

Memories turn to reflection on God



MARC MULLINS

MARC'S REMARKS

I recently reached a milestone, turning 65 years old. My younger sister came from out of town with her boyfriend to visit my wife and me for my birthday. As we played a game of cards, my sister asked if I still had my baby book that our mother had begun putting memories in shortly after I was born. I immediately went into my home office and retrieved that baby book from the bookcase. Going back to the dining room, I rejoined the others and we began looking over the pages from front to back.

Most of the entries in that book were penned by my mother. The pages contain various anecdotes of my childhood. Here are just a few of the entries:

You hated to see your

daddy smoke, so when you were 2½ years old you got tired of saying, "Don't smoke, daddy," and you added, "You little nut!" Mamma told you "Don't call your daddy that!" You said, "You call me that mom."

When you were 3 years old your mother was going to punish you and you said, "Don't punish me — I's jus' 3."

When you were a little past 3 years old you asked if mamma's PP was broke off.

It's like Art Linkletter said in his book, "Kids Say the Darndest Things." (Interestingly, Mr. Linkletter's book was first published in the year I was born.)

I have fond memories of my childhood, most of which have been cemented in my brain by things my mother has written and home movies she took with her S&H Green Stamp acquired camera. Among the most precious and meaningful of those memories are the ones that initiated my own faith and spirituality. From my birth, both my

parents raised me in ways that nurtured my awareness and knowledge of God.

The following passage from the Bible is one that I especially relate to at this stage of my life:

"From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you ... God, ever since I was young you have taught me. To this very day I tell about your wonderful acts. God, don't leave me even when I'm old and have gray hair. Let me live to tell my children about your power. Let me tell all of them about your mighty acts," (Psalm 71:6, 17-18).

Over the course of my lifetime I have grown to know, love, trust and serve the God who created me. For as long as I live, my desire is to emulate God's love and grace in ways that will help enhance the lives of others.

Marc Mullins is pastor of the First Christian Church of Pendleton, where he also utilizes his gifts as a musician, singer and songwriter.

DEATH NOTICES

James DuPuis

**Pendleton
May 29, 1951 — May 4, 2022**

James DuPuis, 70, of Pendleton, died May 4, 2022, at CHI St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton. He was born May 29, 1951, in Pendleton. A private family burial will be at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Raymond J. and Norma R. French

Heppner
A funeral service for Raymond J. and Norma R. French, of Heppner, will be May 14, 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Heppner, 525 Gale St., Heppner. Recitation of the holy rosary will be May 14, 10 a.m. at the same location. There will be a meal to follow the funeral at Heppner Elks Lodge, 142 N. Main St., Heppner. Inurnment for both will be May 20, 1 p.m. at the Vinson Cemetery, Pilot Rock. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Walter E. 'Walt' Gerard Sr.

**Irrigon
June 13, 1936 — May 6, 2022**

Walter E. "Walt" Gerard Sr., 85, of Irrigon, died May 6, 2022, in Hermiston. He was born June 13, 1936, in Lexington. A graveside service will be May 16, 10 a.m. at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Janie M. Giesler

**Pilot Rock
Jan. 26, 1950 — May 9, 2022**

Janie M. Giesler, 72, of Pilot Rock, died May 9, 2022. She was born Jan. 26, 1950, in Pendleton. A funeral service will be May 14,

10 a.m. at Life Church of Pilot Rock, 222 S.W. Third St., Pilot Rock. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Anita Guyon

**Hermiston
April 8, 1931 — May 3, 2022**

Anita Guyon, 91, of Hermiston, died May 3, 2022, at her home. She was born April 8, 1931, in Huntington Beach, California. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Nancy Lynn Hughes

**Pendleton
Sept. 29, 1949 — May 8, 2022**

Nancy Lynn Hughes, 72, of Pendleton, died May 8, 2022, at her home. She was born Sept. 29, 1949. Arrangements are with Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater.

Garrie Hurlbert

**Pendleton
July 22, 1943 — May 6, 2022**

Garrie Hurlbert, 78, of Pendleton, died May 6, 2022, at his home. He was born July 22, 1943, in Ord, Nebraska. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Sign the online guestbook at www.burnsmortuary.com.

Dominica Laca Iruista

**Hermiston
July 6, 1934 — May 10, 2022**

Dominica Laca Iruista, 87, of Hermiston, died May 10, 2022. She was born July 6, 1934, in Ispaster, Bizkaia, Spain. A graveside service will be May 17, 1 p.m. at Hermiston Cemetery. A gathering will follow at 33838 E. Spearman Road, Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Rockhounds host annual rock and gem show

HERMISTON — Nature's treasures are featured in a show presented by the Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society.

The 2022 Rock & Gem Show: Nature's Treasures Under Foot opens Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. It continues 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 15.

The event includes a children's corner with games and prizes, silent auctions both days and door prize drawings every 30 minutes. General admission is \$3, free for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult and \$2 for those over 60.

In addition to hosting the yearly show, Hatrockhounds gather the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. People interested in rocks, gems and nature's treasures are invited to visit a meeting.

For more information, search jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds. For questions, contact Judi Allison at jms46@outlook.com or Mike Filarski at stonemorlin1@netscape.net.



Sharon Stockman participates at a rock painting station on May 13, 2018, during the Hatrockhounds Rock & Gem Show. This 2022 event is Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15, at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, Hermiston.

Two upcoming local blood drives

PENDLETON — Roll up your sleeve and help your community, by giving blood at one of two upcoming local blood drives.

The Pendleton Lions Club is hosting a blood drive Tuesday, May 17, 12:30-5:30 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, 1221 S.E. Court Place, Pendleton.

