

OBITUARIES

David Robert Lazinka

Pilot Rock
March 2, 1965-June 22, 2017

David Robert Lazinka died June 22, 2017. He was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on March 2, 1965, to Robert and Sandra Lazinka.



Lazinka

David attended Pilot Rock Elementary and High School, and BMCC in Pendleton, Oregon. He spent most of his working life on the cattle and wheat ranch that his parents operated in Umatilla and Morrow County. His favorite work responsibility was the trucking of hay and cattle on the ranch operation. He also spent many days horseback, moving cattle with a good cow dog to help him.

When the ranch was sold, David worked a short time at the Pilot Rock mill and for area farmers and ranchers. David is survived by his wife Laura Reedy Lazinka; son Shane Royce Lazinka; daughter Aimee Kay Lazinka; parents Sandra and Bob Lazinka; brother Mark Lazinka; sister Cathy

Dietz; nieces Maggie Dietz and Kayla Lazinka Wood; nephew Casey Dietz and grandnephew Everett Wood; father- and mother-in-law Roger and Alta Reedy; stepdaughter Jennifer McLean; stepgrandchildren Dylan Harwood, Gavin McLean and Kara Herbert; and special young friends Brayden Fix and Kaylee Kaneaster.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 30, 2017, from noon to 4:30 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom Bishop. A graveside service for family and friends will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 1 at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Donations may be made to Blue Mountain Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 100, Pendleton, OR 97801.

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

George John Luciani

Echo
October 2, 1925 - June 23, 2017

George John Luciani, 91, of Echo, Oregon, passed away peacefully at his home on Butter Creek surrounded by his family on June 23, 2017.



Luciani

George was born in Echo, Oregon, in a Union Pacific section house on October 2, 1925, to Giovanni "John" Luciani and Rosina Dimico Luciani. George was raised and attended school in Echo where he excelled at basketball. He graduated from Echo High School in 1943, and a year later he enlisted in the United States Army.

During that time George met the love of his life, Beatrice Haugen, a sweet Norwegian girl from South Dakota whom he was introduced to by his sister Carmelita and her husband Fiore Borghese. After basic training at Camp Roberts, he and Beatrice were married February 4, 1945, in Pendleton, Oregon. He served in the Philippines at an Army hospital and later was sent to Japan where he achieved the rank of staff sergeant. Shortly after he was honorably discharged and returned to Echo.

George's love of farming started 70 years ago working for local farmers. A lease partnership was formed with Leo Ashbeck at Pine City until he purchased his own farm in 1965, which is still located on Butter Creek.

Committed to the community, George was active in many activities and organizations over the years including Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Board where George was honored as grand marshal in 1990. George was involved in various community activities including: member of the Echo School Board, an Echo Quarterback Club founding member, life member of the VFW and Heppner Elks Lodge, Oregon Wheat Growers

Association, Morrow County Grain Growers, McNary Yacht Club charter member and longtime member of the Lutheran Church.

His hobbies included being a rock hound, and he enjoyed motorcycles, fishing, hunting and boating. George lit up whenever friends and family would visit, the hospitality was abounding no matter who walked into the room. He absolutely cherished time with his family and supported the numerous activities of his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 72 years, Beatrice "Bea" Luciani, Echo, Ore.; daughters Karla Anderson (Doug), Sheila Cozad (Bob) and Patty Matheny, and son John H. Luciani (Karen); 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren with one more to come any day; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George was proceeded in death by his parents; three sisters, Carmelita Borghese, Dorothy Brown and Marion Hibbard; beloved niece Pam Haugen Fishman; and son-in-law David Matheny.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. Burial with military honors will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in George's memory to the Echo Historical Society or Vange John Hospice Veterans Honor Program c/o Burns Mortuary, 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.

Sandra Northrup

East Wenatchee, Wash.
June 15, 2017



Northrup

If you haven't yet heard the news from friends or family or chance encounters among strangers that Sandy Northrup passed away, don't worry. You will. It's inevitable. A person as wise and caring and funny and dedicated as Sandy doesn't weave herself into North Central Washington with such devotion without everyone eventually hearing about our loss.

Our loss. With Sandy, our loss is not ours. Yes, we grieve in private as husband and sons, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. But our loss is your loss. Our grief is your grief. We cry for her as a family, but we don't cry alone. An entire swath of the Pacific Northwest is in mourning, from the dry plains outside Pendleton, to the vibrant community where the Wenatchee River meets the Columbia, to the quiet mountain skies of Mazama. There and here and everywhere in between, we all remember her.

That's what happens when you dedicate your life to the people around you. People tend to remember.

She made her presence felt from her earliest years. Whether putting on a rope spinning display for tourists by the age of ten, enjoying time with sisters Cindee and Linda, or terrorizing her younger brother Lance, Sandy was a young Oregonian woman who entranced everyone she met.

