

Catherine Burleson

Athena
December 3, 1923-March 12, 2017

With her family at her side, Cathy Burleson of Athena slipped away to glory on March 12, 2017. She was 93.

Catherine (Cathy) was born to Corley and Kate Burleson December 3, 1923, in McMinnville, Ore. Her family was of Texas pioneer lineage and moved many times between Oregon and Texas. Her early life was spent in the small town of Kosse, Texas, where she attended school until 1935. Between 1935 and 1939 she lived in Tigard, Ore., until returning to Kosse. Cathy was valedictorian of her high school graduating class of 1941.

She returned to Oregon and worked as a civilian employee for the U.S. Army during WWII. She met Norris Nelson on a blind date and they married in 1947. They had three children. In 1948 they lost their home in the Vanport Flood. She was widowed in 1957 when Norris was killed in an auto accident.

Cathy met Roy Van Pelt while volunteering in the formation of "Parents Without Partners" in Portland. They were married in 1960 and had two children. After a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease, Roy died in 1999.

Cathy was an early participant in forming Alzheimer's support groups in the Willamette Valley. She earned her BA degree from

Linfield College in 1988, a life-long goal. Throughout her career Cathy worked as a secretary and accountant for import-export and manufacturing firms. She worked for Western Oregon University as an accountant until her retirement in 1991.

Cathy married Dick Roscoe in 1992 and they moved to Athena (later divorced). She enjoyed volunteering and was active in community affairs, serving on the RSVP Advisory council, Athena Planning Commission and Cemetery Board. She was a member of the Athena Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, and local Good Sams group. Cathy was honored as Citizen of the Year in 2006. She greatly enjoyed reading, writing, and crocheting lap robes for charity.

Cathy was preceded in death by son David Nelson and daughter Cindy Carver. She is survived by daughter Jacqueline (Earl) Anderson of Harrison, Idaho, daughter Jodie Harnden of Athena, son Rudy (Cheri) Van Pelt of Fremont, Calif., nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at the Athena Christian Church, March 27 at 1 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Christian Aid of Walla Walla or local animal welfare groups.



Burleson

William Charles 'Bill' Kopp

Pendleton
June 9, 1933-March 20, 2017

William (Bill) Charles Kopp was born in Pendleton on June 9, 1933, the first child of Bill and Lorraine Kopp.

His young years were spent enjoying the outdoors at home and on weekend picnic trips to the mountains and fishing trips with his dad. Bill developed an interest in music at an early age and was in his first piano recital when he was seven years old. Music was an important part of his whole life. He continued to play the piano, sang in high school choirs and a quartet. His love of music brought joy to many who heard him play and sing.

Music, however, was not his only interest and starting in grade school he played a lot of basketball and baseball. Surviving a broken arm and a broken clavicle in grade school due to activities made him a "wonder" to his younger sisters.

Bill attended St. Joseph Academy until his sophomore year, then he transferred to Pendleton High School. He was involved in many aspects of Pendleton High School, music, basketball, and was the student body president his senior year. Bill also met his future bride at PHS. In his teen years he worked in his uncle's wheat harvest, helped his parents with a rural mail route and his dad's freight line. There were many skills needed living in a home with his five sisters: Annabelle, Barbara, Irene, Judy, and Nancy. Bill handled these with ease. His sisters recall him as a "great big brother" or in family stories as "super duper." A baby brother, Jim, was born the year Bill left for college.

After high school it was off to college to the University of Portland Air Force ROTC program. There, he was a standout basketball player, lettered at U of P and received his Bachelor of Science in psychology.

Soon after, wedding bells rang for Bill and his beautiful bride Kathleen. They tied the knot on October 1st, 1955. It was a beautiful fall wedding with one minor issue: it was opening day of deer season and hunters on both sides of the family were a bit chagrined. But the deep love of this couple immediately erased any mule deer disappointments.

