

Michael L. Jones

Mission
Sept. 11, 1958 — July 21, 2021

Michael Louis Jones died July 21, 2021, in Boise, Idaho. Michael was born September 11, 1958, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Bert & Elizabeth Jones.

Michael grew up in Athena, Oregon, and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1977, and spent some time in the Treasure Valley. He worked on a Hot Shot Crew for the U.S. Forest Service and also for CTUIR Fisheries and at the Wildhorse Casino Golf Course as well as the hotel and Arrowhead. Michael enjoyed the outdoors when he would go fishing, camping and hunting, as well as many sports including basketball, softball, volleyball, pool and golf and horseshoes.

Michael is survived by his significant other of 18 years, Carmalita M. Chalakee, of Mission; stepchildren, Sheena Spino and Marqus George, both of Mission; and his fur babies, Ms. Blitz and Beastmode.

And siblings, Lillian Burns of Mission, Oregon, Lydia McKenzie of Mississippi, Linda Jones of Mission, Brenda (Gail) Shippentower of Mission, Calvin Jones of Mission, Paul (Liz) Jones of Mission, Wes (Dana) Jones of Mission, and Charlie (Hattie) Jones of Mission, Lynn Sue Jones of Mission. And numerous nieces and nephews.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, Bert & Elizabeth Jones; sisters, Pam Harrison, Cindy Jones Smarlowit, William "Willie Jon" Jones.

Dressing service was held Friday, July 23, 2021, followed by Washat service at the Long house. Final seven at seven was held Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the Agency Long House followed by Burial at Agency Cemetery.

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



Jones

Jim Rackley

Gresham

Oct. 8, 1945 — July 23, 2021

Jim Rackley passed away peacefully with his wife, Elyn, and his beloved dogs, Teddy and Tessie, by his side. Jim met his wife, Elyn, and they married in 1990. Elyn shares Jim's love of animals. Jim was often referred to as Dr. Doolittle since he was unable to turn his back on an injured creature. He was always ready to nurse them back to health and was known to feed any wildlife that came to their door.

Jim and Elyn enjoyed entertaining their many friends. Those friends will tell you "Rackley Hospitality" is unsurpassed. Jim knew no strangers. He could strike up a conversation with anyone. He was one of the nicest, most sincere guys you've ever met.

Jim grew up in Pendleton. His very best friends were and are from Pendleton. He was loyal to the core to all of them. They loved the Rack.

He was an outstanding three sport athlete for Pendleton High School. Jim graduated in 1964. He was a three-year letterman in football. He played on three league championship teams. He was an all-league and all-state receiver. Rack was selected to play in the Shrine game for the state's outstanding seniors.

He was a two-year letterman in basketball and played on two league championship teams. He and his Buckaroo teammates played in two state tournaments at Mac Court in Eugene.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Hal Rackley; his mother Dixie Rackley; and his brother, Moody Rackley. He is survived by his wife, Elyn of Gresham, Oregon; his brother, Ernie (Tina) Rackley of Troy, Michigan; brother-in-law, Michael Dean Senda (Elena) of Glenview, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please donate to any animal rescue or shelter.

A celebration of Jim Rackley's life will be held Sunday, September 5, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge on Main Street in Pendleton. Jim Rackley was a great guy and a loyal Pendleton Buckaroo, through and through.

Warberg in basketball, and Bob White in baseball. The group of athletes that Jim played with in high school is considered the greatest group of athletes to go through the halls of Pendleton High School. As juniors and seniors, these athletes were league champions in football, basketball, baseball and golf.

Morever, Jim Rackley was one of the nicest and most popular students in his class. One of the highlights of his life was being selected into the Buckaroo Football Hall of Fame in 2007. After high school Jim attended Boise State for one year, while playing football. Then he went on to Idaho State where he continued to play football. He received his college degree with a bachelor of science degree in education.

He taught for eight years at Pocatello High School and while teaching physical education, he coached high school football, wrestling and baseball. After that, Jim moved back to Portland, where he pursued several career paths. He settled in at Batesville Casket Company where he worked for 22 years. He retired in 2012.

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Nicholas Barry Broun

Paterson, Washington
Oct. 10, 1953 — July 21, 2021

Nicholas Barry Broun, age 67, passed away peacefully in his home on July 21, 2021. He was born October 10, 1953, to Dr. James and Mrs. Evelyn Broun in Pendleton, Oregon. Nick went to Hermiston School District and attended Oregon State.

