

OBITUARIES

Leigh Beamer

Hermiston
January 12, 1924 - August 13, 2018

Leigh Beamer of Hermiston was born January 12, 1924, in Santa Ana, Calif., the daughter of Ralph and Francis (Fitch) Williams. She passed away while visiting family in Moses Lake, Wash., on Monday, August 13, 2018, at the age of 94.



Beamer

As a child, Leigh moved with her family to Oregon and lived in east Lane County throughout most of her childhood. After graduating from high school, she attended Oregon State University where she studied for a couple of years.

While attending college she met Dale A. Beamer. The couple were united in marriage on October 11, 1947, in Eugene, Oregon. They made their home in the Eugene area where they ran a turkey farm and an agriculture business for many years. In 1973 they moved to Condon, Oregon, where they raised cattle and sheep for several years. They moved to Warden, Wash., in 1985 where they raised hay and cattle. In 1995 they retired to Irrigon, Oregon, where she lived until 2011.

She has resided in Hermiston for the past seven years.

Leigh enjoyed many activities such as knitting, quilting, crocheting, cooking, canning, fishing, camping and hunting, and was a 4-H leader.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Dale, on March 5, 2011. She was also preceded by sisters Ora Jane Black and her twin sister Gayle Enney.

She is survived by daughters Virginia Beamer-Highsmith of Powell, Wyo., and Carla McMahon of Hermiston; sons Steve Beamer of Terrebonne, Ore., and Keith Beamer of Moses Lake, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Family suggests memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

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

Jeffrey Dean Marsh

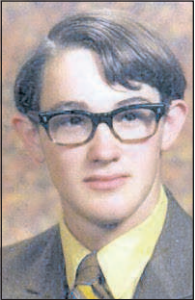
Ephrata, Wash.
July 9, 1954 - August 9, 2018

Jeffrey Dean Marsh, 64 years old, passed away on August 9, 2018, in Kalispell, Montana.



He is survived by his wife Marie, daughter Jennifer, son Andrew, several grandchildren and his Aunt Carolyn. He was the fourth of nine siblings (Bruce, Teresa, Kathy, Bryon, Karen, Michael, Ben Alan, and Joe). He was preceded in death by his mother Marilyn, dad Arthur, stepdad Joe Svatonsky, and grandparents on both sides.

He graduated Hermiston High



Marsh



School in 1972 and then went into the U.S. Navy where he served for 15 years. He then worked for the Postal Service in Wenatchee, Wash., until he retired.

In lieu of flowers, a request of donating to the American Heart Association in his name would be appreciated.

The viewing of Jeff will be at the Nichols Funeral Home in Ephrata, Wash., on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 3 p.m. A reception following the service will be at 819 Fairview St. NW, Ephrata, Wash.

Leland Robert ‘Lee’ Baggett

Pendleton
September 20, 1942 - July 25, 2018

Leland (Lee) Robert Baggett, 75, of Pendleton passed away peacefully on July 25, 2018.

Lee was born September 20, 1942, in Portland, Oregon, to C. P. (Joe) and Kathryn (Fernkopf) Baggett. On June 20, 1964, Lee married Juanita (Nita) Rae Johnston; they recently celebrated 54 happy years of marriage.

A long-time Umatilla County resident, Lee began school in Echo, Oregon, graduated Hermiston High School in 1960, and earned his B.S. in poultry science from Oregon State University in 1965. Lee grew up on a turkey farm, and after college he returned there and operated the family farm for the next 10 years. He also worked as a real estate salesman and as an outside agent selling steel. Except for college and two years in California, Lee lived most of his life in Hermiston and Pendleton, Oregon, originally moving to Umatilla County at the age of 5.

Lee devoted 25 years serving public education in Oregon in what has now become the InterMountain Educational Services District. A passionate supporter of public education, Lee began serving on the Hermiston school board and later as board member and chairman of the Education Service District (ESD). In June 2005 he received the Walter G. Turner Award, a national award from the Oregon Association of

Education, for his meritorious service and contributions to regional education programs.

In addition, Lee was a member of the Oregon Turkey Growers Association, the American Heart Association, and the Elks. While Lee’s heart was in public education, he also loved golf and woodworking. Lee generously shared his beautiful furniture, turned bowls, carved jewelry boxes, and wooden toys with family and friends. Acting as his own general contractor, Lee also oversaw and contributed to the building of four of his family’s homes.

Survivors include his wife, Nita; sons Jeff (Jen) Baggett of La Crosse, Wis., and Mike Baggett of Hamburg, N.Y.; and grandchildren Sophie, Danny, Nolan and Ethan Baggett, and Leo Beet. Lee was very proud of his sons, their accomplishments, and their children. He shared with them all the joy of cribbage and fishing, and the importance of education.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother Rex Baggett.

Per Lee’s wishes there will be no memorial service. His family requests that for those who wish to, any memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or to the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS).

Send online condolences to www.pioneerchapel.com



McCune

Mary Ann McCune

Pendleton
August 24, 1953 - August 11, 2018

Mary Ann McCune, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend and empathetic confidant to so many, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, surrounded and held by her family and dearest friends. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday at the Hospitality Room on the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. People are welcome to stop by any time between 2 and 5 p.m. to share hugs and memories.

Mary Ann was born Aug. 24, 1953, in Horn River, Ore., to Patty Jean and Walter Scott Weeks. She grew up in the idyllic Columbia Gorge town of Cascade Locks, where she formed friendships she cherished throughout her life. She held dear fond memories of outings with her mother and siblings to the many falls in the Gorge. Mary Ann treasured her school years in Cascade Locks and was involved in many activities, from cheerleading and pep rallies to sock hops.

