

## Arthur Samuel (Sam) Burford

Mexico, New York  
January 11, 1931—June 10, 2017

Arthur Samuel (Sam) Burford, 86, left this world on June 10, 2017.

Sam, an only child, is survived by his wife of 62 years, Darlene N. (Moore) Burford, his dearly loved daughters, Karen L. (Burford) Williams (son-in-law James H. Williams) of Shenandoah Junction, WV and Kay L. (Burford) Wells (son-in-law Yancey D. Wells) of Mexico, NY; and his treasured grandchildren: Jessica K. Williams, Cassandra J. Williams, Brennan J. Wells, Dusten S. Wells and Logan M. Wells.

Sam was born on January 11, 1931, in Sand Point, Idaho and lived there with his grandparents and great-grandparents until the age of four. Sam's father eventually moved with him to Oregon where Sam attended grade school and Hermiston High School. After a year of traveling across the USA and working odd jobs as a milkman, laborer and service station attendant, Sam joined the Army in 1950. Sam was stationed in California, Hawaii and Eniwetok, the Marshall Islands, obtaining the rank of sergeant until his honorable discharge in 1953.

After being discharged Sam moved back to Hermiston, married Darlene in October 1954 and started a family. He was employed on the security force at the Umatilla Army Depot until 1957. Sam had a deep respect for the law and authority and was fascinated by all things to do with the law. He devoted his career to excelling in all aspects of law and security enforcement and was honored with many achievements, awards and certificates for always completing and performing outstanding/first-rate work. From 1957 to 1960 Sam worked as a Deputy Sheriff in Umatilla County. He returned to the Umatilla Army Depot in 1960 as a security specialist.

In May of 1968 Sam transferred from the Umatilla Army Depot to work for the U.S. Navy at Subic Bay Naval Base, Subic Bay, Philippines, along with his wife Darlene and daughters, Karen and Kay. The family would end up calling Subic Bay "home" and Sam and Darlene lived in the Philippines for over 15 years. Sam was employed at the Provost Marshal's Office as Director of Physical Security from 1968 until 1974.

He then transferred to the Naval Supply Center at Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia, from 1974 until 1976 at which time he

and the family returned to Subic Bay Naval Base, Philippines and a job as Director of Security at the Naval Supply Center at which he remained until he retired from federal service on January 2, 1987. Upon retirement, Sam and Darlene returned to Oregon where Sam then was employed from February 1987 until December 1995 by the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton, Oregon.

In May of 1996 Sam and Darlene relocated to Mexico, New York to be near both daughters and his grandchildren. Sam was an intelligent, stand-up guy, steadfast, sensible, responsible, reliable and thoughtful. Sam had a passion for reading and writing which he happily and fortunately

passed on to Karen and Kay. Whether it be reading for pleasure or studying for another certificate, he always had a book or pen in hand. He would often start a book in the evening after work and still be sitting in the same chair, just finishing the last chapter when his daughters got up to get ready for school the next morning — and then go to work and do an exceptional job!

After moving to New York, Sam enjoyed learning to use the computer, corresponding by email with his daughters, grandchildren and friends, researching his ancestors, and caring for Kay's farm animals.

Sam will be missed by his barnyard buddies Frisco the horse, Kitty Cat the cat, Debbie the chicken and Guinea the guinea hen. Sam was preceded in death by his mother Mildred Marie Hunt Burford (November, 1911—January 1931), Arthur James Burford (July 1895-March 1980), Baby Burford (April 1961) and his four-legged canine best friends, Maggie and Wallie. Sam was always there for his family no matter what. His daughters are heartbroken and it is with incredible difficulty that the family says goodbye to someone whom they looked up to, counted on and loved so much.

Sam will be buried in Fox Cemetery, Fox Oregon. Services are at the convenience of the family and will be announced after details have been finalized. Arrangements are in the care of Harter Funeral Home, Mexico NY.

"There will be peace in the valley for me some day, there will be peace in the valley for me, oh Lord I pray, there'll be no sadness, no sorrow, no trouble I'll see, there will be peace in the valley for me."



Burford

## Steven Tracy Ervin

Portland  
July 1, 1962—June 11, 2017

Steve was born in Portland, Oregon and moved to Alaska shortly after his birth. After a couple of years in Alaska, he spent the remainder of his childhood in Eastern Oregon, primarily in Athena and Pendleton. In his youth Steve excelled in sports, mainly Little League baseball, football and swimming. He joined the Army in 1980 and served for 4 years. He was stationed in Germany for the majority of that time and won a special commendation for saving the life of an officer.

