

Dorothy 'Dot' Irene Hensley (Waas)

May 31, 1943 — Sept. 26, 2021
Hermiston

Dorothy "Dot" Irene Hensley (Waas), 78, of Hermiston, went to Heaven Sept. 26, 2021, at home surrounded by her beloved husband, Richard "Dick" Hensley, and family.

Dot was born in Pendleton, to Ray and Irene Waas. Dot graduated from Hermiston High School and Pacific Lutheran University.

She married the love of her life, Dick, Dec. 27, 1964. She and Dick had many adventures throughout their marriage. Four months after they married, Dick went to Vietnam while Dot finished university. Dick completed his tour in Vietnam, then they moved to Germany where they lived and had their two oldest children. Dick was then deployed to Korea and Dot stayed home being an Army wife. They then were stationed in the Pacific Northwest where they had their two youngest children and Dick retired. In 1981, they moved back to their hometown of Hermiston. Once her children were old enough to be in school, she went back to teaching in Hermiston, where she retired in 2005 from West Park Elementary.

Dot loved being a wife and mother, but she most of all loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Faith and family is what was most important to her.

They loved traveling, doing different activities,

camping, sightseeing, going to the coast, and most of all going to the Minam River, where Dick would fish and she would read. Dot was a member of Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church. Dick and Dot spent many years doing Rendezvous re-enactments throughout the Pacific Northwest. Dot was an active member of the Hermiston Elks Lodge where she and Dick traveled all over the United States.

She is survived by her husband, Dick Hensley; children, Donna and Mike Irons, Ray and Astrid Hensley, Kathleen and Danny Madore, Shawn and Michelle Hensley; her grandchildren, Sam and Stephanie Irons, Zachary Irons, Tony Hensley, Micah, Chloe, Isaac and Calla Madore; great-granddaughter, Peyton Irons, a brother, Jack Waas; and multiple extended loving family members and friends.

Dot was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Irene Waas.

A celebration of life service will be held Wednesday Oct. 6, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1005 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston. Please share memories of Dot with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

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Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Irene and Olen Shockey.

A memorial service will be held at Pendleton Baptist Church in Pendleton, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. Reception services in a potluck style will be held afterward in the basement of the church. She will be laid to rest at the City View Cemetery in Pasco.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be made in her name to the Pendleton Baptist Church, 3202 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to pioneerchapel.com.

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A graveside service with military honors will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday Oct. 6

Hensley, Dot — Celebration of life at 11 a.m., Faith Presbyterian Church, 1005 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston.

Shaw, Elizabeth — Graveside service at 1 p.m., Hermiston Cemetery.

Thursday Oct. 7

Kelly, Ruth Ann — Memorial service at 2 p.m., Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Avenue, Hermiston.

Garcia Jr., Alejandro — Recitation of the rosary at 10 a.m., followed by a memorial Mass at 10:30 a.m., both at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow in the Hermiston Cemetery.

Friday Oct. 8

Johnson, Gary — Graveside service at 1 p.m., Hermiston Cemetery.

Lott, Bernice — Recitation of the rosary at 10:30 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m., both at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 525 Gale St., Heppner. Concluding service and burial follows at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Gehring, Diana — Celebration of life at 11 a.m. at her home for family and friends.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Brandt, Darlene — Celebration of life at 11 a.m., Living Faith Church, 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston.

Russell, Vernon — Graveside service with military honors at 1 p.m., Riverview Cemetery, Boardman.

Turk, Pat — Memorial service at 10 a.m., Pendleton Baptist Church, 3202 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. A potluck reception follows in the church basement.

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Selma Shaw

Oct. 20, 1926—Sept. 27, 2021
Hermiston

Elizabeth Selma Shaw of Hermiston was born Oct. 20, 1926, in Joes, Colorado, the daughter of Alexander and Bertha (Bennett) Jones. She passed away in Hermiston Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, at the age of 94.

In 1941, Elizabeth moved to Hermiston, where she attended school and graduated from Hermiston High School in the class of 1944. After high school, she worked at the Umatilla Army Depot for a short time. She married Carl Calvin Shaw, July 14, 1946, in Hermiston. The couple made Hermiston their home where they would raise their family. Elizabeth worked as a homemaker and mother and she helped with 4-H when her daughters were in school. She later enjoyed volunteering at Hermiston Senior Center and Agape House. She enjoyed knitting, croch-

ing, sewing and doing crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl in 2013; her parents; daughter, Betty Johnson; and five of her siblings.

She is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Jones-Stone of Vancouver, Washington; granddaughter, Elaine Berry of Vancouver, Washington; sisters, Doris Reid and Edna Collyer, both of Hermiston; brothers, Harry Jones and Galen Jones, both of Longview, Washington, and Franklin Jones of Woodland, Washington; and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

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Patricia Dale Turk

April 4, 1945 — Sept. 30, 2021
Pendleton

Patricia Dale Turk, 76, died unexpectedly in her home Sept. 30, 2021, and went to be with our Lord and Savior.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Dave Turk; her stepson, James Turk (Nicole), both of Pendleton; her step-daughter, Teresa Swiger (Kevin) of Milton-Freewater; her brother, Kalin Shockey (Loretta); and her sister, Cheryl Pollock, both of Eltopia, Washington.

