

OBITUARIES

Carol Marlene (Fuller) Sackett

Jan. 11, 1955 — Oct. 12, 2021
Athena

Carol Marlene (Fuller) Sackett was born on Jan. 11, 1955, in Ontario, Oregon, to Leonard and Phyllis (Dunbrasky) Fuller, and received her halo on Oct. 12, 2021. She graduated from Pendleton High School in 1973 and went on to work a variety of jobs. She met Bernie Sackett, the love of her life, and they were married in 1984 and eternally devoted to each other.



Sackett

Carol and Bernie made their home in Athena, Oregon, where they raised their four children. She was the best Nana and loved her grandchildren unconditionally. Her family was her pride and joy and nothing brought her more pleasure than family gatherings. She also enjoyed snowmobiling, mushroom hunting, camping and tending to her flowers.

Carol will be deeply missed by all who love her and gatherings will never be the same. She was well known for her spunk and sass, which was clearly evident in her customary farewell, "Glad you got to see me."

She is survived by her loving husband, Bernie; children, Brandie (Jon) Didion, Billie (Rob) Parker, Danielle (Jeremy) Sack-

ett-Parker, and Jeff (Sandi) Franklin-Sackett, Kris Burke, and her 4-legged children, Luther and Bella, whom she adored; grandchildren Randall, Mary and Iris Didion; Brittany, Madison and Rylee Parker; Caden (Haley) Sackett, Gage Strzelczyk, Jacob and Sydney Parker and Bentley Sackett; great-grandchildren, Zion, Mahri, Saniyah, KiAna, Hope and Blane; and siblings, Liz (Ken) Partridge, Phil (Launie) Fuller, Phyllis (Jim) Fisher, Randy and Bobby Fuller; her sister-in-law, Anngie Fuller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Phyllis Fuller; brother, Steve Fuller; and in-laws, Kent and Erna Sackett.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, from 6-8 p.m. Her celebration of life will be on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, followed by a dinner.

Donations may be made to PAWS in Carol's memory. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

Thomas E. Stewart

Oct. 11, 1959 — Oct. 6, 2021
Pendleton

Thomas E. Stewart, 61, of Pendleton, died Oct. 6, 2021. He was born Oct. 11, 1959, in Spokane, to James and Naomi (Hess) Stewart. Thomas grew up in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. He was a cook at various locations in Pendleton. Thomas enjoyed fishing and poetry.



Stewart

Thomas is survived by his sister, Kathy (James) Rinehart of Pendleton; his brothers, Tim (Colleen) Stewart of Springfield, and Dennis (Lori) Stewart of Gig Harbor, Wash-

ington; and eight nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Naomi Stewart; and brother, George Stewart. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at burnsmortuary.com.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to PAWS, 517 S.E. Third St., Pendleton, OR 97801, in memory of Thomas.

Stephen M. Corey

May 9, 1947 — Oct. 7, 2021
Pendleton

Stephen M. Corey, 74, of Pendleton died Oct. 7, 2021, at his home. He was born May 9, 1947, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Norman and Joyce Corey.



Corey

He grew up in Pendleton and Athena and in Craig, Colorado. Stephen attended school in Craig, Colorado, and U.S. Army Transportation School, went on to serve as a private in the Army in Vietnam.

Stephen married Linda M. Rountree. Stephen became ASE certified in master auto body and worked for Lapp's Auto Body. He was also a certified journeyman and aircraft mechanic. Stephen enjoyed fishing, solving mysteries and reading westerns.

Stephen is survived by his children, Daniel (Heather) Corey and Larnee Corey of Pendleton; his brother, Cecil Corey of Aurora, Colorado; and sister, Patricia (Mike) McMakin of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Joyce E. (Wells) Moore; and brother, David Corey; and wife, Linda M. (Rountree) Corey.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Laurence 'Lonnie' Walter Rill

June 24, 1979 — Oct. 4, 2021
Heppner

Laurence "Lonnie" Walter Rill was born in Heppner, June 24, 1979, as Laurence Walter Ballard and was adopted by Cecil Rill when his mother, Molly Rill, remarried. Lonnie attended Heppner High School where he was active in football and basketball. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1998 and was medically discharged in 2001.



