

OBITUARY

Earl Loree

April 14, 1938 – June 11, 2015

Earl Loree was born on April 14, 1938, to Rev. Grayden and Marjorie (Brumbach) Loree in Portland. He passed away June 11, 2015, in Boise, Idaho.



Earl graduated from Reedsport High School in 1956 and attended Linfield College, Boise Junior College and received his Bachelor's degree in Education from Eastern Oregon State College.

As a young man in high school Earl felt a calling to missions but he met his first wife, Marie Hartman from Emmett, Idaho, and instead switched to a teaching major with a minor in geology. He married Marie Hartman on May 30, 1959 in Emmett and they were blessed with four children. He taught school in Dayville and Milton-Freewater, but also worked as a hydraulic engineer for White Brothers in Walla Walla, Wash., for a number of years.

Marie passed away from cancer in 1984 after 25 years of marriage and Earl eventually moved to Portland to attend seminary, with an intention of finally going into missions. There he met Carol Russell York at a square dance. She too was going into missions work. They were married in Israel July 13, 1986, where he was studying for his Masters of Divinity degree. He completed his degree in 1987 from Western Evangelical Seminary and together they entered Youth With A Mission, a large non-denominational missions group.

Their training in 1988 took them to the University of the Nations in Kona, Hawaii, with outreach work in the Philippines, Hong Kong, China, and Korea. They served in missions in Wisconsin, Russia, Hungary and finally Richmond, Va. They served in leadership roles in both YWAM and Tikvat Israel Messianic Congregation in Richmond. Their final years were serving the Jewish Russian immigrants in Richmond, some of the most fulfilling years in ministry. In 1999 they returned to Oregon and settled in Joseph, not far from Earl's maternal roots in Imnaha.

Earl attended Christ Covenant Church, Lostine, and was a proud member of the NRA, the Wallowa County Search and Rescue, Star Promenaders square dance club and the Wenaha Blackpowder Club. For a while he was a volunteer for the Wallowa County Sheriff's Department. From an early age he loved the outdoors in every way, including fishing, hunting, hiking, backpacking and camping. He also enjoyed woodworking and made and sold numerous items made from exotic woods and elk and deer horn.

Earl is survived by: brother, Paul Loree (Peggy), High Valley, Idaho; spouse, Carol Russell York Loree, Joseph; children, David Loree (Beki), Milton-Freewater, Susan Loree-Ramos (Juan), Nyssa, Greg Loree (Margo), Spokane, Wash., Aaron Loree (Raquel), Newton, Iowa, Anne Maloney (John), Redmond, Dennis York (Karen), Vancouver, Wash., Mike York (Sandi), Aurora, Colo., Brian York (Mary), Molalla, Trish York (Charles), Parker, Colo.; grandchildren Carl, Chelsea, Espi, Zachary, Dylan, Kinzie, Michael, Sean, Sarah, Julia, Scott, Mitchell and Samantha; great-grandchildren Emma Loree, and twins Paxton and Ryder Ramos.

He was predeceased by his parents, Rev. Grayden and Marjorie Loree, and spouse, Marie Hartman Loree.

A memorial service was held June 13, 2015, at Christ Covenant Church in Lostine. Son Rev. Aaron Loree was the officiate along with Paul Loree, Lay Pastor of Ola Community Church, Idaho. Interment will be at the Milton-Freewater cemetery at a later date.

Donations to Wallowa County Search and Rescue or YWAM Jewish World Office, Richmond, Va.

The family would like to thank Christ Covenant Church members and the women of Joseph United Methodist Church for the luncheon they provided.

Schools release 4th quarter honor rolls

ENTERPRISE HIGH

Seniors: Nikolai Christoffersen 4.00, Taylor Jenkins 4.00, Carsen Sajonia 4.00, Cheyenne Knight 3.94, Sarah Madsen 3.93, Rocky Davidson 3.89, Reanna Royse 3.89, Cody Irish 3.86, Christian Ruckdashel 3.83, Emma Hall 3.80, Emma Carlson 3.62, Daniel Kohlhepp 3.52.

