

**Patsy Ruth (Woods) Hoover**

**Feb. 19, 1932 — Nov. 24, 2021**

**Fossil**

Patsy Ruth (Woods) Hoover, of Fossil, Oregon, passed away at her home on Nov. 24, 2021, at the age of 89. Patsy was born on Feb. 19, 1932, in Mineral Springs, Missouri, to Francis J. and Evelyn R. (Holliday) Woods.



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Patsy's children have often told stories about grandma coming to Oregon in a covered wagon. Patsy would correct them and tell of her dad working in Kinzua and sending money to Missouri until they had enough saved to ride in a covered truck from Cato, Missouri, to Oregon. The Woods family settled in Wheeler County and eventually the now abandoned mill town of Kinzua outside of Fossil.

In Kinzua, Patsy met and fell in love with Albert "Lee" Hoover, who would become her husband of 72 years. Anxious to get married and start her life with Lee, Patsy went to great lengths to meet her father's request to graduate high school before getting married, traveling to Portland to complete summer school and finish her studies early. Patsy and Lee were married in Kinzua on Sept. 18, 1949.

Once married, Patsy and Lee remained in Wheeler County, living in and around the town of Fossil before purchasing the Hoover Ranch. To help make ends meet, Patsy took on additional work driving a school bus, working in the grocery and variety store in Fossil, and for a short time managing a small herd of sheep on the ranch. She later spent several years working as the secretary for the Oregon State University Extension office.

She enjoyed working with local ranchers and supporting the youth of Wheeler County. Lee and Patsy were active members of the United Methodist Church in Fossil where for several years Patsy taught Sunday school. It was important to her that her kids were exposed to faith in God through the Bible.

Through the years, the Hoover home has been a common and welcoming stopping point for family and friends, who always found an open door, a hot pot of coffee and, more often than not, a freshly baked apple pie. Patsy welcomed friends and strangers alike in her home. One way she showed her love was to feed people. When one entered her threshold, they were

commonly met with a "have you eaten yet?" — followed by a list of what food was available.

Patsy had a special touch with babies, and with five children, 22 grandchildren and a growing number of great and great-grandchildren, ample opportunities to show her love to the littlest members of the family. Patsy relished her family and loved hosting large gatherings, particularly on Christmas Eve when she would make sure that Santa Claus himself arrived with presents for each and every child and grandchild.

Music was another staple in the Hoover household and in Patsy's own childhood. Patsy's father and brothers formed the "Woods Family Orchestra" and played dances and events across the county. Patsy picked up the piano and learned to play with a unique energy and enthusiasm that made her music infectious. She played by ear and could play along with just about any tune, adding in her own style and flair.

Survivors include her brothers; Jerry Woods and Lonnie Woods; her sister Dixie (Woods) Pickering; her daughter, Susan Anne Humphrey and her husband James; her daughter, Debra Ruth Stubblefield and her husband Daniel; her daughter, Connie Lee Keith; her son, William Wesley Hoover and his wife Cynthia; and her daughter, Peggy Jo Logan and her husband Bryce. Patsy also leaves 22 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Patsy was predeceased by her parents, Francis and Evelyn Woods; her husband, Lee; her brother, Joe Woods; her son, Leslie Lee Hoover; and her grandson, Joshua Everett Logan.

A graveside service will be held on Dec. 5, 2021, at 3 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Fossil, Oregon. Following the service, a soup supper will be served at the Wheeler High School gymnasium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fossil United Methodist Church Children's Ministry, P.O. Box 426, Fossil, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

**Robert Lee Vannattan**

**Oct. 4, 1975 — Nov. 18, 2021**

**Pendleton**

Robert L. Vannattan, 46, of Pendleton, died Nov. 18, 2021, in Pendleton, Oregon. He was born Oct. 4, 1975, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Robert M. Vannattan and Janet K. Becker.



