

OBITUARIES

Leland Ray Sams

La Grande
June 3, 1931 — Aug. 21, 2021

Leland Ray Sams, 90, of La Grande, passed away on Aug. 21, 2021, at home surrounded by his family and friends.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande, Oregon. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Island City Cemetery, Island City, Oregon. Casual attire is acceptable. Reception to follow at Island City Hall Community Room, 10605 Island Ave., Island City.

Leland was born at home, on the North Fork of the Walla Walla River, to Andrew and Amy Kelly Sams on June 3, 1931. He attended Milton-Freewater High School, participating in sports (football, boxing), and Future Farmers of America. During his time in FFA he raised steers and was awarded the Grand Champion Steer honors.

Upon graduation in 1951, he was drafted into the Army, and was honorably discharged as a corporal in October of 1953. Leland then married Glenna Marie Taylor on May 23, 1954, in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Together they moved to Klamath Falls, where he attended Oregon Technical Institute, receiving an associate's degree in diesel mechanics technology in 1956.

Leland worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation as a diesel mechanic for 30 years before retiring.

He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren participate in sports. His hobbies included rais-

ing cattle from 1973-2013, rooting for his beloved Mariners, Seahawks and Gonzaga basketball, square dancing, traveling

with Glenna, monthly pinocle, going to the casino, and taking care of his dogs. He was a member of several community organizations: Oregon Free Masons, La Grande Lodge 41 and Al Kader Shriners. He loved to be involved with the Masonic Bikes for Books program.

Leland was preceded in death by his wife Glenna, his parents Andrew and Amy Sams, and his brothers Delbert and Dale.

Surviving family members include sons Doug and wife Brenda of Stoney Creek, Ontario and David and wife Christine of La Grande; daughter Deanne of La Grande; grandchildren Michael Sams, Kimberlee Smith, Desiree Zigmund, Daryl Sams, Katherine Sams and Josie Sams; six great-grandchildren; and lifelong friend Patricia Young and her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Masonic Bikes for Books program, in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande, OR 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

The family of Leland Sams wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all the friends who took the time to drop by and visit. Thank you to Dr. Susan Rice and her staff, Lisa Strand and Erin Stanton.



Sams



Dwight Paget Thompson

Pendleton
Oct. 23, 1942 — Aug. 4, 2021

Dwight Paget Thompson, 78, of Pendleton, died Aug. 4, 2021, at Willowbrook Terrace. He was born Oct. 23, 1942, in Portland, Oregon, to Robert G. and Mary Jean (Paget) Thompson.

Dwight grew up in Portland and graduated from Benson High School. After high school, he enlisted in the Army in April of 1967 and served until February 1980.

After being discharged from the Army, he lived in Salinas, California, and worked in retail. On Sept. 14, 1996, he graduated from Lane Community College with an Associate of Applied Science culinary food service and hospitality degree, and on June 14, 1997, he received an Associate of Applied Science degree in hospitality management. On September 29, 2013, he received a theology degree from the University of the South School of Theology.

He married Janet May Cropper and they had two children, Michelle and Mathew Thompson. He later married Linda Mary Rozeles and they had a daughter, Mary Thompson. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and taking long trips.

Dwight is survived by his wife, Stephanie Kay Thompson; first wife Janet

May Cropper; children Michelle Thompson, Mathew Thompson and Mary Kathleen Thompson; brothers David G. Thompson, Mark G. Thompson, Reese F. Thompson, Robert B. Thompson, Eric Thompson and Stephen Thompson; uncle John R. Paget; stepchildren Misty Cable, Sarah Oldham and Jayson Cable; and stepgrandchildren Cayden Carver, Layne Mendoza, Emily Mendoza, Amelia Cable, Miranda Oldham, Sabrina Oldham and Violet Cable.

Simon Oldham and Violet Cable. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert G. and Mary J. Thompson, wife Linda M. (Rozeles) Thompson, wife Harriet Thompson, and wife LeeAnn Beth Thompson.

A funeral service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic and Apostolic Church in Pendleton, Oregon. A recitation of the rosary will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, with a funeral mass to follow at 10 a.m. Burial will follow the funeral at Skyview Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

Share online condolences with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com.



Thompson



Jerald P. Ellenberger

Milton-Freewater
Oct. 9, 1943 — Aug. 19, 2021

Jerald P. Ellenberger, 77, formerly of Stanfield and Heppner, Oregon, passed away peacefully at home in Milton-Freewater on Aug. 19, 2021.

He was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on Oct. 9, 1943, to the late Albert and Lucille Ellenberger.

He is survived by his wife Ellen Ellenberger; his children Heather Nestalhi, Alison VanCorbach, Darolyn Marcum and Destre Williams; seven grandchildren, Nicholas and Zachary Demos, Michaela, Lydia and Garrett VanCorbach, and Amanda and Alexis Marcum; his brother Chris Ellenberger; and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry graduated from Stanfield High School in 1961. He then served in the Army from 1961-64 as a heavy duty equipment operator and mechanic while stationed in France and Germany.

He retired in 2003 after 40 years working at the Hinkle Union Pacific Railroad as chief car inspector.

