

OBITUARIES

MLou Williams

Hermiston
November 25, 1942 - May 30, 2018

MLou Williams of Hermiston, Oregon, passed away on May 30, 2018, at Chaplaincy Hospice House in Kennewick, Washington. Mary Louise Keeney Williams (MLou) was born at home on Nov. 25, 1942, in Nubieber, California, to her parents, Orley Warren Williams and Callie Louise Sloan Williams. She was early, and there were only two beds at the hospital, so she messed up the reservation. Just after her first birthday the family, including her sister, Sue Ella, then age 2, moved to the Tri-Cities, Washington, where her parents started work at Hanford, her father as a power operator and her mother in a metallurgy lab. MLou started school in the Quonset huts set up by Sacajawea Grade School, then Sacajawea, then Jason Lee Elementary, Chief Joseph Junior High, and graduated from Columbia High School in Richland in 1960, participating in special “Fast Learner” classes throughout school. She attended Columbia Basin Junior College, Whitworth College in Spokane and graduated in 1972 from the University of Washington with a BA in communications specializing in editorial journalism. At 47, she earned perfect grades and in one year completed her Master of Science degree in library science at the University of Pennsylvania in Clarion, Pa. She worked for the *Tri-City Herald*, *St. Helens Sentinel-Mist Chronicle*, *Everett Daily Herald*, *Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle* (news editor), *East Oregonian* (bureau chief) and *Hermiston Herald*. She freelanced for various publications and won photography awards at county fairs in Oregon and Washington and from the Washington Newspaper Association for action sports photos. Her journalism career also brought her a walk through apple orchards with Lorne Greene of “Bonanza” fame, an evening of chicanery with the then-young Statler Brothers during the Omak Stampede, an internship at the Seattle Science Center in public relations, and an evening of dancing with Swedish oceanic artist Axel Lind. She married Raymond Bedford (Gus) Keeney in Richland on Aug. 14, 1964. They lived in Richland for a year, then moved to St. Helens, Oregon. There she worked for the Oregon State Dept. of Employment, then the local newspaper in photography and print shop. She was divorced nine years later, and moved to Seattle to finish college as she managed the print shop for the Catholic Archdiocese, which published the Catholic Northwest Progress, Catholic high school newspapers, and other publications. After finishing college at the University of Washington in Seattle, she moved to Omak, Washington, where she was society editor, then news editor, of the *Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle*. In 1976, she was in a life-threatening car accident that cost her six months of recovery. During that time she worked in public relations for Crown Zellerbach in its Omak office and was trained as an audiologist. In 1977, she moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where she became bureau chief for the *East Oregonian*. She covered government and schools, and was presented with an award from the Hermiston Teachers Association for her unbiased reporting coverage of schools. In 1982, she went to work at the Hermiston Public Library, where her five-year goal was to build a new library. She ran a successful community-wide building campaign, wrote grants totaling more than half a million dollars, and automated the library, the first non-met-

ropolitan library automated in Oregon. She was news editor for several years and president two years for the Eastern Oregon Library Association (EOLA). She served on the Oregon State Library’s original committee to develop Public Library Standards, and many committees for the Oregon Library Association (OLA.) She participated in many presentations at the OLA annual conference and was published in the OLA Quarterly publication. She was a director on the board of the Public Libraries Association. She was also a member of the American Library Association and had been runner-up for their national LITA (Libraries in Technology Association) full scholarship to graduate school. (She went anyway as a teaching assistant.) Her favorite of many library memories was sharing a bottle of wine and an afternoon chat with Ann Rule, when the author of serial killer Ted Bundy’s story was just beginning her book-writing career with “The Stranger Beside Me.” Her library philosophy was “we have something in our library to offend everyone.” She believed in free expression and discussion of all ideas, and freedom from censorship. She started special collections in Spanish, large print, CDs, Books on Tape, and videos. She was a modern manager and allowed employees to bring their children to work as needed, finding volunteer work for them when possible. She developed a volunteer program and revitalized the Friends of the Library. She also wrote the grant to hire an automation expert to develop the computer and telephone system for the city of Hermiston. Her final and favorite job success before retiring after 22 years was funding her dream project, “Elderlibraries,” through a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust. The program is still in place and provides rotating collections of large print materials and videos for local senior living centers. The program was one of the winners of the Governor’s 2008 regional Volunteer Awards. MLou was a charter member and President of the Riverview Toastmistress Club, and a charter member of the Desert Arts Council and National Women’s Museum. She was a life-long member of West Side United Protestant Church in Richland. She was a member of Altrusa International of Hermiston for 20 years, where she held various offices, including president of the Foundation Board. MLou was preceded in death by her mother, Louise, of Alzheimer’s in July, 2009; father Orley Warren Williams, of lung cancer in 1986, and her sister, Sue Ella Williams Bauscus, in a bicycle accident in Seattle, in 1979. Surviving her are nephew, Frederick Harold Bauscus II, of Houston and countless cousins in New Mexico, California and Oklahoma. Burial is at Einan’s Desert Memorial Chapel in Richland. There will be no funeral. MLou loved cats. Donations in her memory may be directed to the Pioneer Humane Society, 517 S.E. Third St., Pendleton, OR 97801 or the Benton-Franklin Humane Society, 1736 E. Seventh Ave., Kennewick, WA 99337. “Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle rain. When you wake in the morning hush, I am the swift, uplifting rush, of quiet birds in circling flight, I am the soft starlight at night. Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep.” — *Anonymous from Northwest Indian News*

