



## Darcia Faye Porter

Pendleton  
July 2, 1953 — Aug. 4, 2021

Darcia Faye (Mentzer) Porter of Pendleton, Oregon, passed away on Aug. 4, 2021, at home with family.

Darcia was born to Leonard and Betty (Rice) Mentzer on July 2, 1953, in Pendleton, Oregon. Raised in Pilot Rock, Oregon, Darcia met Kent Porter while attending school together in Pilot Rock, Oregon. They were united in marriage on Nov. 3, 1972. To this union they welcomed Tisha, Melissa, Karissa and Kyle over the next eight years.

She was a homemaker and raised their children before volunteering at the school to be involved with her children. She did everything from cooking in the school kitchens to working in the classrooms. An accomplished pianist, she played accompaniment for choir for several years. After returning to the workforce, Darcia was a bank teller and administrative assistant for many years.

She was also a very proud grandma of her five grandchildren: Cortley (Williams) Jerome, Jacob Headley Porter, Madaline White, Morgan Gaines and Karsen Davis. But her care extended to any friend of her children who needed anything, at any time. She was affectionately known as "Mom" by a number of students while working at Pilot Rock schools.

Darcia was an accomplished seamstress and quil-

ter, often making clothes and quilts for her family, even entering a number of quilts in local shows and fairs. Many loved ones received animal quilts as children, and then quilts made with love.

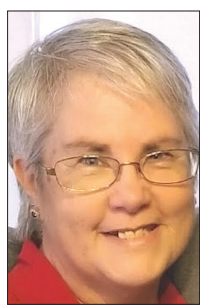
Her devotion to her family will never be questioned as we recall all the memories. Everything we do or will do in our lives will be because of the influence she gave to her children.

Darcia is survived by her husband Kent Porter at their home, children Tisha Porter of Pendleton, Melissa Porter of Adams, Karissa Porter of Pilot Rock and Kyle Porter of Pendleton, brother Doug (Robin) Mentzer, sister Donna Christensen, her five grandchildren and two great grandsons, five nieces and four nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Leonard and Betty, brothers David and Daryl Mentzer, and father-in-law Lincoln Porter.

Special thank you to Good Shepherd Healthcare and Vange John Memorial Hospice for their wonderful support at the end.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Skyview Memorial Park. There will be a fellowship gathering following at the Pilot Rock Community Center.

Arrangements are handled through Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.



Porter

## Robert Paul McKenzie

Pendleton  
May 21, 1927 — June 7, 2021

Robert passed away at his home with his family. Robert graduated from Pendleton High School. He attended college at Reed College and Southern College of Optometry. Robert served a year in the Army, stationed in Alaska. He played the clarinet in the Army Band.

On his return to Pendleton he joined his father, Dr. H.S. McKenzie, in his practice.

Robert was an active member in the community. He belonged to Kiwanis, Elks, Shriners and the Masons for over 50 years. Robert loved to hunt and fish. He loved packing into the wilderness on horseback. His favorite places were the Eagle

Caps and the North Fork of the John Day. He liked working on his rental properties. In his 90s he would walk to town daily, wearing his favorite hat.

Robert is survived by his four children: daughters Barbara Heiple of John Day, Linda Witherrite, and Kathy McClure of Pendleton, and son Randy McKenzie of Pendleton. He was preceded in death by his wife

Huela McKenzie and a son, Ronald McKenzie.

There will be no services. He was buried at the Helix Cemetery next to his parents.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.pioneer-chapel.com](http://www.pioneer-chapel.com).



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## OBITUARIES

### Margaret Anne Pilch

Pilot Rock  
Feb. 19, 1929 — July 24, 2021

Margaret Anne Pilch was born to Walter and Elinor Kuenning and raised in Auburn, Nebraska. She married a hometown boy, Myles Jay Pilch, in 1951. They ventured out by moving to and teaching in various towns in multiple states, landing finally in Pilot Rock, where they raised their two boys and lived out the remainder of their 61 years together.

After her boys started school, she began teaching again. A few years in she started to organize an actual library/media center for Pilot Rock Elementary, using knowledge gained by working at Auburn Library as a young adult and her great love for books. She retired from teaching after nearly 40 years.

While in Pilot Rock, Margaret's life was changed for all eternity by her new relationship with Jesus. She became involved with, even teaching, multiple Bible studies, AGLOW, Lutheran Brotherhood and serving her church. She talked about Jesus and things she was learning from the Bible all

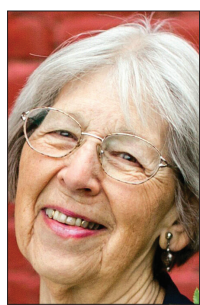
the time for the rest of her life. She enjoyed gardening with Jay, bridge club, camping, mushrooming, skiing with her family, holiday traditions, and time with family and friends, as well as trips to visit family in Nebraska and to her beloved Oregon coast.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her sons Todd (DeAnn) and Tim (Valerie), her grandchildren Moira Curry (Neil), Matthew (Lydia), Jotham (Chantal), Micah, Sarah Mossman (Joah), and great-grandchildren Sam, Vincent, Gabriel, Abigail, Naomi, Anastasia, Elizabeth, Lillie-Ann, Selah, Cohen, Jairus and Liara.

Celebration of Life (and going home) will be at Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Pendleton Baptist Church; graveside to follow.

