

OBITUARIES

Inez Faye (Bondurant) Griffels

North Plains
January 4, 2021

Inez Faye (Bondurant) Griffels passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 4, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland surrounded by her husband and children. She will be greatly missed, although her wonderful legacy will live on in the many lives she touched.

Inez was born in Pasco, Washington, in 1944 to Joe and Frances Bondurant. The family moved to Hermiston when Inez was in the third grade and she graduated from Hermiston High School in 1962, having lettered four years in volleyball. She attended Pacific University in Forest Grove and pledged Phi Lamda Omicron sorority. In college she met Steve Griffels and married him in 1964 in Hermiston.

Inez worked many years in the optometry profession and retired in 2003. Inez and Steve were married 56 years, and for 45 years lived on the family farm near Hillsboro. Inez loved her family, volunteering, golfing, and traveling.

She donated a total of five gallons of blood and 27 gallons of platelets, which made her very proud. She had a love for Pacific University and was on Pacific's Alumni Council for 18 years, was an

Alum of the Year in 2004, and was even the alumni president for a time. She and Steve had season tickets to Pacific's football games and thoroughly enjoyed the games and had fun tailgating with good friends as well.

Inez had a life-long love of horses and was a 4-H horse leader for 18 years. She loved the young people in her "Striding Out" club. She not only taught them about horsemanship but also about character, leadership, and being a good citizen.

She was a Washington County Fair Booster for many years; volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank; and was a member of the local Women's Extension Club.

One of her real passions was golfing and she would golf between two and four times a week. She enjoyed volunteering several years at the Winco Golf Tournament at Pumpkin Ridge golf Course.

Inez loved to cook, especially during the holidays, and she made delicious candy — especially caramels. Inez

was a member of the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian church, known as the Old Scotch Church, and she had served as an elder.

Inez loved playing cards, especially pinochle, and traveling, especially to their beach house in Seaside. She has been in all but three U.S. states. On their 21st anniversary, they went to Hawaii, on their 25th they went to Bermuda, and on their 50th they took a trip of a lifetime to France. She was especially delighted to visit Genolhac, the town in southern France where the ancestral Bondurants were from. On their 55th anniversary they spent three wonderful weeks in Hawaii.

Inez is survived by her husband, Steve; their daughters Tina Griffels-Gonzalez (Israel) and Teresa Griffels, who live in Hillsboro; grandchildren Jasmine and Tyler Hiu, Richard Jossy (Kourtney) and Melissa Newcombe (Trent), who all live in Washington County; her siblings Richard Bondurant (Diana) of Hermiston, Kay Justice (Ray) of St. Helens and Bonnie Marks

(Don) of Imnaha; and sister-in-law Linda Robinson (Lyle) of Hillsboro. She is also survived by many members of her second family, the Dorrans of Hermiston. She lived with the Russ and Dee Dorrans family during three years in high school, and she dearly loved them. She is also survived by many relatives in Chicago, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and Washinton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Tim of North Carolina, John of Illinois, and David of Hermiston.

Inez was a very loving and caring person with a laugh that was infectious. She touched many lives. She was always energetic and full of life. She is going to be deeply missed.

Due to COVID-19, a remembrance service will be held later.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Harriett Unruh scholarship fund at the Old Scotch Church, 30685 N.W. Scotch Church Road, Hillsboro, OR 97124.

Arrangements are with Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home. Visit the online guestbook at www.dvfuneralhome.com.

Verlyn Paul Schulz

Hermiston
December 13, 1940 — January 1, 2021

Verlyn Paul Schulz was born on December 13, 1940, in Parsons, Kansas, and died on January 1, 2021, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 80 years.

As a child, Verlyn's family left their dust storm-ravaged Kansas farm and moved to the fruit orchards of Washington. Over the years, Verlyn moved several times before settling with his parents and four siblings in Echo, Oregon, when he was in elementary school.

Verlyn graduated from Echo High School in 1958 and then from Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Nebraska. He returned home to teach elementary school PE in Hermiston, where he met his wife Janet, another Hermiston teacher. They were married June 14, 1969, and Verlyn continued teaching at West Park and Highland Hills until his retirement in 1998. Former students report that his classes were fun and lively, energetic and creative, fair and inclusive. He thoroughly enjoyed the hundreds of kids he came to know as their teacher.

In his spare time, Verlyn loved building and farming, including the construction of his own home and farm in the early 1970s where he and Jan welcomed their two children — Michael and Ericka. In summers, and later in retirement, Verlyn farmed his property primarily with alfalfa. He was also dedicated to his neighbor's potato shed and delighted in being a troubleshooter for him. As an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Verlyn had a special place in his heart for maintaining the building, grounds and preschool.

Teaching through the school year, farming in the summer, and fixing everything in between brought joy

to Verlyn's life, but it was spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren that he truly cherished. He was enthusiastically interested in

everything and everyone — obvious in his love of conversation. His family got used to waiting as he made new friends in every national park and foreign country during his travels (not to mention the hardware stores and bakeries). His stories were personal and genuine, as was his servant heart.

Above all, he was a loving, kind, generous and wise husband, father, grandfather and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jan Schulz, Hermiston, Oregon; son Michael (Laurie) Schulz, Hermiston, Oregon; daughter Ericka (Ryan) Keefauver, Hermiston, Oregon; brothers LeRoy (Doris) Schulz, San Diego, California, and Dennis Schulz, Irvine, California; sister Dorothy Ulrich, Pilot Rock, Oregon; grandchildren Tristan (Bailey), Trisha, Annabel, Violet, Paul, Lorelai, Hannah and Aria; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Verlyn was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Phyllis Rees.

