

OBITUARIES

Claudia Allen

June 22, 1947 — Sept. 1, 2021

Milton-Freewater

Born to Joseph Dulaney Moberly and Cora Lois Speelman Moberly June 22, 1947, in Baker City.

Claudia attended elementary school in the Oregon towns of; Baker City, Independence, Keating, Umatilla, Union, and Milton-Freewater followed by Butte, Montana, until fifth grade when they moved to Waitsburg, Washington. Claudia graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1965. She spent many summers at the Southern Baptist summer camp on the Clearwater River. While in Waitsburg she was part of the gym club, Christian Association and sang in the school choir.

Claudia married Thomas E. Allen of Dayton Sept. 30, 1966. Where she became a stepmother to three boys. They followed construction jobs around the Pacific Northwest until landing in Milton-Freewater in 1970. Adding three more kids to the bunch, this is where they made their home. Her friends said the marriage would never last, they were soul mates from the start. This year would have been 55 years.

Claudia entered DeMers Beauty School in Walla Walla in 1971, it is now Holly's Flowers. After graduating she continued to work for DeMers then bought Image Makers Salon and ran it for 11 years. After selling Image Makers, she continued to work as a cosmetologist in Milton-Freewater at Le'Hair. Once retiring from cosmetology, she worked with the Milton-Freewater School District nutrition program (cafeteria cook), then took an AC cook job at the Washington State Penitentiary where she retired a few years back. She has also managed Green Acres Mobile court for about 20 years around her other jobs.

Claudia was an Oregon Head Start Parent Trainer, served on State and District Head start Committees and participated in the Pea Festival and Festival Parades. She was secretary of the Ferndale PTO, led the Ferndale Turkey Dinner fundraiser for many years and was also a Blue Bird Leader. Claudia tuned in to her career of volunteering in 1977, when she became a 4-H leader. She taught youth how to cook, sew and assisted in livestock & small animals. Even though she was not raised in the program or with livestock, she gave all she had for 43 years teaching kids of the community. She retired from being an active 4-H leader in 2020, when her illness set in and COVID-19 made it risky for lots of interaction. She was on the M-F Junior Show board for three terms and ran the

concession stand for 20 years. She served as the 4-H Home Ec. superintendent for the Umatilla County Fair for 30+ years and the

Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days 4-H Home Ec. superintendent the past six years. Claudia received numerous 4-H awards through her volunteer years but her most favorite ones were being inducted into the Oregon 4-H Hall of Fame and Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days volunteer of the year.

Claudia was a proud member of the Milton-Freewater Super Grannies. A group of life long (or 4-H lifelong) friends. They participated in various events, like Santa's Helpers, but mainly loved when they all got together for granny lunches. She enjoyed her date days through her illness, especially her final grannies' lunch on the patio of Kelly's.

Claudia was able to enjoy a few months in their new home. She was part of the remodel, picking out paint colors, flooring, and granite counter tops. We didn't quite get the kitchen back splash done but she did pick out the tile. She loved a larger bedroom and a master bathroom.

Claudia and Tom raised their children and several grandchildren. Their doors were always welcoming. She had a very special bond with granddaughter, Jazmyn, sharing Jazzy's entire 4-H involvement. Grandma was her biggest advocate supporting many cooking contests, style reviews and fairs. Claudia was also very involved with granddaughter, Jessica, they had a special bond as she was a daily caregiver for Jess until her illness. For a little girl that had no words, Grandma knew exactly what she was saying. Claudia spent her final few days surrounded by her family (kids, grandkids, siblings and nieces; her loving niece, Sara, was the best caregiver.) She wanted to go to the Walla Walla Fair but knew her body wasn't going to allow it, so she did what she needed to do to attend. She went to heaven on Sept. 1, opening morning. We all know she was at the fair in spirit, she wasn't going to let cancer hold her back.

We will be holding a celebration of life Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, at the Milton-Freewater Jr. Show Fairgrounds at 11:30 a.m. We invite all who knew her to come visit, eat a little, and share stories. Her final wish was a party. To leave a condolence online, visit munsellerhodes.com.

Claudia was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Belinda Moore; and a granddaughter, Tessa Moore

A private family celebration of life will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family please go to burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Allen

Jesse D. 'Bud' Holden Jr.

