

Susan Alford
Nov. 11, 1942 — Feb. 11, 2018

Susan Lee Gates Alford passed peacefully at the age of 75 at her home in Elgin.

Susan was the only child born to Richard and Barbara (Adams) Gates in Berkeley, Calif. Susan and her parents moved from their ranch in Ojai, Calif., to Joseph in 1951. They built a home at the foot of Wallowa Lake.

Growing up, she enjoyed riding horses and water skiing with her friends. She attended Joseph schools and graduated in 1960. After graduation, she attended several different junior colleges and spent time in Mexico, Arizona, Idaho and California.

Susan married Harvey Earl Cooper in Pasadena, Calif., in 1968 and had a son, Harvey “Lee” Cooper in 1970. They later divorced in 1977.

In 1979, Susan rekindled a friendship with Gary Leonard Alford and they married on Feb. 28, 1981. Susan and Gary operated a farm and ranch together.

Susan also began working for the U.S. Forest Service in 1984 and worked there until she retired in 2004. Susan and Gary’s favorite pastime together was to travel across the northwest and go to Angus cattle production sales. She also dabbled in several side endeavors such as bookkeeping, publications, Tupperware, Pampered Chef and fresh berry sales. She also enjoyed quilting and was very proud of the quilts that she made.

Susan is survived by her son, Lee and his wife Shae; grandchildren, Tavin Hurley and Shayna Cooper; great-granddaughter, Anayah; in-laws, John and Jeannie Alford; nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Marietta Hauser. She was preceded in death by parents, Richard and Barbara; husband, Gary and nephew Michael Hauser.

Online condolences may be made to the family at loveandfuneralchapel.com.



Alford

Myrlin Allison
May 15, 1920 — Feb. 9, 2018

Myrlin Steve Allison (Steve) passed away peacefully at his home in Enterprise at age 97. He was born in Long Beach, Calif., to Clifford Stanley Allison and Myrtle Allison and grew up in Oxnard, Calif., where his folks owned a farm.

Steve developed a passion for game birds, cattle and horses. He attended Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo, Calif., for a year until Dec. 7, 1941 when he enlisted into the U.S. Army Air Force. He served until the end of the war.

After receiving his pilot wings, Steve was assigned to the air transport command ferrying division. His job was delivering aircraft from the manufacturing plants and elsewhere in the United States to where they were needed worldwide.

This included Bell P 39 Air Cobras to Fairbanks, Alaska, where Russian pilots, through the Lend Lease Act, would fly them back to Siberia.

Steve spent the last year of the war flying transport, carrying everything including food to Chinese troops in Burma and Southern China. In all, he flew 21 different types of aircraft.

After the war, Steve and his family moved to Le Grand, Calif. and established a cattle ranch. That is when he married his sweetheart Gertrude (Trudy) Ann Doerr Nov. 29, 1950.

In 1965, Steve and Trudy moved with sons Mike and Steven to Joseph where they had a ranch on Tenderfoot Valley Road. They became partners with their longtime friends Jim and C. Bell Probert, owning at one time the Joseph Creek Ranch and later running cattle on the Divide.

Steve retired to property on Alder Slope where he continued to raise a small herd of Watusi cattle. Owning several planes, Steve continued his love of flying from the mid ‘70s to the early ‘90s.

In later years, Steve and Trudy spent their time hunting, fishing and traveling. His favorite pastime was squirrel shooting with family and friends.

He was always sharp and witty with a good story that seemed to take forever to finish. We will always be thankful for his advice and knowledge. He is forever our hero — truly the Greatest Generation.

Steve is survived by Trudy, his devoted wife of 68 years; sons Mike of Boardman, Ore., and Steven of Mariposa, Calif.; seven grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Clifford Stanley and Myrtle Allison and his brother Aubrey Allison.

There will be a celebration of Steve’s life in the spring.



Allison

Darrell Bruce Perkins
May 21, 1938 — Feb. 16, 2018

Darrell Bruce Perkins, 79, passed away at home. He was born in Sacramento to Charles and Edna Perkins, the youngest of nine children.

He attended Gresham High School in Gresham, Ore., graduating in 1956. Darrell attended University of California at Davis and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1962 while also being active in the National Guard.

Darrell married Ann (Sonntag) Perkins in Davis Sept. 6, 1959. He taught mathematics for two years in Yuba City, Calif.

He re-entered school at Western Washington University and received a master’s degree in physics in 1965. The family moved to Fort Collins, Colo., where Darrell taught at Colorado State University in mathematics until 1973.

During his stay in Colorado, he was an avid outdoorsman and was a backpacking guide in the Rocky Mountains 1968-1973.

In 1973, the family returned to Oregon to reside in Enterprise. Darrell worked as a tree faller until 1979 when he was injured. He then taught science at Enterprise High School until his retirement in 1996.

He enjoyed being in the woods, hunting and fishing and hunting with hound dogs. Darrell is survived by his wife, Ann; son, William (Bill) of West Richland, Wash.; daughters, Marilyn (Ed) of Lincoln, Neb., and Roxanne (Rodney) of Imbler as well as eight grandchildren and sisters Charlotte Kogel and Janice Perrier.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Edna, brothers Chuck, Ray and Richard, and sisters Edna Little, Wanda Smith and Rhoda Perkins.

Darrell requested no services. Contributions in Darrell’s memory can be made to the Hound Hunters Defense Fund or the Enterprise FFA Chapter.




Perkins

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Terri Lynne Wilson

A memorial service for Terri Lynne Wilson will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3 at the Harvest Church in Baker City with Pastor Brad Phillips officiating. Friends are invited to join the family for a reception in the church fellowship hall afterwards. To light a candle in memory of Terri or to leave a condolence for the family, visit grayswestco.com.

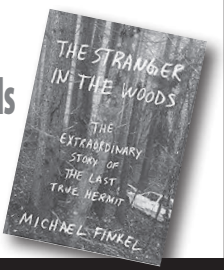


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Weather Forecast 

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	High	Low	Conditions
Feb. 22	 31	10	Mostly Cloudy
Feb. 23	 33	25	Mostly Cloudy
Feb. 24	 35	27	Snow
Feb. 25	 34	29	Few Snow Showers
Feb. 26	 39	25	Mostly Cloudy
Feb. 27	 39	23	Partly Cloudy
Feb. 28	 38	22	Partly Cloudy

Phases of the moon

Feb. 23	March 1	March 9	March 17
			
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET FEB. 22–28
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:39	6:38	6:36	6:34	6:32	6:31	6:29
5:27	5:28	5:29	5:31	5:32	5:34	5:35