

## Chief Jesse Jones Jr. 'Uma-Pi-Ma'

**Pilot Rock**  
December 6, 1940 — December 17, 2020

Jesse James Jones Jr. was born December 6, 1940, to Jesse James Jones Sr. and Jeanette (McKay) Jones. He was raised in the Upper McKay Creek area and attended school in Pilot Rock, Oregon. He graduated in 1959, participated and excelled in all sports for the Rockets, and was a member of the 1959 Class B Oregon State Champion High School basketball team and selected All State Tournament team. That same year, Jesse was asked to appear in Portland to perform war dances and explain Oregon's Indian culture in honor of Oregon's 100 birthday.

He married Merrily Brotherton and reared two boys, Jesse (Buck) James Jones III and Brooker Phillip Jones. He was employed many years in the Pilot Rock lumber mill. In the late 1960s he learned the trade of a horse-shoer from Hack Bloom. He worked for 7UP ranch for both Red and Terry Anderson doing various duties, but mainly around the cattle on horseback.

Jesse was a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and an avid horseman who also participated in wild horse races in the Northwest rodeo circuit, including the Pendleton Round-Up. He rode over 30 years in the Portland Grand Floral Parade on his horses Joe Buck, Tequila and Dinero.

Jesse was also an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed elk hunting in the Johnson Creek area. He taught many the land and how to hunt. He formed and coached Upper McKay Creek youth Tribal basketball teams that played in many tournaments in the Northwest.

After the unfortunate death of his sister Josephine, he adopted James Anthony

Jones, who became his third son.

As Cayuse chief he was a respected as knowledgeable man of Tribal history, customs and traditions. He was always there for his community and tribe with a smile, encouraging words, big hugs and a firm handshake! He was a wealth of information on lineage, families or relatives and their ancestry, both non-Tribal and Tribal.

Married Marvella Henry, who brought Jesse his fourth son, Gabriel Hawk Jones.

Jesse participated in Happy Canyon and Round-Up since his youth. For many years he rode the spotted horse in Happy Canyon and was in the silhouette, a raider of the wagon train and an elder on the floor. His roles in Round-Up were various as well, from shoeing horses to participating in Indian horse races, relays, wild cow milking and wild horse races. He also presided over the Indian dances in the arena on Saturday mornings, and was in the Dress-Up and Westward Ho! parades numerous times.

In 2004 Chief Jones was inducted into the Round-Up/Happy Canyon Hall of Fame with longtime family friend Dr. Richard Koch and rodeo great Casey Tibbs.

Jacob Jones became Jesse's fifth son in 2008.

He was preceded in death by parents Jesse and Jeanette Jones Sr., and sisters Josephine and Mildred Nanegos.

Survivors include sister Juanita (Joe) Cox, Irrigon, Oregon; sons Jesse "Buck" (Nadja) Jones, Milwaukie, Oregon, Brooker, Gabriel and Jacob Jones, Pilot Rock, Oregon, and James Jones, Pendleton, Oregon; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.

## Patricia Elouise (Cockburn) Karr

**Maple Valley, Washington**  
February 5, 1922 — December 29, 2020

Patricia Karr passed away peacefully in her sleep on Dec. 29, 2020, at nearly 99 years old. Patricia was born in Milton, Oregon, on Feb. 5, 1922, to Leta Lorraine Cockburn (Van Slyke) and Victor Marfield Cockburn. Victor was serving as postmaster at the time. The family moved up the Walla Walla River when she was 4 years old. Pat and her sister Lela Heller (Cockburn) attended schools in the area as children. Pat spent all four years at McLoughlin High (Mac-Hi) School and graduated in 1940.

She went on to attend beauty school after graduation and met her husband, Floyd, later that same year. They married on April 4, 1942. After marrying they moved to Portland, where he had found work in the shipyards. Their only child, Vicki, was born in February of 1943, the same year Floyd entered the service. Pat and Vicki moved back to Milton-Freewater around the same time.