He spent most of his adult years living in the Portland, Oregon area. Steve liked to fix things and loved helping others. He spent most of his working career installing acrylic flooring for commercial businesses. He got to travel and work on some interesting contracts including cruise ships. He was well known for helping others with odd jobs — mowing lawns, putting together cabinets, moving heavy furniture or hauling scrap on his bike. He was an honest guy who lived an honest life.

One of Steve's most amazing accomplishments was teaching himself to use nunchuks, a martial art that was popularized in the U.S. by actor Bruce Lee. After seeing a movie at a friend's house when he was just 8 years old, Steve became obsessed with learning this martial art. His dad helped him make his first set of nunchuks and he spent many hours throughout his life developing this skill. Remarkably he never took a class in martial arts and chose not to use the nunchuks as weaponry. He developed his craft into a form of performance art. He became so accomplished he

was able to use two pairs of nunchuks simultaneously — one in each hand and could even twirl them with the sticks lit on fire. Before his health took away this ability, his dream was to perform at a fundraiser to raise money for kids with cancer. His family members are working to make this dream come true.

Steve passed peacefully in his sleep at home following a five-year battle with Congestive Heart Failure. His prognosis was complicated by kidney cancer and the removal of a kidney two years ago. The family is incredibly grateful for the hospice care he received to relieve his suffering in the final weeks of his life.

He is survived by his parents: DeVonna May Carlsen Cox and George Elmer Cox of Portland, Oregon and Richard Tracy Ervin of Bouse, Arizona. He is also survived by his sisters — Devon Ervin and Linda Ervin Minthorn and their families and by numerous step-siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends and his beloved cat Whitey. His long-time partner Myrna Zarth preceded him in death in September of 2004.

There will be a Celebration of his Life at Tabor-space in Portland on July 15, 2017 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. All his family and friends are welcome. He chose cremation and his ashes will be scattered at a later date according to his wishes.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to any charity that benefits children with cancer. This small act of kindness will keep him alive in our hearts and make his dream come true.



Ervin

## Dennis Smith

Hood River  
Jan. 2, 1944—June 16, 2017

Dennis Smith, 73, of Hood River, Oregon, passed away Friday, June 16, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Dennis was born January 2, 1944, in Hood River, Oregon to Charles and Betty (Olson) Smith. He graduated from Hood River Valley High School in 1962.

Dennis was always a natural athlete with great hand-eye coordination and a cooperative spirit in any contest. In grade school, he caught the most fish during outings on Indian Creek, and he threw the most touchdown passes on the playground. While sledding Jackson Park, he knocked an annoying blue jay out of the air with a snowball on his first try.

When he got to high school, he was the obvious quarterback and point guard, lettering three years in each sport. His passes made both his receivers, members of the All-League Football Team. His senior year, he led the basketball team to HRHS's only trip to the state tournament in Coos Bay, upsetting Seaside (then ranked #1 in the state) to win the District Championship, dribbling out the last 30 seconds of the game while being chased by three opponents.

He was a remarkable teammate, despite his substantial personal athletic accomplishments, he was quick to deflect attention away from himself to others. He was a loyal friend.

In later years, he was a proud father and grandfather. Hood River, Oregon became a little quieter on June 16 at 9:41 a.m.

Dennis was preceded in death by father, Charles Smith, mother, Betty Smith, and sister, Phyllis Evens.

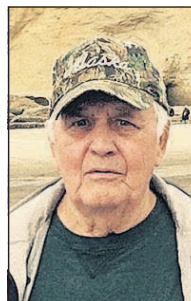
Dennis is survived by his daughter, Stacey Barnes (husband Todd); son, Darren Smith (wife Kimberly); and daughter, Ashley Fisher; grandchildren, Brittany Powell, Courtney Fisher, Sheldon Barnes, Brennen Fisher and Campbell Smith.

A special thank you to Terry and Donna Johnson and their family for all of their support, as well as Hood River Providence Hospice of the Gorge.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Dennis to HRVHS (Attn: HRVHS Athletics Department 1220 Indian Creek Rd., Hood River, Oregon 97031).

A celebration of life graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Friday June 23, 2017, at Idlewild Cemetery (980 Tucker Road, Hood River, OR 97031).

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, Oregon 97031. Visit [www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com](http://www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com) to leave a note of condolence for the family and for updated service information.



Smith

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**BALL-KISER, LAURIE** — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston.

**CREASON, JOHN** — Funeral service at 2 p.m. at Columbia View Community Church, 1240 E. Highway 730, Irrigon. Burial follows at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon.

**FRANKLIN, DAVID** — Memorial service at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 48022 St. Andrews Road, Mission. Military services at noon at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton. Dinner and visiting follows at the Jim Wallis residence.

**JACKSON, BETTY** — Remembrance gathering at 3 p.m. at 301 N.E. First St., Pendleton.

**LAMB, SUSAN** — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at The Salvation Army church, 15 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Food and fellowship will follow the service.

