

Frank Sanford Cecil

Spray
August 11, 1927-January 22, 2017

Frank Sanford Cecil, 89, of Spray passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017, at his home with family by his side. Funeral service will be held Saturday, January 28, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Spray School gymnasium with concluding service and burial at Haystack Cemetery. A potluck will follow at The Rock in Spray.



Cecil

He was born at Mt Vernon, Oregon, on August 11, 1927, to Ralph and Ruby Dennison Cecil. He said that he moved back to Spray as a yearling and lived his life there.

Frank attended school in Spray where he met Melba Caldera, and they were married on March 17, 1944. The couple had two daughters, Jan and Judy. Then their family welcomed Kay Braseth and Tim Wallawin, and later eight other children joined in who needed a home to finish school in Spray. The door was always open with their love of young people.

He worked in logging, a saw mill, for the state highway and ranching. He loved riding for cattle, hunting, butchering and curing meat, boxing, ball games and dances.

Frank was one of the first members to start and build the Spray Rodeo. He was a member of the Spray Grange and he served on the Spray City Council as well as the Wheeler County Budget Committee.

Survivors include his wife Melba of Spray; daughters Jan Stroeber and her husband Don of Heppner and Judy Alford of Spray; grandchildren Shelley Hill and her husband Mark, Cindy King and her husband Brett, Christy Correa and her husband Mike, Jason Alford and his wife Betsy and Justin Alford; great-grandchildren Shelbi, Colton, Makenzie, Cassidy, Morgan, Sierra, Lilly, Keili and Cheyanne; and many nieces, nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a sister, and his son-in-law Wilbur Alford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Spray Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 155, Spray, Oregon 97874 or the charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Albert George 'Al' Riney

Heppner
April 15, 1925-January 12, 2017

Albert George (Al) Riney, 91, of Heppner, Ore., died Thursday, January 12th at Mid Columbia Medical Center, in The Dalles, Ore.



Riney

Al was born April 15, 1925, in Monmouth, Ore., to John and Corinne (Pierce) Riney. He attended school in Rickreall, Ore., and Oregon State University. While still in school, he worked and lived at a local dairy, milking cows early each morning before leaving for school, to help out his family with income.

In 1942, at the age of 17, during World War II, Al enlisted in the Marines and took his jungle training in Pukai, New Zealand, before being assigned to the South Pacific Theater. He served on Guadalcanal and Okinawa. While on Guadalcanal, he and his older brother Anthol (Skip), a B-24 pilot, were stationed there at the same time, spending time together during the war. They had a "special code" worked out through their letters to let each other know where they were, as actual locations were restricted by the military. It helped always knowing where each brother was during those war years.

After the war and his discharge, Al returned to Oregon working with the extension service at the Oregon State Fair in Salem, and the Pacific International Show in Portland with 4-H and FFA. Through his job, Al was introduced to George Webb, a wheat farmer and cattle rancher, in Mayville, Ore. George and his wife Vida offered him a job working for them. Al went to work for them in 1948, moving to Eastern Oregon and Mayville.

In 1949 Al married Peggy Dean (Rice) Hayes. They later divorced.

He worked for Red Leonard selling farm equipment, and various local jobs in Condon, before becoming Condon's postmaster for 14 years, from 1962 to 1976. He went well beyond his job description as postmaster, delivering packages and braving severe weather conditions to make sure the mail was delivered to the post office and to its recipients on a timely basis. He always felt it was his job to do the best for his customers, well beyond what was required.

Al was very active in community organizations. He was an EMT, and ambulance driver for over 20 years and instrumental in Condon receiving its first used ambulance. He was a volunteer fireman, hunter safety instructor, 4-H leader, and one of the oldest members of the Elks, having received his 50-year pin many years ago. Also, he was a member of Masons and Odd Fellows.

Fishing and hunting were also enjoyable times for Al. He helped his good friend, Bill Flatt of Mid Columbia Bus Company, drive bus for Boys Scout groups to various events around the United States, and on group vacations trips organized by Bill and his wife Peggy. During these years he

also "helped" local farmers and friends with animal needs, as no local veterinarians were available in the area. He was called "farmer's friend" as he was always there to help when needed in any way he could.

In 1976, Al moved to a very old farm house in Mikkalo, Ore., and started dryland wheat farming. He loved farming, and farmed over 14,000 acres for 23 years in the Mikkalo and Condon area.