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He lived in Pendleton, Missouri, Portland, and La Grande. Robert graduated from Pendleton High School. He was a barber and also an artist and tattooist. Robert never met anyone that didn't like him.

Robert is survived by his children, Austin Vannattan, Nicole Vannattan; his mother, Janet Deasy;

brother, Steven Ressler; half-sisters, Kitsy Vannattan, Aerial Clark; step-sister, Tanya Lagore; and step-brother, Brian Vadenacker.

He is preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Hazel Lang; and grandparents, Robert Lee Vannattan and Ellen Grabner.

He was so much more than the sum of his days. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

**OBITUARIES**

**Irene Helen Williams**

**July 5, 1924 — Nov. 20, 2021**

**Hermiston**

Irene Helen Williams passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 20, 2021, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 97 years.

She was born on July 5, 1924, near Jordan, Montana, to parents John and Lorena Cox. Irene grew up surrounded by her siblings and treasured her childhood memories. She fondly recalled celebrating the fourth of July with her family, staying in a dormitory for high school, visiting her grandfather Rudolph who gave her a special doll and vacationing with her family through Yellowstone and Glacier national parks. Irene was the youngest of seven children, all of her siblings preceded her in death. In 1946 she married Charles "Chuck" Williams and together they raised two sons, Dennis "Weeb" and Dean.

In 1952, the Williams family moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where Irene became a member of the First Christian Church and enthusiastically volunteered at Good Shepherd Hospital's hospital auxiliary. She also worked at the Umatilla Army Depot for 27 years where she grew



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many close friendships. Our mother and grandmother died a loved and important woman; one who will always be known for her exquisitely embellished and personalized Christmas stockings, homemade chocolate chip cookies, and roast beef holiday dinners. She loved and liked us all and we loved and liked her back.

Irene leaves behind two sons: Dennis "Weeb" Williams who lives with his wife Colleen in Echo, Oregon, and Dean Williams who lives with his wife Barbara in Albany, Oregon. She also leaves behind two beloved grandchildren and their spouses: K.D. and wife Sheena, and Jason and wife Tatum.

She is preceded in death by her husband Chuck Williams and granddaughter Jodie.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please share memories of Irene with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

**Larry Lee Platt**

**July 15, 1941 — Nov. 27, 2021**

**Hermiston**

Larry Lee Platt of Hermiston was born July 15, 1941, in Lewiston, Idaho, the son of Lloyd and Ruth (Lyons) Platt. He passed away on Nov. 27, 2021, in Kennewick, Washington, at the age of 80 years.

Larry grew up and attended schools in Stanfield, graduating from Stanfield High School in the class of 1959. He worked in his dad's store, "Curly's Market," in Stanfield for many years. He later purchased the market from his father and operated the store and a butcher shop in Stanfield until the late 1990s. He then began his career with the Irrigation District in Hermiston, then transferred to the Stanfield Irrigation District where he worked as a field supervisor. He worked a total of over 20 years for the irrigation districts, retiring in 2018.

Larry volunteered with the Stanfield Fire Department for 21 years and the Agape House in Hermiston the past several years. He had been a member of the Hermiston Christian Church for many years. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and



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fishing. He also enjoyed traveling, reading and he had a great sense of humor. He loved his family dearly and was always there if someone needed help.

Larry married Dene Johnson in Stanfield, Oregon, on Aug. 10, 1962.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dene; daughter, Jodi and husband Mike Florence; five grandchildren, Jacob, Nathan, Adam, Emma and Ashley; three great-grandchildren, Eli, Kale and Tatum.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter, Debbie, who passed away in 2007.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at the Hermiston First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. A private family burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery in Stanfield. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Memorial contributions in Larry's memory can be made to the Agape House in Hermiston.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Geneva I. Choin**

**Dec. 12, 1930 — Nov. 21, 2021**

**Hermiston**

Geneva I. Choin of Hermiston was born Dec. 12, 1930, in Milfay, Oklahoma, the daughter of William and Lorean (Waller) Rollins. She passed away in Hermiston on Sunday Nov. 21, 2021, at the age of 90.

