

William K. "Bill" Bush

Hermiston
Dec. 31, 1939 — Aug. 13, 2021

William K. "Bill" Bush was born on Dec. 31, 1939, in Portland, Oregon, to Lewis W. Bush and Vera Lubbes Bush. Bill passed away on Aug. 13, 2021, at his home in Hermiston with his wife of 59 years by his side.

The family moved to Hermiston in 1940. Bill attended school in Hermiston, graduating in 1957. He excelled in all sports during high school, receiving many awards, including all conference tackle. After graduation, Bill continued to work with his family raising watermelons until going to work for other area farmers.

Bill was known for being one of the best potato digger operators in the area. He joined the Laborer's Union in 1992, retiring in 2001. After retiring, he continued to farm part-time for various farmers, as farming was in his blood.

He enjoyed life and was an amazing man full of love. He will be missed. He was known far and wide as Uncle

Bill to many, related or not. Bill is survived by his wife, Sylvia Bush of 59 years; three children, Larry, Brian and Barbara (John) Thomas, all of Hermiston; brothers Herman, Jim (Kathy) and Drake of Hermiston; sisters, Beverly and Helen of Hermiston; sister, Schellia of Tacoma; sister-in-law, Marlene Bush of Hermiston; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Betty Gillpatrick; and a brother, Tom Bush. At Bill's request, the family will host a picnic in honor of Bill on Sept. 25, 2021, at 12 noon, at one of his favorite places, Hat Rock State Park picnic area. They ask you to bring your beverage of choice.

Please share memories of Bill with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.



Bush

Dolores A. White

Hermiston
Dec. 8, 1938 — Aug. 27, 2021

Dolores A. White was born on Dec. 8, 1938, in Oregon City, Oregon, to parents, Edgar and Valda Livingston Miller. She died on Aug. 27, 2021, at her home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 82 years.

She was raised in Portland and North Plains, Oregon, graduating from Hillsboro High School in the class of 1957. Dolores

was united in marriage to DuWayne White on Sept. 19, 1958, in Vancouver, Washington. They lived in Portland and California before moving to Pendleton in 1968 and then settling in Hermiston, Oregon, in 1970 where they have lived since.

She and DuWayne owned the Hermiston Dairy Queen for over 30 years and Dolores was an Avon representative for many years. She loved kids and for a time she worked in the schools as well as serving as a Royal Rangers leader and organized the Good News Club. They were snowbirds for 16 years, spending winters in Apache Junction, Arizona. Dolores enjoyed traveling and flowers and cherished time with her family. She

was a member of the First Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 63 years, DuWayne White, Hermiston, Oregon; sons, Darell, Mark and Guy White, all of Hermiston, Oregon; sister, Geri Warnake, Prineville, Oregon; grandsons, Travis and Cameron; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Gregory, Halie and Jada; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Todd; and a grandson, Greg.

A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Dolores' memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Dolores with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



White

Rose Mary Kautz

Hermiston
May 28, 1945 — Aug. 29, 2021

Rose Mary Kautz of Hermiston was born May 28, 1945, in Hampton, Virginia, the daughter of Albert and Alice (Willet) Sabo. She passed away in Hermiston on Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, at the age of 76.

Rose grew up and attended her schooling in Hampton, Virginia. After high school, she met Kenneth E. Kautz who was serving in the U.S. Air Force. The couple was united in marriage on Sept. 3, 1964, in Clovis, New Mexico.

Rose and Kenneth lived in many places throughout the United States and Europe during his military career. They moved to Pendleton, Oregon, in 1979 and settled in Hermiston in 1980, where she has resided since.

Rose loved bowling and had played on multiple bowling leagues. She also enjoyed crocheting, working on puzzles and she attended The Country Church. She

especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

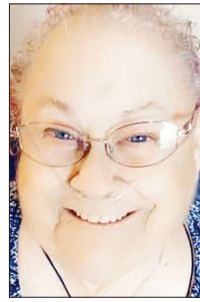
She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth on Oct. 12, 1994; her parents; two brothers, and one sister.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary (Tom) Mooney; son Ken (Synde) Kautz; daughter Elizabeth (Richard) Swentik; daughter Katherine Kautz; one sister, Carol Phelps; 17 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Family suggests memorial donations in Rose's memory be made to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston to help defray final costs.