After college he entered pilot training in the United States Air Force. Bill was selected to pilot one of the world's first supersonic fighter jet, the F86 Saber. In the early 1950s, pilots who broke the sound barrier were a rare breed. He was presented a certificate designating him a member of the "Mach Buster's Club." This certificate is proudly displayed in the family home to this day. While still an active pilot and stationed in Albuquerque, Bill and Kathleen welcomed Linda Lorraine into the world. Bill left the USAF in 1958 and later retired as a captain in the Air Force Reserve.

After his service in the Air Force, Bill returned to

Pendleton where he worked in the freight business. He was a partner with his father, Bill, in Pendleton-Pilot Rock Stage Lines for many years. Both Bill and his dad logged thousands of trips from Pendleton to Pilot Rock and back. Bill estimated that they had traveled the distance to the moon and back several times — in 12-mile increments.

Like his parents, he was not finished building his family. Over the next 10 years, Billy, Philip, Cari, Cathy, Christopher and Curtis completed the

family. Each sibling's earliest memories involve Bill's music. These memories included singing performances of favorite songs from musicals like "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music," and especially Christmas carols. Bill's life of music inspired and entertained many. He provided worship in the form of the folk music at St. Mary's Catholic Church for decades. The Kopp house was full of music, whether it was Bill playing piano nearly every evening or playing selections from his extensive record collection.

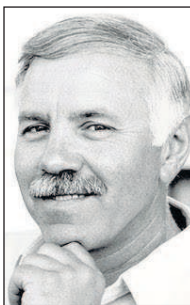
Family vacations were always an interesting affair. With seven kids in tow, there were few quiet moments. The family's favorite destinations included Wallowa Lake and the Oregon Coast. Bill also continued to play basketball — mostly in the form of shoot-arounds with the neighborhood kids. Bill would arrive home from work and anytime there was a game going on in the driveway, he would join in. He had a great set shot — even in steel-toed boots and overalls. As the years passed and the children grew up, Bill enjoyed spending time with his 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He and Kathleen also enjoyed traveling to attend family celebrations, theater, and sports events. Bill also served the community as a volunteer for Outreach, Meals on Wheels, and he was a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) teacher for many years.

On March 20, 2017, Bill's parents Bill and Lorraine, his sister and brother Nancy and Jim, his son John Steven, and granddaughter Ashlee welcomed Bill to heaven. He will live on in all of our memories.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel. The funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 27 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with a burial immediately following at Olney Cemetery.

Those wishing to may donate in Bill's name to The Ashlee Hodgen Scholarship Fund through Columbia Bank, P.O. Box 848, Pendleton, OR 97801 or the National Parkinson's Foundation, 200 S.E. First St., Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

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



Kopp

Wayne Elwood Swearingen

Pendleton
July 30, 1933-March 21, 2017

Wayne Elwood Swearingen of Pendleton was born July 30, 1933, in Oakland, Nebraska, to Elmer and Ethel Bergstead Swearingen. He died Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. He was 83 years old.

Wayne and his family moved to Helix when he was 5 years old. He grew up on the Stockman Ranch outside of Helix and graduated from Helix High School in 1952. He was class president of his class of three girls and himself. He graduated from Oregon Technology Institute in Klamath Falls with a degree in electronics. He joined the National Guard in 1951 and he was discharged in 1962.

On August 26, 1956, he married Corinne Long of Pendleton. They were married for 60 years and had three children, Jim, Brett and Jill. Wayne built their home on the McKay Creek and farmed seven acres for 54 years.

He started working as a temporary fuel truck driver for Pendleton Grain Growers in 1956 and retired 41 years later in 1997. He volunteered for the Pendleton Round-Up up for 57 years and was co-grand marshal of the Westward Ho! Parade in 2009 with his brother Mervin Swearingen. He was also a member of the Old Iron Show.

He was also president of the Lower McKay Creek Water District for many years. He was the original recycler. He restored all three of his children's first vehicles, and all three still have their vehicles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Mervin Swearingen.