Four years later, after Floyd returned from the service, they purchased their first house in Milton-Freewater. He went to work in the Ford garage until Scarff Motors in Auburn called him to run their parts department and they moved to Auburn, Washington, in 1948. Both Floyd and Pat worked steadily for decades at the Rohr Aircraft parts plant in Auburn, Washington, until Floyd's retirement in the early 1980s. They were active in their community and Pat was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

With retirement they started spending their winters in Mesa, Arizona, returning to Auburn to spend time with Vicki and her family in the summers. Pat and Floyd enjoyed their travels and spending time

with family and friends. They loved to play cards, dance and entertain. They returned to Milton-Freewater later in their life before moving together to Wheatland Village in Walla Walla, Washington, in 2008. Floyd passed away in 2012 and Pat moved to Maple Valley, Washington, to be closer to Vicki, her husband Erik Martinson, adult grandchildren Derik and Shawn Martinson and new great-granddaughters Bridget and Tatum Martinson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Karr, and both Vicki and Erik Martinson.

There will be a small graveside observance for close family and friends of Pat on Friday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery. There is a maximum capacity for the service due to COVID restrictions; please come with a face covering and practice social distancing outdoors.

In lieu of flowers or gifts please consider making a donation in Pat's memory to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Spokane, Washington: [https://donate.lovetoherescue.org/give/158250/#!/donation/check-out?utm\\_source=schema&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_content=shc-hospital&utm\\_campaign=give&utm\\_source=shc&utm\\_medium=referral](https://donate.lovetoherescue.org/give/158250/#!/donation/check-out?utm_source=schema&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=shc-hospital&utm_campaign=give&utm_source=shc&utm_medium=referral)

Remembrance Padlet: Due to the pandemic, coming together to remember Pat Karr is very difficult. In an effort to promote safety for everyone and still honor her impact on so many lives, we are asking you to use the website Padlet (<https://padlet.com/smartins4/c4al60n6r3mfnfb0>) to share photos, stories, or videos of your interactions with her. Thank you for your understanding in these difficult times.

## Thomas William 'Tom' Taylor

**Pendleton**  
October 22, 1926 — December 29, 2020

Thomas William "Tom" Taylor was born Oct. 22, 1926, in Myrtle Creek, Oregon, to Isham William Taylor and Miriam Blanche Pearce Taylor, and passed away Dec. 29, 2020, at Sun Ridge Care Facility in Pendleton, Oregon.

Tom, his two sisters and brother were raised in North Powder, Oregon, and spent their summers living in look-out towers in and around Anthony Butte. Hunting, fishing, and life outdoors was instilled in him at an early age. It was his life-long passion.

After graduating from North Powder High School in 1944, he joined the U.S. Navy. He served as a gunner aboard the SS Taos Victory during World War II. His ship traveled to Hawaii, Australia, Guam and Calcutta, India, where they loaded and unloaded bombs. Tom was in Cape Town, South Africa, when Germany surrendered to the Allies.

After discharge from service in 1946, Tom attended Eastern Oregon University on the GI bill, majoring in forestry. He would eventually earned a degree in police science from BMCC. Tom played basketball and participated on the track team at EOU. While there he set the school high jump record that stood for many years before it was broken by his nephew. While attending EOU, Tom also worked part time for the La Grande Police Department.

He began his career with the Oregon State Police in 1950 in Grant County as a trooper working both traffic and fish and game. He listed his job duties as "catching crooks."

Tom married Janet Culp, his college sweetheart, on June 17, 1951. They lived in Canyon City where their two children, Patricia and Michael, were born. In 1959, the family moved to Hermiston as Tom was promoted to sergeant and transferred to run the newly opened OSP field office. Tom was again transferred in 1964 to run the Pendleton field office and has resided in Pendleton since.

Tom declined other promotions as he and Janet



Taylor



grandchildren to stop after hunting trips and sporting events to retell their stories to "Gramps."

