

## Braseth, Baynes wed

Craig and Kay Braseth of La Grande announce the wedding of their daughter, Kymee Sun Braseth, to Gavin Lewis Baynes of La Grande, son of Lewis and Carol Baynes of Joseph.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of Imbler High School, and a 2014 graduate of Linn Benton Community College. She is currently employed at Icon Credit Union in La Grande. The groom graduated from Joseph High School in 2009 and University of Portland in 2013, and is an employee of Pepsi as well as a 2nd lieutenant in the Oregon

National Guard.

The wedding took place August 8, 2015 at the Braseth residence. Maids of Honor were the bride's friend, Shelby Davis, and niece, Jaci Kibler. Bridesmaids were Jaiden Hodnefield, Brittany Doherty, Megan Burke and Katie Harris. The Best Man was Ian Baynes, brother to the groom, and the groomsmen were Jimmie Baynes, Willie Baynes, Caleb Deboie, Nick Moncrief and Joel Barrett.

The couple plans a winter honeymoon in Mexico, and are making their home in Eastern Oregon.



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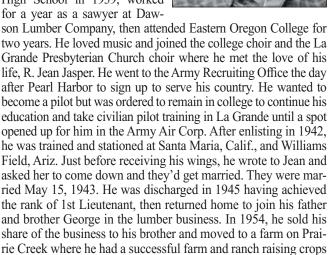
## **O**BITUARIES

**Malcolm Warren Dawson** *Oct. 21, 1921 - Oct. 15, 2015* 

Malcolm Warren Dawson was born October 21, 1921 in Joseph to George F. Dawson and Minnie M. Dawson (Johnson), the youngest of eight children. He passed away in his home October 15, 2015 after several years of declining health, with his wife of 72 years, at his side, surrounded by family and friends.

He graduated from Joseph High School in 1939, worked for a year as a sawyer at Daw-

and registered Hereford cattle.



Family relationships meant a lot to Malcolm. He had five children.

Malcolm was active in the community. He lived a life of service, purpose and integrity. He was a member of the Joseph United Methodist Church where he served as lay leader, directed or sang in the choir. He was a member of Joseph Masonic Lodge #81 AF&AM where he served as worshipful master and a member of Joseph Post #157 American Legion where he served as post commander. He was a founding member of the Wallowa Valley Arts Council. He was an original member of the Wallowa County Planning Commission which developed the first comprehensive plan in the state of Oregon. This plan lead to the creation of the Wallowa Valley Soil and Water Conservation District for which he served as a founding member. To bring free television to the outlying areas of the county, a number of farmers formed the Wallowa Valley TV Association for which he served as the first president. He also served as chair of the Associated Ditch Company and Dobbin Ditch Company. He was a member of the Wallowa County Junior Chamber of Commerce and Wallowa County Stockgrowers Association. When he retired from farming, he moved to Joseph and became a member of the city council and then the mayor of Joseph. He was instrumental in saving the Wallowa Lake Camp from being sold off into lots for summer

His hobbies included woodworking, singing with the Wallowa County Chorus, reading for knowledge and pleasure. His love of family and friends never ended. He was outgoing and loved connecting with others. He welcomed new people into the community and was open to developing friendships with those who had different beliefs or political affiliations.

He is survived by his wife Jean Dawson, his daughters Mary Garcia (Jorge), Elizabeth Perry (Bob) and Lisa Dawson, 12 grand-children, 29 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven siblings, and his sons John Dawson (Katie) and Jim Dawson (Denise), and great granddaughter Alyssa Dawson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Malcolm's favorite charities: Joseph United Methodist Church's Community Building project, Wallowa Lake Camp or Doctors Without Borders or to one of his daughters' favorite charities: Sabal Palm Sanctuary, Gideons International, or the Wallowa County Community Fund at Oregon Community Foundation.

Celebration of Life will be held at the Joseph United Methodist Church at 11 a.m Saturday, October 24 followed by interment at the Joseph Cemetery and dinner at the Joseph Community Center. Friends who don't wish to attend the funeral are welcome to join with family and friends at the dinner at approximately 1 p.m.

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Walleen Madonna Zanutto

Nov. 11, 1942 - Oct. 10, 2015

Walleen Madonna Grondona was born in San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 28, 1942 to Walter and Virginia Grondona. She passed away Oct. 10, 2015 in Enterprise.

In elementary school her parents bought a ranch in Pleasanton, Calif., and titled it "Grondona Stables". With her father's contacts in the film community, many of the cowboy stars kept their horses at the ranch, including Roy Rogers' famous horse, Trigger.