Marion Aden Culley

Walla Walla
April 14, 1920 - May 22, 2018

Marion Elpha Aden Culley passed away at the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla on May 22, 2018. She was born April 14, 1920, in Walla Walla to John Aden and Freda Bryant Aden and grew up near Mill Creek. She was educated in a one-room schoolhouse on Mill Creek, graduated from Wa-Hi in 1937 and received her RN from St. Mary’s School of Nursing in 1941. She met her future husband, C.H. Culley, a Weston farmer, when he was hospitalized with appendicitis. Our mother generously gave her time seeing to the health care needs of her local community. She was admired for her quick wit and social graces as well as her artistic talent. She was a former lifeguard and once saved two boys from drowning in a nearby creek in Weston. Every summer she worked as a nurse at Lamb-Weston cannery and frozen food plant. Later she worked full-time as an ICU/CCU nurse at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, retiring at age 71. Her children were her main focus and they remember her with love and appreciation. Her son Bob Culley recalls how she helped him bridge the difficulties of youth with her perception, wisdom and love. Her daughter Maureen Calkins considers herself fortunate to have such a kind, understanding and forgiving mother since those traits were required for raising Maureen. Her daughter Kathleen Howard recalls how important her mother’s strength, support and encouragement guided her in life. Her son Cliff Culley credits his mother with teaching him how to share. He remarked, “If I ever decide to share at least I’ll know how.” For her daughter Kim Warner, her mother was a major influence in her life. She recalls her mother’s practical mind along with a great sense of humor, traits for which she was well known. She is survived by son Robert Culley (Mariann), daughter Maureen Calkins (Bill), daughter Kathleen Howard, son Cliff Culley (Roni), daughter Kim Warner (Don), eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband C.H. Culley and daughter Colleen Moser. Our mother was always there for all of us and we will miss her forever. If you wish to donate in honor of our mother the family requests you donate to the Saling House in Weston, Oregon, as part of the Restore Oregon Organization. 503-719-6978 Friends and family may share memories and sign the online guestbook at www.mountainview-colonialdewitt.com



Culley

David C. Muth, 84, of Pilot Rock, Ore., passed away at his residence on May 26, 2018. He was born April 19, 1934, in Munden, Kan., to George and Ila (Elliot) Muth. He was the fifth of six children: three older brothers, Delbert, Harold and Ivan, older sister Geraldine (Gerry), and five years after he was born his baby sister Colleen. As a young boy he lived in many different towns in central and southern California. His dad was a carpenter and found work with the Army building bases during WWII, which required moving around. By third grade he had attended six different schools. When he was 13 he worked summers at Adhor Dairy in Camarillo, Calif., driving hay trucks. He dropped out of school at age 18 and got his Class A commercial license, following his brothers who were truck drivers. He was married at 19 and went into the Army in 1954 through 1956 serving in South Korea (Munsan-Ni) as a truck driver and a driver’s section leader. After he was honorably discharged he resumed driving truck. He later divorced in 1958. He later married Mary (Sam) Davis. Together they had a daughter Melissa (Missy). They later divorced after 20 years. In 1987 he moved to Pendleton where he met Kathryn Hunt. She had two grown daughters, Debbie and Kari, that Dave considered as his own. Dave and Kathy went on long haul for one year, returned to Pendleton, and married. They moved to the Hilmer Horn Ranch in Pilot Rock, Ore. Kathy’s mom was married to Hilmer. For the next 15 years Dave was a seasonal truck driver for the Forest Service. He still worked on the ranch. Dave continued driving truck part time and worked and enjoyed harvest. He joined Pilot Rock Baptist Church in 1994 and was ordained as deacon 2006 until 2016. Dave and Kathy became volunteers at the Pilot Rock Food Pantry in 2007 and in 2015 he became chairman of the board but had to resign due to his cancer. Dave is survived by his wife Kathryn; daughter Melissa Zavalla; daughter Debbie (Jim) Swenson; daughter Kari (Kelly) Keen; granddaughters, great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews John and David Muth, Evelyn Williams, Dolly Bauer and Mary Graves. He was predeceased by his parents, three brothers, and both sisters. There will be a memorial on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pilot Rock Baptist Church. Burns Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com



