

OBITUARIES

John L. Berge
March 23, 1931 to Dec. 21, 2015

John L. Berge passed away Dec. 21 in Coos Bay, Ore. He was born March 23, 1931, in Miles City, Mont., to Fred and Amanda Bailey Berge.



He attended school in Wallowa and graduated from Wallowa High School in 1949. He married Frances A. Shelby on May 28, 1955, at Myrtle Creek.

He had 60 years of married life with many exciting events. He became a Christian later in life and had a myriad of church families for love and support along with his family and other friends.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Frances; children David L. and Carol Berge in Sitka, Alaska, Susan A. and Howie Donley in Bandon, Ore., Joan M. Berge in Sitka, Nancy E. Berge in Springfield, Ore., and Bill R. and Danon Berge in Anchorage; siblings Frances, Lily, Ted and Judy; and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by sister Annaline, brother Harry, brother Leo and sister Berniece.

Sign the online guestbook at www.theworldlink.com.

Pamela Jean Howland
May 16, 1953 to Jan. 13, 2016

Pamela "Pam" Jean Howland, 62, of La Grande passed away Jan. 13, 2016 at her residence. A Memorial Service will be held at the La Grande First Baptist Church AT 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.



Pam was born May 16, 1953 in Enterprise to Jack and Bonnie Jean (Wright) Crader. He was raised in Joseph until 6th grade, when the family moved to La Grande. She graduated from La Grande High School. She then earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Eastern Oregon University. She married Gary Howland on Dec. 20, 1980.

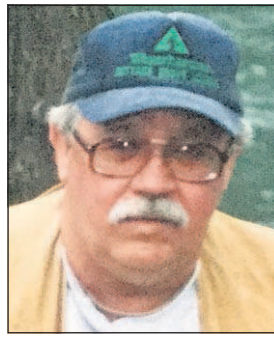
Pam was employed at Boise Cascade Elgin Plywood Plant and the La Grande School District as a substitute teacher for 25 years. She enjoyed reading, gardening, canning, camping and traveling. She traveled to Mexico, Europe and Alaska in the past two years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of La Grande. Pam was an active volunteer for Haggai Institute Christian Leadership Training Center Maui, Hawaii, and for the Hells Canyon Recreation Area.

Pam is survived by her husband Gary; children Justin of Destin, Fla., and Tyler and his wife Katrina of Madisonville, La.; brother Donald Crader of Pine City, Minn.; one grandchild; four nieces and nephews; aunt Helen McRae of Spokane; cousins Nadine Henry of La Grande, Joyce Fox, Shirley Keith, Jeff McRae of Spokane and Maxine Maricini of Hill, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Bonnie Crader.

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

Ernest F. Paterson
June 5, 1941 to Jan. 18, 2016

Ernest F. (Ernie) Paterson of Wallowa passed away Jan. 18 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. Ernie was born to Ernest and Hester (Nicky) Paterson on June 5, 1941, in Forest Grove, Ore. He was the second of four children; Tom, (Ernie), Jerry and Ava.



He attended school in Forest Grove until his junior year in high school. He excelled in high school football and was a lifelong football fan. His family moved to La Grande and Ernie graduated from La Grande High School in 1959. He graduated from Eastern Oregon University with a degree in education. He took several advanced courses at the University of Oregon and Oregon State University, where he became an avid Beavers fan. He earned a master's degree in counseling. His career was spent in several locations, all in Oregon, as a high school counselor and sometimes coach. He stayed in touch with many of his former students over the years, being proud to call them friends. He spent most summers working for the Oregon State Forestry in the Fire Division, where he made many more friends.

Ernie married Linda Thomas, who gave him two beautiful daughters: Kirsten Paterson Klym and Darsa Paterson Morrow. Ernie and Linda later divorced. He was the proud grandfather of Joseph and Keaton Klym, as well as Max, Toby and Hatcher Morrow. He spent the last 18 years fishing, hunting and camping with the love of his life, Nancy Hall.

Ernie loved to talk about his many river trips and the good friends and family he shared them with. He could always be found surrounded by fun people. He had many fond memories of his outdoor adventures. He was a collector of vintage fishing tackle, and he loved the hunt of finding the next perfect piece. He was a great lover of all music.

Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Nicky, and younger brother Jerry. He is survived by daughters Kirsten (husband Brian) Klym; Darsa (husband J.J.) Morrow; grandsons Joseph and Keaton Klym, and Max, Toby and Hatcher Morrow; loving partner Nancy Hall; brother Tom (wife Sri) Paterson; sister Ava (husband Don) Carter; many nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends.

Ernie requested no services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation in his memory.

