

Corey John VanHouten

Aug. 6, 1985 — Oct. 28, 2021

Pilot Rock

Corey John VanHouten was born Aug. 6, 1985, in Pendleton, Oregon, to John and Lea VanHouten. His sister Jadee's short but mighty rein as only child was officially ruined.



VanHouten

He died surrounded by his family Oct. 28, 2021, after a long and brave battle against the wreckage left behind by COVID-19.

Corey was a Pilot Rock resident for almost all of his 36 years. He was a graduate of Pilot Rock High School and an active member of the logging community.

At a young age, Corey enjoyed chewing on his mother's coffee table, playing with toy trucks, building with thousands of Legos, roding on his pony Cookie, riding in the log truck with his dad, and following in the family traditions of hunting and fishing. Unbeknownst to many, Corey loved cats as a child. This love he would pass on to his daughter many years later.

Always at home around animals, Corey showed lambs in 4-H, and while not being fond of showmanship, his lambs excelled in conformation. He rodeoed on real-sized horses as well — steer wrestling being his favorite. His talents were a treasured part of the "Happy Canyon Night Show," playing the role of The Butcher, and probably being one of the best butchers to fill the role since it began.

Corey loved being with his friends, and enjoyed playing Jr. High and High School football for the Pilot Rock Rockets. He rode dirt bikes and four wheelers, cutting many trails still used today. And of course there was hunting with his family and friends every year, the only year missed being this one.

Many stories began with, "This one time we got stuck and had to call our dads..." or, "We were drinking when..." or, "One time we were in the mountains and..."

And maybe the funniest now, but not at the time, "This one time pulling an outhouse..."

It only made sense for Corey to follow in his father and grandfather's footsteps and drive trucks. He owned five Kenworth trucks in his short 36 years. The last truck was the most memorable because he took his son Mason to help pick the paint colors. For many years, Corey hauled logs for countless loggers, then hoppers with grain and fertilizer, and would lowboy equipment. Once he even hauled chicken poop, which he swore he would never do again. He touched many lives and made lasting impressions from the cab of his truck, with his seat slammed to the floor and barely seeing over the steering wheel.

In October 2008, under the low, dingy lights of Crabby's Underground Bar, Corey met Ali. Although she refused to give him her number, Corey was not one to be deterred, and through one of his friends, tracked down her friend to get it. Those were the days of MySpace, not stalking people on Facebook and Instagram. After two weeks of bar hopping, he sat Ali down at the bar and said, "You're a nice gal but you drink too much." To which Ali responded, "I was just thinking you were a nice guy but you drink too much." Less bar hopping followed. He brought her home that year for Thanksgiving and she never left. They were married Aug. 28, 2010. He never forgot a birthday or anniversary... but Ali may have forgotten an anniversary or two and he never let her live it down. He was a thoughtful, caring and supportive husband.

He became a father for the first time Dec. 15, 2009, to Mason. His love for Legos was passed down to him and they could be found most evenings at the kitchen table building Legos or playing Minecraft. He learned to play golf for Mason because it was something his son liked. Over the

years, many have wondered if Mason's toys were really bought for him or his dad.

He became a father to a little girl April 19, 2011. Corey was wrapped around Rietta's little finger from day one. She wanted her dad to teach her everything, from hunting to how to drive the truck, to how to build things with wood. She always had a project for him which he did diligently. She even followed in her father and aunt's footsteps, showing sheep her first year of 4-H.

Corey was a loving and fun father to Mason and Rietta, and the trio were always plotting something, some shenanigans to unleash on the house. His patience for them knew no bounds... unlike his patience with the rest of the world. He loved to attend their sports events and 4-H activities. Both kids loved to ride with their dad in the truck, which made him extremely happy. He was so proud of both of them in everything they did, and was always their biggest supporter.

On June 26, 2008, he became an uncle for the first time to Carter, and then for the second time June 22, 2010, to Tucker. Uncle Corey was the uncle everyone either wants or wants to be. He would chew their butt when they needed it, teaching them both good lessons, and less than ideal ones, and of course, provide sound advice. He often stepped in as a father figure, a friend, or just a bad influence. He loved to watch them play sports and was always proud of them in all they did.

Corey loved to hunt with his family, a tradition that created so many wonderful memories. He enjoyed camping or even just going to the mountains for a drive. Riding with Corey in the mountains always included a detour down a closed road or cow trail in whatever pickup he was driving. You didn't tell him he couldn't go down it, because then he absolutely would.

He loved taking trips to his father-in-law's house in Montana, always taking time to fish one of the best fishing spots in America. Once in awhile, he would even catch a fish and get it to the bank for photographic proof. A Montana elk or deer hunt had been high on his list of dream hunts but he never got to go.

Corey was always making someone laugh with his sarcasm and shenanigans. His laugh will be missed by all that heard it. He always had a story, some that definitely should not be retold. Corey was the kind of friend you could count on to be there, no matter what. If he had it and you needed it, he would give it to you.

