

OBITUARIES

Michael Joseph Halfmoon

Spokane, Washington
March 22, 1952 — May 15, 2021

Michael Joseph Halfmoon, born March 22, 1952, died May 15, 2021, in his home at Spokane, Washington.



Halfmoon

Michael, known by many as “Big Mike” or “Mr. Man” to others, was born to Carolyn Halfmoon in Pendleton, Oregon.

Mike was raised on Mt. Hood, in Zig Zag, Oregon, by Ed and Betty Ferraris. He attended school in Sandy, Oregon. In 1970, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the United State Marine Corps, completed basic training at Camp Pendleton and was stationed in Puerto Rico for the duration of his service. He was honorably discharged in 1972.

He married Jenny Annis on May 20, 1973. They had a son, Jake, later that year. The family lived together in Portland. Mike and Jenny were later divorced.

Mike later met and had two children with Jacqueline Van Pelt: a daughter, Karla Halfmoon, and another son, Delbert Halfmoon. Mike also raised Jackie’s son, Robert James, as his own. They lived on the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Pendleton, Oregon.

Many people know and remember Mike due to his many years developing himself as a skilled construction worker and heavy equipment operator. Some of his proudest accomplishments include the results of his significant contribution and craftsmanship on the Fremont Bridge in Portland, as well as thorough and detailed excavation of the tribal fishing sites along the Columbia River. He was also employed for a period of time as a truck driver, making big hauls around the region.

Big Mike loved cars, classic rock & roll music, and the open road. He was a proud veteran of the Marine Corps and proud of his Native heritage and family history as a Halfmoon. He was proud to work hard to provide for his children.

He is preceded in death by his mother Carolyn, younger brother “Little Mike” Summers, daughter Karla Halfmoon, and former partner Jackie Van Pelt.

He is survived by his sons Jake Ferraris (Jessie), Delbert Halfmoon and Robert James Van Pelt, as well as grandchildren Keisha, Emily, Halee and Jacob Jr. Ferraris, Leah, Sophie and Quentin Van Pelt, and Joseph Halfmoon. He is also survived by brother James Halfmoon and sisters Cindy Halfmoon and Peggy Summers.

Honorary pallbearers are Father Mike Fitzpatrick, Ronald Halfmoon and family, Harold Halfmoon and family, the Kalama family, his lifelong friend Gary Anderson, and his many friends made out on the road, both building it and driving it.

Rosary and memorial mass will take place on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 9 a.m. at St. Andrews Church. Grab and go lunch will be provided at Kateri Hall following Saturday service. Private cremation will be held with family only, and his ashes will be placed with his daughter Karla Halfmoon at the BIA Agency Cemetery at his children’s discretion.

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

Mariko ‘Mars’ Hanami

Hermiston
February 25, 1921 — May 10, 2021

Mariko “Mars” Hanami died May 10, 2021, in Hermiston at the age of 100. She was born February 25, 1921, to Shoji and Matsumi Ishii Kumasaka in Seattle, Washington. She attended Olympic View and Lincoln High School, Class of 1939.



Hanami

In her growing up years she helped in the family greenhouses and garden. As a teenager she was active with the Green Lake Fieldhouse basketball team and Green Lake softball and basketball teams of the Japanese Courier Leagues.

In 1940 she went to Japan with a group of girls sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Church. They traveled together for three months and she stayed for a year when her sister May joined her and they traveled to scenic spots and visited relatives. They returned to America in February 1941.

She was attending Wilson Business School when the evacuation of all Japanese of the West Coast was ordered. In April 1942 she was incarcerated with her family in the Puyallup Assembly Center (Puyallup Fairgrounds). In August 1942 they were sent to the Minidoka Relocation Center in the desert of south-central Idaho. In September she went to the Rexburg area of eastern Idaho with her brother Akira and his family on the work-release program to help with the harvest of potatoes and sugar beets.

In the fall of 1943 she went to Chicago and then to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to marry Takeshi “Tug” Hanami on December 18, 1943. When he was sent to Europe with the 442nd Combat Team in May 1944, she returned to Chicago and worked at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Upon Tug’s return and his discharge in November 1945, they went back to the Rexburg area and raised their family. For many years she worked at radio station KRXX, Part Service and Rexburg Floral. She was a member of the community Presbyterian Church.

In 1972 they moved to Caldwell after the children

had left to go to college. She was an active member of the VFW Auxiliary and she and her husband attended many state conventions throughout Idaho. They also attended many Army reunions of the Cannon Company of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Seattle and Hawaii. They traveled throughout the Western states to the reunions of the 148th Field Artillery.

