

OBITUARIES

Janell 'Nellie' Daly
July 20, 1949 to Oct. 21, 2015



Janell "Nellie" Daly passed away Oct. 31, 2015, with her loving family surrounding her in Richland, Wash., after a long battle with several medical conditions. She is survived by her four children — James Quinby, Tammie Quinby, Jeremy Quinby and Brent Quinby — as well as her two stepsons and stepdaughter, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Nellie was born in Marshfield, Ore., to mother Maxine Erwin and father Micheal Ward. She was the sister to John Erwin, Joy Nelson, James Erwin, Jerry Hadley, Judy Erwin and Jeff Erwin. She graduated from Santa Rosa High, class of 1967, in Santa Rosa, Calif. Nellie made her home in Wallowa in 1978 with her husband Richard Daly and their seven children. She worked at Tom's Auto for years, where she would greet anyone who walked in with a smile. She was an active member in the community. She was a member of the Church of Christ — her faith was her life. She also was a member of the IOOF Hall, the Red Hats Society, the Smart Reader program and the 4-H program. You could guarantee she would be in attendance at almost all school functions. She loved playing cards and visiting with friends.

She was a staple in the community helping teach and mentored many for the last thirty years. Nellie was a mother, grandmother, sister, friend and confidant for all in Wallowa County.

She was preceded in death by her mother Maxine, father Micheal, brother James, sister Joy and her husband Richard.

Leslie Marvin Masterson
May 15, 1928 to Oct. 29, 2015

Les Masterson, 87, passed away on the evening of Oct. 29, 2015, at his home in Alpine, Ariz., after an extended bout with cancer and heart disease. He passed away quietly, surrounded by his family. Les was born May 15, 1928, to Angie and Jesse Masterson in Tillamook, Ore. He was the second-youngest of six children. He graduated from Enterprise High School in 1947.

In 1945, Les began a career as a stock contractor and part-time rodeo cowboy. After high school he began a full-time job with Harley Tucker and it wasn't long before he was putting on rodeos himself. Les also squeezed in some saddle bronc rides when Harley wasn't looking. When they weren't putting on rodeos, they were back at the Tucker Ranch haying, tending to stock or riding in the divide to bring in horses or cattle.

After several years of working for Harley, Les tried his hand in the dude ranch business in Palm Springs, Calif., then worked his way to Tennessee and Northern Alabama, where he did some farming, rounded up wild cattle and even worked in some time to rodeo himself. After returning to Palm Springs in 1954, he married Jean Warren of Spokane, Wash., who had been working summers at Wallowa Lake, where they met when Les was working for Harley.

Not long after marrying, the couple went to Tennessee and spent about 18 months working the farms and ranches he had worked during his previous stay. Les and Jean returned to Wallowa County, where they worked ranch jobs on Fence Creek and Lightning Creek for Walter Brenan, finally winding up on the Vern Hays ranch in 1957. Les worked on the Hays ranch until 1961 and then went to town for a bit to work for Snyder Lumber. In 1964, Les went to work for Merton Wade near Lostine until 1974 and then returned to the former Hays ranch for three years when they took on the Stubblefield ranch upriver Imnaha, where they stayed until 1982.

They sold out and went back to the valley where Les worked for several years helping Pat Wortman ranching and some work in the woods. Les finally retired (for the most part) in 1993. Les and Jean spent several years snow-birding to Arizona until 2000. He stayed in Wallowa County until 2010, when he moved to Arizona to live with his son Burke and daughter-in-law Ann at their bed and breakfast, where he stayed until his passing.

Les loved all facets of ranch life and probably was most happy being on horseback and taking care of the cattle. He loved to hunt and even fish a little. He took pride in raising his kids up right and making sure they turned out to be good responsible people. He was a volunteer fireman when he lived in town and actively participated in community programs and organizations.

Les is survived by his son Burke and daughter-in-law Ann, both of Alpine, Ariz., four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean, who passed in 1998, daughter Terri (1977), siblings Irene, Edna, Betty, Harold and Robert.

Thank you Dad! You were a great husband, father and friend. We love you and miss you. A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov 16 at the Bollman Funeral Home with private Internment at the Enterprise Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Hospice Foundation of the White Mountains, 1789 W. Commerce Dr., Lakeside, AZ, 85929, or to Friends of the Enterprise Cemetery — contact Sondra Lozier, 104 W. Main St., Enterprise, OR, 97828.

Gabriel Ryan Renfroe
April 18, 1996 to Oct. 31, 2015



Gabriel Ryan Renfroe, 19, of Joseph passed away Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later time.

Gabriel was born April 18, 1996, in Enterprise to Johnny William Fine and Linda Nancy Renfroe. He resided in Wallowa and La Grande. He graduated from Wallowa High School, where he played football and was on the wrestling team.

Gabriel was employed as a ranch hand for Organic Farms in Wallowa. He enjoyed video games, comics, anime ("Legend of Zelda," "Mega Man") and music (Misfits, System of A Down, Asking Alexandria and Murder Dolls).

Gabriel was like a bright light where ever he went. His smile would light up everyone around him. He will be missed very much. We all love you.

Gabriel is survived by his parents, Linda and Johnny; brothers Shawn C. Renfroe and Levi W.A. Fine, and sister Salena F. Renfroe; grandmother Onia Renfroe; aunts and uncles, Joy and Steve Rogers, Larry Renfroe, Ronnie Renfroe (Linda) and Edward Renfroe (Dee), Tom Fine, Dan and Dovie Lathrop and many cousins. He was preceded in death by uncle Johnny Renfroe and grandfather Albert Renfroe.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any Umpqua Bank using the last 4 digits of account No. 9755 to help with funeral expenses.

