

OBITUARIES

John Bennett

Nov. 5, 1950 — Sept. 18, 2021

Baker City

John Bennett, 70, passed away peacefully in Boise, Idaho, Sept. 18, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Hospital due to complications from COVID-19. His son, Ty, and daughter-in-law, Debbie, were by his side during his last moments on this Earth. His daughter, Darcy; granddaughter, Shelby, and grandson, Morgan, were able to spend some final moments with him in the hospital on the day he passed.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel in Baker City. A reception will follow at Coles Tribute Center. John Alan Bennett was born Nov. 5, 1950, to Lyle Conrad Bennett and Arda Irene Bennett (Dixon) in Volga, South Dakota. He was their second child, joining his older brother, Larry.

John grew up in Arlington, South Dakota. John lost his mother at the very young age of 2. He attended school in Arlington, South Dakota. The summer before his senior year, 1968, John hitchhiked and hopped box cars to travel from Arlington, South Dakota, to Estes Park, Colorado, where he landed a job helping with a chuckwagon for a horse wrangling outfit.

It was there that John caught the eye of a young, beautiful horse wrangler who was also working there. The crew was all sitting around the campfire when Bonnie Kay Buri heard John mention South Dakota. Bonnie approached this young cowboy and they got to talking. This conversation revealed that they only lived about 30 miles from each other in South Dakota. John shared with Bonnie that he was an extra in a John Wayne movie "Hellfighters" and had met some big stars. They continued at the same camp for the next week, after which John traveled by hitchhiking and box car hopping to California where his brother Larry was.

John ended up back in Arlington before he was to

start his senior year of high school. When Bonnie returned to South Dakota from her job in Colorado, she informed her parents that she had met a movie star. In October of 1968, she reached out to track down John in Arlington. The couple dated for a month, got engaged in November and married on Dec. 28, 1968, in Watertown, South Dakota.

John quit high school to provide for his family. Bonnie and John traveled to Oregon from South Dakota in the winter of 1969 looking for ranch work. Shortly thereafter they learned that they were expecting a child. Due to lack of work, the couple made their way back to South Dakota where Darcy was born on Nov. 30, 1969.

Their son, Ty, joined the family on Nov. 20, 1971. Seven years after returning to South Dakota and two kids later, the family packed up their belongings in a horse trailer and moved to Oregon in the fall of 1975 when Darcy was 6 and Ty was 4. They settled in Baker, and in the spring of 1977, they rented an 80-acre spread. A year later, they purchased 60 acres of the bare pastureland. The couple spent a year building corrals and putting up fencing before they moved to the ranch and started raising longhorn cattle. Their first three buffalo came to the ranch in February of 1981. John and Bonnie parted ways in 1985.

In his younger days, John was a brand inspector, but his passion was raising cattle, buffalo, Texas longhorns and trading livestock. John and Bonnie were the owner-operators of Bennett's Texas Longhorn and Buffalo Ranch. They also owned and operated Bennett's Saddle Shop, which was located on Broadway Street in Baker City.

John was a very hand-

some man and enjoyed the company of beautiful women. He had a draw and charisma about him that attracted a great deal of lovely ladies. John married a few more times, attempting to find someone to share the rest of his days with.

Not only was John a "movie star," but five of his longhorn cows starred in a Marlboro commercial in July of 1993 bringing in \$1,500 for a three-day stint. John and his livestock were frequently featured in the local newspaper.

John was also known to play guitar and sing a bit in his younger days. John loved sharing his passion for horses and livestock with children of all ages. He lit up when a child took interest in his buffalo, horses, cattle, etc. He took great joy in mentoring these young people, teaching them to ride, rope and wrangle.

In 1998, John swept a bank teller off her feet when he passed a yellow rose through her drive through drawer at the bank. John later married this bank teller, June Woodcock, on May 24, 2004. The two enjoyed the company of John's grandsons, Trevor and Morgan, on a regular basis during their time together.

John taught the boys many things, including how to spit spit-wads in restaurants and not get caught. He loved taking them to Pizza Hut and the Truck Corral where he excelled in teaching them how to harass waitresses. John also loved a good buffet!

John and June divorced in March of 2013. John expressed in these past few months that he sincerely missed the companionship he and June shared, stating their time together was one of the best periods of his life.

John was a creature of habit and his life consisted of sale days every Tuesday and Thursday. This was

his social life as well as his livelihood. He had several business partners in his life, most notably Sweeney Gillette and more recently, Hannah Jones. We are quite certain these two, and many others, have some pretty good stories about John!

John's pride and joy were his children and grandchildren. He was especially delighted with the birth of his first great-grandchild. His second love was his ranch and everything that came with it. He loved sitting in a chair looking at the mountains, the sunrises, and sunsets. He took great pride in the natural beauty that surrounded his property. John's home remained on his ranch for the rest of his days.

John touched the lives of many. He was a kind man with a huge heart. He would frequently check on others and do things for people out of the blue. He was thoughtful, and people knew he was thinking of them by the cards, calls and as technology developed, texts they would receive from him.

John was preceded in death by his father, Lyle; mother, Arda; an infant sister, Lenae Rose Bennett; a brother, Donald Bennett; and many companion animals, to include his dog, Sammi.