**SATER, LARRY** — Graveside funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

**TEMPLE, TOMMIE** — Celebration of life at noon at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton. The celebration continues at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

**PITTS, MELODY** — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at the Cowboy Church, 81012 Highway 395 North, Hermiston.

## 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](http://www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform), by email to [obits@eastoregonian.com](mailto: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.

## DEATH NOTICES

### David Lazinka

Pilot Rock  
March 2, 1965—June 22, 2017

David Lazinka, 52, of Pilot Rock, died Thursday, June 22, 2017 in Portland, Oregon. David was born on March 2, 1965 in Pendleton. Arrangements are pending with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to [www.pioneerchapel.com](http://www.pioneerchapel.com)

### Nicholas L. "Nick" Phillips

Hermiston  
January 31, 1941—June 22, 2017

Nicholas L. "Nick" Phillips was born on January 31, 1941 in Baker City, Oregon. He died on June 22, 2017 at his home in Hermiston at the age of 76 years. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston. Please sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

## MEETINGS

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**  
**NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD**, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

**UMATILLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL**, 6 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. (Michael T. Ward 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-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

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

**HEALTH DISTRICT**, 7 p.m., Lexington Town Hall, 425 F St., Lexington. (541-676-9133)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27**  
**WEST UMATILLA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT MEETING**, 3 p.m., West Umatilla Mosquito Control District Office, 3005 S. First St., Hermiston. Board of Trustee meeting (Janie Cuellar 541-567-5201)

**IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT**, 3:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. (541-422-7131)

**MORROW COUNTY PLAN-**

**NING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**  
**MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutchter 541-676-9061)  
**HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD**, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

## Court OKs trooper's boarder-crossing traffic stop

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The Oregon Supreme Court has reinstated the conviction of a drunken driver who contends a Washington trooper acted beyond his jurisdiction when he stopped him in Oregon in 2011.

The decision reversed

a 2016 ruling from the Oregon Court of Appeals.

According to court documents, the trooper began following James Keller's speeding car in Washington — just north of the Interstate Bridge — and pulled him over in Oregon. He requested assistance from Portland police and that agency completed the

DUI investigation.

In Thursday's opinion, the high court said the trooper had probable cause to stop Keller after observing him commit infractions in Washington. He activated his emergency lights as they were getting ready to enter the bridge, and pulled him over at the earliest opportunity.

# PENDLETON 4TH of JULY PARADE

HOSTED BY THE PENDLETON VFW "LET 'ER BUCK" POST 922

**10 AM • Tuesday, July 4, 2017**

THEME: *"Salute to America's Heroes"*

STAGING AND LINE-UP:

Staging Area: Western Auto/Baxter Parking Lot • HORSE ENTRIES ONLY

Line-Up Area: SW Dorion Street • All entries need to be in position by 9:15.

ROUTE:

From City of Pendleton building on SW Dorion to Main Street to SW Court to the Convention Center

WHO MAY ENTER:

Any Individual, Organization or Business - ALL ARE WELCOME

ENTRY FORMS:

May be picked up at the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, Dean's Athletic, DG Gifts, Elite Guns & Bows and the Pendleton Downtown Association 380 S. Main Street

You may also mail requests to VFW Post 922 • PO Box 787 • Pendleton, OR 97801

or email requests to: [fburadbury@yahoo.com](mailto:fburadbury@yahoo.com)

Return entry forms to the Chamber, or email to Fred Bradbury

Questions? Call Fred Bradbury at 541-377-7474

JUDGING:

All Entries will receive a participation ribbon. Trophies will be awarded in the following 14 Categories:

MOTORIZED - Best Club • MOTORIZED - Judges' Choice • BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL • FIRST RESPONDERS & ARMED FORCES • PEOPLE WITH PETS • BAND / DRUM & BUGLE • YOUTH DANCE & DRILL GROUPS FLOATS • CIVIC GROUPS & SERVICE CLUBS • YOUTH GROUPS • EQUESTRIAN (2 riders or less) EQUESTRIAN GROUPS • EQUESTRIAN GROUPS - Royalty • HORSE & BUGGY/WAGON

\* In Addition, the VFW will award the "Patriot Trophy" to the entrant with the most overall votes (Winner of Patriot Trophy not eligible for additional trophies)

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## LOTTERY

**Thursday, June 22**

**Lucky Lines**  
4-7-10-13-20-23-25-31

Estimated jackpot:  
\$36,000

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 4-5-7-7  
4 p.m.: 1-6-2-4  
7 p.m.: 5-3-8-5  
10 p.m.: 3-2-8-4

**Friday, June 23**

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 3-0-7-2