

Betty Jean Fox
Feb. 7, 1932 to Nov. 9, 2016

Betty Jean Fox passed away Nov. 9, 2016 at age of 84. She was born Feb. 7, 1932 in Enterprise, the first-born daughter of Clint Johnson and Mildred McFetridge Johnson. When news came of her birth, her father and her Aunt Jean hitched up a horse and sleigh and rode 20 miles in the deep snow to meet his new daughter. Later she was joined by two sisters, Darlene and Billie, and the Johnson family was complete.



Summers were spent on the ranch in Swamp Creek, and later Crow Creek, raising cattle. Betty paid tribute to her parents, who taught her to “work hard and be honest, and then you can live with yourself.” During the school year her family rented an apartment in Enterprise so that she and her sisters could go to school. She was passionate about music and excelled as a student. During her childhood she spent time her maternal Grandma Mertie, “Bobo”, who taught her to play the piano. On that piano, which still sits in her home today, she played for hours. She was given the gift of being able to play any song by ear after only listening to it once.

While a junior in high school she was asked to fill in for the third-grade teacher for a day. That day turned into several weeks of teaching, and at that time she knew she had found her calling. After graduating from Enterprise High School in 1949, she enrolled in Eastern Oregon College. She joined two other women in a singing group and traveled around the area singing at numerous places. While taking education courses she met her future husband, Eugene Fox. They married on Aug. 16, 1953 in Enterprise. She graduated in 1954 with her teaching degree.

Gene and Betty began their teaching careers in Imbler. Shortly after, they moved to Portland, where Gene took a teaching position. Milton-Freewater schools soon called inviting Gene to return, and he was named principal at Ferndale School. Betty followed, and while raising children returned to the classroom first in Weston in 1966, and shortly after to Ferndale School in 1972. At Ferndale she was known as a teacher with high standards, firm, but loving with her students. She was an exceptional reading teacher and would often extend her day to tutor children who needed reading support. To her, reading was the foundation for a successful life. She found a way to connect with each child. As her reputation grew as a master teacher, many parents and students requested to be in her classroom.

When she retired from teaching in 1992, she became a volunteer at the local schools to help children read. When her grandson Eric began school she volunteered at his school. He described her as “a woman of unmatched zeal, tenacity and grit.” Occasionally, a child in the neighborhood would meet Betty, and she would tutor them and encourage them to stay in school.

Betty loved to travel. She and Gene took many trips. They enjoyed cruises and visited many states. She also traveled to Europe with friends.

She had a beautiful rose garden, and helped run the annual family “U-pick cherry stand.” She maintained friendships with former educators and organized a weekly luncheon that became known as the “Board of Education.” She loved cards, and some would say she was the cribbage champion of Milton-Freewater.

Betty never knew a stranger, and people loved her broad knowledge base, charming personality, and quick wit. She made friends everywhere she went.

She is survived by husband Gene Fox; daughter Jennifer Blackwell and husband Robin; son David Fox and wife Jacque. They lost two sons, Kevin and Michael, as infants. She has one grandson, Eric Robinson, numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Grandma Betty loved her grandchildren unconditionally. She took great interest in their lives and pride in their accomplishments. She is survived by many family members and friends who brought her great joy by visiting her during her illness and final days.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home Chapel, 902 S. Main St. in Milton-Freewater with Pastor Duane Geyer officiating.

Those who wish can make memorial contributions in memory of Betty Jean Fox to the Frazier Farmstead Museum or the Milton-Freewater Library in care of the funeral home.

To leave a condolence online, visit www.munsellerhodes.com.

Glenda Sheets Carmony
May 20, 1940 to Nov. 9, 2016

Glenda Sheets Carmony died Nov. 9, 2016 from bladder cancer. Glenda Marie was born in Enterprise on May 20, 1940 to Shirley (Bill) Sheets and Edna Whitmore Sheets.

The great-granddaughter of Wallowa County pioneers, Glenda attended grades 1-12 in the Enterprise school system. She graduated with the Enterprise High School class of 1958. A happy teenager, Glenda was a member of the Girls Athletic Association (president her senior year) and on student council. She excelled in baseball and volleyball. Music was also a large part of her life; she played clarinet for the school and county bands. Her musical activities included singing in the EHS Mixed Chorus, Quartet and Quintet as well as at the Enterprise Christian Church. Other activities included French Club, annual staff and three class plays.

After graduation, Glenda moved to Portland to attend Behnke-Walker Business School, where she was an outstanding typist. Employed in Industrial Portland as a secretary, she met and married Kenneth Ira Carmony, a firefighter. They were married for 37 years until Ken’s death on Nov. 2, 2001. Ken and Glenda had two sons: Scott Allen Carmony and Todd Michael Carmo-ny.

Glenda worked as a secretary for 45 years. After the boys were born, Glenda worked as a school secretary. Glenda’s positive attitude and rapport with students and staff made her a popular with all she met. She retired from Gordon Russell Elementary in the Gresham School District in 2005.

Glenda lived in Portland almost 50 years before she moved to Baker City.

In 2009, Glenda moved back to Wallowa County to take care of her mother and father. In the last seven years, Glenda renewed old friendships and made many new friends through her various volunteer jobs. Glenda was a supporter of Community Connection, where she served on the board. She was a member of the Enterprise Christian Church, the Wallowa County Hospital Auxiliary and the Red Hat Society. Her hobbies were reading (a voracious and lifelong reader), cooking (loved trying new recipes), watching Netflix and collecting cats.

Glenda made many trips to Fruitland, Boise, Caldwell and Baker City after her cancer was diagnosed in 2010. Friends who accompanied her on these visits remember the journeys as upbeat with much talk and laughter. She was bonded to her surgeon, doctors, nurses and caregivers. In fact, when people talk of Glenda they cite her infectious laughter, chuckle and ability to make friends. Friends speak of her as “happy-go-lucky;” “a person whose glass was always at least half full.”