Juniors: Emma Carlsen 4.00, Eyreus Rooney 4.00, Bette Rooney 3.95, Mackenzie Gray 3.94, Dawn Mist Movich-Fields 3.94, Jane Kissingner 3.90, Katelynn Sidoti 3.90, Justin Exon 3.78, Zoe Sallada 3.71, Andrea Butterfield 3.61, Will McCadden 3.57, Nathan Perren 3.57, Nicole Maasdam 3.55.

Sophomores: Morgan Anderson 4.00, Jacob Everts 4.00, Becca Bateman 3.95, Patrick Powers 3.95, Wade Isley 3.90, Whitney Evans 3.71, Kacie Melville 3.71, Gabby Wells 3.67, Darby Gasset 3.66, Reagan Beardard 3.52, Jordan Collins 3.52, Trent Bales 3.38, Kobe Ketscher 3.38, Tate Olsen 3.38, Casey Kiser 3.33.

Freshmen: Gracie Carlsen 4.00, Reece Christman 4.00, Cole Farwell

4.00, Rachel Frolander 4.00, Riley Gray 4.00, Sebastian Hobbs 4.00, Eliza Irish 4.00, Heidi Niezen 4.00, Curtis Sanders 4.00, Rylie Hayward 3.95, Jimmy Wells 3.90, Madison Plew 3.81, Ellie Van Dooser 3.52.

ENTERPRISE JR. HIGH 8th Grade: Adagia Latta 4.00, Jake Coggins 3.95, Lexie Gasset 3.95, Deidre Schreiber 3.90, Karli Beardard 3.72, Shane Lund 3.72, Amy Beck 3.57, Sarah Everts 3.50, Riley Masters 3.39, Shelby Moncrief 3.38, Dylan Marr 3.33, Madison McDowell 3.33.

7th Grade: Tishrei Movich-Fields 4.00, Kaylie Melville 3.81, Gracie Niezen 3.81, Ashlyn Gray 3.78, Sydney Rouse 3.72, Cole Gomes 3.67, Katie Olson 3.67, Timmy Wells 3.67, Drew Widener 3.67, Foster Hobbs 3.62, Zion Mark 3.57, Ella Anderson 3.52, Jadon Garland 3.52, Shyla Jenkins 3.44.

WALLOWA HIGH Seniors: Macey Frei 4.00, Calli Miller 4.00, Kristyn Young 4.00, Joseph Princena 3.65, Cheyenne Hall 3.63, Karl Wellens 3.60, Luis Mendez 3.45, Taylor Harshfield 3.25.

Juniors: Emily George 3.68, Robert Delancey 3.68, Sarah Abdeldayem 3.58, Josh Rummell 3.50, Megan Jones-Allen 3.46, Marybeth Hulse 3.46, Koby Frye 3.43, Cole Hafer 3.36.

Sophomores: Jordan Ferré 4.00, Sierra Cabral 3.92, Ashley Stamer-Durning 3.89, Claire Wellens 3.79, Stacy Douglas 3.57, Lauren Makin 3.46, Caitlin Robb 3.25.

Freshmen: Daniel Delancey 4.00, Teagan Miller 3.89, Chance Goebel 3.79, Cailey Murray 3.75.

WALLOWA JR. HIGH 8th Grade: Riley Ferré 4.00, Ashley Wilson 4.00, Rylee Goller 4.00, Lily Cabral 3.86, Grace Pendarvis 3.71, Zane Hermens 3.57, Kristin Craig 3.32, Austin Brockamp 3.29.

7th Grade: Anna Moholt 4.00, Ashlyn Young 3.57, Quinten Tillery 3.43.

JOSEPH CHARTER Joseph High: Courtney Bailey 4.00, Madison Bailey 4.00, Samson Beckman 4.00, Cayden DeLury 4.00, Morgan Forney 4.00, Brittany Gibson 4.00, Taylor Grote 4.00,