Nick was a Jack of all trades throughout his life, his most recent job being in Paterson at Sandpiper Farms. Nick would often be found at The Paterson Store visiting with the locals and could always be counted on to help a friend. He was well known for his quick wit, joking personality and booming laugh. When Nick laughed, one couldn't help but join along.

Although Nick didn't have any of his own children, he doted on his great-nieces and great-nephews, traveling great distances to celebrate Christmas and loving his role of the spoiling uncle.



Broun

Nick became the honorary uncle of the Crow Family and never missed a football game or important event to show his support.

Nick is survived by his sister, Jacklyn Allington; and her four boys, Alex Wagenblast (Germany), Charles and Kathryn Wagenblast (VA), Seth and Claire Wagenblast (TX), and Max and Amanda Wagenblast (VA). As well as his nieces from his brother, Mike and Linda Broun (WA), Michelle and Cory Kiehn (WA), Tricia and Ping Lee (NJ), and Lisa and Jeff Pietz (WA). He was a favorite great-uncle of his many nieces and nephews.

Nick is preceded in death by his father, mother, two brothers, Jack Jr. and Mike, and great-nieces, Kirah Brown and Rachel Lee.

A graveside service will be held at Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 1 p.m.

Ronald George Caldwell

Oregon City

July 3, 1944 — June 30, 2021

Ronald George Caldwell was born July 3, 1944, in Riverside, California, and died June 30, 2021 in Oregon City, Oregon.

He was a gentleman and a scholar. Loving, smart, talented, funny and kind, he was the best of us. Cliches for sure, though the man was nothing but genuine. Ronnie died at home after a brief period of in-home hospice surrounded by his family.

He loved fishing, backpacking, bicycling and tennis, but mostly he loved to walk. Few men walked like Ronnie did. Though he was passionate about food, drink and sports, walking seemed to be his real sustenance. Whether hoofing miles down a sandy coastline or trudging over a mountain pass, Ronnie adored nature and explored the world on his feet.

Even more pivotal, Ronnie loved his family. He was an exemplary husband. For 55 years, he never lost his commitment of marriage to his Donna. Together they built a union of respect and honor, coupled with unconditional love. As a father, he was the ultimate role model, guiding his two sons through the mazes of early life and the hardships of adulthood. Later he became a proud grandfather, bending over backwards and always being present to show his grandkids the wonders of humanity and the world. He leaves them with powerful memories of flying kites on the beach, the intrigue of board games and so many stories of life's promise.

Ronnie was a student, mentor and teacher. He was raised in Visalia, California, then attended Chico State earning his BS and MS. In 1969, he began a lifelong

career at BMCC. Widely revered in Pendleton, Oregon, as "the psych prof," he shepherded hundreds through the tricky fields of psychology, human sexuality and the social sciences. He taught all of us a passion for life.

His own life was seriously threatened in 2002 due to sudden liver failure of unknown etiology. He was fortunate to find a match and a liver transplant at OHSU, affording him 17 more precious years, and the ability to watch his first grandson graduate high school, and to meet four others.

Recovering from the transplant and retiring after 31 years of service at BMCC, Ronnie pursued a new passion — harmonica. Like so many things in his life, Ronnie embraced his music, practicing daily, and jamming out in pubs during weekends. He even took his skills to Hawaii where he learned to play in the Aloha style. Through his music he earned an additional identity as the "Blues Harmonica Man."

Influence paired with excitement, joy and love are the gifts Ronnie gave this world. His stories and our memories will be lasting, treasured gifts.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Vivian (Root) and George Caldwell of Visalia, California; and in-laws, Juanita (Cooper) and Rex McDaniel who rest at Willamette National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, two sons and five grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at the Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co. on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, from 1-4 p.m. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 29

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 9 a.m., Columbia Improvement District, 501 E. Columbia Ave., Boardman. (Lisa Baum 541-922-3814)

FRIDAY, JULY 30

No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, AUG. 2

STOKES LANDING SENIOR CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. (Karen 541-922-3137)

HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St. (541-676-9618)