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Contributions can be made in Margaret's name to Hope with Options-Pregnancy Care, 311 S.E. Dorion Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.



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### Wesly Darren Kilgore

Pendleton  
Nov. 29, 1966 — July 8, 2021

Wesly Darren Kilgore, 54, lost his courageous four-year battle with ALS on July 8, 2021. Wes was born in Enterprise, Oregon on Nov. 29, 1966. He was an easygoing baby, an adventurous boy, and as a teen could best be described as fearless, a little naughty, and a profoundly loyal friend. He loved life, hunting, fishing and camping and his favorite place on earth to dwell was the Zumwalt Prairie.

After graduating from Enterprise High School, Wes attended BMCC where he earned his associate's degree in criminal justice. Wes had an amazing career full of many opportunities and advancements. From 1991-98, he worked for La Grande Police Department; 1998-2000 at the Pendleton Police Department; 2000-02 lieutenant at the Umatilla County Jail; then in 2002-15 was the chief of police for the city of Enterprise.

Wes would want to be remembered as a dad, a son and a friend. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Sherri Kilgore, children, Addie and Kade, parents Jim and Ernestine Kilgore, sister Staci Kilgore, and numerous cousins, aunts/uncles, nieces/nephews and many dear friends. His

role as a dad will forever be his paramount, proudest accomplishment and greatest legacy.

Stubborn, tenacious and steadfast are words that describe his battle with ALS. He fought what he called the "little thief in night" with the most honorable amount of determination imaginable. He always prided himself on not losing very many fights, and

he fought this one to the bitter end. He conceded to the dominance of the thug and passed away at home, surrounded by his wife and children and the unwavering love of those closest to him.

Wes gained a lot of wisdom from life-lessons and was a believer in the power of God and the influence of AA. The serenity prayer was a part of his daily existence the last six years of his life. Wes was loved deeply, will be missed greatly, and cherished always. In the spirit of Wes's wishes to not have a "sad funeral — have a party" there will be a celebration of Wesly Darren Kilgore's life on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at 2 p.m., at the Joseph Methodist Church followed by a remembrance get-together for family and friends at the Joseph Community Center.



Kilgore

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### SATURDAY, AUG. 7

**COOLEY, CRAIG** — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

**CULLERS, BEV** — Celebration of life at 10 a.m. at 33890 River View Drive, Hermiston.

**HUDSON, MAURY** — Celebration of life gathering at 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg, 823 S.E. Lane Ave.

**NELSON, SUE** — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

**PAYNE, JERAD SCOTT** — Remembrance of life at 11 a.m. at the Community Bible Church, 5807 Umatilla Ave., Kennewick.

**PETERSON, MAIMA** — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 950 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

**POLLICK, LEON** — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield.

**POTTER, CURTIS** — Memorial service from 1-3 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

**WELLS, LAURA** — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life gathering and luncheon at Maxwell Siding Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston.

**WILLIAMS, WILLIAM** — Graveside service at 9:30 a.m. at the Prosser Cemetery, 1601 Paterson Road, Prosser, Washington; followed by a celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the Grandview Church of Christ, 116 Fir St., Grandview, Washington.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 8

No services scheduled.

### MONDAY, AUG. 9

**POELING, EVA** — Celebration of life service at 10 a.m. at Columbia View Community Church, 1230 E. Highway 730, Irrigon.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 10

**PILCH, MARGARET** — Celebration of life at 10 a.m. at Pendleton Baptist Church, 3202 S.W. Nye Ave., with a graveside service to follow.

**PORTER, DARCIA** — Graveside services at 2 p.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton. A fellowship gathering will follow at the Pilot Rock Community Center, 285 N.W. Cedar Place.

## BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton  
July 28, 2021

**BETERAN** — Magdalena and Hector Beteran of Umatilla: a boy, Eden Quincy Beteran.

Aug. 3, 2021

**KLINE** — Amy and John Kline of Pendleton: a boy, Cody Allen Kline.

**EDWARDS** — Jacquelyn and Shawn Edwards of Pendleton: a girl, Caylynn LaRae Edwards.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston  
July 27, 2021

**MEJAI** — Alexandra Ramirez and Daniel Mejai of Umatilla: a girl, Esperanza Reanessmay Mejai.

July 28, 2021

**WILSON** — Danyell Sowell and Tucker Wilson of Hermiston: a boy, Tucker Ryker Stone Wilson.

July 31, 2021

**LECLAIR** — Nerissa and Blake LeClair of Hermiston: a girl, Alaynah May LeClair.

## 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](mailto: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.



### The CTUIR Needs YOU to provide input on its Strategic Energy Plan

Help shape the Energy Vision and future of energy management for the CTUIR by completing this anonymous 10-minute survey by **Monday, Aug. 23: <https://bit.ly/CTUIREnergy>**

Background Information The CTUIR is developing a Strategic Energy Plan. The plan will serve as a tool for the CTUIR to use in achieving energy goals in both the near- and long-term by integrating energy, environmental, economic development, and community interests in the same way that a business might create a vision and a business model around sustainability. As a starting point, this survey asks for your feedback on energy priorities.

For more information about the CTUIR Strategic Energy Plan, please visit: <https://ctuir.org/news/CTUIR-Strategic-Energy-Plan-Survey/>

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