

**David Henry Coombs**  
Dec. 23, 1930 to Dec. 18, 2015

David Henry Coombs was born to Henry John Coombs and Marie Elsie Bradley Coombs on Dec. 23, 1930, in Prairie City, Oregon. He passed away Dec. 18, 2015, at the age of 84.



David grew up on a ranch and attended school in Prairie City, Ore. He married Shirley Ella Allen on Dec. 25, 1949. Around 1953 David and Shirley worked and mined in Arizona and Montana with Shirley's father, Frank Allen. They ranched and raised their family in Hereford and Unity. They raised Hereford and Angus cattle and put up their own hay.

David took classes at Treasure Valley Community College in order to do his own veterinary work and was skilled with all heavy equipment. In 1974 they moved to 100 acres out of Baker, where they lived for 38 years until moving to Enterprise in July 2012.

David loved his family, cattle ranching, the cow dogs, snow, water skiing, boating and flying their Cessna 182 with Shirley. David was an active member of the Burnt River Community through the school board, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Election Board. He enjoyed art, music, learning, playing high school football and basketball, snowmobiling and downhill skiing. He supported all of his children's sports and endeavors. He and Shirley hosted ice skating and sledding parties for the kids. David derived special joy out of watching beginners in 4-H showmanship and band, Sami Lu's visits and Tyler's grin. We are thankful to Monica Weaver for all her help over the last one and a half years and to Lee Bollman for making final arrangements. Family and friends will gather for a celebration of David's life later in the spring.

David was preceded in death by his parents, his son David Allen "Whip" Coombs and infant son Steven Paul Coombs. He is survived by Shirley, his wife of nearly 66 years, daughter Judy and husband Richard Wolf, daughter Teena and husband Marc Stauffer, daughter-in-law Evalyn Coombs, 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, his brother John Coombs and family, brother-in-law Gordon "Pinky" Allen and family and Ken and Jan Alexander and family.

**Frank Stone Jr.**  
July 7, 1929 to Dec. 24, 2015

Frank Stone Jr. of Wallowa passed away Christmas Eve at his home. Frank was born July 7, 1929 in Sunnyside, Wash., to Frank Stone, Sr. and Emily (Poppenheim). He received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve before starting a business as an excavating contractor.

Frank was married to Ruth Ann Stone for 61 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Ruth, sisters Bev Gray and Marcia Johnson, brother Bob Stone and son Frank K. Stone.

Frank is survived by brother Ron Stone and wife Bev of Gresham, brother Jack and wife Shirley of Sonora, Ga., son Robert and wife Jineen of Springfield, Ore., son Randy and wife Terr of Spokane, seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Bollman Funeral Home is handling arrangements. No services are planned.

**Betty Jean (Keeler) Siebert**  
June 27, 1930 to Dec. 21, 2015

Betty Jean (Keeler) Siebert of College Place, Wash., passed away Dec. 21, 2015, at Park Manor Rehabilitation Center in Walla Walla at the age of 85. At her request there will be no services. In June, there will be a gathering of family and friends at the Lostine Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Walla Walla Community Hospice, Special Olympics or the M-F Junior Show through Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, OR, 97862.



Betty was born to Kenneth and Rita (Reel) Keeler on June 27, 1930, at a midwife home in Wallowa. During her grade school years, she rode her horse to Liberty School, a one-room schoolhouse between Wallowa and Lostine. She then attended Wallowa High School.

Betty married Charles Forthman in September 1947 at her family home on Allen Loop Road. They lived on Alder Slope in Enterprise until 1948. During winter that year, the temperature went to 48 degrees below zero, so they then moved to Boardman, Ore. When they found out that the town of Boardman would go under water when The Dalles Dam was to be built, they moved to Ontario, Ore. in the fall of 1955. The couple operated a dairy and farmed. In 1967 they moved to Milton-Freewater. Betty then married Bob Siebert in 1967. They were divorced in 1973.

Betty had many jobs in her life. She most enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. A passion she had was with her lawn and flowers. Betty enjoyed doing crafts and going to yard sales with her daughter Lynnette. She was a very outgoing person and those who knew her liked her.

She is survived by daughters Carolyn (Gale) Munden and Lynnette Forthman, son Steve Forthman, grandchildren Jay (Amanda Deruwe) Munden, Todd Munden, Louis (Megan) Forthman, Stephanie Forthman and Tiffanie Chaney, nine great-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, nieces Sue (Kevin) Brown and Sharron Barth and nephew Bill Barth.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Linda Collins and Joyce Barth. To leave a condolence online, visit: [www.munsellerhodes.com](http://www.munsellerhodes.com).

**Jack L. Baney**

Jack L. Baney of Umatilla was born June 1, 1938 in Mountain Grove, Mo., to parents Elvyn and Vesta Lou Baney. He died Dec. 20, 2015 in Hermiston at the age of 77. Jack lived for several years in Lostine, where he worked as a contractor and farmer. A graveside celebration service will be held at a later date. Please sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is handling arrangements.