MILTON-FREEWATER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater City Hall, 722 S Main St. 6:30 p.m. study session, 7 p.m. regular meeting. Join the meeting by calling 253-215-8782, meeting ID 883 8155 4242, password 987835. (Lisa Wasson 541-938-8235)

UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Umatilla City Hall council chambers, 700 Sixth St. (Note: change of date due to National Night Out) (Nanci 541-922-3226 ext. 105)

TUESDAY, AUG. 3

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m., Umatilla County Fire District 1 Station #23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston or via teleconference, call in: 351-999-4544. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION, 3 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St. (541-276-6711)

Paul Thomas Shuey

Hermiston
Jan. 18, 1947 — July 23, 2021

Paul Thomas Shuey of Hermiston was born Jan. 18, 1947, in San Francisco, California, the son of Maurice and Doris (Stafford) Shuey. He passed away on Friday, July 23, 2021, in Hermiston at the age of 74.

Paul grew up and attended school in Canoga Park, California. After high school, he worked for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft for a couple years. He then went to college at UCLA, where he studied radiology.

He worked as a radiographer his entire career in medical facilities in Southern California, Nevada and Hermiston, Oregon. He worked for Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston from 1998 until 2011, when he moved to Fernley, Nevada. In 2020, he moved back to Hermiston to be closer to family.

Paul was an avid chess player who played in many tournaments and held

an expert rating. He also enjoyed playing games, camping, deep sea fishing, backpacking and spending time with his family.

Paul married Vicki Bates in Canoga Park, California, on April 10, 1971.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Vicki; daughter Amber and husband Mike Kellison; son Trent Shuey; grandchildren Keegan and Kaiti; brother Robert Shuey; two sisters, Barbara Abdullah and Kathy Lopez; and many extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 10 a.m. 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.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



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DEATH NOTICES

Loretta V. Bronson

Pendleton

Aug. 10, 1931 — July 27, 2021

Loretta V. Bronson, 89, of Pendleton died Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at St. Anthony Hospital. She was born Aug. 10, 1931, in Cayuse, Oregon. A procession and Washat Service was held July 28 from Burns Mortuary of Pendleton to The Ranch. The Final Seven is Thursday, July 29 at 7 a.m. at The Ranch, 49750 River Road, Pendleton, followed by burial at Agency Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Richard D. Bronson

Pendleton

April 8, 1958 — July 26, 2021

Richard D. Bronson, 63, of Pendleton died Monday, July 26, 2021, in Portland, Oregon. He was born April 8, 1958, in Pendleton. Viewing will be held Thursday, July 29 from 2-3 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Washat Service to be held Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m. at The Ranch, 49750 River Road, Pendleton. Final Seven is Friday, July 30 at 7 a.m., also at The Ranch, followed by burial at Agency Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Beverly M. 'Bev' Cullers

Hermiston

Oct. 7, 1950 — Nov. 3, 2020

Beverly M. "Bev" Cullers, 70, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Walla Walla, Washington. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m. at 33890 River View Drive, Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Bonnie A. Ferguson

Baker City

Jan. 15, 1938 — July 18, 2021

Former Umatilla County resident Bonnie A. (Hoskins) Ferguson, 83, of Baker City died Sunday, July 18, 2021, at her home. She was born Jan. 15, 1938, in Umapine. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are with Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Baker City. Leave condolences for the family at www.gray-swestco.com.

Josie Lucille Fry

Battle Ground, Washington

June 16, 1921 — July 27, 2021

Former Milton-Freewater resident Josie Lucille Fry, 100, died Tuesday, July 27, 2021, in Battle Ground, Washington. She was born June 16, 1921. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Margaret Anne Pilch

Pendleton

Feb. 19, 1929 — July 24, 2021

Margaret Anne Pilch, 92, of Pendleton, died Saturday, July 24, 2021, at her home. She was born Feb. 19, 1929, in Auburn, Nebraska. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

Donell J. 'Donnie' Smock

Weston

Oct 17, 1932 — July 27, 2021

Donell J. "Donnie" Smock, 88, of Weston died Tuesday, July 27, 2021, in Milton-Freewater. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater.

Debbie G. Tolman

Pendleton

May 6, 1952 — July 22, 2021

Debbie G. Tolman, 69, of Pendleton, died Thursday, July 22, 2021, at a local care facility. She was born May 6, 1952, in Ontario. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

Obituaries and notices can be submitted 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.