She made friends with the late Mr. Rogers and was able to ride Trigger and take part in a photo shoot with him. Stars in the horse world also stayed with the Grondonas. This only continued to feed and nurture her love of horses. She lived on horseback. Her natural talent evolved into an early successful show woman, winning the California State Championship in Western and English events at the age of 7.

After moving from Pleasanton to Merced, Calif., she attended Merced High School. During high school she entered the California Rodeo Queen Contest and won the Horsemanship competition. After graduating in 1962, she moved to San Jose, Calif., to attend college. She met Bob Winchester, a handsome rodeo cowboy. They married and moved back to Merced, where they had three children, Jamie, Alicia and Justin and ran a successful horse business. They were the first in the area to build an indoor arena where they boarded, trained and taught horsemanship. She also taught a Horsemanship class, and hosted a weekly radio program called "Everything You Wanted to Know About Horses" at Merced Junior College. Walleen was also a member of the Merced Horseman's Association.

Sadly, her 37 year old husband died of a heart attack after only 8 years of marriage. She was devastated but knew she had to continue to the business to support her children. Being a single parent with a business and family to take care of was very hard.

One day, a local almond farmer named Ray Zanutto brought his daughter to the ranch to inquire about horse riding lessons. They married and moved the family to the almond ranch in Winton, Calif. There she continued to teach horsemanship to her children and Ray's children, also becoming the 4-H Horse advisor for Merced River 4H. During this time she began showing cutting horses where she won several awards through the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association and nationally.

In 1997 her and Ray sold the ranch in Winton and bought a beautiful ranch in Wallowa County where she continued to show cutting horses. Walleen even got to experience riding one of the famous Lipizzan Stallions.

Over the years her love of riding and competing never left her heart, her health would not allow her to ride or compete at a high level. When she was strong enough you would see her wavy, blonde hair under her cowboy hat or visor, as she rode her mares on the trails of the Wallowa Mountains usually followed by her trusty dogs. She even got to ride her mare a couple days before she left this earth.

Walleen had a strong faith in Jesus Christ, loved her family and was always ready for a family gathering or party of some sort. She had an infectious laugh and had an impact on many people over the years. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew her.

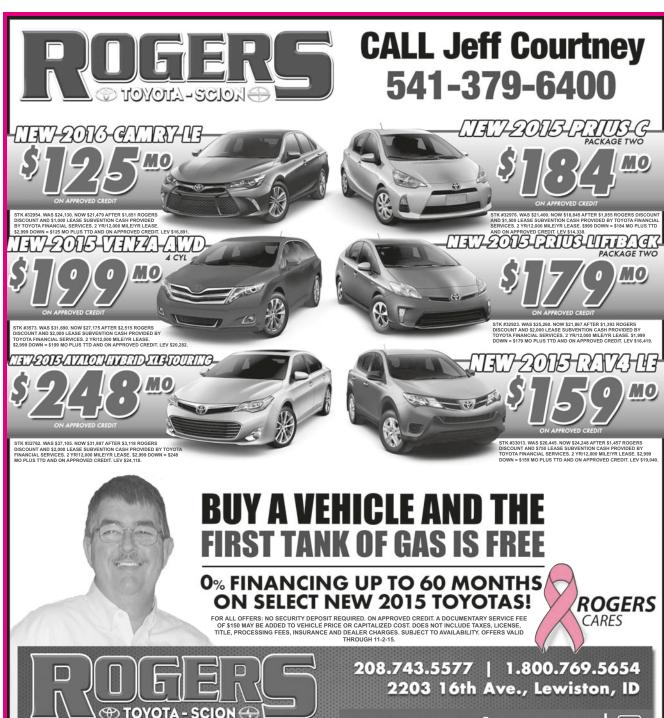
Survivors include huer husband of 40 years, Ray Zanutto; sister Jerri Boschi; brothers Walt Grondona Jr. and Charles Muratore; children Jamie Stablin, Alicia WInchester Jantz, Justin Winchester; step-children Danny Zanutto, Diana Dreyer, Sam Zanutto, Sandy Zanutto Clark, Tom Zanutto, Mike Zanutto and Suzan Zanutto Foster; grandchildren Derek Zanutto, Christa Zanutto Garcia, Jared Reichardt, Katrina Reichardt, Hailey Zanutto, Jake Zanutto, Ryan Clark, Tommy Zanutto, Mike Zanutto, Melody Zanutto, Bethany Zanutto, Luke Zanutto, Grace Zanutto, Mercy Zanutto, Matt Zanutto, Mitchel Zanutto, Zachariah Foster and Gianna Foster

She is preceded in death by her parents, first husband and grand children.

A viewing was already held. There will be a Celebration of Life Oct. 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Wallowa Senior Center. There will also be a special mass on Nov. 29 at St. Pius Catholic Church in Wallowa at 8 a.m.

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