



### Randy Peter Alexander

**Pendleton  
Jan. 12, 1953 — July 28, 2021**

Randy Peter Alexander was born Jan. 12, 1953, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton to Lillian Anita (Farrow) and Uriah Alexander. He passed away peacefully at home on July 28, 2021, at 68 years of age. He was the youngest of five children.

Randy attended Pendleton schools until 1970. That year he met his future wife, Hilda Halfmoon, and they were married Nov. 1, 1973. They had two daughters, Sunni Dawn and Brandee Marie. Sunni passed away but left him two grandchildren, LaRiah Marie and Nicolas Pearce. Brandee died in infancy. Randy and Hilda have been raising the grandkids for the past 10 years. They both were his pride and joy.

Randy worked for USFS, retiring with 20 years service. He fought fires and later worked on fish habitat, even receiving a commendation from U.S. Department of Agriculture for his work on Thomas Creek. After the Forest Service he worked for a time with Bureau of Indian Affairs, and then moved from there to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as a wildlife technician.

Randy was a talented artist, leather crafter, photographer and archer. He played slow pitch for several years

also. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Randy loved to spend time at the casino and made many new short-term friends each time he went. He also made friends at Davita Dialysis Center with both other patients and staff. He was the medicine man for several years in the Happy Canyon Night Show.

Randy had a dry witty sense of humor and if he tormented you, he loved you. If he gave you the silent treatment, not so much. He was known as Hawk by lifelong friends and Uncle Beer by his nieces and nephews. He was PaPa or Pops to his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife and grandkids at home: brother Stan Alexander; sisters Marie (Butch) Dick and Barbara Guerrero; numerous nieces and nephews; Alexander, Farrow and Hall cousins; and great-grandpups Pete, Jake, Nicky and Angel. He is preceded in death by his parents, both daughters and brother Les Alexander.

Final viewing was Monday, Aug. 2, at 10 a.m. at Burns Mortuary, immediately followed by burial at Agency Cemetery.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).

### Roberta Mae Alexander

**Pendleton  
Nov. 23, 1935 — Aug. 1, 2021**

Roberta was born on Nov. 23, 1935, to Ray Nash and Olive Preston in Roseburg, Oregon. With God by her side, she passed away peacefully on Aug. 1, 2021.

Roberta lived through faith and family. She married Robert L. Straube and had three children. They later divorced. In 1970, Roberta married the love of her life, Raymond N. Alexander. Together they raised their combined twelve children and enjoyed life to the fullest. Roberta was like a superwoman, and those that knew her couldn't help but love and admire her humor, wit, strength, hard work and perseverance.

She was a proud member of the St. Andrew's Mission Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters of America. She enjoyed volunteering, traveling and spending time with her family.

She worked as a Customer Service Representative at Saif Corporation until retirement. Once retired, Roberta and Ray spent their time traveling

in their motorhome, spending summers in Oregon and winters in Arizona.

Survivors include her sons, Robert W. Straube, his wife Kay, and Michael A. Straube; sister Diana Britt; brother Jake Nash; stepsons Patrick, Charles, Kevin and Thomas Alexander; stepdaughters Mary, Martha and Teresa Alexander; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, daughter Kim Marie Straube, brother Harry (Spike) Nash, and stepsons James and Denis Alexander.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

A gravesite ceremony and burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Aug. 6, 2021, at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

### Kervyn Lawrence Harned

**Pendleton  
Feb. 15, 1931 — Oct. 1, 2020**

Kervyn Lawrence Harned, 89, of Pendleton, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, at his home. He was born Feb. 15, 1931, in Baker. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. A memorial with a reception will follow at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Pendleton. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Share online condolences at [www.pioneerchapel.com](http://www.pioneerchapel.com).

### Jerad Scott Payne

**Hermiston  
Aug. 16, 1988 — July 27, 2021**

Jerad Scott Payne, 32, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at his home. He was born Aug. 16, 1988, in Richland, Washington. A remembrance of life will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, at 11 a.m. at the Community Bible Church, Kennewick. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Dorothy Sue (Holmes) Geer

**Stanfield  
Dec. 2, 1936 — July 3, 2021**

Dorothy Sue (Holmes) Geer passed away on July 3, 2021, in Aloha, Oregon.

She was 84 years old. She was born Dec. 2, 1936, in Wentworth, Missouri, to Ruben and Alta Holmes. She was the eighth of nine children. She had fought a courageous battle against health issues for some time. She passed away peacefully while being lovingly cared for at her daughter Katrina's home in Aloha, Oregon. Her family expresses thankfulness to the hospice workers who helped care for her. She had lived most of her life in the Hermiston and Stanfield area.

An intimate gravesite service was held with family on July 11 at the Echo Cemetery.

She grew up in Yakima, Washington, and often talked about the home her family built themselves from river rock. She had happy memories of her large family and her childhood home.