Nov. 6, 1926 — Sept. 7, 2021

Hermiston

Jesse D. "Bud" Holden Jr. of Hermiston, was born on Nov. 6, 1926, in Baker City, to parents, Jesse and Ida Bales Holden, who were both born in Baker City in the 1890s. He died on Sept. 7, 2021, in Hermiston at the age of 94 years. Bud married Ann Walker in 1946, and they had two daughters, Pamela and Betty Sue. Ann died in 1970. In 1971, Bud married Minnie "Peggy" Brunick and gained a stepson, Robert "Bob" Brunick.

Bud was always interested in Oregon pioneer history; his grandmother, Bales, had been born in Oregon City in 1865. Some of her family had traveled the Oregon Trail in the 1840s. As an infant his family lived in old Malheur City, where his parents had a store and his father had the Baker City-Malheur Stageline. They then built a home and service station on Dooley Mountain. Bud went through the first four grades of school in Bridgeport, Oregon, in a one-room school, with a total of 12 students in all eight grades. The family moved to Baker City, where at the age of 12, Bud first experienced living in a house with electricity and indoor plumbing. He finished the eighth grade in Baker City. In 1942, the family moved to Hermiston. Bud quit school in his freshman year and went to work at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot in the electrical shop, when he was 16. At the age of 17, he went to Portland and worked in the shipyards as a Marine wireman. Bud worked at many things in his life, he drove trucks for Consolidated Freight for several years and worked for Montgomery Ward and he operated a Chev-

ron Service station on First and Main in Hermiston. Bud also worked at the Umatilla School District for over eight years as a custodian and bus driver. He had a Carnation milk route for several years. Bud was an electrical supervisor at Oregon Potato in Boardman, an electrical foreman at Hanford and worked on a project in Libya. He also served on the Umatilla Volunteer Fire Department for 13 years. Bud retired in 1988 as an electro mechanic at JM in Umatilla.

After retiring, he and his wife, Peggy, spent 12 winters in Arizona. They also traveled in all the states except Alaska and Hawaii, including two provinces in Canada and two states in Mexico. He always said he traveled a long way from that one-room schoolhouse. Bud is survived by his daughters, Pamala Gordon of Hermiston, and Betty (Alex) Pedroza of Stanfield; brother, Alfred (Delores) Holden of Troutdale; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wives, Ann and Peggy; his parents; a sister, Gladys; brother, Robert "Bob"; and stepson, Robert "Bob" Brunick. A visitation time for family and friends was held. At Bud's request there will be no service. Those who wish may make contributions in Bud's 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 Bud with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.



Holden

Louise Marie Johnson

Sept. 28, 1933 — Aug. 27, 2021

Hermiston

Heaven gained another angel. Louise Marie (Price) Johnson, 87, of Hermiston passed away at home with her family Aug. 27, 2021.

On Sept. 28, 1933, in Missoula, Montana, Marvin and Olive May (Everson) Price along with their son, Marion McCollum, welcomed twins, Lois and Louise. The twins loved being with people, the life of every party. Louise and Lois were always together doing something. For them life was an adventure. They were born to show the world how to live. And boy did they.

She married Donald Robert Fulcher in Hermiston on Aug. 6, 1950. Together they raised their four children, Donald Ray, Linda Marie, Kathleen Sue and Suzanne Kay. She was very proud of her family. The light in every crowd, Louise was born with a heart big enough to love all people. A need to give all she could to anyone in need. She loved her family beyond words, but family was never just blood. It didn't matter how you came to be but, once a part of her family, always a part of her family. When she expanded hers, she did so with a lot of love and open arms. She chose to bring families together and was thought of warmly for her effort. She felt honored to be a second Mom, or Grandma to her sibling's children, her stepchildren and her best friend's children. She gave her heart to each of them.