Lindsay Kemp 4.00, Addie Kilgore 4.00, Kai Oliver 4.00, Miguel Ramirez 4.00, Raymond Seal 4.00, Annie Story 4.00, Alexis Sykora 4.00, Isabelle Tingelstad 4.00, Deni VanWinkle 4.00, Tucker VanWinkle 4.00, Bailee Wilcox 4.00, Natalie Williams 4.00, Jesse Woodhead 3.88, Juan Reyes 3.86, Wyatt Smith 3.86, Johnelle Suto 3.86, Kendal Kreuzer-Horton 3.83, Kari Zollman 3.83, Rylie Warnock 3.75, Ally Wearin 3.75, Robin Sands 3.71, Lars Skovlin 3.71, Satori Albee 3.67, Anna Rinehart 3.67, Amanda Blessing 3.63, Haven Johnson 3.63, Benjamin Lopez 3.57, Aaron Borgerding 3.50, Ally Cooney 3.50, Christian Zurita 3.50, Cody Stone 3.43, Jack McAfee 3.33, Sarah Thiel 3.33, Jared Wilcox 3.29, Jacob Chrisman 3.25.

Joseph Junior High: Steven Beckman 4.00, Camille Crenshaw 4.00, TJ Grote 4.00, Emma Hite 4.00, Tyler Homan 4.00, Kade Kilgore 4.00, Haley Miller 4.00, Malichi Roberts 4.00, Renee Seal 4.00, Victoria Suto 4.00, Kendrick Stone 3.88, Rylee Wilcox 3.88, Trey Wandschneider 3.83, Ella Coughlan 3.63, Madelyn Nelson 3.50, Hadley Miller 3.38, Ashlie McAfee 3.33.

OBITUARIES

Hubert Allan "Al" Slinker

Nov. 3, 1927 – June 11, 2015

Hubert Allan "Al" Slinker was born in Pasadena, Calif., Nov. 3, 1927, to Hubert A. Slinker and Celia B. (George) Slinker. Al died peacefully on June 11, 2015, at the age of 87 with his children around him.



He joined the US Coast Guard Merchant Marine at the age of 17 in 1944. After the end of WWII, he moved to Oakland, Calif., where he finished high school at Albany High School in 1949.

He owned a Richfield service station there and met and married Beverly Jean Conway. They had two children, Randy and David, and were later divorced. Al had several occupations including a dairy in Hayward, Calif., advertising for the TV series Buckaroo 500, and partners in a bowling alley. He met and married Eva Havas in 1966 and they moved to Wallowa County in 1967 where they bought and ran the Litch Place on Alder Slope. At one time they had over 500 head of sheep and cattle.

After selling the ranch, Al and Eva moved to Wallowa Lake where he began his project of building the RV-4. Al and Eva were divorced in 1985 and he moved to Enterprise, where he built a house and shop to complete the plane. He flew it after completion and sold it in 1999 and began restoring cars. He was a fixture at Stangel's Machine shop for over 10 years.

During this time he also worked on the Chief Joseph Days crew and helped establish the Hospitality Tent and was instrumental in bringing the live video to the rodeo.

His last 10 years were spent on restoring his vintage sprint car and racing it throughout the Northwest.

He is survived by his two sons, Randy and wife Pam of Enterprise, David, of Ojai, Calif., stepchildren Linda Robinson of Portland, Ken Robinson and Michelle, of Salem, and Sam and Mark Luttenberger of Mesa, Ariz., grandchildren Jake Slinker of Atlanta, Ga., Nathan Slinker and Ashley Humphrey of Quincy, Calif., James and Ashley Robinson of Salem, and Lynn Robinson of Salem, and great-grandson Kenny; nephew Scott Moorhouse and his wife, Carmela Mezquita.

At Al's request no services will be held, but a Celebration of his Life will be held at his airport shop on July 18, 2015.

Penny Johnson

July 3, 1947 – June 18, 2015

Penny Johnson, 67, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2015 in Pendleton. She was born on July 3, 1947, in Cottage Grove to Leonard and Dorothy Brooks.



She graduated from Enterprise High School in 1965 and worked for Albertson's in Pendleton for many years.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Barney and Gail Brooks, nephews Tyson and Gavin Brooks, Tyler Arthurs, and Brady Johnson and longtime friend and caregiver, Debby Anderson.

She was predeceased by her parents and husband, Matt Johnson. At her request, no service is planned.

SERVICE NOTICE

William M. DeGrofftt Jr.

A memorial service for William M. DeGrofftt Jr., who died May 11, 2015, will be held Saturday, June 27, at 11 a.m. at Wallowa Methodist Church.

