

Violet Rose (Burke) McGuire

Fairview, Ore.
May 19, 1947 - October 18, 2017

Violet Rose (Burke) McGuire, 70, a resident of Fairview, Oregon, passed away on October 18, 2017, surrounded by her family, at her home in Fairview, Oregon. She was 70 years old.



McGuire

A dressing ceremony will be held Monday, October 23, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary in Pendleton. Recitation of the rosary will follow at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Mission. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 10 a.m., also at St. Andrew's Mission.

Violet was born on May 19, 1947, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Videll Burke. Violet grew up in Pilot Rock, Oregon, with Lorena and Gordon Chapman and family, and graduated from Pilot Rock High School in 1966. In high school she was active in the pep club, FBLA and was a majorette in the high school marching band.

After graduation, Violet moved to Boise, Idaho, to attend business school. When she returned to Pendleton she began her career at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, later transferring to Portland, Oregon, where she met her husband of 42 years, Brian McGuire.

Violet gave 30 years of service to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission as the commission's recording secretary and human resources specialist from the time of its formation in 1977 until 2007. In this role, she was responsible for compiling and distributing the commission's agenda and recording its deliberations and actions. Her meticulous work strengthened the authority of the Umatilla, Warm Springs, Yakama, and Nez Perce tribes for co-managing treaty-protected resources under federal court orders and agreements among the tribes, states, and the federal government.

As part of her human resources work, Violet was part of the inception of the Northwest Native American Human Resources Association, where she served as secretary. She will be remembered by her colleagues for her attention to the details of the commission's work, her knowledge of the commission's history, and her beautiful handwriting.

her smile, and her infectious laugh.

After retiring from CRITFC in 2007, Violet spent time with her family traveling the United States. Some of her favorite traveling memories were visiting the beaches of Oregon and Hawaii; Graceland; Washington, D.C.; and San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge. Most recently, Violet took a road trip with her sister to Waco, Texas, to see her favorite TV stars, Chip and Joanna Gaines.

Becoming a grandma was one of Violet's greatest joys. She loved to shop for her grandchildren and often found the coolest outfits and one-of-a-kind toys. Her grandkids called her an "awesome gramma" and knew she would do anything for them.

Violet will be remembered by many for her bright smile, kind heart, and keen fashion sense. She loved to laugh and was very festive during any occasion. She always put her family first and enjoyed cooking and bringing family and friends together.

Violet is survived by her husband, Brian McGuire; her mom, Videll Bronson (Virgil Bronson); sister Verna Patrick (Marsha, Aaron, Ryan Ashley and their families); brother Richard Bronson (Bryon, Jesse, Kylie, Billy Bronson and their families); sister Lawanda Bronson (TJ and Bobby Parrish and their families); children Gary McLaws, Monika McGuire (Vernon Smartlowit), Kyle McGuire and Kaeleen McGuire; her grandchildren Cole Sazue and Summer Smartlowit; sisters-in-law Mary Anne McGuire Hickey, Rosaleen McGuire Flynn (Nora, Brian, Megan, Theresa Flynn and their families), Monica McGuire; many cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family; and countless dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather Richard Burke, grandmother Elizabeth Woods, brothers Ronald Bronson, Wendell Bronson, Vern Bronson and Bryson Bronson; and her granddaughter Karlee Rain Sazue.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Ruth M. Olson

Hermiston
May 8, 1928 - October 19, 2017

Ruth M. Olson, 89, of Hermiston passed away with her family by her side on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Ruth was born May 8, 1928, in Airlie, Oregon, the second daughter of William and Byrda (Reece) Vogt. She grew up in Salem on a farm and attended a one-room school for eight years. She graduated from Salem High School in the Class of 1946.

She married Willard A. Olson in 1946 when he returned home from serving in the Navy after World War II. The couple moved to Portland where they made their home and raised their family. They moved to Hermiston 15 years ago to be closer to their family.

Ruth worked as a cook for the David Douglas School District and later for Loaves and Fishes. She also did

volunteer work for the senior center.

Ruth enjoyed cooking, sewing, planting flowers and working in her yard. She built a three-tiered pond and several ornamental landscaping features at the age of 80.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Willard "Bill" of Hermiston; two sons, Mike (and Garnet) Olson of Pendleton and David C. (and Denise) Olson of Stanfield; daughter Shirley Ann Luthe of Hermiston; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; brothers Vernon and Ray Vogt; and a sister, Betty Morris.

A private family gathering was held.

To leave an online condolence for the family go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com



Olson

Adolph Joseph Melendrez

Pendleton
July 20, 1920 - October 16, 2017

Adolph Joseph Melendrez, 97, of Pendleton passed away while sleeping on October 16, 2017.

Adolph was born July 20, 1920, in Denver, Colorado, to Manuel and Flora (Casados) Melendrez. He was a middle child amongst 18 siblings. Adolph was the beloved father to three children, Loretta, Elizabeth and Adolph "Sonny" Jr.

He was a World War II veteran. He was part of the infantry that stormed Omaha Beach.

Adolph farmed until his early 90s.

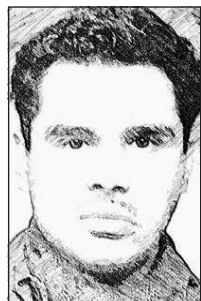
He loved boxing and coached local boxing groups in his free time.

He is survived by his daughters Loretta and Elizabeth, and grandchildren John and Javier Vigil and Manuel Melendrez, along with numerous great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by all of his siblings, his son Adolph, and granddaughter Renee Melendrez.

There will be a funeral service on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. There will be a graveside service following with military honors at Olney Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.



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MEETINGS

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MONDAY, OCT. 23
NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

UMATILLA BASIN WATER-SHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 97300 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. Elghth 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)

TUESDAY, OCT. 24
EAST IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, 9 a.m., IRZ conference room, 500 N. First St., Hermiston. (Mathew Vickery 509-820-3234)

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 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, OCT. 25
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutcher 541-676-9061)

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 26
SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD, 12 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Susan Lamb 541-276-3369)

UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton. (541-278-6252)

PENDELTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Jutta Haliewicz 541-276-0240)

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
EASTERN OREGON TRADE & EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY, 7 a.m., EOTEC main building, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. (541-289-9800)

DEATH NOTICES

Marie J. Beach

Pendleton
Sept. 6, 1924 - Oct. 18, 2017

Marie J. Beach, 93, of Pendleton died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017, in a local care facility. She was born Sept. 6, 1924. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com

Jeanette Reichert

Waitsburg, Wash.
Jan. 31, 1927 - Oct. 20, 2017

Jeanette A. Reichert, 90, of Waitsburg, Wash., died Friday, Oct. 20, 2017, at her home. She was born Jan. 31, 1927. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

LOTTERY

Thursday, Oct. 19
Lucky Lines

04-08-12-14-FREE-20-23-28-30

Estimated jackpot: \$17,000

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 7-6-9-0
4 p.m.: 6-7-5-2
7 p.m.: 3-4-6-4
10 p.m.: 4-1-9-2

Friday, Oct. 20
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 1-1-1-7

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