**John Benjamin Hillock**  
March 23, 1934 to Dec. 22, 2015

John Benjamin Hillock passed away Dec. 22, 2015, in Hermiston, Ore.

John was born March 23, 1934, in Bettendorf, Iowa, to John T. Hillock and Grace Grandy. John had three sisters — Grace, Betty and Nancy — and was the youngest. Of course, his big sisters spoiled him.



He attended school in Daventry, Iowa, and graduated from San Mateo Junior College in Redwood City, Calif.

John served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1956 and was stationed at San Diego and Moffett Field near Sunnyvale, Calif. While at Moffett Field, John was an Aircraft Electrician and showed a natural ability and loved the work. Upon discharge from the Navy, his commanding officer arranged for John to apprentice with a commercial electrical shop in Redwood City, Calif; this began his 45-year love of the trade.

John and his wife, Ida, purchased Enterprise Electric in 1969 from Pat Paterson where John's son, John, and grandson, Jared, continue to run the business. John was most proud of the service he provided the people of Wallowa County and the time he spent working at the Nuclear Accelerator at Stanford University in California.

John married Ida Josephine Donleavy on Sept. 6, 1952. His son, John, (Gail) was born in 1954 and daughter, Grace, (Doug Sandlin) arrived in 1956. John had five grandchildren: Jared, Andy, Celeste, Justin and Rebecca; seven great grandchildren; and lifelong friends Garnet and Joan Pierce. John was preceded in death by his parents, wife Ida and sisters Grace and Betty.

John was a collector of guns, cars and tools. He loved to hunt, fish and travel to Iowa to be with his sisters, nieces and nephews. No services are planned at this time; the family is planning a get-together in the spring because of travel conditions. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation, P.O. Box 53, Enterprise, OR, 97828.

**Bruce Stubblefield**  
July 27, 1951 to Dec. 2, 2015

Bruce Stubblefield, 64, of Pendleton passed away Dec. 2, 2015 at his home. Born in Enterprise, he was the son of Virginia and Robert Stubblefield, both of whom preceded him in death.



Bruce is survived by his two brothers, David Stubblefield and wife Karen of Monument, Ore., and Bob Stubblefield of Richland, Wash., and nieces Dana and Dori.

Bruce lived most of his life in Joseph, having moved to Pendleton the last two years. He graduated from Joseph High School and attended Blue Mountain College in Pendleton.

Bruce was a friend to many and spent much time taking care of his mother and father during their latter years. He enjoyed several activities including rock hounding, reading and collecting books, studying the family history and the history of Wallowa County. He spent many summers working at the Wallowa County Museum in Joseph, coordinated the Stubblefield family reunion for several years, and did volunteer service at the Joseph Library. His family and many friends in Wallowa County will miss him.

A memorial service will be held in the future.

**James S. Buckles**

James S. Buckles, 83, of Joseph died Dec. 12, 2015 at Wallowa Senior Living in Enterprise. At this time there are no services planned. A full obituary will be published at a later date. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

**Share your family history**

The Wallowa County Museum Board is accepting family history submissions for a new Wallowa County History Book. The original Jan. 1 deadline has been extended to Jan. 31 to allow extra time to finalize submissions.

photo per family (or branch of family) is still allowed.

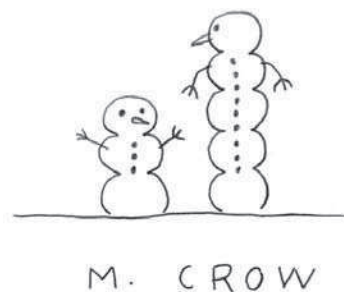
The book is a continuation of the out-of-print history published by the museum in 1983. There no longer is a word limit for free entries, and one free

Please submit written stories or questions by email to [museum@co.wallowa.or.us](mailto:museum@co.wallowa.or.us) or by mail to History Book, 101 S. River St., Room 202, Enterprise, OR, 97828. Include name, address, phone number and email address.

For more information contact board member Elaine Dickenson at 503-944-9103.

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**Weather Forecast**

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	High	Low	Conditions
Dec. 30	24	3	Partly cloudy
Dec. 31	21	2	Clear
Dec. 1	24	6	Clear
Dec. 2	24	7	Clear
Dec. 3	23	13	Clear
Dec. 4	28	15	Clear

**Phases of the moon**

Jan. 2	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

**WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET DEC. 30 TO JAN. 5**  
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5
Rise: 7:29 Set: 4:15	Rise: 7:29 Set: 4:15	Rise: 7:29 Set: 4:16	Rise: 7:29 Set: 4:17	Rise: 7:29 Set: 4:18	Rise: 7:29 Set: 4:19	Rise: 7:29 Set: 4:20