A private family service will be held with a private burial following at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers those who wish may make contributions in Verlyn's memory to the Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool.

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

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

Martha Elizabeth Warberg

Pendleton
November 14, 1928 — December 27, 2020

Martha Warberg died Sunday, December 27 in a local care facility. She was 92 years old. Those who knew her were aware of her musical talent, her sense of humor, and the fact that she taught music in Pendleton for over 30 years.

Martha was born to parents Walter and Cressie Bennard on November 14, 1928, in Portland, Oregon. She grew up in the northeast side of Portland and attended school there, graduating from Jefferson High School in 1947. During her high school years she played violin for the Portland Youth Philharmonic, traveling by streetcar to and from rehearsals and concerts.

Entering Willamette College (now University) in 1947 as a music major, Martha was active in all things music on campus. She received a Bachelor of Music in Education in June of 1951. In the summer of that same year she was

married to Robert White, a student athlete she met at Willamette.

The couple settled in Pendleton, Oregon, in 1954 and both taught for the Pendleton School District. Martha taught in the strings program and Bob taught history at Pendleton High School and coached the baseball team. He was also the assistant coach for the high school football team. They had three children: Patrick, Jodi and Jon. Bob was diagnosed with cancer and Martha took a leave of absence to care for him until his death in 1967. With his passing Martha returned to the work force, teaching elementary general music.

In 1967 Martha was married to Dale Warberg. During those years Martha was active in music, playing in orchestras in La Grande, Walla Walla and the Tri-Cities. She was a founder of the Oregon East Symphony and played viola with them as well.

Martha composed music for her elementary students, the Pendleton High School A Cappella Choir, and the Oregon East Symphony Chorale.

She spent her summers in Eugene working on her master's degree in music education, finally graduating in the summer of 1976. While she worked on her degree, each of those summers she played viola in

the prestigious Bach Music Festival Orchestra at the University of Oregon.

In 1986 Martha retired and applied her energies to the Oregon East Symphony Guild. She was also a member of Delphian.

Martha is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Cressie Bennard; her husband Robert White; her second husband Dale Warberg; her daughter Jodi White; her sisters Marion and Peggy; and her brother Jim.

She is survived by her sons Patrick White and Jon White (Rena); stepdaughter Tracie Holladay; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will announce a gathering at a later date.

Those who wish to make a donation in Martha's memory are encouraged to donate to the Oregon East Symphony, P.O. Box 1436, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Share condolences with the family at www.pioneer-chapel.com.



Griffels



Warberg



Schulz



Herb

Mark Thomas Stroncsek

Portland
January 12, 1978 — November 14, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Mark Thomas Stroncsek of Portland, Oregon, announces his passing on November 14, 2020.

Mark lived with his family in Hermiston for 10 years where he attended Highland Elementary, Armand Larive Junior High and Hermiston High School. He graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1996 and attended Walla Walla Community College. After high school he pursued a career in apparel design at Oregon State University.

God gives each of us a song, and Mark will be singing in the hearts of those he left behind. A devoted friend to many, Mark is fondly remembered by his family and friends as sentimental, "constantly hilarious," "boldly honest," and "ever a

passionate friend."

Mark is survived by his parents, Bob and Sally (Lucas), and brothers Matt and Carin (Schmidt) and children Lucas and Bella, and Paul and Erika (Baugh) and daughter Ryan.

A full obituary is available at Davies Cremation and Burial Services (www.daviescremationburial.com).

The family would especially like to thank the many medical professionals of Oregon Health & Science University of Portland, and the Legacy/Emanuel Oregon Burn Center for their devotion to Mark.

Memorial contributions can be made to Holt International, Eugene, Oregon; and Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Portland, Oregon.



Stroncsek

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JAN. 9

WHITE, ALVERDA — Services at 10 a.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

SUNDAY, JAN. 10

EDGE-ULAND, FE — Graveside service following state guidelines at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

MONDAY-TUESDAY, JAN. 11-12

No services scheduled

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
DEC. 29, 2020

GIBSON — Aimee C. Gibson and Taner S. Gonzalez of Pendleton: a boy, Cayden Christopher Gibson.

DEC. 30, 2020

BOUNDS — Danielle M. Bounds and Christopher R.L. Bounds of Pendleton: a girl, Finnlee Parker Marie Bounds.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
DEC. 30, 2020

MIDLAND — Mariah McKeever and Zachary Midland of Hermiston: a girl, Xena Ray Midland.

DEC. 31, 2020

RAYMOND — Joelynn D. Raymond and Justin A. Raymond of Hermiston: a boy, Damon Allen Raymond.

JAN. 1, 2021

LOW — Kimberly Johnson Low and Richard A. Low of Hermiston: a girl, Baylor Addison Low.

JAN. 4, 2021

CHALES LUCAS — Estela F. Lucas Hernandez and Andres Chales Lorenzo of Hermiston: a boy, Cristian Andres Chales Lucas.

LOTTERY

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021

Megabucks

19-23-34-41-43-46

Estimated jackpot: \$6.7

million

Lucky Lines

04-05-12-16-20-21-26-30

Estimated jackpot: \$76,000

Powerball

01-20-22-60-66

Powerball: 3

Power Play: 3

Estimated jackpot: \$410

million

Win for Life

09-11-12-71

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 7-8-2-5

7 p.m.: 6-3-8-7

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

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021

Lucky Lines

03-08-12-15-18-22-28-30

Estimated jackpot: \$77,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 1-7-1-1

4 p.m.: 1-3-6-2

7 p.m.: 2-4-6-7

10 p.m.: 2-9-3-0

Friday, Jan. 8, 2021

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 8-1-7-9

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