

OBITUARIES

Jonel Ricker

Nov. 26, 1954 – July 15, 2015

Jonel Keith Ricker, 60, of Island City, passed away with his family by his side on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. A memorial service was held at the Island City Lighthouse Pentecostal Church on Monday, July 20, at 2 p.m.



Jonel was born Nov. 26, 1954, in Enterprise, to Lorin Max and Rose Marie (Merison) Ricker. He resided in Enterprise, Salem and La Grande. Jonel graduated from Enterprise High School in 1972 where he was the state wrestler. He then went on to Eastern Oregon State College and Willamette University where he obtained his Doctorate of Jurisprudence. Jonel was married to Ruth Morgan and later married Marilyn Brastrup in 1989.

Jonel was employed at Trotters in Enterprise, a ranch hand and a lawyer from 1979 – present. He was also the La Grande City Attorney. He enjoyed hunting, rafting, coaching Little League Baseball, AAU Basketball and Summer Youth Soccer. He was involved in 4-H, FFA, where he won the FFA State Farmer and the FFA National Farmer awards, FBLA and the Optimist Club. Jonel was a member of the Elks, National Wild Turkey Federation, Oregon Hunters Association, Oregon State Bar, an ordained Minister of American Fellowship Church.

Jonel is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children, Katie Ladwig and her husband Jason of Portland, Tyler Warner of Island City, Bryson Ricker of Union, and Kaleb Ricker of Island City; sisters, Marty Testerman and her husband Jason of Enterprise and Meg Hays of Arizona; brother Lorin Jr. and his wife Dixie of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren; four nieces and nephews; aunt Estella Ricker. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lorin and Rose Marie.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Terri McDaniel Anthony

Terri McDaniel Anthony, of Wallowa, passed away on July 11, 2015. A celebration of life will be held at the Wallowa Senior Center on Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. Potluck dinner with meat provided immediately after.

Tom E. Brown

Tom E. Brown, 84, of La Grande, formerly of Wallowa, died July 20, 2015, in Richland, Wash. A family burial is scheduled Sunday, July 26, at 2 p.m. at Wallowa Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held July 26 at 3 p.m. at the Enterprise Seventh Day Adventist Church. Loveland Funeral Home, La Grande, is in charge of arrangements. A full obituary will follow.

Gwen Kendall

Florence Gwendolyn Long “Gwen” Kendall, 88, formerly of Enterprise, passed away Sunday morning, July 19, 2015, in Hood River. No services are planned at this time. A full obituary will be published later.

Gayle Beck

Jan. 10, 1929 – June 27, 2015

Gayle Dorothy Greenawalt Beck, of Enterprise, was born Jan. 10, 1929, in Dubuque, Iowa, and died June 27, 2015, in Albany, Ore. She was the second of four children born to Harry Ward Greenawalt and Dorothy Vivian Field Greenawalt.

Gayle grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, attending Lincoln Elementary School, Washington Jr. High School and graduating from Dubuque Senior High School. As a child she had a great interest in sports and played very competitive baseball with her brothers. Following her high school graduation Gayle worked as a typist at WC Brown publishing company, then attended Rockford College.

She married John W. Beck on Nov. 19, 1954, in Maquoketa, Iowa. Following their marriage they lived on and operated a farm near Central City, Iowa, and operated Beck’s Sporting Goods in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In 1961 they had an urge for adventure so they purchased and moved to a ranch on Chesnimnus Creek about 40 miles northwest of Enterprise. They raised cattle for several years, then sold the ranch and moved to a ranch on Fence Creek where they managed three ranches. After two or three years they moved to a place on Crow Creek. John worked with the County on Economic Development while Gayle gardened, canned prodigious amounts of fruits and vegetables and kept the wood stove and wood furnace going through the winter when temperatures dropped to 20 degrees below zero. Together they raised and raced Appaloosa and Thoroughbred horses, winning several times at Portland Meadows, Salem and other area race tracks. With Mule Days and the pack trips for hunters and campers making mules more valuable, they switched from raising Thoroughbreds to mules until John died in 1995.

Gayle then moved into Enterprise. She was an avid bowler and golfer and served several years on the board of governors of the Alpine Meadows Golf Course. She was an enthusiastic sports fan. She played Fantasy Football with ladies in Enterprise. She was a loyal follower of the Seattle Seahawks, the Portland Trailblazers, the Seattle Mariners and all Oregon State University sports.

