



In this 2015, file photo, Charles Krauthammer talks about getting into politics during a news conference in Corpus Christi, Texas. The conservative writer and pundit Krauthammer has died.

# Charles Krauthammer, conservative columnist and pundit, dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Charles Krauthammer, the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and pundit who helped shape and occasionally dissented from the conservative movement as he evolved from “Great Society” Democrat to Iraq War cheerleader to denouncer of Donald Trump, has died at age 68.

His death was announced Thursday by two longtime employers, Fox News Channel and *The Washington Post*. Krauthammer had said publicly a year ago he was being treated for a cancerous tumor in his abdomen and earlier this month revealed that he likely had just weeks to live.

“I leave this life with no regrets,” Krauthammer wrote in *The Washington Post*, where his column had run since 1984. “It was a wonderful life — full and complete with the great loves and great endeavors that make it worth living. I am sad to leave, but I leave with the knowledge that I lived the life that I intended.”

Sometimes scornful, sometimes reflective, he was awarded a Pulitzer in 1987 for “his witty and insightful” commentary and was an influential voice among Republicans. He was most associated with Brit Hume’s nightly newscast and stayed with it when Bret Baier took over in 2009.

Krauthammer is credited with coining the term “The Reagan Doctrine” for President Reagan’s policy of aiding anti-Communist movements worldwide. He was a leading advocate for the Iraq War and a prominent critic of President Barack Obama, whom he praised for his “first-class intellect and first-class temperament” and denounced for having a “highly suspect” character.

Krauthammer was a former Harvard medical student who graduated even after he was paralyzed from the neck down because of a diving board accident, continuing his studies from his hospital bed. He was a Democrat in his youth and his political engagement dated back to 1976, when he handed out leaflets for Henry Jackson’s unsuccessful presidential campaign.

But through the 1980s and beyond, Krauthammer followed a journey akin to such neo-conservative predecessors as Irving Kristol and Norman Podhoretz, turning against his old party on foreign and domestic issues.

“As I became convinced of the practical and theoretical defects of the social-democratic tendencies of my youth, it was but a short distance to a philosophy of restrained, free-market governance that gave more space and place to the individual and to the civil society that stands between citizen and state,” he wrote in the introduction to “Things That Matter,” a million-selling compilation of his writings published in 2013. As of midday Friday, the hardcover edition

of “Things That Matter” Was No. 1 on Amazon.com. The paperback was No. 2.

For the *Post*, Time magazine, The New Republic and other publications, Krauthammer wrote on a wide range of subjects, and in “Things That Matter” listed chess, baseball, “the innocence of dogs” and “the cunning of cats” among his passions. As a psychiatrist in the 1970s, he did groundbreaking research on bipolar disorder.

He was attacked for his politics, and for his predictions. He was so confident of quick success in Iraq he initially labeled the 2003 invasion “The Three Week War” and defended the conflict for years. He also backed the George W. Bush administration’s use of torture as an “uncontrolled experiment” carried out “sometimes clumsily, sometimes cruelly, indeed, sometimes wrongly. But successfully. It kept us safe.”

Krauthammer was sure that Obama would lose in 2008 because of lingering fears from the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and foresaw Mitt Romney defeating him in 2012.

But he prided himself on his rejection of orthodoxy and took on Republicans, too, observing during a Fox special in 2013 that “If you’re going to leave the medical profession because you think you have something to say, you betray your whole life if you don’t say what you think and if you don’t say it honestly and bluntly.”

He criticized the death penalty and rejected intelligent design as “today’s tarted-up version of creationism.” In 2005, he was widely cited as a key factor in convincing Bush to rescind the Supreme Court nomination of the president’s friend and legal adviser Harriet Miers, whom Krauthammer and others said lacked the necessary credentials. And he differed with such Fox commentators as Bill O’Reilly and Laura Ingraham as he found himself among the increasingly isolated “Never Trumpers,” Republicans regarding the real estate baron and former “Apprentice” star as a vulgarian unfit for the presidency.

“I used to think Trump was an 11-year-old, an undeveloped schoolyard bully,” he wrote in August 2016, around the time Trump officially became the Republican nominee. “I was off by about 10 years. His needs are more primitive, an infantile hunger for approval and praise, a craving that can never be satisfied. He lives in a cocoon of solipsism where the world outside himself has value — indeed exists — only insofar as it sustains and inflates him.”

Trump, of course, tweeted about Krauthammer, who “pretends to be a smart guy, but if you look at his record, he isn’t.”

Trump later called him “a dummy who is on too many Fox shows. An over-rated clown!”

## Lewis ‘Logger’ Britton

Lostine  
March 29, 1952 - June 2, 2018

Lewis “Logger” Britton, age 66, died at the Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise, Oregon, on Saturday June 2, 2018.

Born March 29, 1952, in Enterprise, Oregon, he lived his whole life in the Wallowa Mountains. Although he maintained a house in Lostine, his real home was in Promise at the family homestead. His career in logging took him to some of the most beautiful areas in the Pacific Northwest and his love for hunting and fishing took him far beyond, but he always came back home.

