

Elizabeth B. ‘Liz’ Curtis

Walla Walla
October 1, 1939 — January 3, 2020

Elizabeth B. (“Liz”) Curtis passed away on Jan. 3, 2020, in Walla Walla at the age of 80. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard (“Rick”) Curtis and her parents Homer and Margaret McEntire.

Liz was raised on a dairy farm in Brownsmead, Ore. (a town named after her uncle William Brown, who diked the town as a civil engineer). Her early life on the farm inspired her first career and, upon graduating from OSU, she began work as an extension agent for Grant County, where she met and married Rick, the love of her life, in 1963.

Prior to this, another experience that shaped her outlook and gave her a global perspective was her service in post-war France assisting in a work camp near Colmar as a member of the American Friends Service Committee. Subsequently, international travel remained a constant part of her life and, in total, she traveled to some 50 countries.

Liz was an active member of the Lutheran church and she served as church organist for many years. A lifelong educator, she used her BA in education and MA in counseling to touch the lives of many young people across



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Oregon, and was named 1995 Oregon High School Counselor of the year by the Oregon School Counselor Association (OSCA). Relatedly, she strived to advance the field of counseling, serving as president of the OSCA (1996-97) and was later awarded the Leona E. Tyler Award.

Liz dedicated her time to numerous organizations and philanthropic endeavors including 4-H, Morrow County Fair & Rodeo, AAUW, PEO, Hospice, and Public Broadcasting fundraising.

She is survived by her sons, Steve (Kim) of Athena and Ken of Tokyo; grandsons Cody (Amee) of Boring and Travis (Caitlyn) of Athena; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at Christ The King Lutheran Church, 325 S.W. Sixth Ave., Milton-Freewater, Oregon, on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 2 p.m.

Donations in memory of Liz Curtis may be made to Hospice and this may be done through Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.

To leave a online condolence, visit www.munsellerhodes.com.

Vivian Lucile Larsen

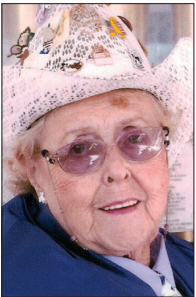
Pendleton
September 16, 1923 — December 31, 2019

Vivian Lucile (Draper) Larsen died at her home in Pendleton on December 31, 2019. She was born September 16, 1923, to Dick and Beulah (Bunnell) Draper in Union, Oregon.

She attended Union schools and graduated in 1941 in a class of only 17. After graduation, she married Alva Hartley on October 26, 1941. In 1942, they moved to Pendleton where he worked for the railroad. They later divorced. She was widowed by three husbands, Ralph Ingalls, Harold Hart and Albert Larsen.

She worked as a bookkeeper in the Umatilla County Clerk’s Office for 19 years. After resigning in July of 1974, she accepted a job with the state of Oregon as a clerk auditor. She retired after 11 years.

Vivian was very active in several clubs and organizations for many years, playing piano for most of them. She was a member of IOOF for 55 years, Emblem Club, Pioneer Ladies Club, president of the Pendleton Business and Professional Women’s Club (BPW) and advisor for Theta Rho. She started attending the Pendleton Senior Center in the 1960s and has remained an active member. She was also well known for playing the callopie in parades for the Side Saddlers, which she did for 27 years.



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Survivors include her daughter, Deanna Taxdal of Pendleton; grandchildren Robert Hartley of Virginia, Michael Hartley of California, Budd Richards of Hermiston, and Teresa Bryan of Pendleton; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Murlin Hartley, in 2017; three brothers; and her husbands.

At her request, no services will be held. Private burial will take place at Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations in her memory can be made to PAWS in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

Share online condolences at www.pioneerchapel.com.

Kenneth A. DeRose

Pendleton
May 4, 1946 — December 20, 2019

Kenneth A. DeRose, 73, of Pendleton, Oregon, passed away of natural causes on Dec. 20, 2019. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on May 4, 1946, to A.O. and Barbara (Bansemer) DeRose.

Ken grew up in Westfield and graduated from Westfield High School in 1965. He received an associate’s degree from Andover Institute of Business in Springfield.

Ken was an accomplished swimmer as a member of the YMCA swim team and worked as a life-guard at Robinson State Park in Agawam and Cape Cod National Seashore. He was a member of the high school band and enjoyed playing in numerous local dance bands. Throughout his teen years, Ken was a newspaper carrier for the



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Springfield Daily News and delivered papers to over 200 customers.