She moved to Aurora, Ore., in 1969 following her mother’s untimely death. She met her future husband, Hal McCune, at North Marion High School, who was a grade behind her. She lived and worked in Portland, Ore., while Hal finished high school. Mary Ann and Hal were married on March 2, 1973.

Hal was in the Air Force the first six years of their marriage, when they lived in upstate New York (Plattsburgh), and Sacramento, Calif. They welcomed their first-born, Nicole, in Plattsburgh. Their first son, Gabe, was born in Sacramento. Hal and Mary Ann moved to Eugene, Ore., after the Air Force, where Hal attended the University of Oregon while Mary Ann provided daycare from their home. Their second son, Jake, was born in Eugene. The family moved to Pendleton in 1983. Their second daughter, Katie, was born in Pendleton.

Mary Ann was employed by Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start (UMCHS) soon after moving to Pendleton, and she excelled as a Head Start teacher and manager. For several years she was director of the Early Head Start program at Pendleton High School, which provides daycare for the children of high school students, so the moms could complete their educations. She helped many young women gain confidence as mothers and individuals, setting the stage for successful lives. She also made several permanent and special friends at Head Start and

they formed a Flamingo support group that specialized in finding time to laugh together.

For the past several years Mary Ann was director of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program operated by UMCHS. She was proud to be able to help parents and their young children live healthier, happier lives. She was a passionate proponent of breast feeding, and, despite her kindness and polite nature, she had little patience with people who were ignorant about the benefits of nursing and the rights of nursing mothers. She was appreciated and loved by her WIC clients and staff alike, including the state WIC staff.

Mary Ann volunteered with many community groups and efforts. She was particularly well known for her commitment to the Pendleton Farmers Market and guided the growth and success of the market for 10 years as president of the board. She initiated the annual Family and Friends Barbeque-Off to raise funds for the market, but the real bonus was bringing family and friends together for a joyous day of good food and laughing.

The center of Mary Ann’s world was her family. She prized family gatherings with her children and grandchildren, which included annual gatherings at the Oregon coast, a black-light party at her home, a Blazer game in a VIP box, and a New Year’s Eve party at Great Pacific. In 2015 she and Hal made their first trip to Hawaii and took the entire family to Kauai for a glorious week together. She loved traveling to her children’s homes for weekends and to celebrate special – or any – occasion.

Mary Ann’s family is immensely grateful for having had such a special wife, mother and grandmother to love and inspire them. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Hal, of Pendleton; two daughters, Nicole, her husband, Andrew, and grandchildren Seamus and Ruby, of Port Angeles, Wash., and Katie and her husband, James, of Edmunds, Wash.; and two sons, Gabe and his wife, Emily, and grandchildren Pearl, Haddie and Annie, of Pendleton, and Jake and his wife, Carrie, of Portland; two sisters, Shirley of Madras, Ore., and Suesan of Manhattan, Kan.; and a brother, Bill, of Ocala, Fla.

Memorial donations can be made to Pendleton Farmers Market, P.O. Box 747, Pendleton, OR, 97801.

Dale Zumwalt

Hermiston
April 23, 1931 - August 11, 2018

Pastor Dale Zumwalt of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on April 23, 1931, in Lebanon, Missouri, to parents Eugene and Phleda York Zumwalt. He died on August 11, 2018, in Kennewick, Washington, at the age of 87 years.

Dale was raised in Missouri, Arkansas and Oregon. He was united in marriage to Mary “Helen” Wayland on July 6, 1949, in Arkansas.

Dale worked in the logging industry for several years as a young man and in his early adult years. They moved to Oregon in 1949. He became a minister with the Assemblies of God in 1955. They returned to Arkansas in 1959 before moving back to Oregon in 1967. He pastored congregations in Arkansas, Stanfield, Fossil, Mitchell and Lexington for over 40 years. They moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in 2014.

In his later years, he learned to shop, cook, clean, do laundry and be a devoted caregiver to his wife. Dale was a “jack of all trades,” whether building you a house or repairing the existing one, fixing your vehicle or lawn mower, repairing appliances, cutting firewood, raising a garden and fruit trees, catching fish for dinner and ministering to your spiritual needs. He was dedicated to the Lord, his family

and helping others.

Dale enjoyed building, fishing, reading, gardening and visiting with his family or one of his countless friends he made over the years.

He is survived by his son Larry Zumwalt and wife Barbara, Tacoma, Wash.; daughter Kathy Zumwalt-Smith and husband John, Hermiston, Ore.; brother Bill Zumwalt, Arizona; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Helen Zumwalt; a son, Ron Zumwalt; his parents; and siblings George Zumwalt, Elmer Zumwalt, Wanda Zumwalt Cowgil Ziegenhirt, Ava Zumwalt Johnson and Maxie Zumwalt Thieme.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon.

Private family burial will be held later at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Dale’s memory to Desert Rose Ministries, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



Zumwalt

DEATH NOTICES

Paul William Tews

The Dalles
Aug. 11, 2018

Paul William Tews, 93, of The Dalles died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at his home. Services are pending with arrangements under the direction of Anderson’s Tribute Center in The Dalles. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Abel L. Corona

Pendleton
Jan. 22, 1943 - Aug. 12, 2018

Abel L. Corona, 75, of Pendleton died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, at his home. He was born Jan. 22, 1943, in Puerta de Cerano, Mexico. Recitation of the rosary will be held Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, with visitation from 5 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A funeral mass will be held Thursday, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, with burial to follow at Olney Cemetery. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

UPCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15

CORONA, ABEL — Visitation from 5-8 p.m., with recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m., at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16

CORONA, ABEL — Funeral mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton, with burial to follow at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

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