

Joseph R. Yocom

Lexington
December 27, 1932 — March 21, 2021



Yocom

Joseph R. Yocom was born to John and Mae Belle Yocom in The Dalles on December 27, 1932, and died March 21, 2021, at Providence St Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla Washington.

There will be a graveside service with military honors at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2021, at the Lexington Cemetery.

Joe grew up in Wasco and graduated from Wasco High School in 1952. He was drafted and served in the US Army 82nd Airborne. On November 21, 1953, he married the love of his life, Hilda Stanley. They settled in Lexington and raised four children. She passed in 1992. Joe worked for Morrow County Grain Growers for 35 years as a pump man.

Joe was quite a storyteller. He loved to talk about horses, his family, and especially his adventures over the years. One of his favorite quotes was, "We worked hard, but we played harder!"

Joe was a lifelong volunteer for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. He was honored as Grand Marshal in 2008.

He was a Teamster for the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train. He was also the Wagon Master and Teamster for the

Roundup Wagon Train for many years. His draft team, Sugar and Spice, and his fully restored yellow covered wagon were well known and carried many dignitaries in the Westward Ho! Parade and Happy Canyon.

Joe was a devoted husband, father, and Papa. He enjoyed teaching the kids about his love of horses. He was an avid high school sports fan; watching all of his grandkids play.

He is survived by his sister, Shirley Otto; his children, Debbie Jones, Millie West, Jack (Renee) Yocom, and Marie (Darin) Simonis; grandchildren, Brenda Jones, Olivia West, Nicole Crosby, Heather Tritt, Travis Jones, Justin Yocom, and Zachary Yocom; and seven great-grandchildren with another on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Beverly Gunderson; his wife, Hilda; grandchildren, Joseph West and Jane Jones; and son-in-law, Leland Jones.

Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Edwin Games Gill

Arlington
April 20, 1928 — March 9, 2021

Edwin Games Gill, 92, of Arlington died Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles. A memorial graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at 11 a.m., at the Arlington Cemetery.



Gill

He was born at Independence, Missouri, on April 20, 1928, the son of William Arthur and Vella Marie Humphreys Gill. He was raised at Hopkins, Missouri where he attended school and graduated from high school.

In 1953, Ed moved to Florence, Oregon, and began working at a grocery store, he later became manager of that store. In 1961, he went to work for Kraft Foods as a salesman, working there until 1987 when he moved to Arlington working at the landfill for a few years. Ed remained in Arlington until 2020 when he moved to The Dalles.

Ed served as mayor of Scio, Oregon, and served on the Arlington Health Clinic board. He was a lifelong

member of the Elks Lodge where he served as chaplain for several years.

While living in Arlington, he enjoyed playing golf, his involvement in the United Methodist Church, being an Arizona snowbird and spending time with friends and family.

Ed is survived by his wife, Lois Hutson-Gill; son, Randy Gill; stepsons, Phil Hutson, Steven

Anderson, David Anderson; stepdaughter, Linda Creager; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Gill; sisters, Anna Marie Florea, Len Mae Wray; brothers, William Gill, Robert Gill, George Gill.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arlington United Methodist Church, PO Box 417, Arlington, OR 97812.

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

Harleen Sue Smith

Umatilla
May 7, 1937 — March 20, 2021

Harleen Sue Smith of Umatilla was born May 7, 1937, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the daughter of Harl and Stella (Ward) Warford.



Smith

She passed away in Umatilla on Saturday, March 20, 2021, at the age of 83.

Harleen lived in Arkansas and California during her childhood, attending school in Woodland, California. She married Albert Lee Smith Sr. in Reno, Nevada, on July 12, 1963. The couple moved several times due to work but lived most of their lives in California and Umatilla, Oregon.

Harleen stayed home to care for her children while they were growing up. After her kids were raised, she worked at Capeco and Walmart. She retired from Walmart in the early 2000s.

She enjoyed going to casinos, trips to the coast,

classic cars, and collecting Barbie dolls and bells. She had been a 4H instructor and a softball coach.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Lee Smith Sr., on March 31, 2000; her parents; and her beloved dog, Snoopy.

She is survived by her four children, Lee Ann (Jonathon) Cecil, Kelly (Justin) Holm, Albert (Janis Davis) Smith Jr., and Thomas (Crystal) Smith; sister, Carole Pellant; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021, at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

OBITUARIES

Carol Lee (James) Reaves

Irrigon
October 11, 1941 — March 16, 2021



Reaves

Carol Lee (James) Reaves passed away at the age of 79 at her home in Irrigon, Oregon, on March 16, 2021, with her husband, Bill, by her side. She was preceded in death by her brother, Michael William James, as well as sisters, Marilyn Fay Wisbeck, Florence Fay Mosley, and Linda Jo Roberts.