Muth

Nancy Jane (Hall) Johnson

Pendleton
January 9, 1932 - May 27, 2018

Nancy Jane (Hall) Johnson was born on January 9, 1932, in Gilroy, California, to Claude and Mabel (Weichert) Hall. She passed away on May 27, 2018. Her early years had her living with her parents and younger sister Claudia in Gilroy and then Burlingame, California. She also spent a great deal of quality time at the family’s ranch in Morgan Hill, California. Time at “The Ranch” continued well into her adult years with her own family. On September 20, 1953, she married Forrest (Bill) Johnson in San Mateo, California. The two met at San Mateo Junior College and then continued their education together at San Jose State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology. Although she did enter the professional field pertaining to her college degree for a period of time, her main passion in life was her husband, her three children, and her grandchildren. Daughter Kathy was born in 1955, son Forrest (Rick), Jr. was born in 1957 and son Britt was born in 1959. She was overheard several times in her last days saying that the best part of her life was the raising of her three children and the joy that the three of them brought her. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother to her family. She set the example of being selfless, warm, welcoming, and finding joy in life. Her family and friends will miss her dearly. In the summer of 1970, Nancy and Bill and their three children moved from the Bay Area of California to the small town of Pendleton, Oregon. Nancy resided



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in Pendleton until her death. She loved the small-town atmosphere of Pendleton and the natural beauty that surrounded it. Nancy enjoyed many hobbies in her lifetime including playing the violin, photography, swimming and painting. She also enjoyed continuing her studies of biology, including the smallest of creatures, even bugs. Her favorites were spiders. Her children remember the two pet spiders that she kept in an aquarium — a Black Widow named “Button” and a Brown Recluse named “Mrs. Brown.” This passion was not particularly shared by her children! She was also very fond of animals, especially her little cat Figaro, who will also miss her dearly. Nancy is survived by her husband of 65 years, Bill; daughter Kathy Mulder (Tom); son Forrest (Rick), Jr. (Denise) and son Britt (Lori); grandchildren Kjerstine, Forrest, Lindsey, Alex, Jason, Tysen, Trent, Matthew, Megan, Spencer and Brynn; seven great-grandchildren; and her beloved sister Claudia (Ray). She was preceded in death by her parents. At Nancy’s request, there will be no service. The family requests keeping Nancy in your thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws (pendletonpaws.com) or The American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org). Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com

DEATH NOTICES

Patricia ‘Nanny’ ‘Patty’ Martinez

Hermiston
March 17, 1965 - May 28, 2018

Patricia “Nanny” “Patty” Martinez, 53, of Hermiston died Monday, May 28, 2018. She was born March 17, 1965, in Ontario. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Brent Fife

Pendleton
Nov. 14, 1945 - May 30, 2018

Brent Fife, 72, of Pendleton died Wednesday, May 30, 2018, in Portland. He was born Nov. 14, 1945, in Ontario. Arrangements are pending with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Jean Croxen

Hermiston
July 20, 1929 - June 25, 2017

Jean Croxen, 87, of Hermiston died June 25, 2017, at her home. She was born July 20, 1929, in Richland, Ore. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Curtis E. ‘Curt’ Hinkle

Umatilla
Nov. 15, 1928 - May 31, 2018

Curtis E. “Curt” Hinkle, 89, of Umatilla died Thursday, May 31, 2018, in Hermiston. He was born Nov. 15, 1928, in Barnsdall, Oklahoma. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

BAKER, HAROLD — Graveside service with military honors at 10 a.m. at Riverview Cemetery, Boardman. A celebration of life gathering will follow at noon at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St.
GAEDE, CHARLES — Funeral service at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.
KING, MONA — Graveside funeral service at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.
LANGFORD, STANLEY — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at Weston Community Church, 206 N. Water St.
MASON, PATRICIA — Celebration of life and barbecue from 2-5 p.m. at the home of Darlene Schmid, 32407 E. Punkin Center Road, Hermiston.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

No services scheduled

MONDAY, JUNE 4

No services scheduled

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

No services scheduled

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LOTTERY

Thursday, May 31, 2018
Lucky Lines
01-06-09-14-FREE-19-22-27-30
Estimated jackpot: \$33,000
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 0-8-3-1

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

Friday, June 1, 2018
Pick 4
1 p.m.: 2-2-6-0