

**William Frazier**  
May 21, 1941 to Oct. 2, 2016

William "Bill" Frances Frazier passed away at the Wildflower Lodge in La Grande on Oct. 2, 2016 at age 75.

Bill was born to Edward and Viola (Johnson) Frazier on May 21, 1940 in the lower valley of Wallowa. He had five siblings — Peggy, Jim, Mike, Tim and Bob.

He was primarily raised in Bates and the Prairie City area. He spent a great deal of time at any dance he could find, often hitch-hiking to area dance halls. In his later years, he often revisited the Bates reunions to connect with the many people he knew there.

Bill moved to the Eugene area and married Karen Lamonez. They had three children: Carey, Rene' and Scott. He worked in the road construction business. They moved back to Wallowa County in 1979.

On July 14, 1981, Bill married the love and dancing partner of his life, Ruby McDaniel. They shared 35 years of happiness together in Wallowa.

Due to an old injury, Bill only spent a short time in the service and had a variety of occupations, including many years in the logging industry.

Bill knew no strangers. If he didn't remember your name, he would give you a nickname that he never forgot. He enjoyed life, had a great sense of humor (he could do an amazing Foster Brooks imitation), liked to gamble a little and loved visiting family and friends.

Bill is survived by wife Ruby; children Carey (wife Cheryl), Rene' "Missy" and Scott Frazier; stepchildren Charles, Tim (Denise), Kevin (Michelle), Heidi and Wendy (Jim Hayes) McDaniel; brother Bob (Joyce); sister-in-law Mary Frazier; and uncle Aldon (Sandra) Johnson.

"Grandpa Billy" or "Pappa" was a loving and proud grandfather to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Peggy, Jim, Mike and Tim.

At his request, services will be held at a later date. Until then, as a tribute to Bill, put on some George Jones (or other music of your liking) and dance.



**Shirley Mae Burns**  
July 28, 1935 to Sept. 21, 2016

Shirley Mae (Hunt) Burns, born July 28, 1935 to Floyd and Dortha Hunt in Peabody Kansas, passed away on September 21, 2016, in Joseph, Oregon. She graduated from Marysville High School in 1952 where she met and married her husband Chief Ronald (Stormy) Burns (USN Retired) on August 8, 1952. They remained married for 64 years.

Shirley and Stormy traveled the world for 20 years in the US Navy.

All of their children were born in Japan, Alaska, Hawaii, Maryland and Marysville, California.

After the Navy they lived in Alaska then moved back to Marysville. They moved to Joseph, Oregon in 2007.

Shirley loved reading, playing Aggravation and solving puzzles. She kept a beautiful home and loved to redecorate every season of the year. For several years in the early 80's, she cooked for McClaren so Ranch cattle drives.

She was cared for by her daughter Kathy while in Marysville, California, her daughter Debbie in Joseph, Oregon, her husband Stormy and finally the Wallowa County Senior Center, Memory Care Unit, who gave her loving care as she failed in the past year. Our family is forever grateful to them for all the professional and caring staff.

She is survived by 3 Sons: Michael (Jane), Thomas (Mary) and Robert Burns, all of Marysville, California and 2 daughters: Deborah (Burns) Hayes of Enterprise, Oregon and Kathleen Burns of Marysville, California; as well as 2 brothers: Ronald and David Hunt and 3 sisters: Rhoda (Hunt) Ralston, Delores (Hunt) Davey, and Sandra (Hunt) Johner.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her 2 sons: Brian and Randy and a brother John Hunt. Shirley had 7 children, 14 grandchildren, 23 great-children, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. A small family memorial was held in Marysville, California.

Internment was in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.



**Chester Allyn Bennett, Jr.**  
Jan. 6, 1932 to Sept. 26, 2016

Chester Allyn "Chet" Bennett, Jr. of Hermiston died of heart failure on Sept. 26, 2016 at age 84 while vacationing in Pine Top, Ariz. Chet's warm and generous spirit lives on in the hearts of those who loved him and whose lives were touched by him.

Born Jan. 6, 1932 in Corvallis, Chet was the oldest of three sons of Chester A. Bennett, Sr. and Ruby Hinds. His mother died while Chet was a young boy, but his father later married Ruby Farlow and the family was joined by another brother, Robert.

As a Forest Service family, Chet spent his childhood years in Paisley, Bly, John Day and Enterprise, where he graduated from high school in 1949. The raucous exploits of four boys growing up under one roof include legendary tales involving a baby porcupine loose in the house and a brush fire the boys started that was quite embarrassing to their dad, the forest assistant supervisor.

Chet attended Eastern Oregon College in La Grande for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Army at the outset of the Korean War in 1950. Chet served in a combat engineer battalion during the war and at Fort Carson, Colo., after returning home. He resumed his education at Oregon State College using his GI Bill benefits while continuing to serve in the Army Reserve, where he attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Chet married Joan Finlayson of Eugene in 1956 while both were still in college. Their son Donald Allyn was born the next year in Corvallis, and son Jon Robert was born in Eugene in 1961. Chet and Joan were married 47 years until her death in 2003.

Chet graduated from the School of Forestry at Oregon State with a bachelor's degree in 1958 and began his professional career with the U.S. Forest Service after spending summers during college on trail-building and firefighting crews. First assigned to the Willamette National Forest in Oakridge, Chet moved his young family in 1962 to John Day, where he worked in various positions on the Malheur National Forest until his retirement in 1988. During his long career, Chet was a leader of local and state chapters of the National Federation of Federal Employees. He then worked a number of years as a school bus driver for Grant School District No. 3 and served as president of the Classified Employees Union.

