



The Foremans

Harvey F. and Bernice V. Foreman

April 5, 1928 — Oct. 2, 2021
and July 17, 1931 — Oct. 1, 2021
Pendleton

Harvey F. Foreman and Bernice V. Foreman moved to heaven from their home at Sun Ridge Retirement Community. Bernice took the first train out Oct. 1, 2021, and Harvey caught the last train out Oct. 2, 2021. They would have celebrated 67 years of marriage Dec. 12, 2021.

They were active members of First Christian Church for over 60 years.

Harvey was born on April 5, 1928, in Eagle Point, to William and Olive Foreman. He graduated in 1945 from Pendleton High School. He attended his 70th class reunion in 2015. He worked for Pacific Northwest Bell for 37 years, retiring at age 56.

Harvey spent his retirement years volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, preparing taxes for seniors, reading with children in elementary schools and delivering meals-on-wheels.

Singing was one of his greatest joys. He sang in the First Christian Church choir for over 60 years, and sang with the Inland Northwest Chorale from 1999 to 2019. He sang his last concert in December 2019, at the age of 91.

He was an avid gardener and shared his bounty with family, neighbors and friends for many years.

Bernice was born July 17, 1931, to Otis and OraLee Williams, in Panhandle, Texas. She attended school in Yakima, Washington.

Bernice worked for doctors Easton, Bruon, and Collis and Dr. Woodward. She ended her office career at Pendleton Academy at the age of 78.

She was a wonderful

cook and homemaker, and loved to have family gatherings. She was known to her grandchildren as the “pannie-cake” grandma because of her Mickey Mouse and huckleberry pancakes.

In her retirement years, she volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, Oregon Trail Manor and as a hostess for Inland Northwest Chorale concerts.

Bernice loved going to the beach and watching waves roll up on the shore. Her favorite pastime was reading novels shipped to her from her daughter in Oklahoma.

Harvey and Bernice are survived by daughters, Sheryl Starmer (Steve, deceased), of Redmond, Washington, Karen Wilson (David), of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Patricia Jewkes, Barb Rehberg (John), of Pendleton, and Diane Witchev of Pendleton.

They are predeceased by their youngest daughter, Janet Bliley.

They cherished their close relationships with their seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Through their lifetime of marriage, they imparted their love, kindness and generosity to three generations, as well as the value of keeping family bonds strong and full of love.

A family graveside service will be held at Olney Cemetery, Oct. 18, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., followed by a celebration of life at Living Word Christian Center at 11 a.m.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuary.com. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.

DEATH NOTICES

Gerald Ray McBee

July 24, 1940 — Oct. 7, 2021
Umatilla

Gerald Ray McBee, 81, of Umatilla, died Oct. 7, 2021, at his home in Umatilla. He was born July 24, 1940, in Elsberry, Missouri. A celebration of life will be held Oct. 23, 2-4 p.m. at the Maxwell Siding Pavilion, 255 N. First St., Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Gerald with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Tonya L. Johnson

Dec. 25, 1954 — Oct. 7, 2021
Pilot Rock

Tonya L. Johnson, 66, of Pilot Rock, died Oct. 7, 2021, at her home. She was born Dec. 25, 1954, in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

L. Marie Gard

Nov. 12, 1938 — Oct. 12, 2021
Pendleton

L. Marie Gard, 82, of Pendleton, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, at her home. She was born Nov. 12, 1938, in Parma, Idaho. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

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OBITUARIES

Milton William ‘Bill’ Durand

Feb. 18, 1948 — Oct. 2, 2021
La Grande

Milton William “Bill” Durand, 73, of La Grande, went to Heaven Oct. 2, 2021, after a short battle with cancer. His wife, daughter, and brother were by his side. A celebration of life will be held at the Youth For Christ building in La Grande on Oct. 23, 2021, at 11 a.m.

Bill was born in Spokane, Feb. 18, 1948, to Milt Durand and Jeanne (Rauch) Durand. Bill grew up in Umatilla along with his siblings Rennie, Dee and Tracy, where they made many memories from their backyard to the Columbia River. Bill had many childhood friends who meant the world to him even in his last days. Bill graduated with the class of 1966 from Umatilla High School.

After graduating he worked and put himself through college, attending Eastern Oregon University, where he met his wife Alana (Buce) Durand of 46 years. They were married in 1975, and he graduated with a teaching degree in 1976. His career started at Condon High School as the P.E./health teacher and football coach. As a rookie coach, Bill had the unique experience to face off against his father’s team in a league football game.

Bill accepted a job in Halfway for four years, teaching and coaching, before returning to La Grande. He was an adaptive P.E. teacher for the ESD and then transferred to alternative education. In his retirement, he became an appreciated and valued full-time substitute teacher for La Grande School District right up until his cancer diagnosis.