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



Kautz

OBITUARIES

Mildred Dorothea Thatcher

La Grande
July 25, 1930 — Aug. 23, 2021

Mildred Dorothea Thatcher (Calhoun), 91, passed away in La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021. There will be a private graveside service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Summerville Cemetery in Summerville, Oregon. Due to COVID-19, attendance is limited to family only, with facemasks and social distancing encouraged.

Mildred was a hard-working, independent, no-nonsense woman of Scottish-German descent, born on July 25, 1930, in Freeland, Maryland, to Ivan Wagoner Calhoun and Grace Arden (Minster) Calhoun. She was the oldest of eight children. Siblings were Jim Calhoun, Shirley Malone, Ethel Bewley, Judy Calhoun, Linda Weigel, Fred Calhoun and Ed Calhoun.

Mildred had happy memories of early childhood years on her grandparents' farm in rural southeastern Pennsylvania. In 1942, Ivan and Grace moved the family across the country to Vashon Island, Washington, where Ivan worked as a journeyman carpenter for the U.S. Army to support the WWII effort. After the war, the family moved again, this time to the little town of Summerville, Oregon, in the heart of timber country in the Grande Ronde Valley. Mildred was enrolled in the eighth grade at Imbler High School.

After graduation, Mildred attended Eastern Oregon College to study business. She clerked for the Union County Courthouse while attending college. A returning WWII veteran, Frank Thatcher, was also a new Eastern student. They

met and were eventually married on Dec. 17, 1949. That marriage celebrated 61 years.

Mildred and Frank had three children. After raising the kids, Mildred earned her associate's degree in automated bookkeeping at Blue Mountain Community College. She kept the books for the Pendleton School District for many years and retired working in the district's payroll department.

Mildred made many friends and enjoyed her garden club in Pendleton and the Ladies Auxiliary of Grande Ronde Hospital. Mildred remained a member of the Mt. Emily VFW Post 2990 after Frank's death in 2010.

She loved sewing and oil painting. Other passions included traveling to see as many places as possible — sharing mounds of photos of Scotland, Australia, Mexico, and the American Southwest and Yukon Territory.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Ivan and Grace Calhoun, her brother Jim Calhoun, her in-laws Clement and Vina Thatcher, and her husband Frank Thatcher. She is survived by six of her siblings; her children Sheryl Brown (Norman) of La Grande, Oregon, Merrill Thatcher (Esther) of Hermiston, Oregon, and Darrell Thatcher (Shelley) of Sarasota, Florida; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Those who would like to remember Mildred may (in lieu of flowers) contribute to Hospice Promise Foundation, mailed to Heart 'n Home, 2104 Cove Ave., La Grande, OR 97850.



Thatcher

DEATH NOTICES

Lauron M. "Larry" Nelson

Umatilla
April 22, 1933 — Aug. 28, 2021

Lauron M. "Larry" Nelson, 88, of Umatilla, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, in Portland. He was born April 22, 1933, in Everett, Washington.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at 3 p.m. at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla. A celebration of life service will follow at 4 p.m. at Columbia View Community Church, Irrigon.

Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Larry with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Nancy A. Fletcher

Athens
Aug. 12, 1948 — Aug. 30, 2021

Nancy A. Fletcher, 73, of Athens, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, at her home. She was born Aug. 12, 1948, in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Erika J. Miller

Pendleton
May 24, 1947 — Aug. 30, 2021

Erika J. Miller, 74, of Pendleton, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, in Portland. She was born May 24, 1947, in San Diego. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Pamela R. 'Pam' Hays

Milton-Freewater
April 9, 1970 — Aug. 27, 2021

Pamela R. 'Pam' Hays, 51, of Milton-Freewater, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, in Walla Walla. She was born April 9, 1970. Arrangements are in care of Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, Milton-Freewater.