On February 14, 1995, in Yuma, Ariz., he married Linda (Shaffer)

and they continued to farm until his retirement in 1999. After his 1999 retirement, he and Linda moved to Heppner, Ore., and built Al's first new home, of which he was very proud. He enjoyed his retirement, still active in Masons and Odd Fellows, and served as director of the Cemetery Board and Willow Creek Golf Club. He had a large woodworking shop in his garage and spent many hours "in his world" making wood projects for his home as well as others. He started his own tradition of making boot jacks for many of the Ruralite Magazine's featured individuals, inlaying their own brand if available, which he personally delivered to them.

He enjoyed visiting with all his friends, and with others while getting the mail or running errands. He also loved his weekly poker group, and said they had a lot of fun, and no one got hurt no matter how "sneaky" they all were. He always said he enjoyed life very much, what he was doing every day, and very fortunate to have all he had, and his long life.

He was quoted as saying, "The Lord won't take me and the devil won't have me, so you guys will have to put up with me a while longer." Apparently, the Lord changed his mind and wanted Al after all, and took him home.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Linda, at their home; his daughter Deanna Stinchfield and husband Rick of Salem; son Steve and wife Margaret of Prineville; son David and wife Sara of Condon; his nephews Dan Riney and Chris Riney of Eugene and Kent Anderson and wife Lori of Condon; and son-in-law Bob Smith of Condon. Also, eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Anthol (Skip); his daughter Susan Smith; and sister-in-law Dolores Kelly.

At his request there will be no formal service. A remembrance of Al's life will be held later at his home. He will be missed by caring family and friends that he touched with his life.

Donations may be made in his name to the Morrow County Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Earl Dwayne Eickstaedt

Hermiston
July 7, 1959-Jan. 12, 2017

Earl Dwayne Eickstaedt, 57, of Hermiston died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, at his home. He was born July 7, 1959, in San Diego, Calif. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Khue Thi-Vu Foster

College Place, Wash.
April 20, 1938-Jan. 21, 2017

Khue Thi-Vu Foster, 78, of College Place, Wash., died Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, in Walla Walla. She was born April 20, 1938. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Eugene Kennedy

Pendleton
March 3, 1934-Jan. 22, 2017

Donald Eugene Kennedy, 82, of Pendleton died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, in Pendleton. He was born March 3, 1934, in Medical Springs, Ore. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Jessie 'Naomi' Larkin

Hermiston
Feb. 3, 1940-Jan. 20, 2017

Jessie "Naomi" Larkin, 76, of Hermiston died Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, in Portland. She was born Feb. 3, 1940, in Baker. A celebration of life service will be held Sunday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Elsie Myrtle McDonald

Milton-Freewater
Sept. 10, 1933-Jan. 19, 2017

Elsie Myrtle McDonald, 83, of Milton-Freewater died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, in Walla Walla. She was born Sept. 10, 1933. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Augustus Orr

Pendleton
Aug. 10, 1923-Jan. 22, 2017

Edward Augustus Orr, 93, of Pendleton died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, in Pendleton. He was born Aug. 10, 1923, in Ash Flat, Ark. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Donald George Smith

Bethesda, Md./Pilot Rock
Aug. 29, 1923-Sept. 24, 2016

Donald George Smith, 93, of Bethesda, Md., and Pilot Rock died Sept. 24, 2016, at his home in Maryland. He was born Aug. 29, 1923, in Pilot Rock. Burial took place at Arlington National Cemetery. Sign the online guestbook at www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com or www.pioneerchapel.com

Holly Wells

Pendleton
June 27, 1964-Jan. 23, 2017

Holly Wells, 52, of Pendleton died Monday, Jan. 23, 2017 at her home. She was born June 27, 1964. Arrangements are pending with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

LIGHTLE, DEANNE — Celebration of life service at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

No services scheduled

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services. Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (541-676-9061)

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD, 12 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Susan Lamb 541-276-3369)

UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton. (541-278-6252)

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

Ronda M. Dyer Brockett

Hermiston
April 16, 1965-January 22, 2017

Ronda M. Dyer Brockett was born on April 16, 1965, in Hermiston, Oregon, to parents Jerry and Loretta Moyer Dyer. She died on January 22, 2017, at her home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 51 years.



Brockett

Ronda was raised and attended schools in Hermiston, Oregon. She was involved in peewee rodeo when she was growing up and continued rodeo as she grew older, competing in barrel racing. She lived and worked in Yakima, Washington, for a time before returning to Hermiston, Oregon, in 2003 where she has lived since.

Ronda worked in quality control at Riverpoint Farm, Hermiston, Oregon, for several years. She enjoyed working in her yard, sewing, crafts, and word search puzzles. Ronda cherished time with her grandchildren and her family.