In 1954 she married Wesley Brooks. The union produced four children, a son Perry Brooks (who predeceased her), a daughter Susan Petersen, a son Brett Brooks and a daughter Laurie Longhorn.

In 1977 she married Dan Fullerton. They had a daughter, Katrina Fullerton. She became mom to daughter Shanna Fullerton. In 1992 she married Richard Geer. They have resided in Stanfield, Oregon, many years and he is her

surviving husband. She is survived by a brother, Bob Holmes. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who she always kept close to her heart, always asking about each one.

She was a member of the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church. She attended regularly until her health declined.

She had a deep love for her family always helping them in whatever capacity she was able to. She enjoyed gardening and being outdoors. Her flowers always brought her joy. She also enjoyed the beauty of trees. She had a love for animals and had many pets throughout her life. She enjoyed camping in the Arizona desert with her husband Rich for vacation. She enjoyed tranquility and loved the peacefulness of the country life. She was known to make the best apple pies and was quick to feed anyone hungry.

She will be greatly missed. She left a legacy of fortitude, strength and courage to fight ... whatever the battle may be. Also many precious memories to those she shared life with.

She is at peace with her Lord.

Please share memories of Dorothy with her family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

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



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### Elizabeth Louise 'Bette' McLaughlin

**Bend  
April 5, 1936 — July 18, 2021**

Elizabeth Louise "Bette" McLaughlin passed away peacefully Sunday, July 18, 2021, at Partners in Care Hospice House of Bend, Oregon. She was blessed to be surrounded by loved ones in her last days.

Bette Scharn was born April 5, 1936, to William and Louise Scharn in Pendleton, Oregon. She was a student at St. Joseph's Academy all 12 years of her early education, and attended Seattle University.

Upon returning to Pendleton to be near family, she began working at the Byers Avenue Clinic. She was soon introduced to Robert "Bob" McLaughlin by members of his family, and after a brief courtship they were married on April 24, 1965. They settled on the McLaughlin Family ranch, where they remained until their retirement in 2002. While on the ranch, they raised their five children.

Bette was a housewife, cooking, ironing, shuttling kids the 25 miles from sports practices, helping with their 4-H projects, and providing support as only a farm wife can do. In the mid-1980s, Bette returned to work in Pendleton as a medical administrative assistant. She enjoyed "getting out" and found the work interesting. She also joined the cross-country ski club in Pendleton and made many fond memories of traveling to Anthony Lakes and other ski areas on the bus.

After selling the ranch in 2002, Bette and Bob moved to Bend, Oregon, to be closer to children and grandchildren. Once they made their

new home there, they busied themselves attending the symphony and joining Touch of Class Tours for many gambling and sightseeing trips around the Northwest. Bette also enjoyed playing the piano, drawing, painting, and attending group swim classes. Especially joyful memories were Halloween trick-or-treating at Grandma and Grandpa's, the annual Fourth of July celebration at their home watching the fireworks from Pilot Butte, and always having Grandma's tasty cookies to greet you when you visited. Many of Bette's grandchildren were blessed to have her nearby for babysitting duties and attendance at their activities.

She is survived by her sister Pat Monagle, brother-in-law Terry McLaughlin, sister-in-law Margaret McLaughlin, son Stephen (Rhonda) McLaughlin, daughter Anne (Murray) Perkins, son Chris (Shari) McLaughlin, daughter Shannon (Mark) Chambers, daughter Kelly (Jeff) Koker, 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bette always valued travel and education for her children and worked hard to ensure they had access to both. Those wishing to honor Bette's memory can contribute to their scholarship fund, established by their children. Intended recipients should be a graduate of Heppner High School, attending an Oregon public institution. Address for contributions is: Bob and Bette McLaughlin Education Foundation, % Chris McLaughlin, 22657 Pinehurst Drive, Sherwood, OR 97140.

## LOTTERY

**Monday, Aug. 2, 2021**  
**Megabucks**  
14-19-21-32-36-45  
Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
01-07-09-15-19-22-27-29  
Estimated jackpot: \$46,000  
**Win for Life**  
08-33-60-75  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 2-0-7-7  
4 p.m.: 4-7-2-4  
7 p.m.: 2-1-1-3  
10 p.m.: 0-3-6-3  
**Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021**

**Megamillions**  
01-09-17-27-34  
Mega Ball: 24  
Megaplier: 2  
Estimated jackpot: \$179 million  
**Lucky Lines**  
01-05-12-13-20-24-26-30  
Estimated jackpot: \$47,000  
**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 4-6-5-9  
4 p.m.: 4-9-1-4  
7 p.m.: 9-5-7-4  
10 p.m.: 5-4-7-3

### Lucille Woodard Fry

**Milton-Freewater  
June 16, 1921 — July 28, 2021**

Lucille Woodard Fry passed away peacefully on July 28, 2021, in Battle Ground, Washington. Lucille, affectionately known as Preacher by her family, was born on June 16, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Uris and Ophelia Woodard near Cedar Grove, Tennessee.