That included a young man from Milton-Freewater, Ore., named Gordi. The two were wed in 1964 and remained happily ever after. They moved to North Central Washington and raised two sons, Brad and Craig. After a while, Sandy decided she would lose her entire collection of marbles if she spent one more solitary minute with her weirdo kids, and that she needed a well-deserved break and some peace and quiet in her life. So she went to work at Wenatchee High School. For 15 years, Sandy served as career counselor at both the high school and Wenatchee Valley College, helping a generation of young people discover their own paths as they navigated the world ahead. She touched the lives of thousands of students. Whether preparing for the SATs and ACTs, choosing the right college and maneuvering through the application process, practicing for job interviews, or developing basic life skills, students leaned on Sandy because she was always eager to help the children and young adults of Wenatchee succeed. She led fundraisers, worked with boosters, dedicated her energy, and sacrificed her time to help students in any way she could. She continued her devotion to the Panthers even after she left the School District to go to work for the local bus

system. At LINK, she fit right in, absorbing her new role as community relations specialist with that same enthusiasm and commitment. Helping the elderly, the disabled, and the impoverished use the bus was a labor of love that continues to pay dividends to this day. Nothing could keep Sandy from making the world around her a better place. Not even cancer.

She enjoyed a healthy retirement for 12 years, revitalizing her commitment to serve her community, exploring new adventures as a grammie and enjoying new friendships with her neighbors in Mazama, Wash. But unlike Sandy, breast cancer is an old hag that doesn't care about the world around it or who it hurts. Cancer spent the past 16 months trying to kill the spirit of Sandy Northrup. The closest it ever got was killing her body on June 15, 2017, as she slept quietly in her home in East Wenatchee.

Sandy is preceded in death by her parents, Lois and Ford Robertson of Pendleton, Oregon, and survived by Gordi, her husband of 52 years, of Wenatchee, Washington; son Brad (Aimee, Emma and Jacob) of Nine Mile Falls, Washington; son Craig (Trinity and grandson Dawson) of Salt Lake City, Utah; sister Linda (Bob) of Cove, Oregon; sister Cindee of Eugene, Oregon; brother Lance (Sarah); and five nieces and nephews.

But more importantly, Sandy leaves behind a legacy of compassion to others and commitment to her community. People are enjoying a small park in East Wenatchee because she and a handful of volunteers took a summer planting seed and landscaping soil. Doctors and staff are helping patients in a wing of Central Washington Hospital that exists because she raised community funds to make it happen. A legion of kids from Wenatchee High grew up to live better, more prosperous lives because she dedicated her time and sweat and soul to them. Sandy lived her life trying to help everyone around her. She believed in the importance of community, of compassion, of coming together to build something greater than herself. She leaves behind a challenge to us all to do the same, footsteps that are easy to follow but impossible to fill.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. on August 18th at Ohme Gardens in Wenatchee, Wash. In lieu of flowers, please send any gifts to Cancer Care of North Central Washington, 1708 Castlerock Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801. (www.cancercarencw.org/donate.php)

Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, Wash.

DEATH NOTICES

Nicholas L. 'Nick' Phillips

Hermiston

Jan. 31, 1941-June 22, 2017

Nicholas L. "Nick" Phillips, 76, of Hermiston died Thursday, June 22, 2017, at his home. He was born Jan. 31, 1941, in Baker City. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, July 1 at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Ruby Mae Crewse

Milton-Freewater

Jan. 2, 1928 - June 24, 2017

Ruby Mae Crewse, 89, of Milton-Freewater died Saturday, June 24, 2017. She was born Jan. 2, 1928. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Billy Joe Reed

Pendleton

June 25, 2017

Billy Joe Reed, 84, of Pendleton died Sunday, June 25, 2017. Memorial services will be held Friday, June 30 at 10 a.m. at Sun Ridge Assisted Living, 2801 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

No services scheduled

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

LUCIANI, GEORGE — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 SPECIAL MEETING, 9 a.m., Fire Station 21, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. Discussion of a personnel issue and the contract for Community Leasing Partners. (Reta Larson 541-667-5126)

WEST UMATILLA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT, 3 p.m., West Umatilla district office, 3005 S. First St., Hermiston. (Janie Cuellar 541-567-5201)

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 4:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. (541-422-7131)

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING 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. (Robert Luther 541-676-9061)

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 10:30 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse, 216 S.E. Fourth St., Pendleton. (Doug Olsen 541-278-6208)

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

MONDAY, JULY 3
STOKES LANDING SENIOR CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. (Karen 541-922-3137)

HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)

WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. 6:30 p.m. study session, 7 p.m. regular meeting. (541-938-5531)

Jane Pahl Meek

Blaine, Wash.

February 9, 1932-June 21, 2017

Jane Pahl Meek, 85, passed away June 21st, 2017. Jane was born in Pendleton, Oregon of February 9th, 1932, to Hans and Helen (Mumm) Pahl, and was later raised by Alice (Handley) Pahl, after her mother passed and her father remarried.



Meek

She was born and raised in Pendleton, Oregon. She attended college at both the U of O in Eugene and Oregon State College and then returned to Pendleton. She left in 1963 when she met and married her late husband Ray Meek and they moved to the Tri-Cities, Wash., and began

a family.

Jane had been living in Blaine, Wash., for the last 10 years and had spent the last year with wonderful staff at Staffholt. She enjoyed reading, cribbage, travel and spending time with friends, and only missed the Pendleton Round-Up recently when her health wouldn't allow travel. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

She is survived by daughter Marilyn (Meek) LaCasse, husband Paul LaCasse and one grandson, Bryce LaCasse.

No services will be held, at her request.

OBITUARY POLICY

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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.

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