

Emogene (Smith) Hiersche

Pendleton
Nov. 5, 1921-Feb. 1, 2017

Emogene Elizabeth Hiersche (Smith) age 95, longtime Pendleton resident and business owner, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at Sun Ridge Retirement Community in Pendleton, Oregon. She was born on Nov. 5, 1921, the daughter of I.E. (Irvin) and Elsie (Batson) Smith, on the family farm near Madison, South Dakota.



Hiersche

She attended and graduated from a one-room country school near her home. She received her high school education at Plainview Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school in Redfield, South Dakota. Following her graduation, she and her mama hitchhiked from Madison, South Dakota, to College Place, Washington, so Emogene could attend Walla Walla College for pre-nursing. She graduated in 1945 from the Portland Sanitarium & Hospital School of Nursing.

Emogene was temporarily helping her brother at his Milton-Freewater Drive-In when she met a handsome Oregon State Trooper who stopped by for a snack. They dated while she worked as an RN at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. She married the "love of her life," Donald Hiersche, on Aug. 16, 1950.

The newlyweds made their first home in Portland, Oregon, where their daughter, Susan; and son, Dan; were born. The Hiersches moved to Pendleton, Oregon, to build Hiersche's Nursing Home in 1960. They worked together as a team to provide the same loving care to each patient that they would want for their own parents. Don worked as nursing home administrator while Emogene worked as director of nurses.

The highlight of Emogene's life was her great love for her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Many years of treasured memories were made at the family cabin on Wallowa Lake.

After their retirement in 1977, Don and Emogene spent their time traveling, visiting their children and grandchildren as well as doing self-supporting missionary work for their church. They joined Maranatha Volunteers International and built churches and schools in countries

around the world. When Don died after almost 49 years of marriage, Emogene continued to love and cherish times spent with her family and friends. She was known for her quick wit, spunk and caring.

Emogene was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. The amazing love of God was central to her life. One of her favorite hobbies was volunteering at her church and also Harris Junior Academy, the Adventist Christian School in Pendleton.

In 2001, she married a friend from high school, Herb Hill. They were both widowed, and were happy to find companionship together. Emogene chose to spend the last 11 years of her life at Sun Ridge Retirement Community owned by her dear friends, Carol and Rolly Biegler.

Emogene is survived by her daughter, Susan Lundquist and husband Dr. Chris of Pendleton, Oregon; her son, Dr. Daniel Hiersche and wife Julie of Ellensburg, Washington; grandchildren, Becky Caswell and husband Richard of Pendleton, Oregon; Dr. Michael Hiersche and wife Jessica of Chico, California; Stephen Lundquist and wife Kyndre of Happy Valley, Oregon; and Dr. Matthew Hiersche and wife Joy of Fresno, California; and her great-grandchildren, Hannah, Abigail and Emma Caswell of Pendleton, Oregon; Liam and Finn Hiersche of Chico, California; and Kate and Jack Lundquist of Happy Valley, Oregon. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Donald Hiersche; her husband, Herb Hill; and her brothers, Hap Smith of Sunnyside, Washington; and Dale Smith of Weston, Oregon.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church on Friday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. Those wishing to honor her memory may contribute to Harris Jr. Academy in Pendleton, Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church or Maranatha Volunteers International. Those wishing to sign Emogene's online memorial book may do so at www.funeralhomesmith.com. Smith Funeral Home Sunnyside, Washington, is in care of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Douglas Paul Magnaghi

Milton-Freewater
Aug. 14, 1957-Feb. 5, 2017

Douglas Paul Magnaghi, 59 of Milton-Freewater died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, at his home. He was born August 14, 1957. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater.

Gary Allen Cruse

Lebanon
May 21, 1945-Feb. 4, 2017

Former Pendleton resident Gary Allen Cruse, 71, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, in Lebanon. He was born May 21, 1945, in Vancouver, Washington. No services are planned. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com

Brok D. Palmer

Hermiston
Feb. 28, 1999-Feb. 6, 2017

Brok D. Palmer, 17, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, at his home in Hermiston. He was born Feb. 28, 1999, in Hermiston. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration potluck gathering follows at noon at The Pheasant Bar & Grill, Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Timothy E. Newton

Helix
Oct. 15, 1957-Feb. 5, 2017

Timothy E. Newton 59, of Helix died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, in La Grande. He was born Oct. 15, 1957, in Pendleton. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com

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Eugene "Gene" Harry Baker

Pendleton
June 3, 1928-Feb. 2, 2017

Gene Baker, 88, of Pendleton, Oregon, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, at St. Anthony Hospital.