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."

— Thomas Campbell

Corey was preceded in death by his grandfather, Evan VanHouten; grandmother, Genevieve VanHouten; grandfather, Charlie Black; grandmother, Rusty Black; grandfather-in-law, who thought Corey was the coolest thing since sliced bread, Bill France; and his favorite dog, Dixie.

Corey is survived by his wife, Ali; son, Mason; daughter, Rietta; parents, John and Lea VanHouten; sister, Jadee VanHouten; nephews, Carter and Tucker; uncle and aunt, Mike and Lynne Holloman; uncle and aunt, Craig Albers and Dana Black of North Dakota; in-laws; Brian and April Burroughs of Montana; and Laurie Burroughs and Jim Belliner of New York; brother-in-law, Austin Burroughs; and nephew, Logan Burroughs; as well as countless extended family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center.

A trucker's tribute, Corey's Convoy, will take place prior to the celebration between Pilot Rock and Pendleton.

OBITUARIES

Amber Marie Ketchersid

July 21, 1980 — Sept. 28, 2021

Yakima

Amber was born July 21, 1980, to parents Quentin and Teresa Ketchersid in Pasco, Washington. She passed away Sept. 28, 2021, in Yakima, Washington at the age of 41.



Ketchersid

Amber lived most of her life in the Tri-Cities, Washington area with some time spent in Pendleton, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, Hermiston, Oregon, and Happy Valley, Oregon. Amber attended schools in Richland, Washington, and Umatilla, Hermiston and Ukiah, Oregon.

Amber had many interests growing up including violin and dance lessons, art, crafts and drawing and traveling with family. She had hoped to one day write and illustrate a children's book.

Amber loved the time she was able to spend with

grandmothers Polster, Ketchersid and Grandma Betty.

When Amber became a mother, her greatest loves were her children. She always wished that she would be able to spend more time with them as they grew up.

Amber is survived by her father, Quentin and stepmother, Salli Ketchersid; mother, Teresa and stepfather, Allen Pegram; her children, Mallory Keck, Austin Keck and Dominick Eisele; her brothers, Dustin Ketchersid, Kyle Ketchersid; sister, Samantha Leahy (Pegram); her grandmother, Mary E Ketchersid and grandfather, James H. Langdon; as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life was held Oct. 16, 2021, at the Kennewick Valley Grange.

Marion Hugh Antonini

June 7, 1930 — Oct. 24, 2021

Palm Beach, Fla.

Marion Hugh Antonini passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at his home in Palm Beach, Florida, Oct. 24, 2021, at the age of 91. He is survived by his wife Penny Fromong Antonini (who grew up in Pendleton), their son John, their daughter Caryn and her two sons Cristiano and Nicholas.



Antonini

Marion was born June 7, 1930, in Clinton, Indiana, to Valentine and Josephine Antonini. Upon graduating second in his class at the University of Toledo in 1952, with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, he had 63 job offers.

He started his career at Willys Motors (which became Kaiser Jeep) and quickly rose to vice president and managing director, in charge of managing world-wide automotive operations. His tenure oversaw massive international expansion, with international Jeep sales skyrocketing from 10% to 90% of total sales.

Fluent in five languages, Marion developed into an international business expert while at Jeep; traveling to over 77 countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and South America, becoming intimately familiar with every market in the world.

In 1967, he was recruited to be the president of Prestolite International and within six years became president of Eltra International Company and group vice president of Eltra Corporation, Prestolite's holding company, turning it into a global leader.

In 1975, as president of the Latin American group at Xerox Corporation, Marion affected a complete turnaround in profit, revenue and market share in 26 Latin American countries. Within seven years he was promoted to group vice president of worldwide operations, responsible for \$11 billion in revenue and \$1.2 billion in pre-tax profit in 1982.

From Xerox, he switched gears to Wall Street as chairman and managing director at KD Equi-

ties. And in 1989, he was recruited by Kohlberg & Co for what would evolve into a series of CEO positions for some of their portfolio companies.

While at Kohlberg & Co, he became Chairman and CEO at Welbilt Corporation. With Marion at the helm, the struggling company went from a loss position to the highest profit margin

in the industry within 24 months, transforming it into America's number one commercial kitchen appliance manufacturer.

Marion was proud to serve on the boards of Vulcan Materials Company, Engelhard Corporation, Scientific Atlanta, Beresford Ltd. of London, Cardinal Logistics, and Raedelli SpA of Italy.

In 1995, Marion was a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor which honors immigrants through the success of their children and grandchildren.

Vowing never to retire, Marion worked hand-in-hand with his wife Penny, on restoring two historical homes in Palm Beach, Florida. The most recent restoration is one of the oldest houses on the island, known by locals as the "Ham and Cheese House." In 2016, they were awarded the Ballinger Award by the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach.

