

OBITUARIES

Carolyn Rostock

Pendleton

May 1, 1926 - Dec. 13, 2017

Longtime Pendleton resident Carolyn Elizabeth (Williams) Rostock passed away at Callaway Gardens Care facility in Kennewick on Dec. 13, 2017. A graveside service will be held at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon, on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at 11 a.m.

Carolyn was born on May 1, 1926 in Oakland, New Jersey, to parents Edwin and Gertrude Williams. As a youth, Carolyn lived in Newport, California. Her family then moved to Springfield, OR where Carolyn graduated from Springfield High School. She attended Eastern Oregon College of Nursing in La Grande, Oregon, for two years and then served in the Cadet Nurse Corp during WWII.

Married in 1947 to Ernest Rostock, she resided in Pendleton for 68 years where she raised her three children. She was active in her children's school activities and community events and supported her husband in his many activities.

After her children were out of the house she worked as a school aide at McKay Creek grade school. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, where she held many positions of leadership, the National Insulator Association and the Pendleton Frontier Collectors Club. In 1980, Carolyn and her husband,

Ernie, began a second career when they opened an antique store in Pendleton called "My Wife's Antiques." The store provided a perfect opportunity for the two of them to work together doing something they both enjoyed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Bud Williams; granddaughter Emily Louise Hart and grandson Jonathan Rostock.

Carolyn is survived by daughter Jill Banister (Cliff), Pendleton; son Mark Rostock, Key Largo, Florida; daughter Julie Hart (Greg), Connell, Washington; grandchildren Brian (Kelli) Hart, Seattle, Washington, Eric Hart (Chafen), Dallas Texas; great-grandchildren Allie, Lucy, Andrew, Hal, Dottie and Ruthie; and her dear and long time friend Barbara Irving, Pendleton.

As a member of the greatest generation, Carolyn used her creative and artistic gifts in all areas of her life. Her passion was sharing and serving others. Her life was spent putting the needs of her family and friends first. She was an accomplished homemaker, mother, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a gift to her family and will be missed by all who knew her.

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



Rostock

Eddie "Gritter" Grabeel

Hermiston

Aug. 17, 1948 - Dec. 27, 2017

Eddie "Gritter" Grabeel was born Aug. 17, 1948, in Ava, Missouri, the son of Scolan and Loeta (Elliott) Grabeel. He passed away in Richland, Washington, on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at the age of 69.

Eddie moved from Missouri to Pendleton, Oregon, in 1954. He moved to Hermiston in 1960 and he graduated from Hermiston High School in the class of 1966. In 1968, he was drafted into the Army where he served as an Army Ranger in the 75th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge in 1970, he returned to Hermiston where he has resided since. Eddie worked in several careers such as; a lineman, for Union Pacific Railroad and as a construction worker for Local 121.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles, making canes and knives, and watching Jeopardy.

Eddie married Kathryn in 1972, from this union three daughters were born, Karen, Kimberly and Karra. The couple later divorced.

He was preceded in

death by his mother, Loeta. He is survived by his three daughters, Karen (Gabriel) Owen of Lexington; Kimberly (Marco) Lopez of Hermiston; Karra (Earl) VanFossen of Hermiston; parents, Scolan and Beverly Grabeel of Hermiston; brothers, Charles Grabeel of Hermiston and Keith (Cindy) Grabeel of Wenatchee, Washington; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at the Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Burial with military honors will follow in the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration will follow at the Cozy Corner Tavern (198 E. Main St., Hermiston, Oregon).

Family suggest memorial donation in Eddie's memory be made to the Hermiston V.F.W. Post 4750. His family wishes to offer a special thank you to caregiver Glynis Newman.

To leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com



Grabeel

Edward L. Ruttan

Pendleton

Oct. 19, 1954. - Dec. 24, 2017

Edward L. "Opa" Ruttan, 63, of Pendleton, Oregon, passed away suddenly on Dec. 24, 2017, in Renton, Washington, shortly after his acceptance to the lung transplant list. Ed was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on Oct. 19, 1954, to Ross and June (Caterall) Ruttan.

