

OBITUARIES

Marcene Harris Garriott

Milton-Freewater
February 28, 1925 — May 6, 2021

Marcene Harris Garriott passed away on May 6 at Wheatland Village Park View at the age of 96. She was an end of the fourth generation of the Harris clan. A life-long resident, she was born on February 28, 1925, in the red brick house on Highway 11 approaching Milton-Freewater. Her parents, Claude and Maude Harris, built the house.

She completed her grade school years in the Adventist school and played the violin in their orchestra. She attended McLoughlin High School, playing the saxophone in their band, and when she turned 16, her father bought her the first rumble seat in Milton-Freewater.

She always worked, but her first job driving wheat truck was for Wade Bergevin, whom she called the most fair boss she ever had. She also attended Oregon State University and joined Theta Xi Sorority.

Marcene married Harland Garriott on April 10, 1947, in the First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater. After their marriage, Marcene and Harland began farming and raising strawberries, cherries, apples, prunes, wheat and sheep. They pedaled their crops door to door and to the Dacres Hotel in Walla Walla.

Marcene loved being outdoors, and from the age of 5, her mother required her to memorize a Bible text before allowing her to have the privilege of going outside. She memorized a text every day and, quite naturally, her favorite verse was John 11:35. After spending the whole day away, she got a switching when she finally came home at the end of the day. Later, she learned to fence and got a pilot's license. She loved fly fishing and mushroom hunting and told of her encounters with bears and rattlesnakes and developed a collection of rattlesnake rattles. She was a hunter of deer and elk, but strictly for food, never for sport.

She was adventurous and traveled extensively throughout Europe, with a friend Jan March to Majorca, and visited her daughter Jaklin in Austria three times. She and her sister flew to Caracas, Venezuela, in 1966 to visit her niece and her husband Merlin Tuttle, a bat expert, and lived in the wild for three weeks. One of her favorite memories of that adventure was being able to hold a wild baby crocodile, with Merlin's supervision.

Later in life she became an avid bird enthusiast, joining the Audubon Society and developing a large and varied bird egg collection that she collected during the 1950s and '60s.

Her interest in nature and in sports often evolved into contributions to the recreational resources of Milton-Freewater. She was elected school director for District 31. She started the first softball team for women in Milton-Freewater, called the Harris Orchards Softball Team. Her opponents nicknamed her "the witch" because she was formidable.

Pioneer Posse Grounds started on her land on the Walla Walla River with a quar-

ter-mile track and bleachers. Bill Harder was the first president of the Posse Grounds and also farmed her land for the next 30 years.

Marcene had the land and helped build the Totem Bowl, the first and only bowling alley in Milton-Freewater, owned by Lew Renville. Later, in 1958, the Founding Fathers from Hermiston came and asked if she would build a bowling alley in Hermiston, and from that she and her husband built Desert Lanes Bowling Alley in Hermiston and a house next door. From there she won bowling contests that helped put them on the map. Soon after that she received certification awards for helping to establish a golf course in Milton-Freewater, with Ivan and Fran Wheeler.

Her entire life of nearly a century was lived in the Walla Walla Valley. She loved the valley and the world of nature it embraced. She always believed in God, but she kept her faith private until finally she decided she wanted to be baptized later in life, in her early 70s. The family remembers well the day when Pastor Karl Haffner baptized her in the Walla Walla River on the old Demaris Homestead in Milton-Freewater. She loved that land and considered the river that nourished the Harris family homestead the only fitting place for her baptism.

Marcene was preceded in death by her brother Archie Harris (wife Sylvia) and her sister Majorie Harder (husband FEJ Harder) from Texas. Surviving are their children and grandchildren, including Archie's son Tom Harris (wife Judy) and daughter Judy Voshell (husband Butch) from Walla Walla; niece Mindy LaGosse (husband David) of Portland, Oregon; nephew Fred Harder (wife Virginia); and niece Claudette Hartman (husband David, deceased), Texas.

Marcene and Harland Garriott had one child, a daughter Jaklin. She had two children: a son Chad Womack and his wife Megan who have two children, Sophie and Ava, who live in Argentina; and a daughter, Sheri Vammen from New York City.

The family wishes to give special thanks to the Milton-Freewater Rehab, Wheatland-Parkview, and Walla Walla Hospice for their care of Marcene in the closing days of her life, and especially to Dr. Paul Parker, Dr. Joanne Perez, and Sarah Scarborough for their medical care and kindness. And thanks to all the friends who took her for birdwatching rides, especially Cheryl Dietz, Judy Piper, Sarah Scarborough, Charlotte Trumbull and Tiffany Yensen.