Besides her many friends, Glenda is survived by her sons and their wives and their children and spouses: Scott (Kerri) Carmony and Kaleb and Dylainee from Salem; Todd (Becki) Carmony and Michelle Carmony Cutter (Robert); and twins Debra Carmony Gallagher (Kyle) and Rachelle Carmony Dillon from Portland. She also leaves behind several cousins.

She was proud of her son, Scott, who is a fire chief for the Salem Fire District. Grandson Kaleb is enrolled at Chemeketa to become the third generation of Carmony firefighters. Granddaughter Michelle earned her master’s degree in teaching math and is now teaching in Portland.

Glenda loved animals, especially cats. She worried about leaving her current cats: Cuddles, Harley and Patches. Her favorite color was purple; her favorite flowers were sunflowers.

Glenda will be cremated. Bollman Funeral Home is handling arrangements. The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21 at the new Enterprise Christian Church. Immediately after there will be a potluck dinner at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wallowa County Community Connection.



Jim Pyeatt
Jan. 12, 1930 to Oct. 20, 2016

Jim Pyeatt, beloved husband of Betty Pyeatt, went to meet his maker Oct. 20, 2016. He was born Jan. 12, 1930 in Miami, Ariz., and passed away in Wickenburg, Ariz.

Jim moved with his family to Oregon when he was 15 and as a young man rodeoed and was an early member of the RCA. He was employed by E.H. Burrell in Salem for many years before taking an early retirement and moving to Wallowa County to open JP Pack Station. Jim was a licensed guide and outfitter in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness and loved packing into the Eagle Cap Wilderness for summer trips and hunters in the fall.

He is survived by his wife Betty, son Jim and daughter Cheryl Hafner, both of the Lyons, Ore. area; extended family Melanie Bradley, Sally Crow and Justin Greenwade; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

His ashes will be taken into the mountains on horseback by good friend, Bud Hunt.

“The hunter is home in the mountains.”

Pat Lee Wortman
Jan. 6, 1940 to Oct. 29, 2016

Pat Lee Wortman of Enterprise passed away Oct. 29, 2016 at Wallowa Memorial Hospital. He was born Jan. 6, 1940 near Wallowa to Ord and Ruth (Colpitts) Wortman.

Pat’s first years were spent on Powatka Ridge. The family then moved to Imnaha, where his parents owned the Imnaha Store. He jokingly said he was a student of the “U of Imnaha.” They later moved to a farm outside of Enterprise.

Pat graduated from Enterprise High School. His love of agriculture and his early years in 4-H and FFA carried him through a lifetime of ranching, logging and community service. He served on many boards and commissions and had a desire to give back to Wallowa County, which had given him so much. He married Judy Hahn on Nov. 16, 1957.

He is survived by wife Judy; daughters Patti Foltz (and husband Ted), Stacy McHenry (Mike) and Julie Kiesecker (Tim); grandchildren Patrick McCready (Tara), John McCready (Ashley), Jessi Dressen (Aaron), Travis Fisher (Bobi), Amanda Kin- cade (Borden) and Cole Kiesecker; great-grandchildren Ava Dressen, Jack Dressen, Grace McCready, Reese McCready, Maddox Fisher and Kale Kincade.

He was preceded in death by brothers Lynn, Lowell, Elmo and parents Ruth and Ord Wortman.

A celebration of life was held Nov. 5 at Liberty Grange. Honorary pallbearers were Gary Witherrite, Bob Morse, Bud Birkmaier, Martha Jane Spratling, Rod Childers and Bruce Dunn.

Donations in Pat’s memory may be made to Enterprise Cemetery District, 306 SE 6th St., Enterprise, OR 97828; or Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation, P.O. Box 53, Enterprise, OR 97828.

Lois Jean Scott
July 30, 1922 to Oct. 6, 2016

Lois Jean (Williams) Scott passed away Oct. 6, 2016 at age 94 in Joseph while in the care of daughters Janet Terrill (Ken) and Linda Sutch. She was born Lois Jean Williams on July 30, 1922 in Cove. She lived most of her adult life in Kennewick, Wash., as a loving wife and mother.

Jean loved her family, trips to the beach, U of O football, golf, good times with friends and was a great entertainer and gourmet cook. She was a giving person with a good sense of humor. She was an artist throughout her life and her paintings are cherished by her children and grandchildren.

In 2006 at the age of 84 she moved to Joseph with her husband Ralph. Her beloved “Scotty” passed away in 2010, they were married 69 years.

In the last few years of her life she was well cared for as a resident of Alpine House and Wallowa Valley Senior Living’s memory care. Her family extends a heartfelt thank you to Wallowa Memorial Hospital staff for their care in her last weeks.

Jean is survived by daughters Linda Sutch of Wallowa, Janet Terrill (Ken) of Joseph and sister Shirley Collins of Spokane; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

At her request no services were held. Her ashes will join those of her husband at Joseph Cemetery.

Jean will be missed by all her knew her.

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Nov. 17		38	20	Partly cloudy
Nov. 18		41	32	Mostly cloudy
Nov. 19		45	33	Chance of rain
Nov. 20		46	33	Partly cloudy
Nov. 21		44	31	Chance of rain
Nov. 22		45	33	Mostly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 11
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET NOV. 16-22

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22
Rise: 7:50	Rise: 7:51	Rise: 7:53	Rise: 7:54	Rise: 7:55	Rise: 7:57	Rise: 7:58
Set: 5:17	Set: 5:16	Set: 5:16	Set: 5:15	Set: 5:14	Set: 5:13	Set: 5:12