

Richard David Bronson

Pendleton
April 8, 1958 — July 26, 2021

Richard Bronson weighed 11 lbs., 15 oz., when he was born April 8, 1958, to Virgil Bronson and L. Videll (Burke) Bronson of Pendleton, Oregon. He was raised at Cayuse on the family's horse ranch. Richard won his first horse race at the age of 9 in Boise, Idaho. He won many races following until he couldn't make the required weight anymore at age 12.

In 1981 he married Karlene J. Brehm; they later divorced. Together they had three children, Jesse, Kylie and Billy. He shared his love for horses with them, as well as sports and the outdoors.

In 1987, Richard and his family moved to Thorne Bay, Alaska. He worked at the sorting yard stacking logs ready for export. He later worked in southern Alaska running a loader.

In 1992 they moved back to Cayuse and he worked for CTUIR in maintenance. Richard worked as a logger and heavy equipment operator, and built grain bins.

His hobbies included

hunting, fishing, cutting firewood, racing horses, team roping and chasing wild horses. He was a horseman. One of his favorite horses he bought from the killer pen. She was a beautiful paint horse, and would only allow Richard to ride her. He named her Laurie Darlin.

Survivors include ex-wife Karlene Hatley; children Byron Sam of Omak, and Jesse, Kylie and Billy Bronson of Pendleton; grandchildren Tyler, Blake, Cohen, Winn, Jessa, Laykin, Baylor, Taitym and Maclyn; sisters Verna Patrick and Lawanda Bronson; as well as nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Virgil Bronson, mother L. Videll (Burke) Bronson, sister Violet Burke McGuire, and brothers Ronald Bronson, Wendell Bronson, Vern Bronson and Bryson (Bub) Bronson.

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



Bronson

Loretta Videll Bronson

Cayuse
Aug. 10, 1931 — July 27, 2021

Loretta Videll Bronson, 89, of Cayuse, Oregon, died July 27, 2021.

Videll was born in Cayuse, Oregon, on Aug. 10, 1931, to Elizabeth "Lizzie" Woods and Richard Burke Sr. When she was a young girl, about 5 years old, her father gave her a retired racehorse and she learned to ride. Horses and racing were an integral part of her life as she became an accomplished rider, owner, and champion for horsemanship.

Videll married her husband Virgil of 63 years in 1955 after they met at a wild horse round-up. They raised their five boys Ronald, Richard, Wendell, Vern and Bryson and daughter Lawanda at their ranch in Cayuse, Oregon. They raised their children to love horses, just the way they did, and the family participated in horse races across the western United States. Videll loved traveling to California and racing at county fairs like Pomona and Ferndale. In 1993, Videll's favorite horse, Good Courage, won the Harvest Handicap taking home the \$30,000 purse. For more than 50 years, the family participated in the Pendleton Round-Up, winning the chief's race, squaw race, Indian relay and baton relay.

Videll's legacy lives on through her early leadership in the successes of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees, Videll played a key role in founding the Columbia Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) and establishing Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center where she was one of Yellowhawk's first community health representatives, conducting home health visits to Tribal members. She also led efforts to secure funding for vocational and higher education programs for tribal members and, in her role as an alcohol and drug counselor, Videll started the BAAD — Basketball Against Alcohol and Drugs — Basketball Tournament, attracting youth basket-

ball teams from across the Pacific Northwest and beyond for over 30 years.

Videll always opened her home, especially to her horse track and basketball families. She was known for her good cooking, and when family or friends came to visit, she would always whip them up a homemade meal.

Later in life, Videll was an avid bingo player, and she was always ready to play. She enjoyed visiting her bingo partners, and often traveled around the Northwest with her daughter Verna to play in big games. She loved to garden, and growing tomatoes and zucchini were her favorite. Videll was a lover of reading and always had a stack of books to share. You could find Videll in the stands at the gym attending basketball games, or other sports to show her love and support. She especially enjoyed cheering on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in big games at the gym or watching them laugh and play a small game of baseball in her backyard.

Videll will always be known for her bright smile and her contagious laugh. She was a strong woman, who stuck up for what she believed in. She loved her family and her friends and her people.

Videll is survived by her daughters Verna Patrick and Lawanda Bronson of Pendleton, Oregon, and her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Videll was preceded in her death by her brothers Richard Burke Jr., Edgar Saluskin, Antone Tappo and Charles Tappo; sister Ernestine Watters; her sons Wendell Bronson, Bryson Bronson, Ronald Bronson, Vern Bronson and Richard Bronson; her daughter Violet (Burke) McGuire and son-in-law Brian McGuire; and her husband Virgil Bronson.

Videll's Washat services were held Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at her family ranch in Cayuse, Oregon. The Final Seven were held at the ranch in Cayuse on Thursday, July 29, 2021, followed by burial at Agency Cemetery.