Robert Trump

Robert "Bob" Trump, 74, a former baker county resident, probation and parole officer for Umatilla and Baker counties and deputy sheriff in Union, Ore., died at his home in Elgin on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016. A celebration of Bob's life with military Honors will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Elgin Stampede Hall. For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Bob, the family suggests the Elgin Stampede through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held immediately following the service. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

OBITUARY

Richard Emmett Rathbun
Feb. 6, 1922 – Jan. 4, 2016



Top: Dick Rathbun and Carol. Bottom left to right: Mary, Wendy and Bill Hall, nephew. Chief Joseph Days, 1958.

Richard "Dick" Rathbun passed away quietly in Sun City West, AZ, on January 4, 2016, while recovering from a recent fall and hip surgery.

Born in 1922 to Cora and Emmett Rathbun in Portland, Oregon, Dick attended Portland's Washington High School and Reed College before receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Oregon in 1945, following his WWII wartime service with the United States Navy.

He began his naval service as an officer in July 1944. Shortly after his commissioning as an officer he and Sally Bowerman of Portland, Oregon were married. They set off on a typical life as a Navy couple, moving every few months through Dick's various training assignments before he reported aboard the USS Tumult, a minesweeper headed for momentous events in the western Pacific to include the Battle of Okinawa and the signing of the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay. The USS Tumult was one of the first American ships to enter Tokyo Bay and was assigned to sweep the bay in preparation for the arrival of General Douglas MacArthur aboard the USS Missouri for the signing of the Japanese surrender.

With the war over, Dick and Sally moved to Wallowa County in Eastern Oregon. In 1948, Dick started a cattle ranching business venture in Joseph, Oregon, with Sally's parents, Jay and Wayfe Bowerman. They began a family with the birth of their daughter Wendy, followed by two more daughters, Mary and Carol.

The Bowerman-Rathbun Ranch began to take shape. Dick learned the business from good friends in the Wallowa Valley, including Tom Dorrance, Jiggs Fisk, Harley Tucker, Jack McClaran, Jidge Tippett, Dave Warnock and many others. In a relatively short time, he was receiving recognition for his abilities and success, including being named Oregon Cattleman of the Year. He was active in many community activities sponsored by the Elks and Masons and served on the Joseph and Wallowa County school boards.

His knowledge and influence in the cattle business was put to good use when he was elected president of the Oregon Beef Council.

Dick was one of the first farmers in the Wallowa Valley to implement sprinkler irrigation instead of flood irrigation, which destroyed the topsoil. An amusing account of this in his words:

"We made a trip to the Rainbird Company in Boise to purchase the aluminum moveable pipe and we were ready. Ernie Coots came with his big Cat and dug the ditch for the mainline. My good neighbor, Kirk Hayes and I assembled the huge pieces of the iron mainline and put an iron plug in the end. In the meantime Tracy Puderbaugh and Fred Himmelwright had made a water box in the ditch with an adjustable gate. I don't think any of us had any idea what would happen, but we were sure going to find out. When the first water hit the end plug, it blew the plug almost to the highway and the

force of the water almost blew Zollman's barn down. Anyway we shut her off - got a welder to weld the plug in and watched four beautiful lines of sprinklers doing their job.

"For a while I used high school boys to move pipe. Each line was moved forty feet twice a day. Then we put another mainline in to service the field below our house. As they got older, Wendy, Mary and Carol were assigned pipe to move. It was a circus. Five o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the evening. Mary seemed to be the leader and roused the other two out of bed and off to work. The moaning and groaning started and then the argument over which one was really in charge and who was supposed to do what, and on it went. Actually they got it done in good time with straight lines, but the bitching and complaining never stopped. They would come and complain to me about what one or the other had done or said but I ignored it and told them to settle it themselves. Anyway they were a great help and wonderful kids. If I can just keep at this [writing his memoirs], there will be more later about how the girls helped with their horses moving the cattle and their many other contributions. They made my life a joy."

In the late 1960's, circumstances took Dick, Sally and family away from Oregon on a new venture, moving to Arizona where Dick was eventually hired as ranch manager for the television celebrity Art Linkletter. This was followed in a few years by a similar management position in Nevada with another celebrity, Tennessee Ernie Ford.

Richard E. Rathbun was a rancher and a cattleman, a proud Navy man and a stalwart Oregon Duck. He was very proud of his daughters, grandsons and great grandson.

He is survived by his cherished companion, Lydia LaPlante; by his daughters Wendy McCullough and Carol Chrisman (Paul), grandsons Brian McCullough (Marty), Joe McCullough (Leslie), Jacob DeBoie and Caleb DeBoie, and by his great grandson Beau McCullough. He was predeceased by his daughter, Mary DeBoie (Dan); his brother, James Rathbun; and his parents, Cora and Emmett Rathbun.