Lucille married Charlie Fry on Feb. 27, 1940, and they remained married for 78 years until Charlie's death in 2018. Lucille and Charlie moved from Tennessee to Washington to find work following the Great Depression. Lucille spent many years working hard alongside Charlie. She was the consummate wife, mother and grandmother.

Lucille is preceded in death by her husband Charlie and son Wendell Fry. Also preceding her in death are her sisters Opal, Nell, Ruth, Mary and Edith. Surviving Lucille is one sister, Jonnie Kelley of Cedar Grove, Tennessee, and four grandsons: Chris Fry of Kalama,

Washington, Cary Fry of Kennewick, Washington, Jeff Fry of Battle Ground, Washington, and Mychal Fry of Walla Walla, Washington. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren: Hope Hammond of College Place, Washington, Joshua Fry of Redlands, California, Zachary Fry of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, and Tyler Fry of Vancouver, Washington. Lucille was blessed to have two great-great-grandchildren as well.

Services for Mrs. Fry will be held on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862. A graveside service will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in College Place, Washington. Visitation will be on Saturday from 3-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

To leave an online condolence, visit [www.munsellerhodes.com](http://www.munsellerhodes.com).



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### Richard Ross Barton

**Hermiston  
May 9, 1948 — July 21, 2021**

Richard Ross Barton, born Mother's Day, May 9, 1948, in Albany, lost his battle with cancer July 21, 2021. Rich graduated from Hermiston High School in 1966 and then went on to graduate from OIT in 1968 with a degree in design engineering and metallurgy. His career path led him to work for Battelle Northwest at Hanford, Precision Engineering in Albany and Merritt Equipment in Oregon and Texas.

In 1977, Rich opened Barton Industries, Inc., which was a semi repair facility. He worked endless hours and always took immense pride in the work he did. He worked right alongside his employees and would never ask them to do anything he wouldn't do himself. His broken trailer billboard was an icon for over 35 years on Interstate 84. Truckers from all over the eastern states would call and ask for his location. All he had to do was ask drivers if they had ever passed the broken trailer along the freeway between Pendleton and Portland with Barton Industries on it. They immediately knew just what he was referring to. It was as if it was a famous monument along the I-84 corridor. He retired in 2016.

Rich's hobbies included traveling to Mexico every January, boating, fishing, and wild game hunting with best friend George Gritz and any other buddies brave enough to tag along!

Rich rode motorcycle and enjoyed riding with his wife and friends. Their adventures took them through Idaho, Montana,

Washington and Canada. He really enjoyed sharing stories and pictures from their six trips to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota. Rich never knew a stranger, just someone he hadn't talked to

yet! Rich is survived by his wife Patti, father George Barton, son Shelby Barton, brother Robert Barton (Joan), and sisters Pamela Noble (Dave), Sandra Prock (David) and Janet Wright, (Brad). He is also survived by a very large extended family. Preceded in death by his mother Fern Williams, and daughter Tiffany Dawn, whom he missed every single day.

A graveside will be Aug. 11, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the VFW shelter at the Hermiston Cemetery.

A celebration of life gathering will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to Crazy Horse Memorial in Sturgis, South Dakota, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Rich with his family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

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

### Curtis Potter

**Pendleton  
May 5, 1945 — July 5, 2021**

Curtis was born in The Dalles, Oregon, to Clarence and Ruth Potter on May 5, 1945. He loved growing up in the country, singing and going to the small school in Condon. He graduated from Condon High School in 1963 and went on to study at Blue Mountain Community College.

He was married to his first wife Kathy Wade from 1973 to 1981. In 2015, he married Robbin Ferguson.

As a youth, Curtis worked for his family farm, Potter and Sons, in Condon. When he finished college he worked for PGG, where he painted machinery until they closed the paint shop. After that, he went into

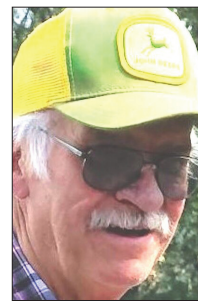
business for himself, opening CP Custom Painting.

He was proud of the paint jobs that he did, especially so, of the work he did for Twig Ziegler.

After an eye injury he went back to farming, working for Jesse Pugh and then Johnny Adams until he retired.

Curtis leaves behind his best friend and partner Robbin Ferguson, sisters Judy and Lynn, and many, many friends in the Pendleton area. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Gail Potter.

All are invited to a memorial service at the Eagles in Pendleton, Aug. 7, 2021, from 1-3 p.m. Please come and share your stories about Curtis.



Potter