She is survived by her husband Steven Brockett, Hermiston, Ore.; sons Jeffery Ough, Yakima, Wash., Joey

Ough, Spokane Valley, Wash., and Nicholas Ough, Yakima, Wash.; parents Jerry and Loretta Dyer, Hermiston, Ore.; brothers Rick, Darrell, Duane and Jerry Dyer, all of Hermiston, Ore.; sister Katherine Ramirez, Hillsboro, Ore.; grandchildren Emma, Lilian, Terry and Christopher; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ronda was preceded in death by her niece, Mackenzie Jo Dyer, her grandparents, and several aunts and uncles. A graveside funeral service will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Ronda's memory to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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

Dennis Michael Gronquist

Arlington
February 16, 1947-January 23, 2017

Dennis Michael Gronquist, 69, of Arlington died Monday, January 23, 2017, at a hospice facility in Kennewick, Washington. A funeral mass will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017, at 1 p.m. at the Arlington Grade School gymnasium. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Arlington Cemetery. There will be a potluck meal back at the grade school following the graveside service.



Gronquist

He was born February 16, 1947, at Pendleton, Oregon, the son of Raymond John and Francis Geraldine Healy Gronquist.

Dennis attended Riverside High School where he met his soon-to-be wife, Penelope Louise Fossey. Dennis and Penny were married on June 4, 1966, at Hermiston, and the couple had two children, Megan Gronquist Proctor and Kelly Gronquist.

Dennis ran the Texaco Station in Arlington for many years, but was always active in local politics. As Arlington's mayor he was instrumental in siting Columbia Ridge Landfill, which today employs 70 people. During his time as mayor he worked closely with the Gilliam County Court.

Following his stint as mayor, Dennis became a commissioner on the Gilliam South Court on which he served for nearly 20 years until his death. During his

time as commissioner his focus was on the people and economic development. His quick wit, fairness and ability to work with anyone, despite party affiliation, made him popular amongst all who knew him.

The passing of Dennis leaves a huge hole in many hearts; in fact, Dennis lived such a full and accomplished life it is too difficult to condense it all onto a small section of paper. He was the best father, brother, son, grandfather, husband, friend and partner in crime any of us could have wished for. He touched so many lives in such a positive way. The world is a better place because of him.

Survivors include his long-time love Colleen Nuttbrock; son Kelly Gronquist and his wife Shanna; daughter Megan Proctor and her husband Bill; grandchildren Taylor Bauman, Jake Bauman, Casey Proctor, Kellen Gronquist and Colt Gronquist; sister Karen Clough; brother Keith Gronquist and his wife Barbara; numerous nieces and nephews; and his gray cat. Dennis was preceded in death by his wife, Penny, and his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the hospice of your choice, or to the Gilliam County 4-H.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements.

Billie Lee 'Adams' Earley

Pendleton
July 5, 1936-January 15, 2017

Billie Lee "Adams" Earley, 80, a lifelong resident of Pendleton, Ore., passed away January 15 at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, Wash.



Earley

Billie was born July 5, 1936, to Lester and Ione (Beidler) Adams in Pendleton. She grew up in Pendleton and graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1954.

She married Donald A. Wallace, also of Pendleton, in December 1954. They had three chil-

dren. In 1995 she divorced Don and married Lyle Earley of Pendleton in Stanfield, Ore. She was widowed in July 2001.

She is survived by daughters Leslie (Frank) Udy and Teresa (Marion) Ness, and son Mark (Shirley) Wallace, all of Pendleton; stepchildren Linda (Kim) King, Alan and Mary Earley, Rick Earley and Colleen (Bill) Taylor; four grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

HONORS

Students named to EWU Dean's List

CHENEY, Wash. — The following local students earned recognition on the Fall Quarter 2016 Dean's List at Eastern Washington University:

Heppner: Michaella Emmel; **Hermiston:** Mariah Ware; **Pendleton:** Lindsey Roach.

LOTTERY

Monday, Jan. 23

Megabucks

12-14-17-22-26-35

Estimated jackpot: \$2.4 million

Lucky Lines

04-07-11-16-FREE-20-23-26-29

Estimated jackpot: \$18,000

Win for Life

04-14-27-69

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 4-6-6-1

4 p.m.: 1-4-8-0

7 p.m.: 5-0-4-1

10 p.m.: 4-4-9-1

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 2-3-3-9

WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO

1/25

Cineplex Show Times

\$5 Classic Movie

12:00

BLACK NARCISSUS

XXX: The Return of Xander Cage (PG13)

2D 4:50 7:20

ETD 10:00

Patriots Day (R)

3:40* 6:40 9:40

Split (PG13)

4:20 6:50 9:20

Hidden Figures (PG)

4:10 7:00 9:50

Sing (PG)

4:40 7:10 9:30

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