

OBITUARIES

Wilma Courtney

March 28, 1925 — December 24, 2016

Wilma was born in Paradise, Oregon on March 28, 1925, and returned home peacefully on December 24, 2016.



She was an active and retired member of the Rebecca Lodge and the VFW. Wilma was best known for her food service at both the Circle T in Enterprise and the Frontier Café at Joseph. She received several awards for the best waitress in Wallowa County.

Wilma outlived three husbands: Jim Sleight, Glenn Tibbit and Ross Courtney. She was an outstanding caretaker and devoted wife. Wilma also lost two sons, Micheal Sleight and Rick Sleight.

Wilma is survived by one son and a daughter-in-law, Ross and Rosie Sleight. She had many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Wilma will be laid to rest at the Lostine Cemetery next to her late husband Ross Courtney. Memorial will be held in the early summer, hoping all her friends will be there. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

Donald Oliver Knodell

Aug. 1, 1930 — Jan. 2, 2017

Donald "Don" Oliver Knodell was born in Enterprise, Oregon to Clayton Leroy Knodell and Isel Hunter Knodell Hug on Aug. 1, 1930. He died Jan. 2, 2017 while shoveling snow in Eagle, Idaho — ending his life as he lived it, taking care of home and family.



He never realized there was something he could not do. Don's father died when he was 11. He and his older brother William "Bill" Clayton Knodell worked to help support the family, and witnessed the strength and independence of their mother (whose jobs included newspaper reporter and city judge). Don's jobs included window washing at Wallowa Lake Lodge and working as a fire lookout for the U.S. Forest Service. He spent time on his grandparents ranch in Lostine, and at the cabin his dad built at the head of Wallowa Lake.

Don graduated from Enterprise High School in 1948 and remained lifelong friends with all his classmates. He was a member of Elks Lodge #1829 for more than 40 years. He had stories of his pioneer family, hunting adventures, and childhood mischief from every corner of Wallowa County. He graduated from Oregon State University and attended the University of Oregon for graduate work after serving in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Don married Mary Coon Knodell in the St. John's Cathedral in Spokane on June 22, 1957. He was a devoted husband and supportive father who was always busy with something. Don worked for Price Waterhouse in Portland and retired in 1985 after 21 years with Boise Cascade.

Don was preceded in death by his oldest son Mark. He is survived by his wife Mary, of Eagle, Idaho; by his brother Bill Knodell of Portland, Ore; by his children Kristi Knodell (wife Kristin Kinnamon) of Marysville, Wash.; and Scott Knodell of Boise, Idaho; and by nieces and nephews. Services will be at 3 p.m. April 21 at Boise Unitarian Universalist Church, 6200 Garret St., Garden City. Some of Don's ashes will be interred at the Enterprise Cemetery over Memorial Day weekend. Five generations of Don's family are buried in Wallowa County. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

June G. Wickre

February, 1920 — Jan. 4, 2017

June (Knott) Wickre passed away in Tacoma, Wash., on Jan. 4, 2017. She was born in a cabin on Bear Creek, near Wallowa, in February of 1920 to Pete Knott and Wilma (Downing) Knott. Her paternal grandparents were John and Sarah Jane (Bramlet) Knott. Sarah Jane was the daughter of F.C. and Martha Bramlet, who were one of the first homesteader families in the Wallowa Valley. Sarah Jane was the first white baby born in Wallowa County (1873). June's parents were both born in the Wallowa area.



After Pete's death, Wilma remarried to Joe Feagins of Leap, Ore.

In 1929 Pete moved the family to Dayton, Wash., where June finished high school. During World War II, June lived in Olympia, Wash., where she worked in the office of then-Gov. Langley. It was here that she met a U.S. Navy officer named O. Gordon Wickre. In 1946, after Gordon returned from World War II operations in the Pacific Theater, they were married in San Francisco.

Gordon finished his degree at the University of Minnesota and in 1949 went to work for Boeing Co. in Seattle. They lived in the Seattle/Tacoma area for most of the rest of their lives. June and Gordon had three children, all of whom survive her: Gloria Steel (Tacoma, Wash.) and her husband Bruce, Douglas Wickre (Joseph) and his wife Gail, Dr. Curtis Wickre, MD (Spokane, Wash.) and his wife Nancy. June had eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

June is also survived by her sister Berneice Metcalf of Wenatchee, Wash., cousins Elf Bissinger of Joseph, Edith Estes of Enterprise and cousin Ross Downing's wife, Murna Downing of Enterprise, together with their families. June was preceded in death by her husband Gordon, her brother Keith and her sisters Bethel and Wilda.

As a child, June loved to horseback with her dad into the Blue Mountains to fish and to pick mushrooms and huckleberries. As an adult June loved boating and salmon fishing. She and Gordon boated as a hobby in the 1960s, with trips every year to the San Juan Islands and up into Canadian waters.