Along with his love of

family, friends, and storytelling around the campfire, he had a great love of music, dancing, fishing, hunting, woodcutting, berry and mushroom picking, and annual trips to the Oregon Coast to crab and take long walks on the beach.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 3, at the Pilot Rock Cemetery, East Birch Creek Road, Pilot Rock, Oregon. Family and friends are welcome to a gathering with refreshments at the Ellenberger residence immediately following the service at 85380 Highway 339, Milton-Freewater, Oregon (parking at Ingle Chapel Church).

The family would like to extend a heart-felt special thank you to the staff of Tri-Cities Cancer Center and Oncology at Saint Mary's in Walla Walla for all they did to help us through this journey. God bless the work that you do.

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



Ellenberger



DEATH NOTICES

Tucker Dean Bradley

Hermiston
May 28, 1969 — Aug. 23, 2021

Tucker Dean Bradley, 52, of Hermiston, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, at his home. He was born May 28, 1969, in Goldendale, Washington. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Roberto Chavez Bustamante

Milton-Freewater
Aug. 22, 1943 — Aug. 22, 2021

Roberto Chavez Bustamante, 78, of Milton-Freewater, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, in Walla Walla. He was born Aug. 22, 1943. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, of Milton-Freewater, is in care of arrangements.

Walter D. 'Walt' Charter

Irrigon
Oct. 9, 1939 — Aug. 24, 2021

Walter D. "Walt" Charter, 81, of Irrigon, died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Oct. 9, 1939, in Iowa City, Iowa. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Sept. 4, at 1 p.m. at Columbia View Community Church, Irrigon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Michael M. Fig

Umatilla
Nov. 4, 1958 — Aug. 22, 2021

Michael M. Fig, 62, of Umatilla, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Nov. 4, 1958, in Neptune, New Jersey. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Linda R. Gammell

Hermiston
Aug. 9, 1962 — Aug. 23, 2021

Linda R. Gammell, 59, of Hermiston, died Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, at her home. She was born Aug. 9, 1962, in Payson, Utah. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, at 1 p.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Sue Elaine Waldman

Pendleton
Sept. 24, 1939 — Aug. 20, 2021

Sue Elaine Waldman, 81, of Pendleton, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at a local care facility. She was born Sept. 24, 1939, in Pasco. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

LOTTERY

Monday, Aug. 23, 2021	4 p.m.: 5-9-0-8
Megabucks	7 p.m.: 5-1-4-4
01-09-25-35-38-46	10 p.m.: 6-3-6-6
Estimated jackpot: \$2.1 million	Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021
Lucky Lines	Mega Millions
01-06-11-16-19-24-25-29	17-18-26-52-67
Estimated jackpot: \$67,000	Mega Ball: 19
Powerball	Megaplier: 2
17-36-47-60-61	Estimated jackpot: \$270 million
Powerball: 15	Lucky Lines
Power Play: 3	03-08-12-14-20-22-27-30
Estimated jackpot: \$293 million	Estimated jackpot: \$68,000
Win for Life	Pick 4
05-39-40-67	1 p.m.: 9-8-2-3
Pick 4	4 p.m.: 4-1-7-7
1 p.m.: 5-3-0-6	7 p.m.: 3-9-5-3
	10 p.m.: 1-4-5-8

Connie Sue Tibbs

Hermiston
July 11, 1946 — Aug. 20, 2021

Connie Sue Tibbs of Hermiston was born July 11, 1946, in Pendleton, the daughter of Otto and Vernetta (Meeks) Broker. She passed away in Hermiston on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at the age of 75.

Connie lived in Pendleton during her childhood where she attended school and graduated from high school. After high school, she worked at the state hospital in Pendleton for many years. When her children were older, she went to college to study nursing. After becoming a registered nurse she worked in retirement homes and hospitals in Eastern Oregon and in the Portland area. She lived in the Portland area from the early 1990s until moving to Hermiston in 2019.

Connie enjoyed collect-

ing antiques and watching classic musical movies. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and going on family trips to the beach. She attended a Catholic church in the Portland area for many years and then attended Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston,

where she was a member of the Catholic Daughters. Connie is survived by a son; a daughter; a sister; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be announced at a later time.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Tibbs

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, AUG. 26
No services scheduled.

FRIDAY, AUG. 27
SAMS, LELAND — Visitation from 4-8 p.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande.

THOMPSON, DWIGHT — Recitation of the rosary at 8:30 a.m., followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Burial will follow at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.

SATURDAY, AUG. 28
BARKSTROM, ANDREA — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater, with interment at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery to follow.

GAMMELL, LINDA — Graveside service at 1 p.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield.

to 3 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

PAYNE, DAVID — Tribute and toast from 2-4 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Masks are required.

PEARSON, AMY — Funeral mass at 11 a.m. at St. Andrews Mission Church, 48022 St. Andrew Road, Mission, with a luncheon to follow.

SAMS, LELAND — Graveside services at 10 a.m. at Island City Cemetery (casual attire is acceptable) followed by a reception at the Island City Hall community room, 10605 Island Ave.

SCHILLING, DENNIS — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at Columbia View Community Church, 1230 E. Highway 730, Irrigon, with graveside service to follow in September.

VAN BEVEREN, GENE — Memorial service at 1:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

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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.