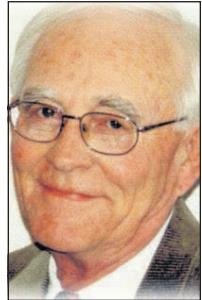


**OBITUARIES**

**Gary Mack Bonner**

**Pendleton**  
November 8, 1937-January 29, 2017

Gary Mack Bonner was born November 8, 1937, in La Grande, Oregon, and passed away January 29, 2017, in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Visitation will be held from 10 to 1:30 on Friday, February 3, 2017, at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. A graveside service will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Olney Cemetery.



Bonner

He was raised by his parents Lyle and Sylvia Bonner near Joseph, Oregon, on a dairy farm along with his brother Dale. One of the things he enjoyed the most was fishing on the Wallowa River; he became very good at dry fly fishing and later tied his own patterns. Gary loved the great outdoors and the mountains. He loved to camp with his family in the mountains, and enjoyed sitting by a campfire and listening to the wind blow through the trees. He loved watching the weather systems that came through, and the meaner the better! He loved all animals and enjoyed being one with nature. Mushroom hunting was another favorite of his. He loved the timber and looking at different trees and always wondered what they would say if they could talk.

He loved a cold brisk morning sunrise, a warm afternoon sunset, and the wonder of it all. But most of all, he loved his family: his wife Shirley, twin

daughters Karrie and Terrie, his son Gregory, and his many grandchildren. His favorite hobbies were wood-working, raising a garden and cooking. He put his heart into everything he did, sharing a bit of this life with others. He enjoyed spending time with his beloved dog, Tilly, whom he always took on his errands around town and to the mountains to chase gophers.

Gary was a loyal employee of Pendleton Grain Growers for 35 years. He was a member of the Pendleton Baptist Church and enjoyed fellowship with its members. He always took time to do special projects for others.

Gary fought a tough battle with cancer for the past year and a half. His family and friends will dearly miss the enjoyment of conversations with him, his wisdom, knowledge and caring.

Gary is survived by his brother Dale (wife Corliss); daughters Karrie Zacharias (husband Don) and Terrie Kennedy; son Gregory Bonner (wife Brenda); 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley and granddaughter Amy.

Donations in his memory may be made to Pendleton Baptist Church in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel.

**Shirlee Georgia McGreer**

**Pendleton**  
September 29, 1935-January 26, 2017

Shirlee was born September 29, 1935, in Redmond, Oregon. Her parents, Robert and Margaret McGreer, lived in Central Oregon and raised sheep on their family ranch. Butter Creek and Prairie City were happy memories in Shirlee's heart.



McGreer

Life changed for Shirlee and her mother during the years of World War II. They moved to Portland to live with her grandparents, Raymond and Georgia Brewster. Shirlee started school at Laurelhurst Elementary where she continued through the sixth grade. Her passion for music was encouraged during these years. Piano lessons and school choirs delighted her.

In the early 1950s Margaret and Shirlee moved to Ione, Ore., after Margaret and Verner Troedson married. Shirlee joined in many new adventures, like cooking for harvest crews and driving the farm pickup. She attended the seventh and eighth grades in Ione.

Shirlee returned to Portland for high school and attended St. Helen's Hall. Friendships formed during those years continued to be special and reunions important. She continued her education at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and University of Oregon where she earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling. While at Whitman Shirlee performed with the Triple Trio and presented concerts around the Pacific northwest.

In 1960 Shirlee applied and was accepted as a classroom teacher for the Department of Defense Schools. Her first assignment was Ankara, Turkey. She continued her overseas career for 34 years. She became a guidance counselor in France and after a number of years became a special education coordinator for students in England. Travel adventures, cultural opportunities and families from many parts of the world enriched her years abroad.

In 1994 Shirlee moved to Pendleton, Ore., after retiring from her career with the Department of Defense Schools. Her parents retired in Pendleton in 1972 after selling their wheat ranch in

Ione, Ore. Shirlee as an only child was needed to help her parents in their senior years. Pendleton has been a good place to call home. She met many interesting people and found the area rich in history, culture and four distinct seasons. She soon became proud to be a part of Eastern Oregon.

Soon after Shirlee settled in Pendleton, she responded to a newspaper ad for library aide position. For the next 10 years she worked at the Pendleton City Library. She enjoyed her work and helping visitors feel welcome to the library. She especially enjoyed helping young readers find a favorite story.

Shirlee was a lifelong Episcopalian, P.E.O. Chapter B.J. sister, served on the board of the Center for the Arts, OES Guild member, a member and officer in the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Altar Guild director at the Church of the Redeemer, a member of Current Literature Club, Sunday Morning Care Center Service Group, Pendleton Round-Up and Hall of Fame volunteer and docent at the Hall of Fame Museum, and a loyal University of Oregon Duck!

Shirlee died in Walla Walla, Wash., on January 26, 2017, after battling cancer.

She is survived by dear friends Creagh Hawes and Sylvia Clawson, P.E.O. Chapter BJ sisters, the Kimsey family, and neighbors and friends of Pendleton.

Pioneer Chapel of Pendleton is coordinating the arrangements for Shirlee. Memorials in her honor and memory may be donated to P.E.O. Chapter BJ, the Oregon East Symphony, PAWS or any other Eastern Oregon support organization of your choice.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Shirlee in the spring of this year at Wards Butte, Linn County, Ore.

The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

**SERVICES**

**THURSDAY, FEB. 2**

**SCHMIDT, BONNIE**  
— Visitation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3**

**BONNER, GARY**  
— Visitation from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. A graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at Olney Cemetery.

**LAMMEY, PAT**  
— Visitation from 9 a.m. to noon at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. A remembrance gathering will be held at 11 a.m. at the Pendleton VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place.

**SCHMIDT, BONNIE**  
— Visitation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Lowell M. Eiffert**

**Milton-Freewater**  
Sept. 4, 1920-  
Jan. 31, 2017

Lowell M. Eiffert, 96, of Milton-Freewater died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at his home. He was born Sept. 4, 1920, in Milton-Freewater. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Milton-Freewater. Private burial will be at the Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

**Curtis A. Harju**

**Stanfield**  
Sept. 19, 1957-  
Feb. 1, 2017

Curtis A. Harju, 59, of Stanfield died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at his home. He was born Sept. 19, 1957, in Longview, Wash. A celebration of life gathering will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 at noon at the Stanfield Moose Lodge. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

**Terrance Joseph 'Terry' Nelson**

**Hermiston**  
June 20, 1951-  
Jan. 30, 2017

Terrance Joseph "Terry" Nelson, 65, of Hermiston died Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, in Richland, Wash. He was born June 20, 1951, in Graceville, Minn. Services will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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