A private memorial will be held. Memorial contributions can be made through the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home to the Frazier Farmstead Museum or the Milton-Freewater Golf Club.

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



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Jackie S. Hughs

Hermiston
August 22, 1958 — May 14, 2021

Jackie S. Hughs, 62, of Hermiston, Oregon, passed away on May 14, 2021, in La Grande, Oregon. She was born on August 22, 1958, in Umatilla, Oregon, to parents Richard and Sharlene (Smith) Hughs.

Jackie was raised in Hermiston and graduated from Hermiston High School in the Class of 1976. She then attended Blue Mountain Community College. Jackie then worked at the McNary Dam for a short time before going to work at Lamb Weston, retiring after 42 years in 2019. When asked how long she worked at Lamb Weston, she would say, "I started working when I was five."

Jackie enjoyed walking at Riverfront Park as well as finding a shady place to sit and read a book. She crocheted for many years, donating many items to the Veterans Hospital, Next Step Pregnancy Center in La Grande and making baby clothes for newborns at the hospital. Jackie loved to go shopping and most recently video chats with her daughter and her greatest joy, her granddaughter Lucy.

She was active in many area churches, the Columbia and Stanfield granges, the Yarn Club, Hermiston Public Library, donating

over 1,000 books to the Little Free Library stations located around town, the Stanfield Moose Lodge, Echo Toy Run, the Hermiston Warming Station and donating art supplies to McNary Heights Elementary. She believed in helping others, and with her passing she donated the gift of life through tissue donation.

She is survived by her daughter Kimberly (Hughs) Leggett and her husband Nathan, La Grande, Oregon; sister Alice Hughs, Hermiston, Oregon; granddaughter Lucille; niece Melissa Hughs; and several extended family members.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Wanda Hughs; and several great-aunts and -uncles.

A graveside service following state guidelines will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Jackie with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



Hughs

Barbara Joyce Weatherford Buce

La Grande
November 6, 1928 — May 15, 2021

Barbara Joyce Weatherford Buce, 92, of La Grande, passed on into heaven early the morning of May 15, 2021. A memorial service will be held at the Damascus Road Community Church in La Grande on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 11 a.m.

Barbara, better known as Bobby, or lovingly known as "The Queen," was born in The Dalles, Oregon, on November 6 in the year of "Our Lord only knows" (1928). She was well known for her sense of humor, fast-paced lifestyle, generosity, timeless beauty, and she honestly believed everything should be covered in diamonds or "bling blings," as she called them.

She was a classy lady who grew up driving a wheat truck on her family's ranch in Olex, Oregon. She attended Arlington High School and later Northwest Nazarene College. On the 50-yard line of that same high school, Bobby married her sweetheart, Thomas A. Buce, at sunrise on Easter Morning in April 1950. They had three children, then moved to Corvallis where Barbara worked to put Tom through school at OSU.

Tom's employment at Boeing Airlines moved the family to Seattle, Washington,

where they resided until retirement. Her career in Seattle involved owning her own real estate company, where she flipped houses using her incredible interior design skills.

Even after Bobby was retired, she never stopped being active. In her later years she enjoyed traveling, whether it was on a cruise or somewhere around the world, but her heart always belonged on her ranch in Grant County on Rudio Mountain. Her last chapter was moving to La Grande, Oregon, where she attended church and made many new friends.

Bobby is survived by her three children Alana Durand (Bill), Heidi Zimmerlee-McCrary, and Tom M. Buce (Carol); grandchildren

Tara Edwards (Scott), Bobbi Durand, Molly Williams (Josh) and Jake Buce (Megan); and great-grandchildren Garret Halverson, Gavin Zimmerlee and Amelia Edwards. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Frank and Daisy Weatherford; siblings Earl and Gayle Weatherford; grandchildren Shannon Zimmerlee-Halverson and Jamie Zimmerlee; and great-grandchild Charlotte Edwards.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.



Buce

Muriel Joy Porter

Warrenton
January 25, 1928 — May 15, 2021

Muriel Joy Porter, longtime resident of Stanfield, Oregon, of Warrenton, Oregon, was born on January 25, 1928, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to parents Magnus and Dollie Hadley Hughes. She died on May 15, 2021, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 93 years.