Ed absolutely loved his hometown of Pendleton, Oregon. After graduating from Pendleton High School in 1972, he joined the Army where he honorably served 20 years handling logistics. He did two tours in Berlin, which was his favorite place that he served.

He married the love of his life, Ellen Rideout (or Els, My Precious), on Nov. 30, 1996. He loved his dogs, Dobermans from years ago, Yahtzee and Xena; and more recently smaller companions, Miss Pixie, Miss Pickles, Missie and Zorro.

Ed leaves behind a legacy of kindness and generosity. He was an avid jokester and was always making others smile.

Ed "Opa" is survived by his precious wife, Ellen; brother, Bill Ruttan; stepdaughter, Staci and husband Andy Roberts; stepson, Paris White; grandchildren, Leanna Hunt-Shippentower and husband Nachea Shippentower, Brittanni Hunt, Justin Roberts, Chelsea and husband Jared Brown, and Tessa Marie White; great-grandchildren, Devon, Jaxxon and Emrys Shippentower, Jocelyn and Brooklyn Smallz, and Lynley Jean Brown.

He was predeceased by his parents and grandson, Daniel White.

Funeral service with military honors will be held Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Inurnment will take place at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon, will take place at a later date.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign our on line condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com



Ruttan

Thomas George Waterland

Pendleton

April 24, 1928 - Dec. 25, 2017

Tom was born Thomas George (Gorgeous) Waterland to Luther T. and Kate I. (Hahn) Waterland on April 24, 1928, in Camp Crook, South Dakota. On Christmas morning 2017, Tom passed quietly after a very brief illness in Pendleton, Oregon.

Tom was a teacher with the Pendleton School District for 27 years and worked simultaneously for the Umatilla County Sheriff's department (his dream job) as an officer and later as an investigator. He touched too many lives to count.

Tom is survived by his spouse, Marge Waterland (even though they were separated for many years they remained friends), his children, Richard, Judi Emerick, DiAnn Taylor, Michelle Williams, Michael, Dan Swanson, Sandi Collins and Rick Swanson; 22 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two

great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Wanda Gundlach and Helen Fahmi; his brother, Luther Waterland; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his

parents; brother, Ted; his son, George; and his special friend, Fern Levno.

A viewing will be held at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, from 1-5 p.m. Funeral service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow. The interment will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Olney Cemetery.

For a full life story please visit www.burnsmortuary.com. The family invites you to leave your name and stories of Tom in the online guest book.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.



Waterland

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BRIEFLY

SATURDAY, DEC. 30 SATURDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Drop-in craft time for kids. Free. (541-567-2882)

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

SUNDAY, DEC. 31 KIDS KLUB, 9:30 a.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. For children of all ages. Includes arts, crafts, music and more. Free. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12-1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100)

"AS THE BALL DROPS ON TIMES SQUARE", 5:30 p.m., Maxwell Siding Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston. Murder mystery dinner theater presentation features prime rib or lemon chicken, party favors and toasting in the New Year with sparkling cider. Formal wear encouraged but not required. Tickets are \$45 per person. (541-571-7293 or 541-567-8774)

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Join the jam session, or just listen. Light refreshments included. (Laura Meacham 541-567-3141)

THE SPAZMATICs, 8 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino Rivers Events Center, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. New Wave geekiness meets outstanding musicianship with flair and style. Tickets are available online or at the gift shop. (800-654-9453)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 HERMISTON RESOLUTION RUN, 10 a.m., Riverfront Park, Families, kids, strollers, and pets are all welcome! This is a free self-supported run/walk with no aid stations. The main 5K course follows the Oxbow trail starting and ending at Riverfront Park. An optional detour through the off-road trails. More details on Facebook.