He was a past president of the Main Street Cowboys and belonged to the Elks, Masonic Temple, and Lions.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Taylor; his parents; sisters, Jeanne (Bill) Barnett and Phyllis (Dan) Looslie; brother, Ed (De Ette) Taylor; and daughter, Patricia Van Nice. He is survived by his son, Mike (Patsy) of Echo; son-in-law, Scott Van Nice of Cove; grandchildren, Jenny (Justin) Samp of Pendleton, Jason (Aimee) Van Nice of Pendleton, Thomas (Christina) Van Nice of Umatilla, Sam (Justine) Taylor of Hermiston and Jack (Deana) Taylor of Stanfield; 12 great-grandchildren; long-time family friend, Sandie Aldridge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private graveside funeral will be held Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Skyview Cemetery Pendleton. He requested to have his ashes placed in an urn, "stand me in my grave plot next to Janet and point all of me towards the mountains."

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Christian Church in Pendleton and the Alzheimer's Association through their website.

The family wishes to thank the staff and caregivers at Sun Ridge for their care of Tom.

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## Patrick Lavin Wood

**Echo**  
January 15, 1943 — December 17, 2020

Patrick "Pat" Wood, 77, of Echo, Oregon, died on Dec. 17, 2020, at home. Pat was born to John and Frieda (Krause) Sherman on Jan. 15, 1943, in Portland, Oregon.

When he was young, he was adopted by his stepfather, Ross Wood. He was proud to say that he grew up in St. John's. He attended Sitton Elementary and then majored in automotive at Benson High School, graduating in 1961.

Pat married Janet Doran in 1968 and they moved to Eastern Oregon shortly after. They had three children: Matt, Kristin and Doug. They later divorced.

In 2000, Pat married Judy Sauer.

Pat worked as a welder in the Portland shipyards before entering apprenticeship to eventually become a journeyman sheet metal worker. He was later maintenance supervisor for the Echo School District, and he retired from PGE's Boardman Coal Fired Power Plant.

Pat was a skilled mechanic and welder who could fix or build almost

anything. He had a lifelong interest in cars and his skills and modest garage were proof that it's not the shop that makes the mechanic,

but rather, the mechanic that makes the shop. He was a mentor to many young people, particularly those who work in the "useful arts," and was a good provider for his family.

Pat is survived by his wife, Judy;

his brother, Bill (Ginny) Wood of Camas, Washington; two children, Matt (Cindy) Wood of Helix and Kristin (Bob) Brunick of Twin Falls, Idaho; stepchildren, Dan Sauer of Salem, Bryan Sauer of Springfield, Dennis Sauer of Pendleton and Marilyn Tiboni of Bend; five grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son, Doug.

In lieu of flowers, his family recommends you provide a generous gratuity in the near future to a mechanic, tradesman or waitress.

## David Harry Payne

**Pendleton**  
December 1, 1960 — December 15, 2020

David Harry Payne, 60, passed away at his home after a brief bout with cancer on December 15, 2020. He was born Dec. 1, 1960, in La Grande, Oregon, to Harry and Marie Payne.

David grew up in La Grande, Oregon, where he completed high school in 1979. He went on to attend Eastern Oregon State College completing his Bachelor of Arts in Music with an endorsement to teach.

His lifelong love of music was formed early when he heard a song by Herb Alpert on the radio at around the age of 6. David was hooked! The trumpet became his passion. He endlessly pursued to play as well as Herb. As an accomplished trumpet player, David contributed to a variety of musical groups within the community. He played at different times during his career with the Eastern Oregon Symphony, Happy Canyon Band, and in various Dixieland bands. He also directed pit bands and played for many College Community Theater productions.

Music was David's life. He dedicated 30 years of his life to teaching music. He was an amazing middle school and high school band director. He inspired thousands of students to cultivate the art of music throughout the Pilot Rock and Pendleton school districts. David was awarded the Crystal Apple Award for excellence in education in 2011. Because he was proud of the award, he kept it on top of his piano in the living room. He was always proud to be a part of the young lives in his community. He was generous with his time and energy for his students. He always found a way to make sure all of his students had what they needed to succeed in music, whether it was fixing instruments, repairing books or digging deep in the store room for an instrument. He always wanted his students to be successful.

