

OBITUARIES

Nelda Marie Morton
May 27, 1920 to Feb. 5, 2016

Nelda Marie Morton, 95, formerly of Baker, Malheur, Wallowa and Union counties, died Feb. 5, 2016 at the Valley View Assisted Living facility in John Day. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City.

Nelda shared: “Although I am not a church-going person, I have very strong moral and religious beliefs.”



Nelda was born May 27, 1920 in Bridgeport, Ore. Her parents homesteaded a cattle ranch there. She went to grade school in Bridgeport and went to Baker City High School — the old, original high school. Her father hired a ranch hand, Joseph Kulis, and Nelda fell in love with him. “Love at first sight,” she said. They were married in Boise in 1939. The following year her son Ken was born and they moved to Baker City for Joe’s job.

Nelda’s father contracted Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and when he died they moved back to help her mother run the cattle ranch. In 1952 Nelda’s husband was killed in a tractor accident on the ranch. Nelda and her 12-year-old son Ken helped her mother run the ranch for the next five years. Because of a deer problem, the Oregon State Game Commission came out to the ranch to assess the deer damage. That is when Nelda met Karl Morton. They were married in June of 1956. Nelda and Karl moved back to Baker and Ken ran the ranch with his grandmother until it sold in 1960. Nelda’s husband became the manager in Winehaw Game Reserve in Troy, Ore., and they lived there in a nice beautiful home until he retired.

After retirement they moved to Ontario, Ore., where they bought a brand new home. They enjoyed winters in Baja, Mexico, with friends. After Karl passed away from cancer, Nelda and her sweet, black kitty Prince moved into Valley View Assisted Living in John Day.

Nelda worked hard most of her life running a ranch. She loved the outdoors and was an avid gardener. She was a very good cook and she spent many hours canning and preserving their harvest the old-fashioned way. She loved her home and she was an immaculate housekeeper. She enjoyed embroidery and was very passionate about crocheting. She crocheted hundreds and hundreds of doilies and she went through a new spool of thread every two days.

Nelda is survived by her son Ken Kulis and his wife Gloria of John Day; granddaughter Donnetta of John Day; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On June 16, 2015 she become a great-great grandmother to her first great-great grandson, Miles Stoneman.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Nelda may do so to Blue Mountain Hospice through Tammi’s Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, Or, 97834. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

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L O S T I N E , O R



Chance Goebel
Wallowa High School

Chance Goebel is the son of Travis and Niki Goebel. He is a sophomore at Wallowa High School who is an asset to our athletic programs in both football and basketball. Chance is the sophomore class president and a member of FFA. Academically Chance excels which is demonstrated through his high GPA and continual achievement of being on Honor Roll. Teachers describe Chance as extremely conscientious and supportive of others. He also has a great attitude and is a fun addition to the class.

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Genevieve I. Robinson
Feb. 17, 1927 to Jan. 29, 2016

Genevieve “Gen “ Inez (Holloway) Robinson, 88, passed away in her sleep Jan. 29, 2016 at her son’s home surrounded by family.

Genevieve was born to John Holloway and Nettie (Lightle) Holloway in Flora, Ore., on Feb. 17, 1927 in the Hayden house. She had six sisters and five brothers; she was the third from youngest. The homestead was known by all as Plumb Nearly. Genevieve had a great love for music and singing. As a child, she and her sister Joan would sing on stage for many events around Flora. She spent many hours on stage in her young adult life. Genevieve passed this love of music down to her children.



She spoke of how when they had to go to town in the horse-drawn wagon. John and Nettie would line the wagon with hay and blankets to the keep everyone warm. She told of how cold and painful her hands would be after a winter horse ride home with brother Roy. She told of the barn dances, to which she would sometimes travel by horse. How Momma canned everything they grew, and how they kept their food cooled without a refrigerator.

She had the utmost respect for her parents’ work ethics and how hard it would be to raise such a large family.

She spent most of her life feeding people not only with her food but also with all the love she had to offer. She often prepared large home-cooked family meals that brought comfort to so many family and friends alike. Genevieve so loved it when her kids gathered at home.

She owned many restaurants in California and Texas. She had a great nature and smile to share with all. This was her greatest asset, in her success in business and the support of her family. She was always a hard worker with such drive. Her children drew from this example and learned to do the same.

Genevieve loved to share memories of growing up in Plumb Nearly. We will so cherish her many childhood memories. She was always so protective when it came to her siblings and children. She was supportive, no matter what the situation. She was a great caretaker to all. In her past few years, dementia robbed her of her precious memories, but she never lost her love and memory of home and childhood. Genevieve gave an unconditional love that inspires us all to be better people.

Genevieve is survived by her son Elvin Hinnenkamp and his wife Cheryl; daughter Elvina Cherry; son Dale Myrick and wife Janet; daughter Jenny Marson and her husband Dennis; son Merritt Hopson and wife Lori; sister Joan Edwards; sister Charlotte Gooding; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. We would need a whole book to mention her numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by four husbands, two sons (Monty and Lonny), a grandchild (Roy) and nine siblings (Halsey, Marvin, Lowell, Lola, Mary, Merritt, Gertrude, Mable and Roy).

A celebration of life will be held from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Eagles Lodge, 350 S. 2nd Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Dinner and dessert will be provided.