Geneva grew up and attended schools in Bristol, Oklahoma, and Pueblo, Colorado. As a young adult, she lived in Alaska for three years before moving to Oregon. She lived in the Willamette Valley and in Astoria before moving to Hermiston in 1968.

Geneva enjoyed volunteering at the Salvation Army and loved attending Grace Baptist Church when she was able to. She loved her time with her family and cherished every moment helping to raise her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a talented baker who was known for her bread and dinner rolls and enjoyed crocheting.

Geneva married Raymond Earl Choin in Anchorage, Alaska, in Janu-

ary of 1953. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond on Sept. 3, 1984; her parents; a son, Marvin Ray Choin; and three brothers, Marvin, Marlin and Clinton Rollins.

She is survived by her sons, Christopher Douglas, William Douglas, Edgar Choin and Vernon Choin; two daughters, Marlena

Tessoni and Brenda Sloan; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Doyle Elmer Rollins; four sisters, Joyce Cress, Bernice Veltri, Eileen Robinson and Loretta Vickers; and many extended family members.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Family suggest memorial donations be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Dennis Edgar Baker**

**Aug. 14, 1955 — Nov. 28, 2021**

**Hermiston**

Dennis Edgar Baker, 66, of Hermiston, died Nov. 28, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Aug. 14, 1955, in Kendrick, Idaho, the son of Edgar and Elsie (Calene) Baker. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**George H. Barton**

**Oct. 14, 1923 — Nov. 18, 2021**

**Hermiston**

George H. Barton, 98, of Hermiston, died Nov. 18, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Oct. 14, 1923, in Havre, Montana. A graveside service will be Saturday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Donald Cabral**

**Aug. 4, 1940 — Nov. 28, 2021**

**Pendleton**

Donald Cabral, 81, of Pendleton, died Nov. 28, 2021, at his home. He was born Aug. 4, 1940, in Brockton, Massachusetts. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

**Paul Bruce Hardesty**

**Dec. 22, 1938 — Nov. 24, 2021**

**Milton-Freewater**

Paul Bruce Hardesty, 82, of Milton-Freewater, died Nov. 24, 2021, in Milton-Freewater. He was born Dec. 22, 1938. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

**Robert 'Bob' Jensen**

**Nov. 6, 1962 — Oct. 31, 2021**

**Stanfield**

Robert "Bob" Jensen, 58, of Stanfield, died Oct. 31, 2021, in Portland. He was born Nov. 6, 1962, in Baker City. A celebration of life service will be Friday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Lois I. Myrick**

**July 6, 1927 — Nov. 26, 2021**

**Umatilla**

Lois I. Myrick, 94, of Umatilla, died Nov. 26, 2021, at her home. She was born July 6, 1927, in Ithaca, Nebraska. A graveside service will be Saturday, Dec. 4, 3 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Juan Orozco**

**Aug. 25, 1961 — Nov. 23, 2021**

**Irrigon**

Juan Orozco, 60, of Irrigon, died Nov. 23, 2021, in Irrigon. He was born Aug. 25, 1961, in Milpillas, Jalisco, Mexico. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Phyllis M. Piper**

**April 8, 1940 — Nov. 26, 2021**

**Lexington**

Phyllis M. Piper, 81, of Lexington, died Nov. 26, 2021, in Hermiston. She was born April 8, 1940, in Heppner. Arrangements are pending with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

**Douglas E. Sheirbon**

**Aug. 2, 1953 — Nov. 27, 2021**

**Hermiston**

Douglas E. Sheirbon, 68, of Hermiston, died Nov. 27, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born Aug. 2, 1953, in Hood River, the son of Leonard and Georgeanna (Moore) Sheirbon. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

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