Ken served proudly in the U.S. Navy, enlisting in 1969.

He moved to Oregon in 1977 and settled in Pendleton shortly thereafter. He retired from the U.S. Post Office in Pendleton after 34 years of service.

Ken was predeceased by his parents and his brother Richard. He is survived by his sisters Dianne Mertz and her husband Gary of Sun City, Arizona, Lorraine and her husband Brian Boldini of Westfield, Massachusetts, and Suzanne Martin of Soldotna, Alaska, and nine nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held in Pendleton.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Shirley Jean Michael

Pendleton
June 6, 1928 — January 1, 2020

Shirley Jean (Rasmussen) Michael was escorted to her heavenly home by her Lord Jesus Christ, on January 1, 2020.

She was born in Seymour, Iowa, on June 6, 1928, to Holger and Grace (Kelley) Rasmussen. Shirley and her mother moved to Pilot Rock, Oregon, on Valentine’s Day 1941. She met a young man at school the next day and their friendship grew over the years. On June 6, 1948, at the First Christian Church of Pendleton, Shirley married the young man, Robert E. Michael. They enjoyed many adventures throughout their 71 years of marriage.

Shirley worked for the Oregon State Employment Service and Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, before going to work for Pendleton School District 16R as the administrative secretary to the superintendent from 1963 until her retirement in 1991.

Shirley has served with many organizations in many capacities over the years including First Presbyterian Church, VFW Post 922 Auxiliary, Pendleton Travel Club, Umatilla County Historical Society, the Bargain Counter Thrift Store and Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. She was awarded Presbyterian Woman of the Year, Pendleton Chamber Volunteer of the Year and Pendleton First Citizen Woman of the Year in 2007.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Robert, Russell and Max,



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and sisters Irene Laden, Toni Estrada Hoeft and Hazel Sebben. She is survived by her husband Robert; children David Michael (Debbie) of Weston and Susan Platt of Pendleton; grandchildren Bodi Michael, Marty Platt, Kristie Magill, Richard Shepard, Dawn Shepard and Brandi Harris; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Shirley never met a stranger; she gave of herself to help others and loved well. Her smile caught your eye and you were drawn in. Eternity will be no different for her as she will be enjoying conversations with her loved ones who went before her.

A special thank you to: Arla Gammond, who spent three years in the Michaels’ home; Suttle Care House #1 staff; and Walla Walla Hospice Team. Your care and kindness are so appreciated.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel with burial to follow at Skyview Memorial Park. A reception will be held at the Pendleton Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Walla Walla Hospice, Doernbecher Children’s Hospital or to your favorite charity in Shirley’s name, c/o Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

Brett Lane Jewett

Hermiston
November 20, 2003 — January 1, 2020

Brett Lane Jewett of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on November 20, 2003, in Pendleton, Oregon, to parents Brian Jewett and Shannon Focher Jewett. He died on January 1, 2020, as a result of an automobile accident on the Buttercreek Highway outside of Echo, Oregon, at the age of 16 years.

Brett was raised in Umatilla, Oregon, until 2007 when his family moved to Heppner, Oregon, where Brett attended grade school and loved playing in the outdoors. They moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in 2012 where Brett attended school. He was currently a sophomore.

He enjoyed trips to the ocean and traveling to see family in Montana. Brett always greeted everyone with a smile and had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed participating in the theater, listening to vinyl records, music by Lana Del Rey, kayaking, swimming, playing video games, volunteering in the community, hanging out with his sister and cousins and loved pets, especially Rocky, their short-haired pointer.

Brett had that one-in-a-million personality that made him so impossible to ignore. He was a strong, but sensitive young man that held his convictions and morals, above all else, with a passionate resolve



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unmatched by anyone.

He is survived by his father, Brian Jewett and wife Rosanne, Ione, Ore.; mother Shannon Jewett, Hermiston, Ore.; sister Madison Jewett, Hermiston, Ore.; stepbrother Cameron Jewett, Ione, Ore.; stepsister Gracie Jewett, Ione, Ore.; grandparents Rick Jewett and wife Jeanne, Hermiston, Ore.; Lyn Rose and husband Blane, Superior, Mont., and Carol Focher, Helena, Mont.; stepgrandmother Robin Krebs and husband Henry, Ione, Ore.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brett was preceded in death by his grandfather, Norman Focher, and great-grandparents Merle and Shirley Jewett, and Betty Lankford.

