

OBITUARIES

Corene Helen Carollo

Hermiston
March 18, 1924 — April 25, 2019

Corene Helen Carollo, 95, of Hermiston, Oregon, died peacefully at her home on Thursday, April 25, 2019, with loving care provided by her extended family, a dedicated group of caregivers, and by the professional and caring support of Good Shepherd Health Care System’s Vange John Memorial Hospice staff.

Corene was born on March 18, 1924, in Centerville, Iowa. She was the ninth of 11 children born to parents who immigrated to America from the small mountain village of Facen, Italy. Her father, Guiseppe “Joe” Pauletti, came to America in 1907 and found lifetime employment as a miner in the Streepyville coal mines, laboring underground with a pick and shovel. After he saved money for passage, Corene’s mother, Angela Pasqua (Bertelle) Pauletti, followed three years later with their infant daughter, who died en route and was buried at sea.

Corene was proud of her Italian heritage and she enjoyed a simple, rural, but rich and happy childhood in Centerville with all family members helping with gardening, canning and raising small farm animals to help provide food for the large family.

During WW II, Corene, with several of her sisters, worked at the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois helping to supply munitions and arms for the war effort. There she met her future husband, Joseph “Joe” Carollo, who was a machinist at the arsenal. Family lore has it that they met on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend who thought that their shared Italian heritage and Catholic faith might make for a good match. Joe, who was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan, was the second of eight children born of parents who also immigrated to America from small villages in the Dolomite Mountains of Italy in 1903-04. Although Corene always claimed that Joe was initially untruthful about his age when they met (he was14 years older), he was able to charm her and her parents enough that they had developed a strong bond when the war ended.

Soon after the war, Joe came west to work at the Bremerton Navy Yard and Corene eventually followed and they were married in Seattle, Wash., on January 26, 1946. In 1947 Joe took a job at Grand Coulee Dam, Washington, where their first three children were born and then, in 1952, moved to McNary, Oregon, where Joe worked as a machinist at McNary Dam until his retirement. The last two of Corene’s five children were born after the move to Oregon. After her husband’s death in 1989, Corene continued to live in McNary until 1995 when she moved to Hermiston to be closer to her children.

Corene was a “housewife” most of her adult life; the matriarch of the family running the daily affairs of the home, managing the kids, making sure that children’s chores and outside jobs were performed and often measuring out needed discipline. She and Joe both worked hard at being the best parents they could be and in turn expected their children to be responsible and accept work outside the home. She had many talents and hobbies including gardening, various crafts, crocheting and was an accomplished seamstress, sewing or helping others sew many of the shirts, dresses, blouses and even wedding dresses and a sports coat for herself or her sons, daughters and friends. Perhaps her great-

est skill, though, was cooking, providing 2-3 wholesome, home-cooked meals per day for seven family members. It seemed she was always cooking for either family or visitors — including family friends, priests and bishops — who always exclaimed their delight in the “Italian” din-

ners that they enjoyed at Corene’s table. For some of us, the comforting memory of the smells from her homemade yeast breads and doughnuts will never leave us.

Upon Joe’s retirement, Corene decided that it was her turn to work outside the home, taking a job for a few years at Lamb Weston trimming potatoes for processing. She really enjoyed the work, the friendships she made and having money that she earned.

She was a lifelong and devoted member of the Catholic Church and participated in many church ministries through the years, including years as a volunteer at the Catholic Church Soup Kitchen and at Hermiston’s Agape House.

But Corene’s greatest passion in life was her family. She dearly missed her family in Iowa but embraced with unconditional love the family she and Joe gave life to in Oregon. Although she expected everyone to do the right thing and not bring dishonor to the family, when missteps or misfortune came to family members she forgave and re-embraced with love and forgiveness. She often professed unwillingness or the inability to do certain things but showed remarkable adaptability to do those things when necessary. For instance, when Joe required renal hemodialysis to sustain his life, she trained to serve as his nurse and performed home dialysis for him for five years, until his death in 1989. And although she had a serious fear of flying her whole life, she did fly once, at the age of 80, because she wanted to attend the graduation from medical school of a grandson.

