

OBITUARIES

Arnold Jack Schaeffer
June 6, 1924 — Sept. 11, 2017

Arnold Jack Schaeffer of Wallowa passed away Sept. 11, 2017, at Wallowa Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. Arnold was the sixth child of Del Roy Schaeffer and Lucy Downard.

Arnold is survived by sons Rick (Cora) and Randy (Becky); grandsons Travis (Angie) and Chance, Dusty (Christina), Jacob and Trevor and three great-grandsons; sister, Dorothea Stephen of Walla Walla; first cousin Don Schaeffer of Wallowa; nieces and nephew: Sharon Harris (Enterprise), Jean Isaacson (Orafino, Idaho), and Bobby Isaacson (Elgin.)



Schaeffer

Arnold held a great love for his family and many friends — his family being the most important.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Charlie, Annamay, Della, Joyce and Ivy; and wife M. Lorraine Johnson.

Arnold was born June 6, 1924, in the family home in Lower Valley. He attended school at Lower Valley School and Wallowa School. At the age of 10, he began driving herds of about 30 horses from Water Canyon up to his father's pack station at Lapover with his sister, Dorothea. They both loved horses.

During WW II, 18-year-old Arnold was deferred for a year to help brother Charlie in Snake River country and the mountains. He tended sheepherders' camps above Lapover. This special time was spent with Dorothea and friend Millie Douglas (daughter of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas) who worked at Lapover that summer. It was one of the happiest times of his life.

In the U.S. Air Force, Arnold trained as a gunner and radio operator in a B-17 and in recent years enjoyed showing his B-17 model to guests. After discharge, he took writing courses at Eastern Oregon University and private flying lessons

Arnold drove fuel trucks for Henderson Fuel as well as a logging truck. He helped his sons and grandson run his cattle ranch, continuing to drive tractor into his 90s.

Arnold was 2003 Hells Canyon Mule Days Grand Marshal and also Grand Marshal of the 2013 Fourth of July Parade in Wallowa where he rode his mule Ruby. Dorothea rode alongside.

He was a cowboy who loved every minute he was on a horse. He broke them to ride or to pack. He loved to hunt and fish. North Minam Meadow was a favorite spot. Arnold once said he had ridden enough miles on horses to go around the world.

Arnold's opinions and personal historical accounts were printed regularly in the local newspaper. His family were among the first settlers in the county. His grandparents were the first white couple married here. He published books with his true adventure stories in Wallowa County.

He was a member of the American Legion, Elks, Wallowa Fire Department and the National Rifle Association.

Burial will be 1 p.m. Sept. 23 at Bramlet Cemetery with a gathering afterward at Wallowa Senior Center. Memorials may be made to Wallowa County Friends of the NRA, P.O. Box 424, Joseph OR 97846.

Natalie Nadine "Natty" Turner
Jan. 14, 1928 — Sept. 7, 2017

Natalie Nadine "Natty" Turner, Enterprise, formerly of Milton-Freewater, Ore., passed away Sept. 7, 2017, at the Wallowa Family Senior Living Memory Community in Enterprise. She was 89. Graveside services were Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Milton-Freewater Cemetery.

Natalie was born Jan. 14, 1928, in Tacoma, Wash., the daughter of Charles and Juanita Kikendall. She loved flowers and flower arranging until she retired at around 72 years of age. She had worked at florist shop in Pendleton, Milton-Freewater and finally at Jacky's Flowers in Walla Walla.



Turner

Natalie was a prayer warrior and lovely woman of God. Her family grieves that she is not with them, but overjoyed in the knowledge that she is with her Savior and King in heaven and feeling no more pain.

Natalie had two daughters who loved her very much; Susan Lorrie (Turner) Hixson married to Keith Hixson of College Place, Wash., and Pamela Joyce (Turner) Peck married to Timothy Peck of Enterprise. Four grandchildren; Kevin Hixson of College Place, Patricia Hixson of Tacoma, Amber (Peck) Fitz married to Kyle Fitz of Salina, Kan., and Christopher Peck married to Crystal Peck of Las Vegas. She also has two great-grandchildren; Shelby and Nathan, with two on the way.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert Turner, her eldest daughter Susan Hixson and her sister Dorothy Goans.

About Obituaries

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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.



Roy Laverne Curtis
Jan. 2, 1933 — July 24, 2017

Roy Laverne Curtis passed away July 24, 2017, after a long battle with a prolonged illness.