High and Low Temperatures

According to data sent to MesoWest: www.mesowest.utah.edu

Table with 4 columns: Location (Enterprise, Lostine), Date, Low, High. Shows temperature ranges for June 17-23.

Table with 4 columns: Location (Joseph, Wallowa), Date, Low, High. Shows temperature ranges for June 17-23.

Table with 4 columns: Location (Imnaha, Troy), Date, Low, High. Shows temperature ranges for June 17-23.

Six-day forecast

June 24 – June 29 Source: National Weather Service

Table showing weather forecast for June 24-29 with sun icons, high/low temperatures, and conditions like 'Partly sunny' or 'Mostly sunny'.

Phases of the moon

Table showing moon phases for July 2, 8, 16, and 24 with icons for Full Moon, Last Quarter, New Moon, and 1st Quarter.

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Edward Daniel Tautfest

9/22/1938 - 3/7/2015

Edward D. Tautfest, 76, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at St Mary Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington. He was born September 22, 1938, in Cottonwood, Idaho to Ralph and Helen Tautfest.



The family moved numerous times due to his dad's work related transfers. Ed attended many different schools. He completed the last year of elementary school and graduate high school in Kellogg, Idaho. Ed loved spending time on his grandparents farm where there was love, work, play, singing and driving an old jeep in the fields. He served a two year LDS mission in the New England states for a brief time with the remainder of his mission served in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Ed married Evelyn Murl Fisher March 17, 1962. Their children Dan and Debbie filled their lives with much happiness. The family enjoyed times of outdoor recreation, and life on their two acre farm in Enterprise. Ed served in the US Army as a surveyor, and the US Air Force as a mechanic during the Vietnam war years. He spent his adult life in Wallowa County. He volunteered many years on the Enterprise Fire Department. He was active in the Boy Scout organization holding the position of Awards Director as well as other positions.

Evelyn passed away in 1985, after a lengthy fight with cancer. At that time, Dan was serving in the US Army and Debbie was a student at EOU in LaGrande. Losing their beloved young wife and mother was a deep sorrow for Ed and the children.

Ed's love for the automobile led him to a forty year career as an automotive mechanic/service manager. He was awarded countless achievement certificates, trophies, plaques.

Ed married Joyce Helen Lowry June 14, 1986. Their children Debi Lee, David, Dan, Debbie and Deena added much happiness to the family.

Prior to his disabling injury in 1999, Ed restored a 1960 Corvair. He and Joyce took many fun trips in that Corvair. It was always on display at Oregon Mountain Cruise until 2010. He was a member of Enterprise Christian Church.

Ed began most days with prayer and Bible reading. He treasured his relationship with the Lord. He enjoyed many talents and interests. He was a seasoned carpenter; an inventor of many useful products; he had an interest in fly tying, creating his own styles. He was an accomplished artist. At the time of his death he had created a beautiful sketch and was ready to begin painting.

The annual elk hunt camp-out with Joyce, David, Therese and the children was always a happy time for Ed. One year Dan was able to join in the hunt. Ed so enjoyed being a loving - fun to be with Grandpa, much like that of his own grandfather. Joyce survives him along with his five children; Sons: Dan (Lisa) Tautfest, David (Therese) Lowry; Daughters: Debbie (Joel) Scott; Debi Lee (Charlie) Moffit; Deena (JD) Nobles; Eighteen grandchildren and Thirteen great-grandchildren. His mother, Helen Peterson; one sister: Janet (Dwayne) Peck, three brothers: Michael (Christy) Tautfest; Jim (Jeni) Tautfest; David (Elizabeth) Tautfest. Two aunts: Nora McKenney and Leona Hill, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ed is preceded in death by his father, Ralph Tautfest; Father-in-Law, Cecil Fisher, Mothers-in-Law Mildred Fisher and Helen Jennings; Grandfather and Grandmother Hill; Grandfather & Grandmother Tautfest; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The Celebration of Life will be at Enterprise Christian Church on June 27th at 11:00 A.M. with dinner to follow at the VFW hall. Desserts or side dishes are welcome but are not requested.

Suggested memorial contributions may be made to Wallowa Memorial EMS, the VFW, Enterprise Christian Church building fund, or a charity of your choice.