And Blue Mountain Community College is hosting a blood drive May 23, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pendleton campus, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave..

If you plan to donate, sign up in advance. You can schedule your appointment time for both events by going to the Blood Services page at redcrossblood.org.

The United States is facing the worst blood shortage in more than a decade, according to the American Red Cross. All blood types are needed urgently.

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Stephen 'Steve' E Watson

January 22, 1948 - May 3, 2022 (age 74)

In a plot twist reminiscent of the books he always loved, Stephen "Steve" Earl Watson shuffled off his mortal coil suddenly and unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 3.

Steve leaves behind his wife, Jane, of 45 years; children, Chelsea (Justin) Budd, Vaughn Watson and Brian Roberts; grandchildren, Holly Roberts, Noah and Kyla Watson and Caleb Budd; and siblings, Pat (Dick) Brandl, Gary (Ginger) Watson and Mark (Tammy) Watson; all of whom he loved very much. Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Scotty and Ella Mae Watson, as well as too many family and friends.

Steve was a prolific reader, and was always found with a book (and later, his Kindle) in his hand. Steve was born in Pendleton on Jan. 22, 1948, and raised in Hermiston, where he and Jane married and eventually returned to spend the remainder of their lives together. After graduating in Hermiston High School's class of '66, Steve had opportunities to travel the world servicing irrigation equipment internationally and then later domestically.

In his 40s, the opportunity came to be self-employed in the construction industry, which offered Steve and Jane the chance to travel and live in Arizona, Nevada and California after raising their children in Eugene. The two spent time living outside of Yosemite National Park, which was time which they treasured. Steve loved the outdoors, and after retirement rediscovered a love of hunting, which he remembered fondly from childhood excursions with his father and grandfather.

We wish we didn't have to say goodbye, but in the wise words of The Rolling Stones (which were often repeated by this great man), "You can't always get what you want."

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please share memories of Steve with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



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Bruce W. Kinsch Jr.

May 29, 1937 - April 21, 2022

Bruce W. Kinsch Jr. passed into his Lord's arms on April 21, 2022. He was beloved as a spouse, father, grandfather and friend. He lived a full and beautiful life doing the things he loved. He was passionate about family, faith, friends, juvenile justice, music, his community, the great outdoors and his many books. He was known to counsel and mentor others both professionally and casually. He is remembered for his big heart, great smile, sharp mind, listening ears and quick wit. His storytelling is legendary. It amused one and all. At 60,



he got a tattoo and learned to cook. Bruce was born in Frontenac, Kansas, to Bruce and Dora Kinsch. The family moved to Seattle, Washington, when he was an infant. There he graduated from West Seattle High School. At 21, he discovered Catholicism and spent several years at St. Edward and St. Thomas Seminaries. After receiving his B.A. degree there, he moved on to Seattle University for further study. While his children were young, he got his Master of Social Work at the University of Washington.

Bruce met his wife, Mary, at Seattle University. They were married in 1964 and celebrated over 58 years together. Shortly after the wedding, he accepted a position with Catholic Relief Services in Southeast Asia. Their first assignment was in Saigon, Vietnam, where their first child was born. The next assignment was Manila, Philippines. They returned to the Seattle area in 1966 where three more children were born.

Professionally, his career was spent in juvenile corrections working for King County, Snohomish County and finally, Umatilla County, as the Juvenile Department director. He served Umatilla County for almost 20 years. He managed juvenile probation, the regional detention

center and all the staff. He networked with other county departments and agencies, and other counties. He made repeated contacts with legislative representatives to implement laws that improved the corrections process for youth.

In his spare time, Bruce gave his expertise and talent to various community organizations, boards and groups. He offered his musical skills to St. Mary's Church for liturgies. He participated in youth retreats and a diocesan camp program for high school students for 10 years. He taught religious education.

He worked actively in the community for suicide education and prevention. He taught for the criminal justice department at Blue Mountain Community College for 20 years.

After retirement, Bruce was a field placement supervisor for Walla Walla University School of Social Work. He mentored many students. He also worked with the Milton-Freewater Police Department on a short-term grant to provide non-violence programming for the high school. He enjoyed photography and traveling with his wife annually to the Oregon and Washington coasts and Mazatlan, Mexico. He relished his time with family and friends. He loved games, singing and fun. His grandchildren gave him special joy. He cherished visiting the kids in their homes and his, plus the many family trips to the Oregon coast. His time with each of them was treasured.

He is survived by his wife, his children, Valerie (Rich), Stephen (Alicia), Michelle (Michael), Annemarie; and his grandchildren, Robert, Gabrielle, Jason, Paige, Griffin, Ashley, Marc and Hannah. His service will be held at St. Andrew's Church in Mission at 10 a.m. on May 28. A reception will follow at 12 p.m. at the Let 'er Buck Room.

LOTTERY

Monday, May 9, 2022

Megabucks
7-13-15-21-32-43
Estimated jackpot: \$5.3 million

Lucky Lines
4-6-10-14-18-22-25-30
Estimated jackpot: \$27,000

Win for Life
39-40-47-67

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 6-7-0-6
4 p.m.: 8-8-8-2
7 p.m.: 8-6-1-4
10 p.m.: 9-2-2-1

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Mega Millions
15-19-20-61-70
Mega Ball: 9
Megaplier: 3

Estimated jackpot: \$99 million

Lucky Lines
3-8-10-13-20-24-28-32
Estimated jackpot: \$28,000

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 2-8-4-5
4 p.m.: 9-4-0-7
7 p.m.: 0-7-4-2
10 p.m.: 3-3-1-5