## Mary Ella Johnson Hoffman

**Hermiston**  
June 8, 1949 — December 29, 2020

Mary Ella Johnson Hoffman, age 71, passed away unexpectedly on December 29, 2020 at Legacy Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. A graveside service will be held at Skyview Memorial Park on Friday, January 8, at 2 p.m.

Mary Ella was born on June 8, 1949, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Hobart (Stubby) Johnson and Mary Cargill Johnson. She attended St. Joseph's Academy and graduated from Pendleton High School.

She lived in Idaho, Echo, Heppner, and Hermiston in her adult years. She loved hiking in the forest, training dogs, wildflowers, and creating things. She enjoyed gardening also and won the Yard of the Month at her house on West Baltimore in Heppner. She was famous for her sourdough biscuits, cinnamon rolls, and dinner rolls. For a season in Heppner, she had a baking business called Hearty Bakers, cooked at the senior meal site and baked for the Willow Creek Diner. Many people loved her cooking.

She worked for the Heppner Ranger District of the USFS and was awarded Certificates of Merit for extra effort in completing Stocking Survey Contracts for two years in a row.

She loved God and was involved in churches in Heppner and Hermiston. She deeply loved her family and prayed for them all to come to a full knowledge of Christ's salvation and to live their lives for Him. Her desire to serve God took her on some international trips to several places where she

He enjoyed exploring the natural beauty of Eastern Oregon. His view from the deck of his home provided beautiful views of wildlife and nature. He also enjoyed leisurely spending summer evenings in engaging discussions dedicated to existential musings and all things Herb Alpert. He loved spending time with his three "fur" children Lily, Ruby and

Sophie.

Forever humble in the face of admiration, David was beloved by colleagues, students, parents, and the Pendleton community. His fusion of passionate intensity, genuine care for others, and sense of humor concerning the human condition resonated among countless friends and family members across the years.

David is survived by his wife, Barbara; mother, Marie of Pendleton; brothers, Mike and John of La Grande; daughter, Christine of San Diego; numerous nieces and nephews; stepdaughters, Rynn Cooper (Tim) of Pendleton and Jordan Johnson of Benton City; and three granddaughters. He is also survived by his two companions, Ruby and Sophie, his furry kids. He is preceded in death by his father, Harry Payne, and his faithful, dog Lili.

He also leaves behind all the GOONBUCKETS and his Sunridge Middle School family.

Donations in David's memory can be made to Sunridge Middle School music department to help students receive musical instruments, band books, or other things needed to help students achieve a goal in all things related to music.

An informal gathering will be held in David's honor at a later date.

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worked to minister to others.

She married Richard "Dick" Hoffman on May 22, 2011. Together they enjoyed going to the mountains, training dogs, hiking, going to steer roping events, and yard sales. She was fond of going for drives with Dick in his restored 1948 pickup.

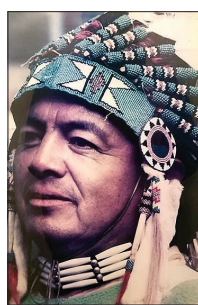
She was dedicated to her family and stepped

in when she was needed. She spent a lot of time and energy caring for her brother Dick Johnson through his health issues these past few years. She had a special, quiet unassuming way about her, and she always had a project she was working on. She was an incredibly talented artist in several mediums — oil paint, watercolors, scratch art, sewing and crochet, to name a few.

Mary Ella is survived by her husband, Richard Hoffman; siblings Beverly McCloud and Dick Johnson; nephews Randy Tachella and Casey (Cindy) Anderson; niece Malisia (Irvy) Markham; stepchildren Camie (Rocky) Britt, Johnnie (Karol) Moyer, Jason (Carrie) Broadfoot, Steve (Samantha) Hoffman and Joe (Amber) Hoffman; and many great-nephews, great-nieces, and stepgrandchildren.

Mary Ella is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Rita Johnson and Elaine Urban, and nephews Billy Tachella and Zeb Johnson.

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