Bronson

Donell James 'Donnie' Smock

Weston
Oct. 17, 1932 — July 27, 2021

Donell James "Donnie" Smock, 88, of Weston, Oregon, passed away on July 27, 2021 at Milton-Freewater Health and Rehab Center. A celebration of life will be held at a later date at the Smock Ranch where Donnie was a third generation farmer.

Donnie was born to James and Atrass Smock on October 17, 1932, in Walla Walla, Washington. As a young boy, he began carving cars, planes and caterpillars with amazing detail. He also enjoyed leather work and shared his gifts with family and friends. Donnie also loved hunting with his son and Lelan and Jeff Oharra. He loved taking drives and eating licorice ice cream with his daughters.

Donnie served in the Navy until 1960. In 1966, he took over as cemetery sexton in Weston when his grandfa-

ther, Alex McCorkell, passed away. Throughout his years, he stayed involved in his community and received many awards and recognitions.

Donnie is survived by his four children, twins Donita (Ed) Eaton, Dorothy (Eric) Beckwith, Angela (Cecil) Kelly and Tim Smock and Linda Hall; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, on November 22, 2012.

Due to our family's love for books, we would respectfully request contributions be made to the Friends of the Weston Library through Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862. To leave a condolence online, visit www.munsellerhodes.com.



Smock



Bonnie A. Ferguson

Baker City
Jan. 15, 1938 — July 18, 2021

Bonnie A. (Hoskins) Ferguson of Baker City, Oregon, (formerly of Umatilla County, Oregon) passed away Sunday, July 18, 2021, at her residence in Baker City, Oregon, at the age of 83.

Bonnie was born on Jan. 15, 1938, to Ernest and Juanita (Hayes) Hoskins in Umapine, Oregon. She then married the love of her life, Lee A. Ferguson, on Aug. 2, 1954.

Bonnie spent most of her life raising four beautiful daughters. She and Lee owned and operated an antique store in Hermiston, Oregon, from 1982-1992 known as Tee Pee Antiques. In 1992, Lee and Bonnie decided to retire and move to Stanfield, Oregon, where they enjoyed gardening, visiting Vegas and the mountains, hunting and fishing. After this adventure, Lee and Bonnie packed up and moved to North Powder, Oregon, in 1992.

When Bonnie was diagnosed with dementia in 2007, she was cared for by her loving husband, Lee,

until he passed away in 2011. After Lee's passing, Bonnie joined her daughter, Roxanne, in Baker City, Oregon, until her passing Sunday, July 18, 2021.

Bonnie was a loving wife and mother. She enjoyed sewing, canning, fishing, hunting, gardening, and just spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister, and her loving and devoted husband of 67 years, Lee A. Ferguson.

Bonnie is survived by her four daughters, Peggy of Crescent City, Sharla of Mt. Vernon, Roxanne of Baker City, and Misty of Alaska; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At this time there will be a private family-only ceremony at the request of Mrs. Bonnie Ferguson. The family will have a celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are with Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Baker City. Leave condolences for the family at www.grayswestco.com.



Ferguson

Kimberley Ann Cunningham-Mealey

Tillamook
Sept. 18, 1970 — July 25, 2021

Kimberley Ann Cunningham-Mealey passed away on July 25, 2021, in Tillamook, Oregon, at the age of 50.

Kim was born on Sept. 18, 1970. Kim and her family moved to the Port Orchard area in western Washington and she graduated from Peninsula High School in 1989.

Kim was a loving, caring, happy woman who spent most of her life as a caregiver. She was a nursing assistant and in home health where she loved caring for seniors. Most recently, while living in Pendleton, Oregon, Kim was the secretary of the Lifeways Peer Group. She was also a member of the GOBHI caucus. Kim was also as proud member of

the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints. She had been baptized and was exceptionally happy in embracing her faith and her relationship with the Lord.

Kim is survived by her sisters Kathy and Karen. She also had two children, who were the light of her life, Jackie and Emily. She was indeed a proud mom! Her uncles, Les and Mike Flower, as well as numerous cousins also survive her. Kim was preceded in death by her mom Linda and her dad Jim.

All who knew and loved Kim hope she rests in peace in the loving arms of her Heavenly Father. No services are planned at this time.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
July 21, 2021

ROHDE — Gailen and Justin Rohde of Helix: a boy, Charlie Ryan Rohde.

July 22, 2021

SULLIVAN — Shay L. and Brodey J.P. Sullivan of Pendleton: a boy, Braxton James Sullivan.

July 24, 2021

MENTZER — NaKesha and Adam Mentzer of Pendleton: a boy, Cooper Dale Mentzer.