Although Marion achieved great professional success, he took utmost pride in his loving family and was in his 50th year of marriage to his beautiful wife Penny. They are residents of Palm Beach and members of The Everglades Club.

He was always a well-dressed gentleman who will be remembered for the sparkle in his eye and dazzling smile; his sense of humor; and his wonderful and fascinating stories of global business adventures.

A funeral service will be held at St Edward's Church, in Palm Beach, on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Marjorie Gorham

Oct. 3, 1923 — Oct. 31, 2021

Heppner

Marjorie Gorham of Heppner, Oregon, passed away Oct. 31, 2021, at the age of 98 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, Oregon.

Marjorie Eleanor Shea was born Oct. 3, 1923, in Wibaux, Montana, to James "Mike" Shea and Marie Cassidy Shea and grew up on their wheat and cattle ranch. She attended "country school" outside of Wibaux and then attended school in Wibaux where her cousin Agnes was the teacher. She lived in town with Agnes during the winter when daily travel was too treacherous. She then attended Sacred Heart High School in Miles City, Montana, graduating in 1941. After graduating from Great Falls College in Great Falls, Montana, she taught high school math in several schools in Montana. Her first teaching job in Oregon was in Condon. Later, while teaching in North Powder, Oregon, she met Roland Gorham. They were married Nov. 3, 1951, in Walla Walla, Washington. They settled in La Grande and raised their family there.

Marjorie was an active partner with Roland in their State Farm Insurance business in La Grande, Oregon. She attended Eastern Oregon College, EOC now EOU, and earned her masters in education. Computers were new at this time, and she enjoyed working on those "huge machines." She continued to use computers, still using



Gorham

her cellphone to call family. After retirement Marjorie and Roland moved to Salem, Oregon, to be close to family and spent their winters in Apache Junction, Arizona. Marjorie later moved to Heppner, Oregon, to be near her daughter Karen and her family.

Marjorie enjoyed playing golf and bridge, often both on the same day. Later

in life she spent more time playing bridge, sometimes every day of the week. She also truly enjoyed spending time with her children and their families. She was an active member of Catholic parishes wherever she lived.

Marjorie is survived by her children, Jim (Kiera) Gorham of Middleton, Delaware, and Karen (Tom) Wolff of Heppner, Oregon; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Roland Gorham; her parents, Mike and Marie Shea; and her sisters, Patricia "Marie" Shea and Catherine Menghini.

Funeral services will be Nov. 12, 2021, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner at 11 a.m. Rosary will be at 10:30 a.m. A lunch will be provided following the services by St. Patrick Alter Society. If you are not feeling well, please join us in spirit rather than in person.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Ronald 'Darrell' Power

March 18, 1936 — Nov. 6, 2021

Echo

Ronald "Darrell" Power, 85, longtime Echo resident, died Nov. 6, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born March 18, 1936, in Pendleton. A graveside funeral service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Please share memories of Darrell with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Beverly M. Wright

Dec. 8, 1930 — Nov. 7, 2021

Heppner

Beverly M. Wright, 90, longtime Heppner resident, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, in Pendleton. She was born Dec. 8, 1930, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Power, Darrell — Graveside service at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Thursday Nov. 11

Rosario, Burt — Recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, 336 S.W. Dorian Ave.

Friday Nov. 12

Gorham, Marjorie — Recitation of the rosary at 10:30 a.m. with funeral to follow at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner.

Rosario, Burt — Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

Saturday Nov. 13

Kligel, Sherry — Gathering and celebration 1-3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 West Locust, Hermiston. Please wear purple.

Mayes, Lonnie — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Lexington Cemetery, Morrow County.

Shoemaker, LeRoy — Celebration of life at noon at the Stanfield Moose Lodge, 615 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield.

Wright, Beverly — Graveside service at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

LOTTERY

Friday, Nov. 5, 2021

Megamillions

10-15-20-66-68

Megaball: 18

Megaplier: 2

Jackpot: \$45 million

Lucky Lines

4-5-12-15-17-21-28-30

Jackpot: \$32,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 8-7-3-6

4 p.m.: 3-2-4-9

7 p.m.: 3-7-2-0

10 p.m.: 3-0-0-1

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021

Powerball

8-30-48-57-64

Powerball: 9

Power Play: 2

Jackpot: \$151 million

Megabucks

11-16-25-26-41-42

Jackpot: \$5.4 million

Lucky Lines

4-5-10-15-19-23-26-29

Jackpot: \$33,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 0-3-8-7

4 p.m.: 8-0-2-2

7 p.m.: 0-9-5-7

10 p.m.: 8-8-3-5

Win for Life

7-19-43-56

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021

Lucky Lines

4-5-12-15-18-23-28-29

Estimated jackpot:

\$34,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 2-1-4-0

4 p.m.: 7-9-4-5

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

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

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