In John Day, Chet was constantly involved in his church and community and especially his sons' activities as Little League baseball coach, Boy Scout leader, swim team volunteer, Grant Union booster clubs and advisor to DeMolay and Rainbow chapters. An avid deer and elk hunter, Chet looked forward to fall hunting seasons each year and some of his favorite times were days in the woods with his sons and hunting partners.

Chet was recently recognized as a 50-year member of John Day Elks Lodge #1824, where he was a Past Exalted Ruler. He also served as district deputy for southeast district of the Oregon State Elks Association. Chet was particularly involved in Elks ritual competitions as a team coach and judge. In 2001, Chet was named to the OSEA Hall of Fame for his many years of service. Chet was also a past master of Canyon City Lodge No. 34, A.F. & A.M. and a 32° member of Baker Valley Scottish Rite. Chet served on the board of directors of Old West Federal Credit Union for 35 years, beginning with the Grant County Credit Union and continuing on the board through the series of mergers that created Old West.

In 2006, Chet married Kay Burns of Hermiston and they enjoyed 10 years of world travel, adventures and loving togetherness. They volunteered several years for the Columbia River Cowboy Gathering & Music Festival and attended other music and arts events throughout the region.

Chet is survived by his wife Kay; son Jon (Laura) of Grants Pass, Ore.; son Don (Anne) of Puyallup, Wash.; granddaughters Rita (Daniel) Bennett Adams of Eatonville, Wash., and Carla Bennett of Bronxville, NY; stepdaughter Heather (Nick) Powers and their children Elizabeth and Connor of Newburg, Ore.; brothers Bill (Martha) of Wilsonville, Ore., and Jim (Edna) of Raleigh, NC.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St. in Hermiston.

Charitable contributions in memory of Chet Bennett may be made to: Oregon Elks Children's Eye Clinic, 3295 Triangle Dr. SE, Salem, OR 97302 (<http://tinyurl.com/z2h2eeo>); or to Hermiston Agape House, P.O. Box 1723, Hermiston, OR 97838 ([agapehousehermiston.org](http://agapehousehermiston.org)).



**Samuel Ethan Hayes**  
Aug. 8, 1966 to Sept. 27, 2016

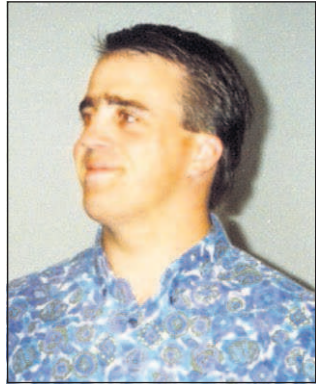
Sammy Hayes was always full of life and full of love.

He was born Aug. 8, 1966 in Bend and moved around a lot throughout his life. Everywhere he went he made an impact on others' lives.

Family always was most important to him. He leaves behind both parents, two brothers, a sister, a wife, six children and many friends.

Sam will be missed.

A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Joseph Community Center.



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Thank you community, family, friends, neighbors, fellow veterans, first-responders and good samaritans who assisted **Gary L. Alford and his family.**

*It is amazing to see all of the support and coming-together in a time of need from people who knew him, as well as the heroism of bystanders and first-responders at the scene.*

Thank you, Susan Alford and family

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Student of the Week

Jacob Evarts has earned a 4.0 GPA here at EHS. He is currently challenging himself with classes such as anatomy, physics, and college-level math. He has taken chemistry, advanced biology, pre-calculus, economics and advanced-level college and AP English. He is a two-year foreign-language student as well as having excelled in choir. Thank you Jacob for making EHS a better place.

**Jacob Evarts**  
Enterprise High School

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**Weather Forecast** [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)  
Courtesy of Weather Underground.

	High	Low	Conditions
Oct. 13	55	44	Rain
Oct. 14	53	40	Chance of rain
Oct. 15	51	42	Rain
Oct. 16	53	39	Chance of rain
Oct. 17	52	35	Chance of rain
Oct. 18	49	33	Chance of rain

**Phases of the moon**

Oct. 16	Oct. 22	Oct. 30	Nov. 7
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

**WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET OCT. 12-18**  
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18
Rise: 7:02	Rise: 7:03	Rise: 7:05	Rise: 7:06	Rise: 7:07	Rise: 7:09	Rise: 7:10
Set: 6:08	Set: 6:06	Set: 6:04	Set: 6:03	Set: 6:01	Set: 5:59	Set: 5:57

**JOSEPH BRANCH TRAIL CONSORTIUM**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Joseph Branch Trail Project Community Workshop**

The purpose of the workshop: provide the public an update on project activities and obtain public comments on draft trail management plan.

**Workshop Agenda**

- Review the Anderson Perry & Associates Pilot Project Pre-design Engineering and Preliminary Environment Review, Wetland Delineation, and Cultural Resource Inventory Reports.
- Collect public comments on the draft Joseph Branch Corridor Trail Management, Signage, and Maintenance Plan.

The Trail Management Report will be available for review at [www.josephbranchtrail.org](http://www.josephbranchtrail.org) beginning October 17, 2016 and in hard copy at public libraries, city halls, and county commission offices.

**Date: October 25, 2016**  
**Location: Toma's Conference Room, 309 S. River Street, Enterprise, OR 97828**  
**Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**