July 27, 2021

HENDERSHOT — Savannah L. Wells and Anthony M.-C. Hendershot of Pendleton: a boy, Legend John-Cole Hendershot.

William Dean Williams

Prosser, Washington
Jan. 16, 1953 — July 19, 2021

William Dean Williams, Jr. (Bill) passed away on July 19, 2021. Bill was born in Prosser, Washington, on Jan. 16, 1953, the second of Bill and Teresa Williams' six children.

On Aug. 24, 1974, Bill married the love of his life, Pam White. At that time, Bill transferred to WSU and attended there for a year and a half before leaving to work full time at The McGregor Company. He worked for The McGregor Company until 2001.

Bill and Pam were joined by a son, Christopher, in 1980 and a daughter, Jennifer, in 1982. Bill was a loving and involved father who taught his children life lessons about Jesus, family and service to others.

Bill began attending Athena Christian Church in 1991 and, with encouragement from the pastor and elders, came to know Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. In 2001, Bill was called to a different occupation and that fall he enrolled in Boise Bible College, completing a bachelor's degree in three years with a preaching emphasis. In 2006, he accepted a position as pastor of Sunrise Christian Church in Ontario, Oregon, where he served for 13 years. He retired in 2019 and he and Pam moved back to Prosser in 2020.

Another delight of his life was his five grandchildren

and he loved them very well. They remember his cuddles and horse rides on his back, and the many, many books he read to them.

Bill loved the outdoors, hiking and hunting. He loved helping people. He went on a mission outreach to Honduras and made two service trips to Zambia. Bill also loved to work with his hands and was always involved in some kind of project at his home or for others.

Bill Williams was preceded in death by his parents, Bill Sr. and Teresa Williams, and two infant sisters. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Pam Williams; children Chris (Kristin) Williams of Athena, Oregon, and Jennifer (Jason) Don of Prosser, Washington; grandchildren Helen and Patrick Williams and Wyatt, Katie and Merritt Don; three brothers, two sisters, and numerous other family members.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, at 9:30 a.m. at Prosser Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life at Grandview Church of Christ at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boise Bible College or Hearts for Zambia missions, in care of Grandview Church of Christ.

You may leave a message for the family at www.prosserfuneralhome.com.



Williams

Joanne Ison

Pendleton
August 29, 1934 — July 17, 2021

Joanne Ison went to be with the Lord while in her home Saturday, July 17, 2021, surrounded by family and friends.

She was married to the love of her life, Earl Ison, for 25 years. She was born in Ocoola, Ohio, and was an enrolled tribal member of the North Dakota Turtle Mountain tribe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Ison; mother Mary Campbell (Bercier); father Robert Cambell of The Dalles, Oregon; sister Gwen Fisher of The Dalles, Oregon; brother James Campbell; and her daughter, Sheryl Pettyjohn (Kirkham, Bergeron).

She is survived by her brother, Dwight (Buzz) Cambell; her daughter, Sheila Dyer; son Robert Rooper of Pendleton, Oregon; and her grandchildren Carrie Campbell-Turk, Miranda Dyer-Ruckman, Keenan Rooper, Kody Rooper and Samantha Brown. She had many great-grandchildren she helped to raise and they were very dear to her heart. She was also the grandmother to the children without grand-

mothers. God brought many children across her path. Her door was always open.

Joanne worked as a cook and waitress most of her life and was well known for her cooking. The master of many hobbies like painting, cooking and ceramics. Her true passion was quilting. She took up quilting and taught quilting classes for many years, her most recent quilting group was the Pilot Rock Sew Sisters.

She loved the mountains, camping, mushroom picking, fishing, sewing and sitting around her kitchen table with company and feeding them her creations she gleaned from her cookbooks.

Joanne Ison will be missed by many. In the spring when the mushrooms are coming out and the fish can be caught, there will be a gathering of family, friends and food to celebrate her life followed by her ashes being spread over the mountains and secret places she loved.

Arrangements are with Anderson's Tribute Center, The Dalles. Share online condolences with the family at www.andersontribute-center.com.



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LOTTERY

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Megabucks

11-19-29-31-32-37

Estimated jackpot: \$1

million

Lucky Lines

01-05-09-13-17-23-26-29

Estimated jackpot: \$41,000

Powerball

25-30-53-59-60

Powerball: 5

Power Play: 3

Estimated jackpot: \$186

million

Win for Life

29-55-65-70

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-3-8-3

4 p.m.: 6-9-7-2

7 p.m.: 3-1-5-2

10 p.m.: 8-1-0-0

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Lucky Lines

03-07-10-13-17-23-26-29

Estimated jackpot: \$42,000

Pick 4

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

4 p.m.: 5-0-6-4

7 p.m.: 3-1-0-8

10 p.m.: 0-8-3-1

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