He was born Jan. 2, 1933, to Fred Curtis and Violet Showers. Roy spent his early years in Wallowa with his grandparents and uncles. In 1949 he met his wife to be, Jessie L. Collins. They were married Jan. 8, 1951.

Three boys were born to Roy and Jessie through this marriage: Donald Eugene (deceased), Roy Leon and Roger David; seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Roy worked for various logging companies in Wallowa County, and during that time he suffered a permanent injury. He then entered Treasure Valley Community College and later Oregon State University where he finished with a bachelor's degree in industrial education.

He taught 16.5 years at the Oregon State Prison in Salem. After more surgeries, he had to retire.

Roy and Jessie moved back to the city of Wallowa that he loved.

Amy Angela "Bales" Graning
Dec. 30, 1967 — Sept. 7, 2017

Amy Graning, 49, passed away at her home in Craigmont, Idaho, Sept. 7, 2017. She was born to Maurice and Lynne (Anderson) Bales in Salmon, Idaho, on Dec. 30, 1967, and moved to Joseph with her family when she was six.



Graning

She graduated from Joseph High School in 1986, and during this time, she met her high school sweetheart, Bill Graning. They were married on Dec. 6, 1986, in Joseph.

Bill and Amy had three children. Cody, Ashley and Shelby were the light of her life. Amy enjoyed all of the activities her children were involved in whether at school, 4-H, FFA, sports or outdoor adventures. Family was very important to her.

After her children graduated high school in Wallowa County, Amy and Bill moved to Craigmont where they purchased their dream log home on eighty acres where they continued Graning's Weed Control, their spraying business.

Amy was full of life and love, always putting others needs before hers. She will always be remembered for her amazing ability to cook and bake.

She always had a huge knack for decorating. No matter where she was she made any place, house or wall tent a home. She was a smart, talented, tough, thoughtful, gorgeous and brave woman.

She always made everyone feel welcome and loved, and that was her natural self going above and beyond for those around her. Amy was happiest being in the outdoors whether it be working, riding horses, hunting, her flower beds, snowmobiling, caring for animals or driving a tractor or combine. She was an all-around family woman who did it all.

Amy's role of caregiver started young at the age of 12 for her mother, Lynne, who had multiple sclerosis and became a quadriplegic. She received her driver's license early and at the age of 14 would drive to Portland for Lynne's doctors' appointments.

Her dedication to care for others, including her grandad Verne and Lynne at the same time, in addition to working and caring for her family, kept her busy. Lynne and Verne both passed away in 1997 and Amy began a new chapter in her life. Caregiving was a special gift that Amy was blessed with and accomplished with such grace.

Amy will be laid to rest at the Prairie Creek Cemetery in Joseph next to her mother, Nancy Lynne Bales Anderson, and Grandad Verne Anderson where she will continue to be their guardian angel.

Amy is survived by her husband Bill Graning of Craigmont; children; Cody (Diana) Graning of Keuterville, Idaho, Ashley (Jacob) Spaur of Wallowa, Oregon and Shelby Graning of Joseph, Oregon; grandchildren; Mesa and Riata Graning, Kylee Spaur and Michael Graning; father; Maurice (Judi) Bales of Joseph; siblings; Kris (Kim) Bales of Bend, Ore., Marc (Melissa) Bales, of Bend, Lori (Dan) Butterfield of Joseph Greg (Velda) Bales of Enterprise, and Jill (Mike) Ledbetter of Stanfield, Ore.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and great aunts and uncles.

A celebration of life will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise. In honor of Amy's love for cooking, a potluck style lunch is planned. For those attending, please bring your favorite dish.

DEATH NOTICE

Robert G. Casper

Robert G. Casper, 83, of Wallowa, died at his home Sept 16, 2017. A full obit will appear later. Arrangements by Bollman Funeral Home..

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Sept. 20	52	36	Rain
Sept. 21	53	34	Possible thunderstorm
Sept. 22	55	33	Partly cloudy
Sept. 23	59	36	Partly cloudy
Sept. 24	63	39	Clear
Sept. 25	67	42	Clear
Sept. 26	68	41	Clear

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Sept. 26	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Sept. 20
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

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(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:35	6:37	6:38	6:39	6:40	6:42	6:43
6:48	6:46	6:44	6:42	6:40	6:38	6:36