In 2005 they moved to Hermiston to be near her daughter, Jan. Mars was busy with her garden, canning, sharing her produce and dish cloths and scrubbers. She started bowling in the 1960s in Rexburg and since October 2005 in Hermiston, she had bowled twice week with seniors until she was 96.

The highlight of her 100th birthday was the visits from the Hermiston Police Department and the Hermiston Fire and Emergency Service Department. They held a soft spot in her heart.

Mariko is survived by her son, Mark Minoru Hanami of Mountain Home, Arkansas; daughters Janice Kiku Hanami of Hermiston, Oregon, and Gail Asa Shenfield (Floyd) of Omaha, Nebraska; grandchildren Heather Hanami, Corpus Christi, Texas, Erika Murchison-Blake (Matthew), Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Brandon Shenfield, Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Christie Shenfield, Omaha, Nebraska; and great-grandson Amir Makai Murchison-Hanami, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 68 years, Takeshi “Tug” Hanami; son Jon Y. Hanami; brothers Akira Kumasaka, Haruo “Ham” Kumasaka and Roland Shozo Kumasaka; and sisters Mitsuko Furuyama, May Fujioka and Mutsuko Kumasaka.

A private family burial will be held.

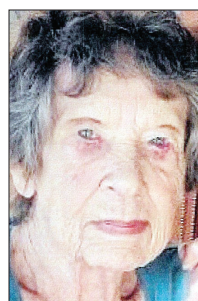
Please share memories of Mars with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Elizabeth Jane ‘Beth’ Hughes

Hermiston
January 25, 1935 — May 15, 2021

Elizabeth Jane (Beth) Hughes of Stanfield was born in Heppner, Oregon, on January 25, 1935, to Archie and Doris (Mahoney) Ball. She passed away May 15, 2021, in Hermiston, Oregon, surrounded by her family celebrating Beth’s life, as she had instructed them to do.



Hughes

Beth graduated from Heppner High School in 1953 and was princess for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo the same year.

Beth married Charles Flack in 1955, resulting in three daughters: Donna Van Dis (Fred) of Roseburg, Oregon, and Rene Gutierrez (Kent) and Doreen Quick (Gary), both of Hermiston.

On July 24, 1991, Beth married Clarence Hughes, gaining four bonus children: Renee Pollick (Jim Davis) of Hermiston, Michael Hughes (Yvonne Michel) of Kennewick, Washington, Larry Brower (Teresa) of Hermiston, and Lori Varnum (Patrick) of Prineville, Oregon.

Beth was a very devoted and proud grandmother of 18 grandchildren and 24

great-grandchildren.

Beth loved doing yard work and could always be found from sunup to sundown in her yard. In 2020, due to health issues and losing Clarence, Beth moved to Hermiston and up until two weeks ago was still doing the things she loved.

Beth was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings Bobby Ball, Laurel Van Marter, Eileen Steiger and Harriet Hall. She is survived by her sister Nancy Ekstrom and brother Archie Ball.

Beth was dearly loved and will be terribly missed. She has now been reunited with Clarence.

A private family gathering will be held at a later time.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

The family would like to thank Vange John Memorial Hospice for their loving care at this difficult time.

Edwin Louis Brown

Hermiston
April 10, 1950 — May 16, 2021



Brown

Edwin Louis Brown was born April 10, 1950, in Eugene, Oregon, to John and Olive (Clark) Brown. He grew up in Sweet Home, Oregon, and graduated from Sweet Home High School, Class of 1968. It was there that he met his first wife, Bonnie Lee Ramey. They were married December 27, 1969.

After high school, Ed served in the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician aboard the USS Hancock for six years. During this time his daughter Jamie and son Brandon were born. In 1976, after Ed was out of the Navy, he and his family moved to Eastern Oregon where they resided in Hermiston and raised their children. Ed was awarded the National Defense Service Medal; participated in Vietnam Evacuation April-May 1975; and received First Good Conduct, awarded for the period ending September 26, 1973, during his time in the Navy.

After his move, he and his father operated Brown & Brown Well Drilling together for several years throughout Eastern Oregon. In 1988, Ed began Water Well Developing & Surveys, which he operated until 2016 when his son and daughter-in-law bought the business. Ed was a third generation water well driller and was well-known for his helpful nature, well drilling knowledge, and his never-quit attitude. The well-camera business he operated allowed him to meet and help nearly every

well driller and pump installer in the Northwest.