Carol was born to Joe James and Lee Pyatt in Payette, Idaho, on October 11, 1941. She was the oldest of nine children. She had one son, Paul Kramer, who married Tracy Kramer and gave her two grandchildren, Joshua and Amber Kramer.

Carol had a great love for family and enjoyed sharing stories of her life with them. She once wrote a book called "Lloyds Edition" as a recollection of memories from the first 18 years of her life. By the end of this book, she gave us a glimpse into her world as an adult: "In my future, I would find myself alone in New York City with a long journey home. I married and had a beautiful boy! I lived in the Alaska Wilderness now called "The Rain Forest" with lots of excitement and thrilling stories. I flew out of Alaska when my husband was injured and another story waits in Seattle, I experienced a spiritual experience and a divorce, another story. I left church, (not God!) and tried my hand at making it on my own. I entered into another marriage with much more travel. I learned about the computer world and I worked at an auction business with my son and husband. To me it was all so interesting and there are so many stories to be told."

Carol wore many hats throughout her life. She was a granddaughter, daughter, sister, employee, business woman, wife, mother, friend, and grandmother. Throughout her career, she spent time as a sales woman traveling across the country from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine, she was a seamstress for Jantzen swimwear, she was in quality control for Simplot,

and more. Throughout all of her vocational endeavors, she was finally led to find herself at the forefront of the building of a family business, the Columbia River Auction.

She helped build that company from the ground up, managing everything from accounting, to advertising and office management. From all of her titles given throughout her career, the one she held highest of all was "Domestic Engineer."

Carol and Bill Reaves were married December 31, 1979, in Gold Beach, Oregon. At this time, she gained a stepdaughter, Lindsay Reaves. Bill and Carol traveled all around for work taking them from Montana to North Dakota to California, and more. They built the Reaves Roost RV Park in Irrigon, Oregon, now known as Oasis RV Park. This marked the end of their work travels. They built a house, a beautiful garden nursery, and began the Columbia River Auction.

Carol enjoyed sewing, knitting, gardening, fishing, and spending time with her family. She had the joy of living next door to her son and two grandchildren as they grew up. There are no words that quite emphasize enough the integral part that she played in their lives growing up.

Carol is survived by her husband Bill Reaves; brothers Charley Mark James, George Irvin James, and Robert (Robby) Allen Land; sister, JoAnn James; son, Paul Kramer; daughter-in-law, Tracy Kramer; stepdaughter, Lindsay Reaves; grandson, Joshua Kramer, and granddaughter, Amber Kramer.

A graveside service following state guidelines will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon, Oregon.

Please share memories of Carol with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Jerome Omer 'Jerry' Sobotta

Hermiston
February 12, 1936 — March 21, 2021



Sobotta

Jerome Omer "Jerry" Sobotta was born to George Sobotta and Ann Griese Sobotta on February 12, 1936, in Arcadia, Wisconsin. He passed away March 21, 2021, surrounded by family in his home at the age of 85 years.

Jerry attended schools in Lapwai, Idaho, where he met his childhood sweetheart Kay Maxwell. Jerry and Kay married as he attended Gonzaga University where he played basketball, and then Washington State University where he became a lifelong Cougar. After receiving a degree in pharmacy, he went to work as a pharmacist in Richland, Washington, and later purchased Hermiston Drug with his brother, Jack, also a pharmacist. They expanded by adding a second store, Orchard Pharmacy, located near the medical center.

To describe Jerry in one word, it would be "kind." He loved each member of the family (and many an extended family member) for who they were, he supported each of us in whatever we desired to do. We felt it. He dispensed good, kind and always smart advice, but only if asked.

He was a spiritual man who always felt blessed, even though his good planning, his kindness, his positive attitude, and his hard work — along with his faith — were the true reasons for his success and the success of his children and grandchildren. He coached, he encouraged, but most of all, he believed in and was confident in our individual ability to complete a degree, find a job, or marry the right person. No matter what though, we, his children and grandchildren, always knew he would love us and would be there to pick us up and dust us off, if we failed.