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

Delbert 'Del' Stone
Jan. 21, 1933 to Oct. 9, 2015

Delbert "Del" Stone, of Richland died Oct. 9, at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City.

Delbert Francis was born on Jan. 21, 1933 in a farmhouse west of Newberg, Ore., to Francis and Mildred (Cornwell) Stone. He was raised in the Portland area until 1943, then moved to a small, 10-acre farm in Tualatin. He attended grades 3-8 there and graduated from Sherwood High School in 1951 with top honors as Chapter Member President of Region 3 of the Student Council Association of Oregon.

Del met a "cute blonde" on a small neighboring farm. Doris was in the eighth grade at the time. She also attended Sherwood High School, where he kept an eye on her until graduation. Del claimed to have kept all the guys away until he finally proposed in 1953. They had five children together.

During his junior year, Del worked part time doing farm work. At the end of his senior year, he worked part time in retail at the local lumberyard until the fall of 1952. After his birthday in January, the draft got his attention and he joined the Army in February of 1953 and served with the 82nd Airborne until 1956. After his honorable discharge he had a landscape, excavating and asphalt-paving businesses until 1969. Del then worked as an equipment operator with the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest until he retired in 1990.

Del enjoyed being an equipment operator and the responsibility and projects assigned to him at the Forest Service, as well as the personnel he worked with. He also enjoyed a lifelong passion of flying his ultralight plane over Wallowa and Baker Counties and would also take it with him when he headed south in the winter.

His family will miss his humor, smile and his never-ending generosity with anyone he became even remotely acquainted with. He was always there to lend a helping hand. We love you, Dad.

It was Dad's wishes not to have a memorial service but for a family gathering instead.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Janice Sanderson.

Del is survived by his brother Keith Stone of Hebo, Ore., his children — Debbie and her husband John Saylor of Richland, Doug Stone of Enterprise, Donald Stone of Joseph, Diana and her husband Scott Holcomb of Joseph, Donna Stone of Portland — and wife Doris Stone. He had nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

If any remembrances would like to be shared with the family, people may submit them in care of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services P.O. Box 543 Halfway, Ore., 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamis-pine-valleyfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

Fern M. Strickler

Fern M. Strickler of College Place, Wash., and formerly of Enterprise passed away Oct. 31, 2015 at her home at the age of 98 years. Fern was born on Feb. 5, 1917 in Enterprise. A complete obituary will be published at a later date. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, Ore., is in charge of the arrangements.



Courtesy of Morgan Waters Photography
Megan Dawn Collins and Aaron Joseph Speegle, both of Wallowa, were married Sept. 13, 2015, at Swisher Farms in Enterprise.

Collins, Speegle wed in Enterprise

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Collins graduated from Wallowa High School in 2009. Her parents are Ava JoAnne Skillings of Wallowa and Thomas Levi Collins of Enterprise.

Speegle is a graduate of Kankakee Valley High School in Wheatfield, Ind. His parents are Suzette Bonneau of Joseph and Samuel Speegle of Indiana.

Best man was the couple's dog, Budweiser Jones. The couple plans to remain in Wallowa.

OBITUARY

Eleanor L. Coles
June 13, 1930 to Nov. 4 2015

Eleanor L. Coles, 85, of La Grande passed away at a local care facility Nov. 4, 2015. A graveside service will be held at North Powder Cemetery at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. Please join the family after the service for refreshments at the Wolf Creek Grange, 215 E Street, North Powder.

Eleanor was born June 13, 1930 in Klamath Falls, Ore., to John & Verna (Ashley) Beck. As a youngster, her family lived in Fossil, John Day and Boardman before they settled in Telocaset. Eleanor attended Union High School. After graduating, she married her high school sweetheart, Norvin M. Coles.

Eleanor and Norvin made homes in Union and La Grande before purchasing a farm in Cove, where they resided until Norvin's death in 2010. Eleanor was very active in PTA and activities at her children's schools. Eleanor was a member of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile. She also enjoyed membership with the Cove Sportsman Club and New Bridge Grange.

Eleanor is survived by her children, Norvin, Jr. (Skip) of Baker City, Karen of La Grande, and James of Mission, Kansas; sister Joyce Lanigan of Black Mountain, N.C.; brothers, Robert Beck (Sharon) of Alicel, Ore., and Jack Beck (Margie) of Montrose, Colo.; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents, John and Verna; brother Bill Beck; infant son Richard and step-father Robert Wheeler.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 4th St., La Grande, OR, 97850.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Edward Wallace

Former Wallowa County resident Edward Wallace of Clarkston passed away Nov. 5, 2015 of complications due to diabetes. His wife and family were with him at the time of passing. A full obituary will be published at a later date. The family will accept condolences and phone calls at 509-758-6843, or 1217 Boston St., Clarkston, WA, 99403. Merchant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. No services are planned at this time.

Roger T. Wood Sr.

Roger T. Wood Sr. died Oct. 27 in Prineville, Ore, at age 75. He was born Sept. 2, 1938 in Bellingham, Wash. Cremation was handled by Juniper Funeral Home in Prineville.

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
Nov. 11	36	14	Snow
Nov. 12	36	21	Clear
Nov. 13	38	26	Overcast
Nov. 14	42	25	Partly Cloudy
Nov. 15	40	23	Snow
Nov. 16	38	21	Clear

Phases of the moon

Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Dec. 2	Dec. 11
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

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