Gene was born June 3, 1928 outside Grangeville, Idaho, to Howard and Lavonne "Bonnie" Baker. Until age 9, he attended schools in rural Idaho. In 1938, his parents purchased Bingham Springs (later to become the Bar M Ranch), where Gene and his sister, Ginna, rode on horseback 7 miles both ways to the Gibbon school.



Baker

He graduated from Pendleton High School in 1945 and shortly after enlisted in the Navy, serving on the USS Hanna in both World War II and the Korean War. Between his stints in the Navy, he attended Cal Tech and Eastern Oregon College, where he was active in the rodeo circuits.

After his discharge from the Navy, Gene returned to work at the ranch where he met the love of his life, Hope Vallentyne, who came as a guest one summer. They were married at the ranch on April 5, 1952, and worked side by side for nearly 50 years while also raising their children there.

He often spent the mornings shoeing horses and then heading to the kitchen to bake his famous bread and cinnamon rolls in the afternoons. Gene enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing

Scott "Scotty" Leon Goodman

Pilot Rock
April 15, 1955-Feb. 1, 2017

Scott "Scotty" "Papa" Leon Goodman (62) of Pilot Rock died in Pendleton on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017.

At his request no services will be held at this time. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolences book at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Scott was born April 15, 1954 in Memphis, Tennessee, to Ivan Goodman and Dorthy Vaughn. He lived in Milton-Freewater, Oregon; Shasta, California; Dallesport, Washington; and, just recently, Pilot Rock, Oregon.

He graduated from Pilot Rock High School in 1972. He graduated from Blue Mountain Community College in 1998, earning a

degree in electrical engineering. He worked for the Army Corps of Engineers. He married Cindy L. Goodman on Sept. 6, 1975. They were married for 41 years.

He enjoyed fishing, archery hunting, and was an avid gun collector.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy L. Goodman of Pilot Rock, Oregon; daughters, Penny (spouse Jason) Gibbs of Pilot Rock, Oregon; Amy Evers (life partner Brandie Perry) of The Dalles, Oregon; brothers, Brian Goodman of College Place, Washington; Mark (Linda) Goodman of Union, Oregon; and two grandchildren, Rhyanne Oates and Coley Gibbs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Dorthy Goodman.

Special thanks to the compassionate staffs at Sun Ridge and Suttle Care for the loving care they gave Gene during the time he resided there in his later years.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) or Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), c/o Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 Byers Ave. S.E., Pendleton, OR 97801. A celebration of life for Gene will be held later in the spring.



Goodman

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

CHAPMAN, EARL — Graveside service at 1 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

KAPUS, VICKY — Graveside service and inurnment at 1:15 p.m. at Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 S.E. 240th St., Kent, Washington.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

HIERSCHE HILL, EMOGENE — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1401 S.W. Goodwin Place.

WOHLCKE, RICHARD — Service at 10 a.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 Highway 395, Pendleton.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

GRAY, GARY — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

TEWS, BILL — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at the Ione American Legion Hall, 325 W. Second St.

LOTTERY

Monday, Feb. 6
Megabucks
7-12-14-18-21-45
Estimated jackpot: \$3.6 million
Lucky Lines
2-8-9-13-20-24-25-30
Estimated jackpot: \$32,000
Win for Life
24-39-43-54
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 5-1-3-0
4 p.m.: 3-7-0-0
7 p.m.: 7-2-9-4
10 p.m.: 8-0-7-6

Tuesday, Feb. 7
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 1-6-3-1

Maria Lucia Llona

Athena
Jan. 1, 1951-Feb. 4, 2017

Maria Llona, longtime resident of Athena, Oregon, and member of Athena Christian Church, passed on in the early morning of Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. Anthony Hospital from complications after emergency surgery.