LOTTERY

Monday, Aug. 30, 2021
Megabucks
 2-7-8-18-20-26
 Estimated jackpot: \$2.5 million
Lucky Lines
 1-8-10-16-20-21-26-32
 Estimated jackpot: \$74,000
Win for Life
 13-64-66-77
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 9-6-5-4
 4 p.m.: 0-3-8-5
 7 p.m.: 4-6-9-5
 10 p.m.: 0-6-2-3

Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021
Mega Millions
 8-14-31-58-68
 Mega Ball: 15
 Megaplier: 3
 Estimated jackpot: \$323 million
Lucky Lines
 2-7-10-14-20-21-28-32
 Estimated jackpot: \$75,000
Pick 4
 1 p.m.: 9-0-0-3
 4 p.m.: 7-4-3-7
 7 p.m.: 3-0-9-8
 10 p.m.: 8-4-9-0

Delbert "Gene" Gaines

Stanfield
March 23, 1948 — Aug. 30, 2021

Delbert "Gene" Gaines of Stanfield was born March 23, 1948, in Walla Walla, Washington, the son of Delbert and Dorothy Jean (Phelps) Gaines. He passed away on Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, in Hermiston at the age of 73.

Gene grew up in Pilot Rock where he attended school, graduating from Pilot Rock High School in the class of 1967. He then served in the U.S. Army Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Pilot Rock and began his career with US Gypsum. He worked at the mill for over 30 years until it closed in 2000. He then worked for Keystone RV and Continental Mills in Pendleton.

Gene loved archery hunting and looked forward to his annual hunts and spending time in the woods. He also enjoyed fly fishing. He loved being a grandpa to his grandchildren.

Gene married Sharon Watson in Reno, Nevada, on Feb. 14, 1993.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Sharon of Stanfield; children, Michelle Gaines Voight of Willamina, Dave Gaines and Scott Gaines, both of Stanfield, Holli Hill of Pilot Rock, Lee Watson of Stanfield and Christopher Watson of Pendleton; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Phil Gaines of Pendleton and Gerald Gaines of Richland, Washington; and many extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Ronald Gene; brother, Danny; sister, Nancy; and beloved grandson, Cody Watson.

A private family celebration of life will be held 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.



Gaines



UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

QUINTERO, JOE — Funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrews Mission Church, 48022 St. Andrews Road, Mission, followed by a light lunch. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3

CIMMIYOTTI, BRADLEY — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

ELLENBERGER, JERAD — Graveside memorial service at 10 a.m. at the Pilot Rock Cemetery, followed immediately by a gathering with refreshments for family and friends at the Ellenberger residence, 85380 Highway 339, Milton-Freewater (parking at Ingle Chapel Church).

NELSON, LARRY — Graveside service at 4 p.m. at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla. Celebration of life follows at 4 p.m. at Columbia View Community Church, 1230 Highway 730, Irrigon.

TEEL, CHRISTIE — Graveside service at 1 p.m. at the Weston Cemetery.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

CHARTER, WALT — Celebration of life service at 1 p.m. at Columbia View Community Church, 1230 E. Highway 730, Irrigon.

DOUGLAS, MARTHA — Graveside service at 10:30 a.m. at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield. A celebration gathering will follow at 11 a.m. at Bard Park, Stanfield.

KAUTZ, ROSE — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

SMOCK, DONNIE — Inurnment at 11 a.m. at the Weston Cemetery, followed by a celebration of life from 1-4 p.m. at the Long Branch Cafe and Saloon, 201 E. Main St., Weston. Share stories and tacos; first beer is on Donnie.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5

RACKLEY, JIM — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m., via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/2WNVzRr>, or call 669-900-9128, code 814 0718 5052. (Charles Denight 541-966-0233)

MONDAY, SEPT. 6

HEPPNER PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St. (541-676-9618)
STOKES LANDING SENIOR CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Stokes Landing Senior Center, 150 Columbia Lane, Irrigon. (Karen 541-922-3137)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave. (Donna Biggerstaff 541-966-0201)
PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT WORK SESSION, 8 a.m., Pendleton School District, 107 N.W. 10th St. (541-276-6711)
STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Stanfield Council Chambers, 160 W. Coe Ave. (Ben Burgener 541-449-3831)
UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT, 1:30 p.m., online, via teleconference. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Stanfield School District, 1120 N. Main St. (541-449-3305)
WESTON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Gizmo (Weston Food Pantry entrance), 114 E. Main St. Code enforcement work session in addition to special meeting. (Sheila Jaspersen 541-566-3313)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Athens City Hall, 215 S. Third St. (541-566-3862)

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