Durand

Bill had a heart for kids in school, sports, church, and especially at home! His daughter, Bobbi, was his one and only. He was a hands-on dad who coached her T-ball teams, was a regular at the tea party, Barbie fashion show, and Easy Bake Oven cook off. He ate many a cookie baked by a light bulb. As Bobbi grew up and moved from place to place, Bill was always sure to visit her regularly and support her in any way she needed.

Work was almost a passion for Bill. If there wasn’t a leaf to rake, or a sidewalk to spray, he would sneak off to catch a fish or hunt an elk. He was a “jack of all trades.” He was always tinkering, tidying and fixing.

As hardworking as Bill was, he made sure to nickname himself Mr. Fun, and he definitely lived up to the name. His humor was always present, and his favorite thing was to tease or play jokes on anyone and everyone. He was focused and driven, but knew how to take life easy.

Bill is survived by his wife, Alana Durand; daughter, Bobbi Durand (Curtis); sisters, Rennie Breland (Mario), Dee Durand; brother, Tracy Durand (Donna); brother-in-law, Tom Buce (Carol); sister-in-law, Heidi McCrary (Troy); and numerous nieces, great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one niece; one great-niece; and one nephew.

Online condolences may be made to the family at lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

Michael Stoltz

Nov. 6, 1940 — Oct. 7, 2021
Albany

Michael Stoltz, 80, of Albany, passed away at home surrounded by his children, Rhonda, DeNel, Craig and Shawna; and his beloved partner, Gladys Hardin. Mike remained active until the last months of his very full life.

In recent years, Mike and Gladys traveled to Mongolia to see the annual national celebration, took a safari across Kenya, cruised the Christmas markets of Europe and ventured to the Galapagos and Machu Picchu. All this in addition to many visits to their families across Montana and Oregon that included eight children, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mike spent his childhood on the family ranch in Sunburst, Montana, with his brother, Pete, and sisters, Sarah Lee, Alanna and Arleyn. He was grateful to have visited with all his surviving siblings shortly before his passing. Mike was predeceased by his brother, Pete; and Mike’s wife, Alice, to whom he was married for 50 years. Together, they raised four children and shared many adventures starting with running a small farm in rural Montana, becoming a federal extension agent first in Montana, then in Oregon and going on to travel the world.

Throughout his life, Mike was known for his infectious laugh, his commitment to fairness and hard work, and his love of learning new things. Mike was among a group of young Montanan leaders chosen to travel to China in 1976 with the KEEP program. He traveled to more than 30 countries, including volunteer

service with farmers in both Poland and Ethiopia as they converted to a free market system.

Mike was with the extension service his entire career, his last two years as regional director for Oregon, and active in the National Association of County Extension Agents. He loved traveling the states and talking with farmers and scientists alike. Mike was a noted specialist in cereal grains, marketing, annual cropping, and Russian wheat aphid. He contributed significantly to the cultivation of meadowfoam and canola in Oregon, which helped with soil renewal and reduced the use of field burning.

He was a professor emeritus at Oregon State University, and he received OSU’s Diamond Pioneer award for career achievement and contributions to agriculture, as well as awards from the National Association of Wheat Growers, OSU, and the National Association of County Extension Agents for excellence in extension education.

The family will hold a private memorial. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Parkinson’s Resources of Oregon (PRO) at www.parkinsonsresources.org, or Manning-Becker Fund Professional Endowment Fund — Oregon Agricultural Extension Association. Send checks payable to ER Jackman Foundation/Becker; OSU Foundation, 850 S.W. 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97331

Share condolences with the family at fisherfuneralhome.com/obituaries.



Stoltz

UPCOMING SERVICES

Thursday, Oct. 14

Easley, Mark — Funeral services at 11 a.m., Oregon Trail Church of Christ, 28 N.W. 12th St., Pendleton. Interment will follow at the Athena Cemetery.

Friday, Oct. 15

Bethel, Minerva — Graveside service at 11 a.m., Hermiston Cemetery.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Bockman, Carol — Memorial service at 11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 620 Ninth St. W., Mobridge, South Dakota.

Cater, Johnny — Celebration of life at 1 p.m., Adams City Park, Wade and Main streets. A potluck will follow.

Crawford, Delmer — Celebration of life at 1 p.m., Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. A private burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston.

Veltri, Amel — A gathering followed by potluck will be held at 11:30 a.m., Hermiston Landmark Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech Ave.

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 12:50p 4:20p 7:50p

No Time To Die (PG13)
 3:50p 7:30p

Venom: Let There Be Carnage (PG13)
 1:00p 3:30p 6:00p 8:30p

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 1:20p 3:10p 5:40p 8:20p

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 Vert Auditorium (480 SW Dorion Ave, Pendleton, OR)
 2:30pm, Sunday, November 7th, 2021
 *Masks/face coverings are required of all attendees

Newman - Blow It Up, Start Again
 Hindemith - Symphonic Metamorphosis
 Weber - Overture and March from Turandot
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