Maria "Aunt Ree" Llona was born in Ontario, Oregon, to Samuel and Mary Llona. She graduated from Ontario High School in 1970. "Go Tigers." She lived in Florida, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Eugene, Oregon, before settling in the Pendleton area where she lived most of her life.



Llona

She was manager of Prison Industries for the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institute. There, she over saw the production of the "Prison Blues" line of blue jeans. She retired from the Oregon Department of Corrections in 2014.

She was an accomplished seamstress. She made and sold hand-sewn clothes, knitted sweaters and did alterations for clothing stores before going to work for ODC. Along the way roller-skated competitively,

learned to play a wonderful Spanish Guitar, spun her own yarn for sweaters and collected glass orbs. She loved her cats, a good book or Downton Abbey & Masterpiece Theater.

She is survived by her brother, Thomas Llona of Portland, Oregon; nephews, Dean Maltsberger of Salt Lake City, Utah; Ryan Cowgill of Fruitland, Idaho; Samuel Llona of Portland, Oregon; and nieces, Pamela Chandler of Salt Lake City, Utah; Robin Davis of Nampa, Idaho; Andrea Guadagno of Graham, Washington; and Tori Wilson of Ontario, Oregon.

Her mother and father, Mary and Santos "Sam" Llona; sister, Gail Maltsberger; brother, David Samuel Llona, and his son, David Llona; preceded her in death.

A memorial service and a celebration of her life with family and friends will take place in Ontario, Oregon, in the spring.

Share online condolences with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

Richard E. Wohlcke

Adams
April 15, 1945-Feb. 6, 2017

Richard Emil Wohlcke of Adams, Oregon, died on Feb. 6, 2017, in Richland, Washington. He was 71 years old.

He was born April 15, 1945, to William and Roberta (Marcum) Wohlcke. He lived in Pendleton and Adams, Oregon. He attended school in Pendleton and later went to Blue Mountain Community College where he earned his AA (two-year degree). He served in the U.S. Army as a medic in Vietnam.



Wohlcke

He was a logger and truck driver. He loved to fish and camp. He loved his family

and enjoyed family gatherings. He was a member of the NRA.

He is survived by spouse, Janet Fessler of Adams, Oregon. He was preceded in death by his father, William Wohlcke; mother, Roberta Wohlcke; and brother, Billy Wohlcke.

There will be a service Feb. 10, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Skyview Memorial Park for family and friends. Pastor J. McCombs will be the officiant.

Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton handled arrangements.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8
UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, 8 a.m., Ukiah Community School, 201 Hill St., Ukiah. (541-427-3731)

MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Irigon Public Library, 200 N.E. Main Ave., Irigon.

MILTON-FREEWATER CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 3, 12 p.m., Milton-Freewater Golf Course restaurant, 301 Catherine St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

STANFIELD IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 12 p.m., District Office, 100 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (Kara Van Fossen 541-449-3272)

PORT OF MORROW COMMISSION, 1:30 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (541-481-7678)

PENDLETON FACADE COMMITTEE, 3:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall administrative conference room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Julie Chase 541-966-0204)

RIVERSIDE SITE COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., Riverside High School library, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman. (541-676-9128)

WESTON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

ATHENA PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Eastern Oregon Regional Airport terminal/administration office, 2016 Airport Road, Pendleton. (Erica Stewart 541-276-7754)

ADAMS CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)

CONDON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St., Condon. (541-384-2711)

CONDON SCHOOL DIS-

TRICT, 7 p.m., Condon Grade School, 220 S. East St., Condon. (541-384-2441)

HERMISTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Stanfield School District office, 1120 N. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3305)

UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, 7 p.m., Hermiston Safety Center, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. (Reta Larson 541-567-8822)

HELIX SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., Helix School library, 120 Main St., Helix. (541-457-2175)

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

MORROW COUNTY ROAD COMMITTEE, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Sandi Putman 541-989-9500)

UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU, 12 p.m., TBA, TBA, Pendleton. (Julie Spratling 541-457-8045)

BOARDMAN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., Boardman Fire Department, 300 S. Wilson Lane, Boardman. (541-481-3473)

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