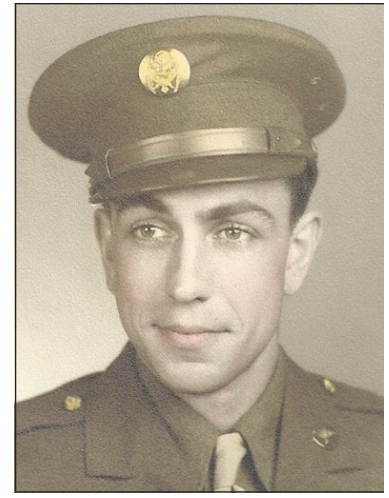
She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Beck, her son Charles Everly Beck and her brother Monte Ward Greenawalt. She is survived by her brother Tom Greenawalt of Dubuque, Iowa, a sister Saralee Clausen of Racine, Wis., her stepson William Beck and his wife Nan, four grandchildren, Sheryl Branigan, Robert Beck, Kathryn Trocinski, Adam Beck and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held July 29, 11 a.m. at the Enterprise Christian Church, 207 E. Main St. in Enterprise. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Wallowa County Food Bank or Community Connection of Enterprise in Gayle’s memory. Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Sutphin

July 21, 1918 – June 6, 2015

Robert Clayton Sutphin passed away June 6, 2015 in Enterprise. He was 96. Born July 21, 1918 to Christine and Reese Sutphin, Clayton grew up in Wallowa and graduated from Wallowa High School. He was a World War II veteran, serving in North Africa and Italy. In 1948, he married Rachel Ann Tulley of Wallowa; they had been married 59 years at the time of her death in 2007.



Clayton worked for Bates Mill in Wallowa as a lumber scaler, and in 1960 moved to Enterprise, shortly after accepting a position with the Forest Service. He worked for the Forest Service for many years, scaling logs and eventually becoming fleet manager during fire-fighting season. After retiring, he had a rural mail route. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, trapshooting and canning. A remarkably robust person, he was active into his 90s, making countless batches of peanut brittle for his friends and family. He lived in the family home until March 2015, in his later years assisted by a number of local friends. Clayton’s family extends thanks to all of these friends who made his desire to live at home possible.

Clayton was preceded in death by his sister, Geneva Wallsinger. He is survived by his daughter Christi Sutphin and son-in-law Robin Stanley of Ellensburg, Wash., his son Kevin Sutphin, daughter-in-law Lori Sutphin of Pendleton and their children Katie and Kyle, and his daughter Reesa Sutphin-Knutson, son-in-law John Knutson, and their children Nicolai and Kristoff of Naches, Wash.

A celebration honoring Clayton will be held at the Wallowa Rod and Gun Club on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015. An informal shoot will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a potluck and sharing of memories from 12 – 2 p.m. Contributions in Clayton’s memory may be made to Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

SERVICE NOTICES

Evelyn Reece

Evelyn Reece, 87, American Canyon, Calif., formerly of Enterprise, died July 5, 2015. A graveside service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, at Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield. An obituary was published previously.

Charlene Berry

A Celebration of Life for Charlene Anne Berry, of Elgin, formerly of Wallowa, will be held at Cougar Country Pizza in Wallowa, Saturday, July 25, at 11 a.m. Come bring your stories and share memories of Charlene with brother Duane and friends. Charlene passed away Dec. 24, 2014, at a Boise hospital.

OBITUARY

Nicole Renee Winn

Aug. 19, 1976 – July 16, 2015

Nicole Renee Winn: Hiyum Hieweksha, was born on August 19, 1976 in Bedford, Indiana, the beloved daughter and only child of William D. and Dianna S. Duncan. They left Indiana when she was four looking for “someplace with one road in and one road out” and ended up in Joseph. She learned her love of horses alongside her parents as they cowboied through out the county, particularly the 3V Ranch and Dug Bar Ranch in Snake River Canyon. She attended Judy Kinsley kindergarten, Joseph Elementary and Joseph High School, graduating in 1994 all the while honing her horse handling skills. She saved her babysitting money and bought her own horse “Wes” in 1992. Wes went to college with her and worked the Sale Barn in Hermiston as a job.