He is survived by his wife, Corinne at home; sons Jim (Delores) and Brett (Susan) and daughter Jill Swearingen, all of Pendleton; his sisters Phyllis Skovly of Vancouver, Wash-

ington, and Jeanie (Bill) McBee of Kenmore, Washington; grandchildren: Stuart (Amy Parker) Swearingen, Pendleton, Jennifer Swearingen of Tempe, Arizona, and Kelsey Swearingen and Derek Swearingen of Pendleton; and the light of his life, his great-grandson Bridger Swearingen. He also had many nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service March 29, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Church of God In Pendleton, with a reception to follow at the Roy Raley Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds to follow the service.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Umatilla County Historical Society c/o the Old Iron Show.

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Swearingen

DEATH NOTICES

John J. Horner Jr.

Irrigon
Nov. 10, 1946-March 13, 2017

John J. Horner Jr., 70, of Irrigon died Monday, March 13, 2017 at his home. He was born Nov. 10, 1946, in Enterprise. A celebration of life gathering will be held Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. at his home. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Linda Lee Knifong

Enterprise
Oct. 5, 1947-March 1, 2017

Linda Lee (Boschee) Knifong, 69, of Enterprise died March 1, 2017, at her home. She was born Oct. 5, 1947, in Walla Walla. Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m. at Enterprise Baptist Church. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

DEZOETE, LEO — Funeral mass at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner. A meal will follow in the parish hall. Concluding service and inurnment will follow at 2 p.m. at the Lexington Cemetery.

HARRISON, JOAN — Recitation of the rosary at 6 p.m. at St. Helen's Catholic Church, 70 S.W. Birch St., Pilot Rock.

HENDRICKS, TED — Memorial service at 1:30 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 325 N.E. 10th St., Irrigon.

MORGAN, GLADYS — Funeral service at 2 p.m. at the Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church, 205 Tumbleweed Blvd. Burial will follow at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

SMART, JAMES — Viewing from noon to 4 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

YENNEY (REMILLARD), PAT — Celebration of life service at 3 p.m. at Blue Mountain Community Church, 928 Sturm Ave., Walla Walla.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

BECKMAN, MONTE — Celebration gathering from 3-5 p.m. at The Rainbow Cafe, 209 S. Main St., Pendleton.

HARRISON, JOAN — Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Helen's Catholic Church, 70 S.W. Birch St., Pilot Rock.

HICKS, DARYL — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston National Guard Armory, 900 S.E. Columbia Drive.

HORNER, JOHN — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at his home in Irrigon.

MARTIN, LARRY — Memorial service at 2:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1401 S.W. Goodwin Place.

PINNEY, DOLORES — Celebration of life service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

SANBORN, JOHN — Celebration of life no-host gathering at 1 p.m. at the Panda Inn, 675 N. First St., Hermiston.

SMART, JAMES — Memorial services at 10 a.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. A potluck will follow the services at Weston Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston.

WOHLCKE, RICHARD — Celebration of life potluck from noon to 3 p.m. at the home of Kirk Marcum, 455 S. Howard St., Stanfield.

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

BLUE MOUNTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING, 3:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Hall boardroom, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. An executive session will precede the special meeting. (541-276-1267 ext 0115973#)

MONDAY, MARCH 27
UMATILLA BASIN WATER-SHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermis-

ton. (541-276-2190)
HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Free-water Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Elgth Ave., Milton-Free-water. (541-938-5531)

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

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Sand Hollow room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (541-676-9133)

Live Music 9:00 PM
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Estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million

Powerball
02-09-27-29-42
Powerball: 9
Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$155 million

Win for Life
16-17-22-25

Lucky Lines
02-07-09-14-FREE-19-23-27-30
Estimated jackpot: \$12,000

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 9-7-2-4
4 p.m.: 2-5-8-5
7 p.m.: 4-6-7-5
10 p.m.: 8-7-6-7

Thursday, March 23
Pick 4 1 p.m.: 5-9-3-5