Rill

He had one son named Dylan, who was his entire world and they shared mutual passions for sports, music, friends and family.

Lonnie spent time in a variety of careers after the Marine Corps, gathering friends wherever he landed. He was passionate about helping others, particularly veterans and ultimately completed his bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University in 2019 with the goal of pursuing a career in mental health.

He had an adventurous spirit, a keen desire to travel and explore and a big

personality that made great use of his infectious humor. He remained passionate about sports through his life, coached at various schools in Oregon and attended games for his favorite teams whenever possible.

Lonnie spent the last 10 years of his life on dialysis and struggling with other health issues. He faced these challenges with toughness and persistence fitting for a Marine and his heart stayed in the fight until the very end.

He passed away Oct. 4, 2021, at the age of 42, at his childhood home in Heppner, surrounded by his family. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

He is survived by his son, Dylan Rill; his mother, Molly Rill; and his brother, Leland Rill; and many close friends and family.

Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner. You may sign the online condolence book at sweeneymortuary.com.

James Raymond 'Jim' Pinkerton

June 24, 1953 — Sept. 30, 2021
Woodburn

James Raymond "Jim" Pinkerton, age 68, died Sept. 30, 2021, in the comfort of his RV while vacationing in Central Oregon. He was born June 24, 1953, in The Dalles, to Allan and Barbara-Lee Pinkerton, originally of Moro and later of Helix.



Pinkerton

Jim graduated from Oregon State University, where he met and married Susan Alice Kennedy on June 21, 1975. Jim and Susie resided in several areas of Oregon, enjoying life in their RV for many years in the Willamette Valley. Favorite camping spots also included the Oregon coast and Foster Reservoir, near Sweet Home.

After Susie succumbed to her long illness, Jim also faced a terminal illness that was avoided by a stem cell transplant donated by his brother. After a long recovery aided by his loving daughter,

Jim upgraded his RV and started traveling, especially enjoying one trip wandering through southeast Oregon with his mother and sister, just months before his mother passed away.

Recently, Jim became a camp host for the Oregon State Parks system, thoroughly enjoying helping people from all over. Through the years, Jim also enjoyed working with farmers to improve their financial success, with some of his clients becoming like family.

Jim was predeceased by his wife, Susie Pinkerton; and his parents, Allan and Barbara-Lee Pinkerton. He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Pinkerton; and his siblings, Don Pinkerton and Nancy Thompson.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sherman County Historical Society.

Robert Dodge Witherell

March 6, 1948 — Oct. 6, 2021
Oakesdale, Washington

Robert Dodge Witherell, 73, of Oakesdale, Washington, passed away Oct. 6, 2021, at Avalon Care Center in Pullman, Washington. Robert was born March 6, 1948, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Robert Fisher Witherell and Lorraine Dodge Witherell.



Witherell

He attended school in Pendleton, graduating from high school in 1966. He was married to June Young, Sherry Cortwright and later to Bobbi Gunter. Robert worked for Pendleton Grain Growers then for Ma Bell and U.S. West Phone companies until he retired.

He lived in Salem, Portland and Ontario, Oregon, until moving to Oakesdale, Washington, where he made his home with Bobbi. Bob was a member of the Elks, Eagles, Main Street Cowboys in Pendleton and the Lions Club, where he rose to be district governor.

Bob loved helping people and was always volunteering himself and his brother, Jim. Between the two of them, they could build or fix almost anything.

Bob was an intelligent

and loving person. When he was young and before starting school, his mother gave him an old clock to keep him busy. He was able to take it apart and reassemble it. He also was able to beat his sister, who was 5 years older than him, at chess.

Bob loved doing wood working, making gun cases, barrister bookcases and many other things. He loved riding his Gold Wing motorcycle and traveling in his motor home.

His wife, Bobbi, cared for him at home following a stroke, and when she could no longer care for him, he moved into Avalon Care Center in Pullman.

He is survived by his son, Rob Witherell; his daughter, Andrea (Doug) Price; one grandchild, Tegan Kaneaster; and three siblings, Janice Stewart and husband Bill Taylor; Judy Severin and Jim Witherell and wife Tina.

A memorial service to celebrate Bob's life will be held at a later date. Kimball Funeral Home of Pullman, Washington, has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.kimballfh.com.

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