She loved to dance, play pinochle, hunt, fish, camp, travel and help in clubs she joined like The Eagles, Elks, or Moose lodges. She was a snowbird who migrated to Arizona to be there for the Thanksgiving tailgate dinner and returned home in time for a big family Easter Party. Survived by children, Don Fulcher (Peggy), Linda Phillips, Kathy Schofield, Sue Leathers (Char Doan); grandchildren, Bill Schofield (Gina), Gina Hinz, Bruce Schofield III, Keith Leathers (Kayla), Fawn Fulcher, Donald Fulcher (Joan), Justa Phillips, Andrea Murphey (Chance); nine great-grandchildren, and one on the way; many nieces and nephews who she claimed as her own and loved deeply; along with many other loved ones she warmly referred to as hers. Preceded in death by her loving husband, Wallace Johnson; siblings, Lois and (Mel) Reeser, Marion McCollum, Karen Southmayd, Marlene Carroll, Richard Carroll; son-in-law, Bruce Schofield Jr.; grandson-in-law, John Hinz; nieces, Jeannie Cox, and Lisa Martz; parents; grandparents; and a large extended family. Please join for a celebration of life Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at 11 a.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 255 N.E. Second St. Hermiston. Please bring a potluck dish and warm memories to share. Drinks and sandwich fixings will be provided.



Johnson

ANNIVERSARY

Gary and Shirley David

IRRIGON — Gary David and Shirley (Jackson) David of Irrigon will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 24, 1966, at the home of the bride's parents in Irrigon. The couple has two children, Monica David and Rodney David; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Gary retired in 1998 after a 32-year career in law enforcement, including with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Sweet Home Police Department and the Milton-Freewater Police Department.

Shirley, who performed secretarial work, retired in 2010 after 15 years with the



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Gary and Shirley David

city of Walla Walla, prior to that she worked 16 years at Western Oregon University, in Monmouth.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Saturday, Sept. 18

Barnes, Tom — Graveside service at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Brewer, Marjorie — Graveside service at 1 p.m., (MST) Owyhee Cemetery, Adrian, Oregon.

Danner, William — Memorial service at 10 a.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

Harris, Tim — Celebration of life at 3 p.m., Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

Marks, Rebecca — Memorial service at 2 p.m. at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 N. Midland Blvd., Nampa, Idaho.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Wanstrath, Arleen — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Sage Riders Arena, 81907 N. Highway 395, Hermiston.

Monday, Sept. 20

Hadden, Kay — Graveside service at 10 a.m., Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Eileen Sobotta — Recitation of the Rosary and funeral Mass at 12:30 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 78922 Olson Road S.E., Boardman. Graveside service to follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Patsy Ann Moore

Oct. 11, 1950 — Sept. 10, 2021

Hermiston

Patsy Ann Moore of Hermiston was born Oct. 11, 1950, in Russellville, Arkansas, the daughter of JC and Virginia (Smith) Davis. She passed away in Pendleton on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at the age of 70.

As a child, she moved with her family to Stockton, California. She grew up, attended school and graduated from high school in Stockton. She married Gary Moore in Stockton on January 20, 1967. The couple moved from California to Hermiston in 2015 to be closer to their family.

Patsy enjoyed working with ceramics and loved spending time with her

family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Gary; son, Tom and daughter-in-law, Eileen Moore; sister, Judy Lee; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Belinda Moore; and a granddaughter, Tessa Moore

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Moore

BIRTHS

CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

Sept. 5, 2021

WILSON — Madisen Jada Wilson of Pendleton: a boy, Quintin Levi River Wilson.

Sept. 8, 2021

YAP — Angelica Rosemarie Martinez and Kristian-Alan L. Yap of Hermiston: a boy, Kainoa Ioane Yap.

Sept. 11, 2021

ROJAS — Elisa S. Cordova and Ismael Rojas of Umatilla: a boy, Ismael Refugio Rojas.

JONES — Whitney Marie Jones and Travis Lee Jones of Stanfield: a boy, Lincoln Foster Jones.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

Sept. 10, 2021

RAMIREZ — Aliyah Dowdy of Hermiston: a boy, Zerek Enzo Lupe Ramirez.

SPRADLIN — Stephanie Lynette Spradlin and Cody Allen Spradlin of Hermiston: a boy, Spencer Allen Spradlin.

Sept. 14, 2021

GARCIA TOJ — Chely Toj Riz and Victoriano Garcia Gomez of Boardman: a girl, Fatima Vanessa Garcia Toj.

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