FIRST DAY SNOWSHOE HIKE, 11 a.m., Emigrant Springs State Heritage Park, 65068 Old Oregon Trail Highway, Meacham. Ring in the New Year with a snowshoe hike. Meet at the day-use parking lot to the right of the entrance. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes, and bring water, a camera and binoculars. Some snowshoes will be available to use. Free. (Chris Havel 503-986-0722)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

SENSORY EXPLORATION, 11 a.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. For ages 0-3. Sensory Bins provide endless ways for lit-

tle ones to experience new things with all of their senses and boost essential skills. (541-276-1066)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

CRAFTERNOONS, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

LADIES NIGHT OUT, 6-8 p.m., Abby's Pizza, 828 Southgate, Pendleton. Meet other ladies for food, fun and fellowship. Pizza and salad is provided. (Terri Hardcastle 541-276-6417)

PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (541-567-2882)

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

DEATH NOTICES

Irene F Boatright

Athena

May 14, 1947 - Dec. 27, 2017

Irene F Boatright, 70, of Athena died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, at her residence in Athena. She was born May 14, 1947. There will be a service Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.

Robert W. Grant

North Bend

Feb. 1, 1925 - Dec. 24, 2017

Former Pendleton resident Robert W. Grant, 92, of North Bend died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017, in Coos Bay. He was born Feb. 1, 1925, in East Greenville, Pennsylvania. Arrangements are with Coos Bay Chapel. To view the full obituary and sign the online guest book, visit www.coosbayareafunerals.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

FORBES, LAVADA — Celebration of life service at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

RENICK, MAX — Graveside service with military honors at 11 a.m. at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla. A celebration of life service follow at 1 p.m. at Columbia View Community Church, 1230 E. Highway 730, Irrigon.

ZUMWALT, RON — Graveside service with military honors at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

More than 3 months after Maria, barely half of Puerto Rico has power

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico authorities said Friday that nearly half of power customers in the U.S. territory still lack electricity more than three months after Hurricane Maria, sparking outrage among islanders who accuse the government of mismanaging its response to the Category 4 storm.

Officials said 55 percent of the nearly 1.5 million customers have power, marking the first time the government has provided that statistic since Maria hit on Sept. 20 with winds of up to 154 mph. Officials had previously reported only power generation, which stands at nearly 70 percent of pre-storm levels.

"It's just extraordinary that it is still so far away from being 100 percent recovered," said Susan Tierney, a senior adviser for Denver-based consulting company Analysis Group who testified before a U.S. Senate committee on efforts to restore power in Puerto Rico. "I'm not aware of any time in recent decades since the U.S. has electrified the entire economy that there has been an outage of this magnitude."

One of Puerto Rico's 78 municipalities remains entirely without power, and it's unclear when some electricity will be restored to the central mountain town of Ciales. Crews this week restored power for the first time to parts of the southeast coastal town of Yabucoa, which received the first hit from Maria.

Among those still in the dark is Christian Pagan, 58, who lives near the capital of San Juan and said it was the government's fault that a large number of people still don't have power.

"Everybody saw that the devastation was great, but I don't understand why they're trying to sell people something that's not real," he said of the explanations the government has provided as to why power has not been fully restored.



AP Photo/Carlos Giusti, File

In this Dec. 21 file photo, barrio Patron resident Karina Santiago Gonzalez works on a small power plant in Morovis, Puerto Rico.

"The first month was lost to bureaucracy and an uncoordinated reaction."

He especially criticized the power company's former director, Ricardo Ramos, who resigned in late October after signing a \$300 million contract for a Montana-based company that had only two full-time employees when the storm hit. Ramos also had said that he did not activate mutual-aid agreements with power companies in the U.S. mainland in part because there was no way to communicate with them.

It is not yet known what percentage of businesses and homes now have electricity. Power company spokesman Gerardo Quinones told The Associated Press that officials are still working to obtain that data, stressing that the optical fiber that helps provide the number of customers with power and other data

was destroyed by the hurricane.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello had pledged 95 percent power generation by Dec. 15, while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has said the entire island will have power by May.

Fredyson Martinez, vice president of a union that represents workers with Puerto Rico's power company, told the AP on Friday that a recent study by local engineers found that 90 percent of industries and 75 percent of businesses already have power, meaning residential areas are disproportionately in the dark.

Martinez also said that a lack of supplies and equipment is slowing power restoration efforts, echoing an early concern by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which also has said that Puerto Rico's rough terrain presents another challenge.