Pat was recently retired from Byrnes Oil as accounts receivable and thoroughly loved following fellow travelers online, and traveling in their motorhome every opportunity she could with her husband, Dave.

Pat was a devoted Christian and member of Pendleton Baptist Church.

Pat was a 1963 graduate of Connell High School in Washington. She went on to attend Columbia Basin College and then transferred to Central Washington University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Spanish

and minoring in English. She was a school teacher early on in her career.

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Bass Ruiz

May 25, 1960 — Sept. 26, 2021
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Bass Ruiz, 61, of Pendleton, died at his home Sept. 26, 2021. He was born May 25, 1960, in Harlingen, Texas, where he attended schools through his high school graduation and then went on to attend college in Edinberg, Texas.

Bass, as he was known to his friends, was a lover of learning and pursued several studies but never set his sights on a specific degree. Bass left Texas in his early 20s and relocated to the Pacific Northwest.

He married Rebecca Davis June 3, 1989. They were later divorced but were blessed with four children during their marriage. On Nov. 6, 2010, he married his current wife, Peggy Ruiz, and welcomed her four children into his family as well. In his heart, there were no step-children. All were equally loved as his.

Bass is survived by his mother, Guadalupe Bermea, of Harlington, Texas, and father, Amando Ruiz of Houston, Texas; brothers, Amando Ruiz (Norma

and Eduardo Ruiz (Josie) of Texas. He is also survived by his "mother-in-law for life," Candy Davis; and children, BreAnna Wayman (Christisan), Ashleigh Sauvie, Martee Ruiz (Kirsia), Amanda Sauvie, Addam Davis, Joshua Sauvie, Jeremy Sauvie and Abbee Davus; as well as six grandchildren who he adored and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bass enjoyed working in sales and as a first aid and CPR instructor for the American Red Cross in Tri-Cities, until he became disabled. He was a member of First Christian Church and a cherished friend to many. He enjoyed baking goodies, including his now famous huckleberry white chocolate cheesecake, for those he loved.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton.

Bass loved tie-dye and pretty much any bold and bright colors. We would love for everyone to dress colorfully to his celebration.

Alejandro Garcia Jr.

April 29, 1947 — Sept. 30, 2021
Hermiston

Alejandro Garcia Jr. of Hermiston, was born April 29, 1947, in Edinburg, Texas, the son of Jose Alejandro and Consuelo (Garza) Garcia. He passed away in Hermiston, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, at the age of 74.

As a child, Alejandro's family moved from Texas and lived in Washington and Idaho. He married Cristina Rivera in Grandview, Washington, April 20, 1967. In 1968, the couple moved to Hermiston and he began his career with Marlette Homes, Nov. 7, 1968. Alejandro had a long and productive career that spanned over 50 years working in many capacities for Marlette Homes. He retired from Marlette, May 7, 2019, with a total of 50-and-a-half years.

Alejandro enjoyed deer and elk hunting, camping, fishing, doing word search puzzles, listening to '50s and '60s music, watching classic Western movies and going to the casino. He was known for his great sense of humor and storytelling. He was a member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Cristina;

daughters, Cristela (Dean) Olson, Hilda (Pedro) Martinez, Nelda Garcia, Olga (Dave) Gaines; son, Jose Alejandro Garcia III and wife Sarah; grandchildren, Olivia, Marissa, Brenda, Gina, Laura, Claudia, Kylie, Davin, Annalise, Jose IV, Isaiah and J a d a l y n n ; great-grandchildren, Jayden, Lucas and Zul;

brothers, Jose Agustin Garcia and Ricardo Garcia; sisters, Josephina G. Gutierrez, Yolanda Moya and Lydia Elizondo; and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, San Juanita Garcia.

Recitation of the rosary will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. A memorial Mass will follow beginning at 10:30 a.m., also at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

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Vernon L. 'Vern' Russell

Nov. 27, 1925 — Sept. 28, 2021
Boardman

Vernon L. "Vern" Russell was born Nov. 27, 1925, in Prineville, to parents Seth and Alta Russell. He died Sept. 28, 2021, at his home in Boardman, at the age of 95. The family moved to Boardman in 1929. Vern graduated from Boardman High School.

In 1943, Vern enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he served as a nose gunner in a B-24 bomber.

After World War II, Vern attended Oregon State University for a year and then began his first career working construction as a carpenter on federal dam projects.

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James 'Gary' Johnson

Dec. 17, 1963 — Sept. 27, 2021
Hermiston

James "Gary" Johnson of Hermiston, was born Dec. 17, 1963, in Fresno, California, the son of James and Pollie (Sewell) Johnson. He passed away in Hermiston, Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, at the age of 57.

Gary lived in the Hanford area of California during his early childhood. As a teen, he moved with his family to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he lived until 1980. He has resided in the Hermiston area since 1980.

Gary enjoyed spending time with his grandson

and good friends, tinkering with various projects and he had a strong faith in God.

Gary married Carmen Myers in 2013. He is survived by his wife, Carmen; grandson, Zaiden; and two sisters, Rita Watterson and Angela Thompson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday Oct. 8, 2021, at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.



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