A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 7 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Brett’s memory to the Echo Fire Dept. (Attn: Chief Delbert Gehrke) P.O. Box 59, Echo, OR 97826.

Please share memories of Brett with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

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

Roderick Random ‘Rod’ Mabe

Arlington
September 15, 1941 — December 27, 2019

Roderick Random “Rod” Mabe, 78, of Arlington, passed away in Hillsboro, Oregon, on Friday, December 27, 2019, with family at his side. A memorial service will be held on January 11, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Arlington.

He was born on September 15, 1941, on his family ranch in Richmond, Oregon, to parents Harold and Ruby Mabe. Rod was raised in Richmond until his family moved to Fossil, Oregon, where he finished his education and graduated from Wheeler High School.

He worked at the Kinzua Pine Mills and ranches nearby in his early years. He was later employed by Oregon Department of Transportation, first in Spray and later transferring to Arlington, where he retired after 28 years with ODOT.

Rod married Corrine Tippet in 1965. They had two children, Julie and James. Helater married Karen Springer and helped raise her two daughters, Jamie and Shawna.

He was active in the Arlington Lions Club, a

member of the Condon Elks Lodge and the Arlington Food Bank. Rod also enjoyed setting targets at the Arlington Airport shooting range. Rod was always “only a phone call away” when someone needed help. An avid hunter and fisherman, Rod especially enjoyed his family reunion camping trips.

He is survived by his wife Karen of 41 years; their children Julie Steinbruck of Almsville, Oregon, James Mabe of Everett, Washington, Jamie Barney of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Shawna Hahn of Boardman, Oregon; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister Mildred Williamson, and brothers Marvin and Bill. Hewas preceded in death by his parents, sister Shirley and brother Harold Dean.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor’s choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolencebook at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Richard L. Clark

Boardman
Jan. 13, 1941 — Jan. 2, 2020

Richard L. Clark, 78, of Boardman, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, at his home. He was born Jan. 13, 1941, in Portland. At his request, no services will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Donald E. Peterson

Pendleton
Aug. 20, 1925 — Jan. 2, 2020

Former Ione resident Donald E. Peterson, 94, of Pendleton, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. He was born Aug. 20, 1925, in Ione. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton. A graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at the Valby Cemetery near Ione. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

Veda J. Spencer

Pendleton
Jan. 13, 1954 — Dec. 31, 2019

Veda J. Spencer, 65, of Pendleton, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019. She was born Jan. 13, 1954, in Bandon. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in care of arrangements.

Patricia M. Thibert

Pendleton
June 29, 1945 — Jan. 4, 2020

Patricia M. Thibert, 74, of Pendleton, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020. She was born June 29, 1945, in Portland. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in care of arrangements.

Jonathan L. Wilson

Hermiston
July 19, 1984 — Jan. 3, 2020

Jonathan L. Wilson, 35, of Hermiston, died Friday, Jan. 3, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born July 19, 1984, in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

No services scheduled

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

CURTIS, LIZ — Memorial celebration of life service at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 S.W. Sixth Ave., Milton-Freewater.

SHERROW, MEL — Visitation from 4-6 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

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LOTTERY

Friday, Jan. 3, 2020

Megamillions

37-41-42-53-63

Megaball: 16

Megaplier: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$60 million

Lucky Lines

1-8-11-15-FREE-19-24-25-32

Estimated jackpot: \$47,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 0-0-5-4

4 p.m.: 7-8-7-9

7 p.m.: 1-3-6-6

10 p.m.: 1-9-4-2

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020

Powerball

01-11-21-25-54

Powerball: 7

Power Play: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$237 million

Megabucks

11-14-15-26-33-43

Estimated jackpot: \$8.2 million

Lucky Lines

03-05-10-13-FREE-17-21-26-32

Estimated jackpot: \$48,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-1-6-5

4 p.m.: 3-0-3-4

7 p.m.: 9-0-0-7

10 p.m.: 4-5-3-3

Win For Life

18-32-50-55

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020

Lucky Lines

03-06-11-14-FREE-18-24-26-31

Estimated jackpot: \$49,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-8-5-5

4 p.m.: 4-7-7-7

7 p.m.: 1-8-3-8

10 p.m.: 2-8-1-9

Monday, Jan. 6, 2020

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 8-4-4-5