His survivors include his daughter Tiffany Britton of West Richland, Wash-

ington, and his son Dustyn Britton, granddaughter Caitlyn Britton and grandson Andrew Britton of La Grande, Oregon, as well as his brothers Paul (Sharon) Britton and Perry Britton, and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Dewitt Britton and mother Marcella Lewis Britton.

A memorial will be held at 11 a.m. on July 7th, 2018, at the Promise Cemetery. There will be a potluck luncheon to follow at the Promise Grange Hall. Please bring your favorite potluck dish, your stories, photos and a Hamms or two.



Britton

## LaVonna Rae Furstenberg

Pendleton  
Aug. 18, 1946 - June 10, 2018

On June 10, 2018, LaVonna Rae Furstenberg, 71, joined her Lord and Savior peacefully in heaven. LaVonna was born Aug. 18, 1946, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Gladys and Fred Wortman. LaVonna is survived by her husband of 47 years, Bob (Robert) Furstenberg; their children, Tyson Furstenberg, Scott Furstenberg, Kim Fox, Jeff Furstenberg, and their spouses; her brother, Eldon Wortman, her sister-in-law and lifelong best friend Shary Wortman and many beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

LaVonna grew up in Pendleton, Oregon, and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1964. She attended Phagan’s Beauty School and upon graduation she began her career as a successful beautician and owner of LaVonna’s Salon. LaVonna was a gifted hairdresser and had an amazing ability to build lifelong friendships with each one of her team workers and clientele.

LaVonna had a love for traveling and making memories. She along with her traveling partners Bob, Eldon and Shary, experienced places like Greece, Italy, Spain, Costa Rica, the Caribbean, Alaska, Panama Canal, Hawaii and

that is just to name a few.

LaVonna was most passionate about her family. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She believed in them, supported them and always gave them caring advice. The birth of her son, Tyson, was the highlight of her life, followed by his marriage to Megan and the birth of her grandchildren, Reese and Reid. LaVonna was also passionate about her love for the Lord, her church and their leader Pastor Marc Mullins. She dedicated countless hours and appreciated every minute spent with her church family. She was loved and respected by everyone who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at the Vert Auditorium, 480 Dorion Ave., Pendleton, on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at 11 a.m., followed by a celebration of life at Hodgen Distributing, 4340 Westgate, Pendleton, Oregon.

LaVonna had a great admiration for the American Cancer Society. Contributions in her memory can be made to Tough Enough To Wear Pink, c/o Pendleton Round-Up Foundation, P.O. Box 609, Pendleton, OR 97801. Online condolences may be sent to [www.pioneerchapel.com](http://www.pioneerchapel.com).



Furstenberg

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For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

## LOTTERY

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**  
**Lucky Lines**  
4-5-9-14-20-22-28-30  
Estimated jackpot:  
\$19,000

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 8-3-8-8  
4 p.m.: 8-8-5-1  
7 p.m.: 6-9-5-8  
10 p.m.: 8-7-7-3

**Friday, June 22, 2018**

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

## OBITUARIES

## Sharon “Shari” K. Gritz

Hermiston  
Nov. 12, 1949 - June 20, 2018

Sharon “Shari” K. Gritz, 68 of Hermiston was born Nov. 12, 1949, in The Dalles, Oregon, the daughter of Gerald and Georgia “Aileen” (Scott) Nisbet. She passed away on Wednesday June 20, 2018, at her home.

Shari grew up and attended school in Wasco, Oregon, where she graduated from Sherman County High School in the class of 1967. After high school, she attended beauty school in Pendleton. She worked as a beautician and taught cosmetology, beauty and barbering throughout her career. She worked for Freddy’s Beauty Salon for many years then owned and operated the Oregon College of Beauty and Barbering until retiring in 2003.

Shari loved her family dearly and enjoyed spending her time with them especially her two grandsons and extended grandchildren. She also enjoyed crafting, rubber stamping and cardmaking and time with her many

cardmaking friends. She enjoyed watching and supporting youth baseball programs in Hermiston.

Shari married George D. Gritz in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho on April 8, 1973.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, George; son, Jeff (Jana) Gritz; sister, Ellen (Gary) Fisher; brothers, Bill (Joanne) Nisbet and Bob Nisbet; grandsons, Nychal and Slade Gritz; and many nieces, nephews and extended friends and family members.



Gritz

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday June 30, 2018, at the Burns Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in Hermiston Cemetery. A gathering for family and friends will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Pheasant Café, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston.

Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary, Hermiston. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to [www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

### Marianne Cecelia (Bantle) Schwartz

Hermiston  
Dec. 13, 1928 - June 21, 2018

Marianne Cecelia (Bantle) Schwartz, 89, of Hermiston died Thursday, June 21, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 13, 1928, in Sheridan, Wyoming. Mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, June 25, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### SATURDAY, JUNE 23

**MOORE, MARGARET** — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman.  
**WAGGONER, SCOTT** — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 24

**KNOPE, JUDY** — Memorial services at 3 p.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.  
**PEDERSEN, TRACEY** — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at Upscale Cafe, Eighth and Main street, Oregon City.  
**VANCE, RICK** — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at The Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club, 4805 S.W. 229th Ave., Aloha.

### MONDAY, JUNE 25

**SCHWARTZ, MARIANNE** — Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 26

No services scheduled



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