventist Academy. After finishing 11th grade the family moved back to Weippe, Idaho. Larry enrolled at Weippe High School but didn't have enough credits to be a senior so was placed in 11th grade.

After finishing 11th grade (again) in 1961 Larry moved to Pendleton and was hired at Harris Pine Mills where he worked his way up to log truck driver. On weekends he pumped gas at Herd's Union 76 station and drove bulk truck for Bonbright Oil. He also served in the Oregon National Guard. He



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then took a job making local deliveries for Consolidated Freightways followed by a short term driving for Garrett Freightlines.

Soon he applied and was hired at Pendleton Floor Covering where he learned the trade. In February 1980 he started his own floor covering store, Soft-Step Interiors.

In May 2007 he sold the store and retired, spending most of his time in his shop enjoying his woodworking hobby and the deer at the Martin cabin in the Tollgate area.

He was a deacon at the Elgin Seventh-day Adventist church for 15 years. He will be remembered for installing new windows in the sanctuary, the new conference table in the library, the beautiful wood lectern he built, bringing a delicious dessert each week for fellowship dinner, and always the first one at the sink washing the dishes after the dinner.

In April 2016 he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and October 2016 he and his wife Sharon moved to their new home in Pendleton to be near their son Steve.

He is survived by Sharon, his wife of 53 years; sons Steve (Dana) Martin of Pendleton and Jerry (Ira) Martin of Tigard; and grandchildren Joe, Jonny, Jenna and Jasy.

Larry was predeceased by his parents Francis and Flora Martin, sister Connie Purvis, and grandson Timothy Martin.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. in the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1401 S.W. Goodwin Place.

Tracy Dean Heaps

Pendleton
May 15, 1956-December 31, 2016

Tracy Dean Heaps, 60, of Pendleton died December 31, 2016, in Pendleton. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 2017, at the Salvation Army Church in Pendleton.

Tracy was born May 15, 1956, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Gene and Donna (Hardy) Heaps. He spent most of his life in the Pendleton and Pilot Rock area.

He enjoyed his work as a logger, working for various logging companies. He once owned and operated T. Heaps Logging Co.

From the 1970s until the 1990s he participated in rodeos all over Oregon and Washington, competing in bareback and bull riding and his favorite, saddle bronc

riding. He also participated in wild horse racing and, in 1986, won the Pendleton Round-Up championship. He loved his family, music (Creedence Clearwater Revival was his favorite) and horses. He had a huge heart and a great sense of humor.

Survivors include his children Janelle Heaps, Jayda Heaps, Cody Heaps and Colton Heaps; siblings Tauna Rowbury, Kathy Irwin-Svan-cara, Tammy Rowbury, Geri Rowbury-Kunz and Eddie Heaps; and stepmother Lois Heaps. He

was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Brad Heaps.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com



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Doloris Virginia 'Dee' Hill

Hermiston
February 27, 1926-December 15, 2016

Doloris Virginia "Dee" Hill, of Hermiston, Oregon, born February 27, 1926, passed on December 15, 2016, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 90.

Dee is survived by her husband James R. "Jim" Hill, son Daniel J. "Dan" Hill, and her granddaughter Mackenzie D. "Mack" Hill, all of Hermiston, Oregon, and her sister Vivian Keithley of Midvale, Idaho.

Dee was born to Ruell and Hilda Doggett in McCall, Idaho, grew up in Midvale, Idaho, and was the first born of four children, having survived her brothers, Robert and Richard.

Jim and Dee married on May 8, 1949, after Jim's tour in the Korean War. They moved to Pendleton in the fall of 1951 and later to Hermiston in 1963. Dee worked at Idaho Power in Cambridge and Boise,

Idaho, and at Pacific Power in Pendleton.

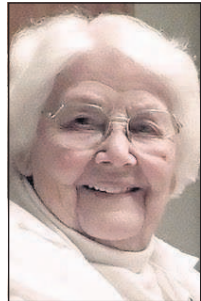
Always social, Dee enjoyed being a member of the Good Shepherd Hospital Auxiliary, the Garden Club and was an active member of the First Christian Church. She loved gardening, camping and traveling.

Services will be held for Dee on Friday, January 13, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will be private and held at a later date in Midvale, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dee's name to the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation or the First Christian Church, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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

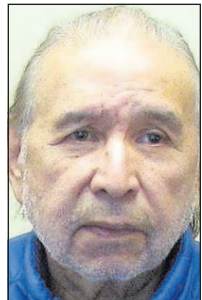


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John Anthony Shippentower

Mission
April 1, 1943-January 4, 2017

John Anthony Shippentower, 73, passed away January 4, 2017, at his home in Mission. His dressing was held January 6, 2017, at Burns Mortuary chapel in Pendleton. He was buried at the Agency Cemetery on January 7, 2017, and lunch was served at the Mission Senior Center.



Shippentower

He was born April 1, 1943, to Joseph Alex and Blanche (Williams) Shippentower, in Portland, Ore. He was a member of the CTUIR (Walla Walla) and he grew up on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. He met Sharon Cunningham at a golf course in Portland and they were together for over 25 years. Sometime during those 25 years they were married. She died from leukemia eight years ago.

He graduated from Pendleton High School in 1961 and attended then Eastern Oregon College (EOC) and the University of Oregon. While at PHS he was a three-year letterman in baseball and coached by Bob White, and a two-year letterman in basketball and coached by Dale Warberg. He also played baseball and basketball with the Mission Indians and other Indian teams.

While in high school and for another couple of years thereafter he worked at PGG in the parts department. He moved to Portland

in the mid-1960s and only recently returned home. In Portland, he worked in hardware sales and for the Portland Area Indian Health Service, where he later retired.

In his earlier days, he hunted, fished, golfed and ran long distances. When he first returned home, he used to walk on Mission Road but even that became too much as his health deteriorated.

He is survived by a brother, Robert Allen (Beverly Penney) Shippentower; a sister, Rosenda Shippentower; and a niece, Carmen Joy James.

He also left behind JC Penney, Joan Watlamit, Carl Sampson, Fabian Spencer, Sierra James, Frances Alexandria James, Isaiah Shippentower and many other relatives and friends in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and probably beyond.

He was preceded in death by his mother Blanche, his father Alex, and his brother William Shippentower.

He did not have children but he was a close and good uncle to his nephews who also predeceased him in death: Allen Anthony Spencer, Jerry Michael Spencer and R. Joseph "Joey" Shippentower, all of Mission.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

BURCHETT, MICHELLE — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at South Salem Church of the Nazarene, 1661 Boone Road S.E., Salem.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

SHIRILLA, DON — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at Multnomah Presbyterian Church, 7555 S.W. 45th Ave., Portland.

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