She met her devoted husband “Wup” Winn at the Pendleton Roundup in 1995. After she graduated from Blue Mountain College with a degree in Business AG they married in 1998 and lived in Pendleton where Wup worked for the Dodge Dealership and Less Schwab while Nicole worked for the Casino and Community Bank. In 2000 they moved to Joseph where they worked for Alaskan Bush Wheels until 2013, raising their two sons Kyler (14) and Gaven (12) and about 40 puppies in the office. Nicole sold those beautiful mini Australians to families all over the United States who have wonderful pets from her exceptional dogs.

Nicole and her husband Wup, shared their love of flying, both being accomplished pilots. They are known throughout the world of aviation for their knowledge of all things “bush flying” due to their work with Alaskan Bushwheels for so many years. She was a master of the maze of the FAA regulation, a real claim to fame.

Nicole went on to earn her Real Estate license working with Timberline Realty under the tutelage of Claessee O’Connor, where she was building up a clientele and succeeding so well in her new endeavor. Wup and Nicole recently purchased the Video Buffs

with the expectation of making it thrive as a family run operation, a great learning experience for Kyler and Gaven.

Her family in Pendleton taught her their traditions over the years and included her in their hearts. She loved the traditional ways and chose to walk with them. She received her Indian name Hiyum Hieweksha which means “Bear Dreamer” that she treasured in her heart and soul.

Her sister Janine said of Nicole, “From the beginning, she was totally part of us. She jumped right in and fully embraced our tradition and never hesitated. It was important to her that her boys know their ancestors’ ways.”

Nicole was an accomplished seamstress and bead worker and she came to the family with questions, always wanting what she made to be right. She gave willingly from her heart and many were gifted with her skilled creations.

As a traditional woman, she put life into what she created.

She left this life on July 16, 2015 while doing what she loved to do best, riding one of her family horses.

She is survived by her husband Wup, their two sons Kyler and Gaven, her parents Bill and Dianna Duncan and Beverly Winn, and Wup’s family that she claimed as hers. Sisters Janine, Lynsie and Jen. Brothers Lance, Jeff, Tannon and Brother John, her nieces and nephews whom she claimed as her “children from another mother” Ashley, Isaac, Rebecca Nicole, and Gracin. Numerous other nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and so many more in the Pendleton Region.

She was given the honor of their traditional burial and was laid to rest near to her brother Steve Winn in Pendleton on Monday, July 20.

Nicole loved her husband and sons immensely and was so proud of them, keeping them as the center of her universe. Her family and many friends whom she touched world wide, will miss her desperately.

A celebration of life will be held August 2, 2015 in the Thunder Room on the Chief Joseph Rodeo Grounds in Joseph, OR at 1:00 pm.

In honor of our traditions we will have a memorial service in one year, which will free us to once again speak her precious name.

In lieu of flowers the family would like donations made in her name to the Rusty Spurs 4H club in care of Vixen Weeks or the Burnt Thumb 4H club in care of Eva Harold, County Extension Services, City Government Office, 668 NW 1st St, Enterprise, OR 97828

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High and Low Temperatures Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

Enterprise			Lostine		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
July 15	51	84	July 15	51	84
July 16	48	75	July 16	48	75
July 17	55	78	July 17	55	78
July 18	46	87	July 18	46	87
July 19	44	91	July 19	44	91
July 20	57	95	July 20	57	95
July 21	51	77	July 21	51	77

Joseph			Wallowa		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
July 15	51	84	July 15	51	84
July 16	48	75	July 16	48	75
July 17	55	78	July 17	55	78
July 18	46	87	July 18	46	87
July 19	44	91	July 19	44	91
July 20	57	95	July 20	57	95
July 21	51	77	July 21	51	77

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Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
July 15	55	81	July 15	51	84
July 16	53	73	July 16	48	75
July 17	55	76	July 17	55	78
July 18	49	82	July 18	46	87
July 19	52	89	July 19	44	91
July 20	55	94	July 20	57	95
July 21	56	76	July 21	51	77

Six-day forecast

July 22 – July 27

Source: Weather Underground

July 22:		H: 78	L: 44	Partly Cloudy
July 23:		H: 77	L: 44	Partly Cloudy
July 24:		H: 82	L: 47	Clear
July 25:		H: 83	L: 49	Clear
July 26:		H: 77	L: 44	Clear
July 27:		H: 74	L: 41	Clear

Phases of the moon

July 24	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon