

OBITUARIES

William E. Parks
May 18, 1921 – Aug. 22, 2015

William “Bill” Edward Parks, 94, passed away peacefully on Aug. 22, 2015, due to complications of a sudden stroke. He was a resident at Wallowa Valley Assisted Living in Enterprise for approximately two years, having moved to the area in 2006.



He was born William Martin Kennoy in Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 18, 1921 to Francis Joseph Kennoy and Erma Marie Parks-Kennoy. Following the death of his mother, he and his three siblings were adopted by, and raised in the Southern California area by his maternal grandmother, Eleanor Brown Parks. His brother, Chester “Buster” Lloyd Kennoy Parks, and sisters, Betty Jane Kennoy Parks-Jones and Emma (Pat) Eleanor Kennoy Parks-Downey have all preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn (Rusty) Parks, of Enterprise, his five children, David Parks of Noel, Mo., Cynthia (Cindi) Parks of Tulsa, Okla., Jonathan and Stephen Parks of Joseph, Timothy Parks of Enterprise, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After his proud WWII service in the US Navy, he graduated from La Sierra College in Arlington, Calif., where he met, courted, and married Marilyn Jean Haley Russ on June 12, 1952. He was a teacher by profession, with an emphasis on Special Education towards the end of his teaching career, having taught school in numerous states including California, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Washington, Hawaii, and Missouri. He loved moving his family to different areas of the country to broaden their horizons, thusly ingraining in his children the value and appreciation for people from all walks of life, religions, ethnic backgrounds, and lifestyles. In his younger days, he and his brother Buster played competitive doubles tennis and dreamed of going pro after the war, an unrealized goal. He and the family enjoyed playing tennis and going snow skiing. In the three years the family spent in Hawaii, he enjoyed scuba diving, stopping for and visiting with Peace Corps volunteers hitch-hiking to the beach, teaching his children to body surf and scouring the “gullies” for bananas, coconuts, guavas, mangoes and breadfruit. Having served as a radioman in the Navy, he was a life-long ham radio operator and enjoyed talking with other operators, not only in his area, but around the world. He was a firm believer in the original teachings of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and followed a vegan diet for 50+ years.

He loved to tell jokes and show you that he was still fit enough to do a little tap dance. He made a friend of a local gray squirrel, who would eat peanuts off his shoulder, and made it a mission to rid the yard of gophers and thistles. He loved to go to the lake with his wife and feed the chipmunks on Sabbath, and has been known to get down on all fours and butt heads with pet goats. He enjoyed the TV show “Walker, Texas Ranger” and spent hours watching WWII movies, especially those about the attack on Pearl Harbor, where he was not only stationed, but where he lost his only brother.

Bill has requested cremation and prefers that there be no public service. A private memorial will be held by immediate family at a time to be determined. Any donations in his name can be made to a Veterans’ charity of choice.

Leroy Bennett
Jan. 10, 1942 – Aug. 18, 2015

Leroy Bennett, of Wallowa, died Aug. 18, 2015 in Enterprise of complications from Parkinson’s Disease. Leroy, born in Bend Jan. 10, 1942 to Clarence and Irene Sage Bennett, was the oldest of five children. He attended schools in Bend, where he wrestled and played football at Bend High, graduating in 1960.

Leroy proudly served his country in the National Guard as a tank commander. He lived in Deschutes County until he and Kathleen came to Wallowa County in 1991. Leroy operated a tire store in Bend for many years and owned a weed spraying business his first years in Wallowa. Leroy and Kathleen purchased Bennett Insurance in Enterprise (from Vette Stenkamp) in 2003, growing it from a small “mom and pop” store, to the thriving insurance agency it is today.

Leroy enjoyed hunting and fishing; elk camp with his boys and friends, Frank McGinnis and Dave Inglis, was just about his favorite thing on earth. He was an amazing father to all of his children and the love of Kathleen’s life. He was also a very capable mechanic and carpenter.

Leroy is survived by his wife Kathleen, of Wallowa, sons Todd Leroy Bennett of Bend, Rusty Lee Bennett of Union, and daughter Trisha Gail Bennett of Redmond, Tyler Tadevic (Stephanie) of Newport Beach, Calif., and Travis Tadevic (Tania) of San Antonio, Texas, and Todd Douglas Bennett (Tracey) of Redmond. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and siblings Kay (Mike) Harris of Roosevelt Lake, Wash., Cindy (Jim) Smith and Vickie Curry (David Cobb), all of Bend. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Terry.

A Celebration of Leroy’s life will be held at the Beth Johnson Room at Wallowa High School at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5. A potluck meal will follow at the Bennett home. The family requests that memorial gifts be made to the Rotary Club of Wallowa County Scholarship Fund or to the OHSU Foundation Parkinson Center at 1121 SW Salmon St., Portland, OR 97205, directly or through Bollman Funeral Home.

Patricia “Pat” Workman
March 5, 1929 – Aug. 26, 2015

Patricia “Pat” Marcella Workman, 86, of La Grande, passed away at home on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015. A graveside service was held at Zion Memorial Park, Canby, on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015.

Pat was born March 5, 1929 in Portland to James C. and Ann (Krause) Mullan. She resided in Portland, Aurora, Neb., Canby and La Grande. She graduated from St. Mary’s Academy, Portland, in 1946. In 1947, she married the love of her life, Harold Workman in Portland.

Pat was employed by Shaw Surgical in Portland. She raised three children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed knitting, crochet and loved to cook and care for her family and many friends. She was a member of Eastern Star and Rainbow for Girls.

Pat is survived by her son, Bob Workman of Scappoose; daughter, Carol Carpenter and her husband Mike of Enterprise; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and four nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and her son, Bill.

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

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Verna C. Slane
Feb. 26, 1927 – Aug. 20, 2015

Verna C. Slane, 88, passed away quietly on August 20, 2015 in her home in Joseph. She was born in New Plymouth, Idaho, on Feb. 26, 1927 to Oliver S. and Annie P. Mason.



Verna raised seven children. In her professional career, she worked as a journalist and photographer at the News Guard in Lincoln City and the La Grande Observer in La Grande. Verna also published and edited a number of books. However, her foremost passion was nature.

She obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Service from Eastern Oregon State College and served for four years as a volunteer in the Peace Corps on the island of St. Lucia, West Indies. On the island she cataloged all of the various plant species and even discovered an unknown plant species in the process.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents Annie and Oliver Mason; her husband Paul; her brother Lawrence; and three sons Ronald, Richard, and William. She is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Verna on Sept. 5, 2015 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Joseph, at her Depot Gardens (83490 Joseph Highway). Please bring a dish to share as well as your favorite memories.

Enid Foster
Oct. 10, 1916 – Aug. 26, 2015

Enid Foster, 98, of Enterprise, also of Wenden, Ariz., died Aug. 26, 2015 in Enterprise.

Enid was born Oct. 10, 1916, in Asotin, Wash., to Pearl Guy Rimel and Florance Frances Wilsey. She attended Asotin High School. Her siblings are Flo Rimel Clift, Duane Rimel, Joy Rimel Autrey Wernecke, Dwight Rimel, and Gail Rimel.

Over the course of her life she also resided in Wilsey, Ariz., Yuma, Ariz., and in Enterprise.

She was married three times: to Ben Tippett, Ralph Tippett, and to Bud Kelsey Elmer Foster.

Enid was employed at Enterprise Hotel and at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. She held an EMT certificate.

She enjoyed her flower garden, wine, baseball and golf. She was a member of Elks Lodge #1829 and IOOF.

Among her survivors are son, Kelly Foster, of Vancouver, Wash., and grandson, Luke Foster, also of Vancouver.

Husband Bud Foster preceded her in death.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the First Baptist Church in Enterprise, Saturday, Sept. 5, at noon. A graveside service will follow. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice.

DEATH NOTICES

Michel McNall

Michel Martin McNall, 37, formerly of Joseph, died Aug. 26, 2015, at Oakridge. Private family services will be held at a later date and a full obituary will follow. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.



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Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
August 26	46	93	August 26	46	93
August 27	59	89	August 27	59	89
August 28	53	80	August 28	53	80
August 29	59	86	August 29	59	86
August 30	42	66	August 30	42	66
August 31	48	78	August 31	48	78
September 1	51	64	September 1	51	64

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August 26	46	93	August 26	46	93
August 27	59	89	August 27	59	89
August 28	53	80	August 28	53	80
August 29	59	86	August 29	59	86
August 30	42	66	August 30	42	66
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August 26	52	91	August 26	46	93
August 27	58	87	August 27	59	89
August 28	54	78	August 28	53	80
August 29	54	90	August 29	59	86
August 30	46	69	August 30	42	66
August 31	43	73	August 31	48	78
September 1	47	64	September 1	51	64

Six-day forecast

September 2 – September 7
Source: Weather Underground

Sept. 2:		H: 65 L: 37	Chance of Rain
Sept. 3:		H: 61 L: 32	Partly Cloudy
Sept. 4:		H: 60 L: 35	Chance of Rain
Sept. 5:		H: 59 L: 34	Chance of Rain
Sept. 6:		H: 66 L: 32	Rain
Sept. 7:		H: 72 L: 39	Clear

Phases of the moon

Sept. 5	Sept. 13	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon