

Maxine Michel Hathaway

Aug. 11, 1931 — Sept. 16, 2021

Baker City

Maxine Elaine Michel was born Aug. 11, 1931, in Middleton, Idaho, to Richard Marion Michel and Myrtle Watkins Michel. She was blessed with two brothers, Richard Jr. and Claude.

She was called home to the Lord in the early morning hours of Sept. 16, 2021. Celebration and services to be announced at a later date.

Maxine attended all 12 grades in Middleton and graduated high school in May 1949. She went to work for Caldwell Auto Supply in Caldwell, Idaho. She then met Harry Miller Hathaway, the love of her life, and married him on April 20, 1952. Their union was 55 years strong upon Harry's death in June 2007.

After their marriage, Harry and Maxine moved to Nyssa, Oregon, where Harry began working as a mechanic for the Chevrolet dealership. They had three beautiful children together, Becky Lou, Bradley Ray and Bryon Lynn. In 1957, the Hathaway family relocated to Baker City where Harry continued his career as a Chevrolet dealership mechanic. In 1963, they made the transition to business ownership operating the 10th Street Texaco service station and later the Arco service station at Second and Broadway Street. It was a family affair with Harry as the mechanic and Maxine as the bookkeeper and grew to include both boys as they became of age.

Maxine was a very active member of the Cavalry Baptist Church beginning in 1960 when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was the epitome of a true Christian and tireless in her service of the Lord and an inspiration to her many friends and all her family who loved her dearly. Her family remembers her always whistling and humming hymns while going about her daily tasks. Playing hymns on her piano and singing were great joys of hers as well. She was an enthusiastic and humble volunteer in many different local organizations and got no greater pleasure in life than helping others.



Hathaway

Maxine was an avid walker and was recognized by many Baker residents on her daily constitutional, which could range up to 10 miles. Often, during a snowstorm, people would stop and ask her if she needed a ride. With a big smile she would say, "No thank you, I'm just enjoying walking." Her work ethic was legendary in the family and inherited by both Brad and Bryon. All her grandchildren and great-grandchildren adored her, she never failed to praise them for their individual strengths, and she always had time for a story, a puzzle, a game or coloring. She left a legacy of immense love and thoughtfulness within her entire family.

She married Ken Grafham in 2009.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Becky Lou in Jan. 1960; her beloved husband, Harry Hathaway in June 2007; and both her parents, Marion and Myrtle Michel; along with her brothers, Richard Jr. and Claude Michel.

Her spirit lives on through her son, Brad Hathaway and wife Terri of Stanfield; son, Bryon Hathaway and wife Anita of Dubois, Wyoming; grandchildren, Meagan and Jaymie Jo, Jordan, Jade and Scout Hathaway; great-grandchildren, Gracie and Lili Hathaway, Jamine and Hudson Lemmon and Harrison Joseph Hathaway. Maxine is also survived by her beloved sisters-in-law, Velma and Helen Michel, and was blessed with many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly. She also held a special place in her heart for Kenny and Ruthie Grafham.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meadowbrook Place Assisted Living and Heart and Home Hospice, of Baker City. They may be sent to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Maxine or to offer online condolences to her family, please visit www.grayswestco.com. Arrangements are with Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

Raymond J. Slabik

May 10, 1928 — Sept. 19, 2021

Pilot Rock

Raymond J. Slabik of Pilot Rock died suddenly on Sept. 19, 2021, at the age of 93. Ray is preceded in death by his parents, John and Stella Slabik; brothers, Walter and George Slabik; and sisters Victoria Nowlin and Marie Thackeray.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Mary Lue; six nieces and nephews; as well as many extended family and friends.

Ray has been a 65-year resident of Pilot Rock and worked at the mill operating heavy equipment. He also was an avid elk and deer hunter.

Ray was a Korean War veteran and was very proud to have served his country. He was very active with the

Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ray's Catholic faith, his church, and serving his community were very important to him throughout his lifetime.



Slabik



Recitation of the rosary for Ray will be held on Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at 6 p.m. at St. Helen Catholic Church, 740 S.W. Birch St., Pilot Rock. Mass of Christian burial is Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. at St. Helen Catholic Church, followed by a graveside burial at the Pilot Rock Cemetery. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the church.

Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Share online condolences with the family at burnsmortuary.com.

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OBITUARIES

Robert L. 'Bob' Davis

March 6, 1943 — Aug. 12, 2021

Priest Lake, Idaho

Robert L. "Bob" Davis, 78, of Priest Lake, Idaho, loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Aug. 12, 2021.

Bob was born on March 6, 1943, in Yakima, where he met his wife, Sharon, and they married in 1966. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter, Tracie (Michael) Szybnski; three granddaughters, Sidney, Morgan and Hanna, of Priest Lake; one brother, George Davis of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

Bob served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1963 through 1969. He graduated from Central Washington University with a degree in economics in 1969 and had a career in banking both in Portland and Pendleton from 1970 until 1983, when he and Sharon moved to Priest Lake and purchased Elkins Resort. The resort is now operated by his daughter, Tracie and her husband, Michael Szybnski. Bob worked with many charitable and civic organizations, including Priest Lake Chamber of Commerce, People Helping People, and

the snowmobile groomer committee. He developed many lifelong friendships, as he was outgoing and friendly to everyone he met.

Their love of hiking and backpacking led them into the beautiful backcountry of Priest Lake over the years. Bob dearly loved his family and granddaughters and spent time with them boating, snowmobiling, hiking, camping, skiing and teaching them fishing and target practice. Bob was the granddaughters' online school coach, teaching history and math for several years. Bob and Sharon had many outdoor and travel adventures, both in the United States and internationally. His smile, dry wit and sparkling sense of humor will forever be missed.

A celebration of Bob's Life will be held on Oct. 3, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Elkins Resort, 404 Elkins Road, Nordman, Idaho 83848. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Priest Lake Memory Garden, North Idaho Hospice or Priest Lake EMT.



Davis



Stephanie Jane Barker

Oct. 20, 1963 — Sept. 19, 2021

Hermiston

Stephanie Jane Barker of Hermiston, was born Oct. 20, 1963, in Lincoln, Nebraska, the daughter of Wilber and Mary (Phroper) Barker. She passed away in Hermiston on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at the age of 57.

Stephanie moved with her family to Carlton where she lived throughout her childhood and attended school. After completing school, she resided between Carlton and Hermiston for several years before moving to Hermiston permanently in 1982. She has resided in the Hermiston area for the past 39 years.

Stephanie enjoyed watching the "Sons of Anarchy" show and playing video poker. She loved spending time with her family especially her grandchildren who were a huge part of her life. She also became grandma to many children who were not part of her family. She loved going on lunch dates with a dear friend. She had a heart

of gold and was always willing to help those in need and she was the life of the party who everyone wanted to be around.

She is survived by two daughters, Betsy (Daniel Sandoval) Jones; and children, Shawn, Dominick, Ashlyn, Audrey, Kassidee and Lucas; Rebecca (Richard) Griffin; as well as children, Austin, Matthew, Zuri, Dylan and Tristan; sisters, Dawna Mitchell, Paula Moe, Eugena Barker and Mary Van Gorder; brother, Charlie Barker; and numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Michael.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Victory Park Square in Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. To leave an online condolence for the family please go to burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Barker

Arthur Ray Coffman

May 8, 1936 — Sept. 18, 2021

Pendleton

Arthur Ray Coffman born May 8, 1936, in Pendleton to parents Jack and Helen (Rhodes) Coffman. Art attended school in Pendleton. He joined the Navy, serving from March 15, 1954, until May 1, 1957.

Art was married to Shirley Farwell until her passing. He married Ann Coffman in 1990 they have been married for 30 wonderful years. Art worked for the county road department until retirement. He had a love for working on cars, traveling and hunting. Art enjoyed having coffee and donuts with his friend Don James. Art was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for 35 years.

Arthur is survived by his wife of 30 years, Ann Coffman of Pendleton; children, Jeff (Karen) Coffman of Pendleton, Becky (Steve) Pratt of Sweet Home and Dale (Julie) Chick of Colo-

rado Springs, Colorado; sister, Sherry McCann of Pendleton; grandchildren, Kamae Coffman, John Coffman, Trevor Pratt, Zach (Rose) Pratt, Cheyanne Chick and Nathaniel Chick; and great-grandchildren, Michael Coffman, Treton Pratt and Alexander Pratt.

Arthur is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Helen Coffman; son by marriage, Kevin Stewart; and first wife, Shirley Farwell.

Funeral dinner will be held Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. followed by the Draping of the Charter at 12:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge on Main Street, Pendleton. Graveside service will be held Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at 3 p.m. at Olney Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuary.com.



Coffman



Robert 'Peanut' Walter Nickerson

July 15, 1951 — Sept. 19, 2021

Umatilla

Robert "Peanut" Walter Nickerson, 70, passed away in Hermiston, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, due to aggressive lung cancer.

He was born on July 15, 1951, in Pendleton. He was raised in Pilot Rock. Robert worked many years at Jones and Scott trucking. He lived the past 13 years in Umatilla.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Beverly Nickerson; and brothers, Michael and baby boy Nickerson. Robert is survived by his daughter, Jamie Widel; grandchildren; brothers, William and Russell; sister, Kris; and

many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Please join us at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton, for a viewing between noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, 2021. Graveside services will be held at Pilot Rock Cemetery, East Birch Creek Road, Pilot Rock, OR 97868, Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at 2 p.m. Reception will follow at Life Church, 222 S.W. Third St., Pilot Rock, OR 97868.

Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at burnsmortuary.com.



Nickerson



DEATH NOTICES

Vonna L. Schutter

Sept. 30, 1934 — Jan. 5, 2021

Lexington

Vonna L. Schutter, 86, of Lexington, died Jan. 5, 2021, in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 30, 1934. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner, following state COVID-19 guidelines. A meal will follow the celebration. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Francis P. Schutter

Sept. 28, 1938 — July 5, 2021

Lexington

Francis P. Schutter, 82, of Lexington, died July 5, 2021, in Heppner. He was born Sept. 28, 1938. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner, following state COVID-19 guidelines. A meal will follow the celebration. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Miriam T. Farrow

July 15, 1951 — Sept. 19, 2021

Pendleton

Miriam T. Farrow, 70, of Pendleton, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at St. Anthony Hospital. She was born July 15, 1951, in Pendleton. Burial was on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m. at St. Andrews Cemetery, Mission. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at burnsmortuary.com.

Terrill Thomas

Oct. 8, 1971 — Sept. 18, 2021

Milton-Freewater

Terrill Thomas, 49, of Milton-Freewater, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Marilyn A. Wilson

Dec. 16, 1958 — Sept. 19, 2021

Pendleton

Marilyn A. Wilson, 62, of Pendleton, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at her home. She was born Dec. 16, 1958, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at burnsmortuary.com.

Ronald E. Jones

June 28, 1954 — Sept. 15, 2021

Meacham

Ronald E. Jones, 67, of Meacham, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at his home. He was born June 28, 1954, in La Grande. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at burnsmortuary.com.

Jill Banks

Aug. 7, 1976 — Sept. 18, 2021

Milton-Freewater

Jill Banks, 45, of Milton-Freewater, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at her home. She was born Aug. 7, 1976. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Jessica McEachern

Feb. 10, 1939 — Sept. 20, 2021

Milton-Freewater

Former Pendleton resident Jessica McEachern, 82, of Milton-Freewater, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, in Walla Walla. She was born Feb. 10, 1939, in Juneau, Alaska. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to pioneerchapel.com.

Patsy Marie Vincent

March 15, 1937 — Sept. 20, 2021

Ukiah

Patsy Marie Vincent, 84, of Ukiah, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, at her home. She was born on March 15, 1937, in John Day. There will be a graveside service at the Ukiah Cemetery on Sept. 29, 2021, at 11 a.m. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to pioneerchapel.com.

Yvonne E. Wells

May 10, 1940 — Sept. 16, 2021

Hermiston

Yvonne E. Wells, 81, of Hermiston, died Sept. 16, 2021, in Spokane. She was born May 10, 1940, in Custer, South Dakota. Services will be announced. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Yvonne with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.