Muriel graduated from Stanfield High School before attending Pacific University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. She taught at Langlois School, Hermiston High School, Naples (Italy) and Helix High School.

Muriel was united in marriage to Frank Porter on December 27, 1964, gaining four children: Linda, Rita, Kelly and Fritz, and then adding another son, Steven, in 1966.

She was a longtime member of the Stanfield Harmony Club, Stanfield Hobby Club and the Hermiston Travel Club. Muriel had attended the Hope Presbyterian Church in

Stanfield, Faith Presbyterian Church in Hermiston, and the Hermiston First Christian Church before moving to Warrenton, Oregon. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting and cooking. Muriel loved roses and kitties, and cherished being a grandma.

She is survived by her sons Steven (Rachel) and Fritz; daughters Linda, Rita and Kelly; brother Clyde Hughes; and grandsons Nathan, Nicholas and Tyler.

Muriel was preceded in death by her husband Frank; her parents; a sister, Eunice Falk; and a brother, Clarence Hughes.

A graveside funeral service following state guidelines will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

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

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



Porter

John S. Brown

Pendleton
January 13, 1940 — May 19, 2021

John S. Brown, 81, passed away on May 19, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. John was born on January 13, 1940, to John and Eva (Williams) Brown in Schurz, Nevada.

John loved playing baseball and his 1957-58 high school baseball team was recently inducted into the Greenware Hall of Fame (Fallon, Nevada). He was coached by the late Elmo Dericco and late Ron Engel, assisted by Ed Arcniega, who coached the team to capture Churchill County High School's first baseball state championship. John's outstanding pitching skills resulted in him being recruited by the San Francisco Giants to play on their farm team. After graduating from Churchill County High School in Fallon, Nevada, John moved to San Francisco to pursue his baseball career and attended San Francisco State University. While in San Francisco he met his wife, Anna Marie Pond.

John worked for United Airlines while living in the Bay Area. He then moved to Eugene, Oregon, where he continued his college education at the University of Oregon. Upon finishing college, John accepted a job in Portland, Oregon, where he spent over 10 years working for the Portland Area Office Bureau of Indian Affairs as a real estate appraiser. Upon retiring from the Bureau, John and Anna Marie moved to Pendleton, Oregon.

Retirement didn't last very long as John became a blackjack dealer for Wildhorse Resort & Casino. He moved up the ranks and became a renowned pit boss. John formed

many lifelong friendships, and will be missed by many.

John's pride and joy were his grandchildren Martin Tanewasha Brown, Sonara Malumaleumu, Raymond Brown, No'alani Malumaleumu, Malealao Malumaleumu and Solomona Malumaleumu. He often said that his grandchildren kept him young at heart. He loved being a parent and grandparent.

John is survived by his sister Shirley Bear and niece Marisa Bear (Reno, Nevada); son John L. Brown (Warm Springs, Oregon); daughters Deanna Brown and her partner Larry Crus (Pendleton, Oregon), and Joann Malumaleumu and her husband Fotu (Pendleton, Oregon); nephews Gary (Dawna) Brown (Yerington, Nevada), and Marlon (Mary) Segura (Michigan); and numerous nieces and nephews.

John was predeceased by his wife Anna Marie (Pond) Brown; parents Eva and John Brown; brother James Brown; sisters Thelma Segura, Joan Brown, Mary Brown and Beatrice Blancy; and daughter-in-law Melva Tanewasha Charley.

Pastor Lloyd Commander will officiate a church service at Tutuilla Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 24, at 10 a.m., followed with burial at the Umatilla Agency Cemetery officiated by Wilson Wewa.

The family will host a dinner that celebrates his life at a different date/time when COVID restrictions are less strict.

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop is in charge of arrangements.



Brown

LOTTERY

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Megabucks

01-06-33-36-38-39

Estimated jackpot: \$2.9

million

Lucky Lines

01-06-09-14-19-23-27-29

Estimated jackpot: \$35,000

Powerball

11-13-55-56-69

Powerball: 4

Power Play: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$201

million

Win for Life

12-23-36-61

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 4-9-3-9

7 p.m.: 4-2-8-1

10 p.m.: 2-6-2-1

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Lucky Lines

04-06-11-15-20-22-25-32

Estimated jackpot: \$X,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 7-1-5-5

4 p.m.: 0-3-1-9

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

10 p.m.: 9-5-2-1

Friday, May 21, 2021

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-6-8-2

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