He is survived by a brother, Larry Bennett; and his wife, Mary; daughter, Darcy Colton and her husband Eric; son, Ty Bennett and his wife Debbie; grandsons, Talon Colton, Trevor Bennett and Morgan Bennett; granddaughter, Shelby Preston; great-grandson, Paycen Preston; niece, Jennifer Teafatiller; and nephew, Nicklas Bennett; and his beloved dog, Sadie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern Oregon Chapter of FFA or to the Baker County 4-H Club in care of Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for John or to offer online condolences to his family, please visit gray-swestco.com.



Bennett

DEATH NOTICES

William 'Chuck' Hickerson Jr.

July 5, 1923 — Sept. 24, 2021

The Dalles

William "Chuck" Hickerson Jr., 98, of The Dalles, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at a local care facility. He was born July 5, 1923. Arrangements are with Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home of The Dalles.

Rebecca 'Becky' Correa

Sept. 3, 1959 — Sept. 23, 2021

Hermiston

Rebecca "Becky" Correa, 62, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, at her home in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 3, 1959, in Huron, Michigan. A funeral service with limited seating, following state guidelines will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. A livestream will also be available. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Becky with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Darlene L. Brandt

Nov. 17, 1952 — Sept. 7, 2021

Irrigon

Darlene L. Brandt, 68, of Irrigon, died Sept. 7, 2021, in Rockaway Beach. She was born Nov. 17, 1952, in Astoria. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Living Faith Church, 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Darlene with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Beck, Roscella — Memorial service at 11 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Vincent, Patsy Marie — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Ukiah Cemetery.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Bennett, John — Celebration of life at 11 a.m., Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City. Reception following at Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City.

Christman, Larry — Celebration of life at 2 p.m.,

Cloverleaf Hall, 600 N.W. First St., Enterprise.

Colcord, Gene — Celebration of life at 2 p.m.; meet at the Ukiah Thicket Cafe, 108 Main St., Ukiah.

Correa, Becky — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. A livestream will also be available. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Gaines, Delbert — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at Life Church, 222 S.W. Third St., Pilot Rock.

Rhoads, Doris — Memorial service at 11 a.m., at the Summerville Cemetery Chapel, Summerville.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Morrow County Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner. Join via Zoom at bit.ly/3EVHMse or call 253-215-8782; meeting ID: 369 651 7452; passcode: 335454. (Staffed after hours for Zoom connection issues 541-922-4624)

Thursday, Sept. 30

Hermiston Linebacker Club, noon, Desert Lanes Family Fun Center, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. No host lunch meeting with David Faeteete, Hermiston Bulldogs football coach. (Flora Larson at 541-567-5215, flora@barnettandmoro.com)

Doris Irene Rhoads

June 4, 1930 — July 21, 2021

Weston

Doris Irene Rhoads, 91, formerly of Elgin, died July 21, 2021, at her daughter's and grandson's home in Weston. A memorial will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at the Summerville Cemetery Chapel, Summerville, Oregon.

Doris was born June 4, 1930, to William O'Dell and Amanda Jane Jordan O'Dell in Milton. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1948 and married Charles E. Rhoads (deceased) on Oct. 17, 1948, in La Grande.

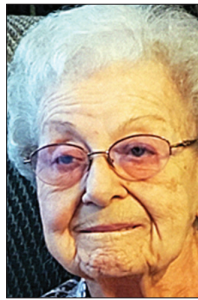
She was a stay-at-home mother until her children were school age and then she worked various jobs in John Day until 1973 when they moved back to La Grande. In 1974, they moved to Milton-Free-water. She became a hairdresser working at several different salons before working at Headline Salon for more than 20 years. She moved back to Summerville in 1990.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, a life member of more than 65 years in Elgin and Milton-Free-water, Daughters of the Nile. She was a life member of Jewel No. 96 Lodge of Summerville and was the president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon in 2011-12.

Survivors include children, C. Alan Rhoads of Salem, A. Leigh Rhoads of Sacramento, California, Charles A. Rhoads of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, MaryAnn Rhoads of Weston, and Kathy L. Williams of Milton-Free-water; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the Order of Eastern Star or Jewel No. 96 Rebekah Lodge in care of Munselle-Rhodes for Shriners Hospital for Children of Portland.

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



Rhoads

LOTTERY

Friday, Sept. 24, 2021

Megamillions

17-21-27-43-56

Megaball: 15

Megaplier: 3

Jackpot: \$22 million

Lucky Lines

3-5-11-16-20-21-25-29

Jackpot: \$30,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 8-7-4-9

4 p.m.: 8-3-6-4

7 p.m.: 9-3-3-3

10 p.m.: 9-8-3-0

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021

Powerball

22-23-37-62-63

Powerball: x19

Power Play: 3

Jackpot: \$545 million

Megabucks

14-15-29-39-43-48

Jackpot: \$3.6 million

Lucky Lines

2-5-10-16-19-23-28-32

Jackpot: \$31,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 5-3-6-5

4 p.m.: 8-0-5-7

7 p.m.: 5-6-5-1

10 p.m.: 5-1-4-9

Win for Life

21-22-48-72

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021

Lucky Lines

3-8-10-14-18-22-25-31

Estimated jackpot: \$10,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 9-1-7-0

4 p.m.: 1-3-3-6

7 p.m.: 0-0-2-4

10 p.m.: 5-3-1-1

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