On July 4, 1999, Ed married Christina Faye Moses in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ed enjoyed hunting, fishing, snow and water skiing, and traveling. He also enjoyed family trips to the Oregon Coast’s sand dunes where he drove sand rails. He held a lifelong faith in God. Ed was an amazing father, husband, brother and friend to so many. He was a hard worker and strived to help others succeed. He will be missed by all who knew him and never forgotten.

Ed is survived by his wife, Christina; daughter Jamie (Chris) Brown; son Brandon (Megan) Brown; grandchildren Bali, Loic and Josey; brother Doyce (Jackie) Brown; sisters Joyce Gadek and Joan (Jim) Senner; and many extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Geri Morris.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at the Hermiston Cemetery Veterans Shelter.

Family suggest memorial donations in Ed’s memory be made to the Northwest Rett Syndrome Association (nwrettsyndrome.org) on behalf of his granddaughter Josey, who has Rett Syndrome.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Willa ‘Dee’ Hendricks

Irrigon
April 6, 1934 — May 13, 2021

Willa “Dee” Hendricks of Irrigon left this earth on May 13, 2021, to be with our heavenly Father. She had just turned 87.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Theodore Hendricks of 65 years, sons Michael and Paul Hendricks and great-great-grandson Jasper McKenzie. Dee is survived by five children, Teddy Shattuck, David Hendricks, Tracey Hendricks, Philip Hendricks and Julie Holloway, and over 70 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dee was born on April 6, 1934, in Los Angeles, California to Zeke and Evelyn Walker. Her family traveled all over the U.S. and Canada. When she was 16 she met and later married Theodore in Fairbanks, Alaska, when he was stationed there during his service with the U.S. Army.

While she did work outside the home doing

various jobs, her primary focus was always on raising the six kids they had in nine short years. They later adopted their granddaughter as their own. Dee was a very loving, devoted, rule-enforcing mom.

Dee had a passion for the arts. She loved painting and had a talent for it; she even attended art school. She loved fishing and traveling with her family. She spent most of her life traveling the country. Dee always took in stray animals and loved them like they were her children. Dee kept her feisty fiery spirit till the end.

A graveside service will be held for Dee on May 22, 2021, at the Irrigon Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Hendricks

DEATH NOTICES

Anne T. Chase

Walla Walla, Washington
March 31, 1956 — May 16, 2021

Anne T. Chase, 65, of Walla Walla, Washington, died Sunday, May 16, 2021, in Walla Walla. She was born March 31, 1956. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in care of arrangements.

Catherine V. Galenbeck

Pendleton
Aug. 4, 1925 — May 17, 2021

Catherine V. Galenbeck, 95, of Pendleton, died Monday, May 17, 2021, at her home. She was born Aug. 4, 1925, in Pendleton. Services will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Shirley A. Howard

Milton-Freewater
Jan. 22, 1928 — May 16, 2021

Shirley A. Howard, 93, of Milton-Freewater, died Sunday, May 16, 2021, in College Place, Washington. She was born Jan. 22, 1928. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in care of the arrangements.

Priscilla Kathleen Knudeson

Portland
May 24, 1925 — May 18, 2021

Former Hermiston resident Priscilla Kathleen Knudeson, 95, of Portland, died Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in Portland. She was born May 24, 1925, in Spiro, Oklahoma. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Muriel J. Porter

Warrenton
Jan. 25, 1928 — May 15, 2021

Longtime Stanfield resident Muriel J. Porter, 93, of Warrenton, died Saturday, May 15, 2021, in Portland. She was born Jan. 25, 1928, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. A graveside funeral service following state guidelines will be held Sunday, May 23, at 1 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

LOTTERY

Monday, May 17, 2021

Megabucks

22-28-30-34-40-42
 Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million

Lucky Lines

04-08-12-14-17-22-25-32
 Estimated jackpot: \$33,000

Win for Life

05-20-43-58

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-8-2-2
 4 p.m.: 3-2-2-4
 7 p.m.: 4-8-8-5
 10 p.m.: 8-8-0-0

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Mega Millions

03-05-56-61-66

Mega Ball: 4

Megaplier: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$475 million

Lucky Lines

04-07-12-15-19-23-28-31
 Estimated jackpot: \$34,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-7-8-3
 4 p.m.: 6-0-5-7
 7 p.m.: 8-4-1-3
 10 p.m.: 2-2-6-0

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 5-0-3-1

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