Gerald Joseph Perren
Nov. 7, 1928 to Jan. 19, 2016

Gerald Joseph Perren 87, of Enterprise died Jan. 19, 2016.



Jerry Perren was born Nov. 7, 1928 at the family farm on Prairie Creek to Henry Joseph Perren and Goldie Pearl Day Perren. He attended Pratt School prior to entering Enterprise High School, where he graduated in 1947. Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in early spring before graduation. His sister Dolores had to pick up his diploma. Jerry was an outstanding football player for the Enterprise Savages.

Shortly after enlistment, the Army Air Corps changed its name to the US Air Force, and Jerry was off to Greenland after basic training. Jerry often remarked, "I've paid my debt to society, with this assignment in Greenland." His various military assignments finally took him to Albuquerque, N.M., where he met and eventually married Frances Marie Winter in 1952. Jerry attended the University of New Mexico, earning a medical technician certificate. He also attended the College of Great Falls in Montana, where he studied history and political science, and he obtained a bachelor's degree and master's degree in meteorology and mathematics in 1963 from Florida State University.

While in the Air Force, the Perren family resided at many military bases, including Great Falls, Rantoul, Ill., Fairbanks, Alaska, Tallahassee, Fla., Madrid, Spain, Montgomery, Ala. and Satellite Beach, Fla. Jerry also was stationed in Vietnam in 1966-67 while the rest of the Perren family lived in Enterprise. He rose through the officer ranks over the years, and eventually retired in 1975 as a lieutenant colonel.

The family moved back to Enterprise in 1975, and that's where the real "work" of Jerry Perren began. He never had a paying job from that point on.

Everything Jerry did was all volunteer work.

Jerry was involved in many organizations and causes, including Enterprise City Council (councilor for four years), Wallowa County Development (Board of Directors), the Wallowa Valley Activities Program (taught algebra and meteorology) starting the Wallowa County Chamber in 1979 (Unsung Hero award in 2010), charter member of Wallowa County Rotary, Enterprise Elks #1829 (Treasurer & Chairman of the Christmas Basket program), Wallowa County Mule Days (honorary Grand Marshall in 2006), VFW Post #4307 (Commander twice), St. Katherine's Catholic Church (Catechism teacher, chairman, financial council), Pendleton Roundup (bucking chute Red Cross crew, 17 years), Wallowa County Republican Party, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Wallowa County Business Facilitation program, and Old-Time Fiddlers Contest (chairman for 10 years). Then-Gov. Vic Atiyeh appointed Jerry to the Oregon Tourism Council.

Jerry was passionate about all aspects of his life. He treasured his family. Jerry loved to hunt and he also enjoyed writing for the Wallowa County Chieftain (My Two Cents). He was an avid reader, and even if you did not agree with him politically, he always respected your point of view, as Jerry was an incredibly honest man. He liked everybody, some more than others, but his compassion for life and volunteer spirit was enduring and indomitable. This was the essence of Jerry Perren.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 63 years, Fran; children Michael, Michelle Morgan (Randy), Brian and Brigette Preller. He has nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Goldie Perren; sister Dolores Perren Beach; nephews Dennis Beach and Jonathan Bauck; and niece Audrey Beach Wedin.

Recitation of the Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Bollman Funeral Home. Celebration of Life Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 at St. Katherine's Catholic Church. Graveside services, with full military honors, will follow immediately after the mass at the Enterprise Cemetery. Following the service, all are welcome to a gathering at Cloverleaf Hall, 600 N.W. First St., Enterprise. If you wish, memorial contributions may be made in Jerry's name to Catholic Charities, or the Red Cross through the Bollman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 547, Enterprise, OR.

Wallowa County GOP seeking candidates for commissioner

Wallowa County Chieftain Board of Commissioners.

Appointment would be from Feb. 15 through Dec. 31.

Wallowa County Republican Central Committee is seeking letters of interest from currently registered (at least six months) Republicans who wish to be considered for an interim appointment to the Wallowa County

Letters of interest may be sent to WCRCC, 61581 Tucker Down Road, Joseph, OR, 97846.

Letters must be received no later than Jan. 31.

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
Jan. 28	38	32	Rain
Jan. 29	37	23	Rain
Jan. 30	34	20	Snow showers
Jan. 31	33	15	Snow showers
Feb. 1	29	12	Snow showers
Feb. 2	29	14	Partly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Jan. 31	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE, SUNSET JAN. 27-FEB. 2

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2
Rise: 7:16	Rise: 7:15	Rise: 7:14	Rise: 7:13	Rise: 7:19	Rise: 7:10	Rise: 7:09
Set: 4:48	Set: 4:50	Set: 4:51	Set: 4:53	Set: 4:44	Set: 4:55	Set: 4:57