Corene felt so fortunate to have her sons and daughters marry good mates and dearly loved her sons-in-law and daughters-in-law. But the most cherished of her family were her 18 wonderful grandchildren and her 35 (and counting) great-grandchildren. They were the light of her life and, more than anything else, sustained her and gave her the most unbridled joy, especially in her last years.

Corene was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four sisters, and four brothers. She is survived by daughters Kathy Eldrige (Steve) and Gina Wicks (Richard), and sons Tony Carollo (Joyce) and Bob Carollo (Ruth), all of Hermiston, Oregon, and son Jim Carollo (Signe) of Damascus, Oregon; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and sisters Edie Ronzani and Albena Brown, both of Davenport, Iowa.

Services celebrating Corene’s life will be held on Friday, May 3, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston, Oregon: Recitation of the Rosary at 3 p.m., and Mass of Christian Burial at 3:30 p.m. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Corene’s memory to Catholic Daughters c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please leave online memories/condolences for Corene’s family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Rebecca D. Russell

Hermiston
November 15, 1960 — April 24, 2019

Rebecca D. Russell was born on November 15, 1960, in La Mesa, California, to parents Dean Filener and Jessie Walker. She died on April 24, 2019, at her home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 58 years.

Rebecca was raised in Kansas, attending schools in Valley Center, Kansas. She graduated from Valley Center High School in the class of 1978. Rebecca then attended Fort Hays College where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in photography.

She moved to Nyssa, Oregon, in 1982 where she married Gary Russell on March 21, 1987. They moved to Portland, Oregon, in 1987 and later Prineville, Oregon, before settling in Hermiston, Oregon, in 2012, where they have lived since.

Rebecca enjoyed quilting, hunting, fishing, butterflies, hummingbirds, gardening and photography. She was a longtime advocate and supporter of World Vision International.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Russell, Hermiston, Ore.; mother Jessie Walker, Pendleton, Ore.; sons William Russell,

Richland, Wash., Mitchell Russell, Troutdale, Ore., and Jeremiah Russell, Jacksonville, Fla.; daughters Genie Ross, Portland, Ore., and Rebecca Ramer, Vancouver, Wash.; brothers William Filener, Broken Arrow, Okla., David Filener, Tuscan, Ariz., and Randall Melton, Pend-

leton, Ore.; sisters Mary Powell-McConnell, Tuscan, Ariz., Cynthia Russell, La Grande, Ore., Julia Flynn, Pendleton, Ore., and Willa Wallace, Pendleton, Ore.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her father.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Rebecca’s memory to World Vision International at www.wvi.org

Please share memories of Rebecca with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.



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DEATH NOTICES

Sherri L. Jones

Milton-Freewater
April 23, 1960 — April 26, 2019

Sherri L. Jones, 59, of Milton-Freewater, died Friday, April 26, 2019, at her home. She was born April 23, 1960. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of the arrangements.

Marilyn Jean (Dirks) Shadix

Irrigon
Jan. 28, 1932 — April 26, 2019

Marilyn Jean (Dirks) Shadix, 87, of Irrigon, died Friday, April 26, 2019, in Hermiston. She was born Jan. 28, 1932, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. No services will be planned. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Vera Walters

Pendleton
Oct. 19, 1928 — April 26, 2019

Vera Walters, 89, of Pendleton, died Friday, April 26, 2019, at a local care facility. She was born Oct. 19, 1928, in Baker City. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

UPCOMING SERVICES

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

No services scheduled

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

SWANCUTT, KATHRYN, AND ESTELLE WHARTON — Joint celebration of life at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

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LOTTERY

For the results of weekend games, see **Page A6**.

PUBLIC SAFETY

THURSDAY

7:06 a.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office responded to a site on Tower Road, Boardman, for an injured bull elk. A deputy shot and killed the animal, and Oregon State Police advised people on site how to salvage the meat from the carcass.

2:45 p.m. — A caller told the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office the elder care facility her brother is in lacks a license to operate but still takes her brother’s money.