After the kids left home, June and Gordon lived aboard their boat (the Juno) for many years. She enjoyed the many winters that they spent in Arizona with friends, in their RV. June was a wonderful cook and loved to host all kinds of parties and gatherings. June was an expert at many crafts from sewing and knitting to making beaded jewelry. She always had a project at hand and many in the queue. Card games kept her sharp and her schedule was built around bridge and pinochle right up till the end.

The memorial service for June Wickre will be Sat. Feb. 4 at 11:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, 524 S. I street, Tacoma, Wash., 98405. Reception will follow at the church.

Calvin Arnold Long, Jr.

June 15, 1923 — Dec. 31, 2016

Cal passed away Dec. 31, 2016 at the age of 93.

Cal, the son of Calvin and Clara Long, is survived by his brother John (Duke) Long, his wife Barbara and their three daughters.

Cal graduated from Enterprise High School in 1941 and then spent year at Oregon State University in Corvallis on a butter-making internship. He returned to Enterprise until inducted into the Navy for World War II.

When discharged he returned to Enterprise and was instrumental in the development of Raven Foods, which produced cheese and butter. He later worked for J. Herbert Bates sawmill. At the time of his retirement, Cal was working for the U.S. Postal Service.

His hobby was competitive small-bore rifle and pistol shooting, however his greatest love was his woodworking.

Cal was also involved as an instructor for the hunter safety program required by the Oregon State Game Commission before young hunters could obtain a hunting license.

The family would like to thank all the personnel at the Alpine House in Joseph for their service and caring for Cal the last few years of his life. A special thank you to Karleen Gomes for countless hours of caring and assistance through many years. Also to Lowell and Jan Euhus. This faithful keeping in touch by Karleen, Lowell and Jan with John and his family in Eugene helped ease the pain created by the distance between Eugene and Enterprise.

A family burial will be held at the Enterprise Cemetery with a memorial service for friends and family in the spring. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

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About Obituaries

News obituaries are a free service of the Wallowa County Chieftain. The paper accepts obituaries from the family or funeral home. Information submitted is subject to editing. Send obituaries by e-mail, obits@wallowa.com; fax, 541-426-3921; or mail, PO Box 338, Enterprise, OR 97828. The deadline to submit an obituary is 2 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper. For more information, or to inquire about a paid memorial, call 541-426-4567.

Tenth Annual Digital PHOTO Contest



Who can enter?

All amateur photographers who live in Wallowa County either full-time or part-time, or who have ever vacationed in Wallowa County, are eligible. Exceptions: Members of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club, the staff of the Chieftain, and their immediate families may not submit entries. "Immediate family" includes only spouses, parents, and children.

Public display of photos: All submitted photos will be displayed on the Chieftain's web site as they are received. After judging, winning photos will be featured on the Chieftain's web site, and as many winning and non-winning photos as space allows will be featured in the Chieftain's print edition. Selected winning and non-winning photos may also appear in a single issue of the Wallowa Valley Photo Club's monthly newsletter and on the Photo Club's web site in the context of informing members of the Photo Club about the contest.

Awards: There will be two categories of awards.

1. The People's Choice awards for the most popular submitted photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division. Everyone can vote by browsing to the Chieftain's contest web page and choosing their favorite Student Division photo and their favorite Adult Division photo. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates.

2. Overall best photos, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each of the two divisions as determined by the judges. Prizes are \$40, \$20, and \$10, plus certificates. Honorable Mentions may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Prizes for honorable mentions will be certificates.

The Wallowa Valley Photo Club is solely responsible for all awards.

Deadline: Submissions to the contest may be made beginning Sunday, January 1, 2017 and will be accepted through **Saturday, January 21, 2017**. Voting for the People's Choice award is from Sunday, January 22, 2017 through Sunday, February 5, 2017. Winners will be announced in the Wednesday, February 15, 2017 issue of the Chieftain.

Submissions: All submissions must be digital — prints and slides are not accepted. However, prints and slides may be scanned and digital copies submitted. Digital photos may be submitted via the Chieftain's online submission form or emailed to PhotoWallowa@gmail.com. CDs may also be dropped off at the Chieftain (209 NW 1st, Enterprise, Oregon).

Complete List of Rules: Please see the website for a complete list of the contest rules at www.wallowa.com/photocontest

DEATH NOTICES

Wendell Jeffords

Wendell Ray Jeffords, 85, of Wallowa died at La Grande January 2, 2017.

At his request, there will be no services. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

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	High	Low	Conditions
Jan. 12	22	4	Clear
Jan. 13	26	14	Clear
Jan. 14	27	15	Clear
Jan. 15	28	22	Partly cloudy
Jan. 16	32	25	Snow showers
Jan. 17	35	31	Ice pellets

Phases of the moon

Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 27	Feb. 3
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter

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

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16	Jan. 17	Jan. 18
Rise: 7:26	Rise: 7:26	Rise: 7:25	Rise: 7:25	Rise: 7:24	Rise: 7:24	Rise: 7:23
Set: 4:29	Set: 4:30	Set: 4:32	Set: 4:33	Set: 4:34	Set: 4:36	Set: 4:37