Friends and family may share memories and sign the online guestbook at www.mountainview-colonialdewitt.com

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Wallowa County Chess Club

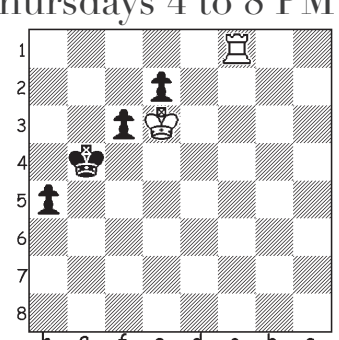
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Wallowa Mountain Chapter

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When: Saturday, March 12, 2016

Where: Enterprise Cloverleaf Hall (Hwy 3)

Catered by Chuckwagon Paradise Rose back by popular demand!

Time: Sponsors Admission Only 4:30pm
Social Hour/General Admission 5:00pm

Proceeds benefit elk and other wildlife

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Sharen Wilson 541-398-1238

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Volunteers Welcome!

Each Thursday - Joseph Community Center - 6:00pm

Loren W. Hughes
June 15, 1926 to Jan. 29, 2016

Loren W. Hughes, 89, of La Grande passed away from natural causes with his family by his side at a local care facility Jan. 29, 2016.



Loren was born June 15, 1926 in Flagler, Colo., to Loren E. and Mary M. (Colpitts) Hughes. His family moved to Stanfield, Ore., when he was 3 years old. Loren attended Stanfield High School and in June 1944 enlisted in the Navy. He served our country during World War II stationed on the USS Carlisle (APA 69). After the war Loren attended Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls where he completed a watch repair course and also coached tennis, swimming and diving during the summer session. Loren met his future wife, Betty Plass, at a rolling skating rink in Hermiston. They were married for 65 years this past November. In 1950 Loren and Betty moved to La Grande, where Loren worked for George Birnie in Birnie’s Jewelry as a watch repairman. In 1955 Loren and Betty bought Birnie’s Jewelry and ran the family business until they retired in 1999. When Loren first moved to La Grande he officiated college and high school basketball games, and later coached Little League baseball.

Loren and Betty’s five sons were born in La Grande. Together they raised their boys on the ranch they purchased on Mt. Glenn Road. Loren loved the outdoors whether it was hunting, fishing, horse packing or bird watching. Loren taught his sons to love the outdoors as well. He always said that his sons were the greatest outdoorsmen he knew.

Loren and his family spent a great deal of time at the family’s Bear Creek Cabin in Wallowa County, which became his preferred deer and elk hunting spot in the Wallowa Mountains for over 30 years. But horse packing and trail rides were probably Loren’s favorite pastimes. In the 1950s Loren went hunting with the McDaniel family in Wallowa County and fell in love with horse packing. He raised up ten horses and mules and was hooked the rest of his life.

Loren was a member of the Lions Club, the Izaak Walton League, and on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Youth Authority Riverbend Facility at Hilgard. He was a strong conservationist and a member of the Oregon Forest Practices Coalition, Hells Canyon Preservation Council, Blue Mountain Alliance and a co-chair of the Oregon Wilderness Society. He received a lifetime achievement award in 2011 from the Hells Canyon Preservation Council. Loren helped start the local Union County National Wild Turkey Federation Committee. He was a member of Pheasants Forever, Friends of the NRA and also the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Among Loren’s proudest achievements was working with Dick Hentze of Baker City mapping the 870-mile Blue Mountain Heritage Trail, a web of hiking and horse trails circling the Blue Mountains from Burns, Ore., to Lewiston. Most of all, Loren loved his family and the time spent in a wall tent next to a hot wood stove, waiting for the boys to come home from the hunt with the stories they would tell. His strong voice, laugh and handshake will be remembered by all who knew him.

Loren is survived by wife Betty Lou Hughes; sons Wesley and wife Sandy of Irrigon, Ore., Ed and wife Susan of Summerville, Ore., Dale and wife Linda of La Grande, Vint and wife Linda of Hailey, Idaho, and Lantz and wife Susan of La Grande; sister Beverly Holeman of Yuma, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Loren and Mary; sister Bernice Brown; and brother-in-law Don Holeman.

A celebration of life will be held at the La Grande First Christian Church at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5. Casual dress is preferred by the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wallowa Lake Lodge, Hells Canyon Preservation Council, First Christian Church Furnace Fund or the conservation organization of your choice through the Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 4th St., La Grande, OR, 97850.

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

DEATH NOTICE

Leslie Thomas Armstrong

Leslie Thomas Armstrong passed away Feb. 5, 2016, at the Enterprise home of his daughter Lisa Armstrong-Poeppke. He was born Feb. 3, 1933. Services with take place in Marin County, Calif., sometime this spring at a date to be determined.

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
Feb. 11		50 32	Partly cloudy
Feb. 12		51 32	Mostly cloudy
Feb. 13		44 29	Mostly cloudy
Feb. 14		46 33	Chance of rain
Feb. 15		48 34	Chance of rain
Feb. 16		47 32	Chance of rain

Phases of the moon

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

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET FEB. 10-16

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	Feb. 16
Rise: 6:59	Rise: 6:57	Rise: 6:56	Rise: 6:54	Rise: 6:53	Rise: 6:51	Rise: 6:50
Set: 5:09	Set: 5:10	Set: 5:11	Set: 5:13	Set: 5:14	Set: 5:16	Set: 5:17