He was a true athlete. He played basketball for Gonzaga University, then supported family members in playing

almost every kind of sport, but mostly he was a believer in just staying active. He attended many, many sporting events to watch children, grandchildren, (or their friends) or just someone he knew from his hometown, Lapwai, Idaho. He is now in heaven, watching the men's and women's NCAA Championships and looking forward to a Gonzaga championship and the baseball season.

Preceding him in death were his parents George and Ann; his siblings, Richard (Dick) Sobotta, George (Junior) Sobotta, Gloria Mullan, Rosemary Webb, John (Jack) Sobotta; and his oldest son, James Jerome Sobotta.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; his brother, Bob (Loretta) Sobotta; his children, John Sobotta, Julie (Dan) Kane, Karin Sobotta, Diana (Steve) Lilley, Scott Sobotta, Steven Sobotta and Joshua Sobotta; grandchildren, Jon, Annie, Ashley, Michael, Kyle, Jacob, Alyssa, Jessica, Tina, Denise, Benjamin, Kayce, Nicole, Arielle, Mariah, Kylee, and Dawn-Rose; great-grandchildren, Haley, Lucas, Jare, Knox and numerous other great grandchildren nieces and nephews.

Because of the limitation on gatherings due to the pandemic, a family mass will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Boardman, Oregon, with burial to follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Jerry's memory to the Hermiston Little League or the Agape House c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Jerry with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

TOMPKINS, BOB — Virtual memorial service at 7 p.m. on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84202809995?pwd=UTZmU05yOXYpWVZUNUJmSDRlWjB0UT09>.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

KEYSER, BILL — Graveside service with military honors at 2 p.m. at the Sunset Hill Cemetery, Umatilla.

SMITH, HARLEEN — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

GILL, ED — Memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Arlington Cemetery.

REAVES, CAROL — Graveside service following state guidelines at 1 p.m. at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon.

OBITUARY POLICY

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Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at EastOregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

LOTTERY

Monday, March 22, 2021	12-23-35-38-55
Megabucks	Mega Ball: 11
4-11-16-18-27-46	Megaplier: 2x
Estimated jackpot: \$3.5 million	Estimated jackpot: \$137 million
Lucky Lines	Lucky Lines
1-8-12-13-18-22-27-30	1-8-12-15-17-22-25-32
Estimated jackpot: \$49,000	Estimated jackpot: \$50,000
Win for Life	Pick 4
9-17-38-50	1 p.m.: 0-0-2-3
Pick 4	4 p.m.: 4-5-4-3
1 p.m.: 1-4-7-6	7 p.m.: 1-4-1-6
4 p.m.: 0-2-7-3	10 p.m.: 7-6-7-2
7 p.m.: 9-5-4-1	Wednesday, March 24, 2021
10 p.m.: 4-6-7-6	Pick 4
Tuesday, March 23, 2021	1 p.m.: 6-0-8-1
Mega Millions	

MEETINGS

Editor's note: Due to concerns about the coronavirus, many activities have been postponed or canceled. Contact the venue before attending any public gathering to ensure the event is still scheduled, and at the place listed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

- MILTON-FREEWATER LIBRARY BOARD**, 4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. (541-938-5531)
- PENDLETON ARTS COMMISSION**, 4 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. (Charles Denight 541-966-0233)
- PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION**, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. (Jutta Haliewicz 541-966-0240)
- SALVATION ARMY ADVISORY BOARD**, Noon, Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)
- UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**, 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, 4700 N.W. Pioneer Place, Pendleton. (541-278-6252)
- UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT**, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom or phone, online, Pendleton. Join the meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84999071139?pwd=akgzYjVlek91ZmozL2p4aWxUeWZqUT09> or call 971-247-1195, Meeting ID: 849 990 71139#, for audio only. (Dea Nowell 541-276-6449)

MONDAY, MARCH 29

MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Tonia Adams 541-676-2942)

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Irrigon City Hall via Zoom meeting, 205 Third St. N.E., Irrigon. Join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/97872531735?pwd=eVR3Mm5ibStLQ0ozU-Hovcv9IsnA3QT09>, password: 318269, meeting ID: 978 7253 1735, or call 253-215-8782, same meeting number. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. (Roberta Lutcher 541-676-5613)

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- ADAMS PLANNING COMMISSION**, 6:30 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St. (541-566-9380)
- PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, 4 p.m., via Zoon online platform, Pendleton. Join the meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81407185052>, or call 669-900-9128, code 814 0718 5052. (Charles Denight 541-966-0233)
- STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL**, 6 p.m., Council chambers building, 160 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (Ben Burgener 541-449-3831)