FRIDAY

9:57 a.m. — The owner of a business on the 500 block of Southwest 11th Street, Hermiston, reported the theft of a power washer and barbecue grill.

3:02 p.m. — A caller on Northeast Covey Court, Hermiston, reported a male, about 6 feet, 3 inches tall and wearing jeans and a plaid shirt, claimed he worked with a home security company and insisted he come into her home to check on their panels. The caller said she did not let him in, and she checked with the company, which claimed the person was not her employee. She also said the male drove a gray Lexus.

4:29 p.m. — An Irrigon man on Washington Lane reported vandalism at his property and irrigation sprinklers are missing.

5:23 p.m. — A 911 caller reported aggressive dogs on the loose on East Washington Street, Athena.

7:06 p.m. — The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office received a report from CenturyLink that something cut a fiber optic line in the Spray area. The company sent a tech to find the problem and advised some residents could have trouble calling 911.

8:29 p.m. — Pendleton police received a report of child abuse or neglect.

SATURDAY

12:52 p.m. — Emergency services responded to an Irrigon residence for someone who may have overdosed on medication. An ambulance took the patient to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.

5:24 a.m. — Milton-Freewater police took a report for broken windows on the 700 block of Plaza Way. The police at 4:30 p.m. also received a report about broken windows on the 400 block of North Elizabeth Street.

11:27 a.m. — Pendleton police received a report of child abuse or neglect.

1:12 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to a report of drug activity at Stillman Park, 413 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

1:42 p.m. — Callers reported the side of a house was on fire on Cheryl Avenue, Pendleton.

SUNDAY

12:31 a.m. — Milton-Freewater police took a third complaint about broken windows, this time on the 100 block of Northwest Eighth Avenue.

8:42 a.m. — A property manager reported someone broke the gate and padlock on a site on Depot Lane and some cows may be missing.

12:12 p.m. — Medics and law enforcement responded to the Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner, for a 40-year-old woman who may have been injured after a horse threw her off.

12:24 p.m. — A resident of Vista Park Mobile Home Park, 1800 N.E. 10th St., Hermiston, told police the landlord is abusive.

12:35 p.m. — Pilot Rock police responded to a residence on Southwest 10th Street on a report of a domestic violence.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

Friday

•Oregon State Police received a report of an armed robbery in Arlington. The suspects were on Highway 730 heading east, and the driver may have been impaired. A trooper at about 10:40 a.m. spotted a blue Honda Odyssey speeding east on 730 near Umatilla. The car matched the the description of the robbery suspects’ vehicle, and the trooper tried to catch it. The Honda’s driver sped up and passed another vehicle before pulling over. During the stop, the state police determined there was no armed robbery, but the driver, Alexander Aaron Pratt, 33, of Meridian, Idaho, appeared impaired. A sobriety test revealed more signs of impairment, according to state police, and Pratt admitted to taking prescription medicine. The trooper found medication and booked Pratt into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, for DUII. State police also contacted Pratt’s federal probation officer, who said he would place a detainer on Pratt.

•Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Taryn Teresa Minthorn, 40, of Pendleton, for DUII and recklessly endangering another.

Saturday

•An Oregon State Police trooper at about 12:15 a.m. stopped a bicyclist for an equipment violation on Highway 11 near milepost 31 in Milton-Freewater. According to state police, the cyclist, David Jesse Goertzen, 45, of Milton-Freewater, rode off to get away. The trooper, however, caught the rider and booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton on multiple warrants and misdemeanor attempt to elude.

•Pendleton police arrested Larry Frank Monkus, 68, of Pendleton, for public indecency.

Sunday

•Morrow County Sheriff’s Office arrested Javier Cruz Molina for DUII and later released him.

•Pendleton police arrested Eldon Marion Browning, 38, for DUII (alcohol).

•Pilot Rock police arrested Jack Lemuel Davidson Jr., 41, for misdemeanor domestic violence assault.

•Morrow County Sheriff’s Office arrested Eric Ramirez, 37, of Boardman, for felon in possession weapon and domestic violence strangulation and fourth-degree assault.

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