

OBITUARIES

Teresa Currier
Sept. 30, 1964 — Feb. 27, 2018

Teresa Currier was born in Enterprise to Barbara and Hubert Parker. She grew up in Joseph amongst the beautiful Wallowa Mountains.

Teresa’s love for the mountains and outdoors took her from her hometown to Anchorage, Alaska, and to the Cascade Mountains near Bend, Ore., before finally settling in Cody in 2010. She immediately fell in love with the horseback riding, with many friends and the friendly nature of the town.

Known for her generosity and always putting others first, Teresa always had a way to make others feel her love and caring nature.

In 2010, Teresa accomplished a lifelong goal of achieving her bachelor’s degree. In her professional life, Teresa accomplished many tasks and never took on a job or project with less than 110 percent enthusiasm and attitude.

She did that with all aspects of her life, volunteering for many projects over the years and spending countless hours to get the job done right. She was a board member of Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston and also a volunteer at crisis intervention in Cody.

Teresa loved many things in life, but by far her greatest love was her two children. She often could be heard and seen glowing with pride recounting an accomplishment of theirs.

Teresa is survived by her daughter Kelsey and son Christopher; her father Hugh Parker, sister Sally Parker and brothers Scott (Terry) Parker and Mike Parker. Teresa was predeceased by her mother Barbara Parker.

Teresa’s passion for helping others will be forever imprinted on the people she touched. Donations can be made in Teresa’s name to Crisis Intervention in Cody.

An online memorial is available at BallardFH.com.



Currier

Richard Harrington
Oct. 1, 1930 — Feb. 21, 2018

Richard (Dick) F. Harrington died at age of 87 in Pittsboro, N.C., from Parkinson’s disease.

He was born in Pierre, S.D., and considered Eugene, Ore., his hometown.

The younger son of Edmund and Beatrice Harrington, Dick spent his childhood in Kadoka, S.D., and he and his brother Ed and their parents migrated west, first to Utah, on to Portland, and then to Eugene.

Dick graduated from Oregon State University, with a degree in agriculture (food technology) and joined the General Foods Corp., Birds Eye Division, in Walla Walla, Wash., working in quality control.

Promoted to plant manager in Walla Walla, Dick and his wife, Jeanne Hopkins, and the growing Harrington family moved across the Pacific Northwest to Florida and back, and finally to Avon, N.Y. He oversaw the production, packaging and distribution of everything from frozen vegetables to Cool Whip and Pudding Pops, managing operations in Avon and Fulton in New York and Searcy, Ark.

Dick retired from what is now Kraft Foods in 1987, after which he and friend Jack Seal developed several successful small businesses before his permanent retirement in 1994.

Always known for a quick wit and generous heart, Dick was involved in each and every community in which the family lived. Balancing time between Rushford Lake in western New York and Fearington Village in Pittsboro, Dick and Jeanne traveled much of the world, enjoying trips to Africa, Russia, China, Europe and eventually Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania.

Dick was preceded in death by his brother Ed, his son Todd and daughter Cynthia. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 62 years, Jeanne Marie Hopkins, and daughters Ann Marie Amico, Leslie Loomis and Amy Harrington and sons Richard and Christopher, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Donaldson Funeral and Cremation is in charge of arrangements.

Thelma Milton
May 9, 1923 — Sept. 6, 2017

Thelma Louise Milton, 94, of Wallowa was born in Joseph to Albert and Parthana McCall, the fourth of eight children. The few years living in Joseph were some of her fondest memories playing with some of the Indian children that were there and learning how to fish for Yanks.

She remembered the first car coming to Joseph and the reburial of Chief Joseph at the lake. The family moved to Enterprise for a short time then to Baker, Ore., and Seneca, Ore., following the lumber camps.

She completed high school in Portland and went on to two years of business college. Right after graduation, she landed a job managing a corner store and coffee shop. At this shop she met and married Bud Hunt.

From that union came three children: Melinda, Bud and Doug. Other than a brief time living in Nevada and California, they spent all their married life living in and around Portland.

Bud died in 1984 and Thelma continued to live in Portland where she met and married Peter Milton. They lived in Portland for a few years before moving to Medford, Ore. They enjoyed living in the Medford area and traveling all over the United States.

They lived there the rest of their married life. After Peter died, Thelma moved to Wallowa to be near family and live out the rest of her life. While there, she met many good friends — some of whom had grown up in the same area and shared the good old times.

Thelma’s health was very good up to the last 10 months of her life. She was able to live alone and take care of herself. As her health failed, she was well taken care of by her son and daughter-in-law, Bud and Joyce Hunt.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, all her brothers and sisters, one son-in-law and numerous relatives. She is survived by her three children and many grand and great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place, and her ashes will be placed at a later date.

Vivian Rudger
Oct. 12, 1918 — Feb. 11, 2018

Vivian Velma Rudger, 99, of Joseph, died at a care facility in Milton-Freewater. A private family graveside service was Feb. 15 at Joseph Cemetery.

Vivian was born in LaCenter, Wash., to William and Margaret Aschenbrenner. She had three brothers: Chet, Reuben and Bill; and three sisters, Opal, Clara and Delores. In 1926, the family moved to Wallowa County and settled in the Zumwalt area.

Vivian married Albin M. Rudger in Cambridge, Idaho, Oct. 22, 1939. They lived on their ranch at the corner of Liberty and Bicentennial near Joseph where they raised their children, Linda and Bob.

Albin and Vivian ran a Holstein-Friesian dairy and farmed on Prairie Creek. Vivian was a good cook and would make big dinners for all the harvesters. She also worked as a charge nurse at the hospital in Enterprise.

Vivian loved horses and was a skilled horsewoman. She owned a couple Arabians.

After retirement, the couple bought a small property in Arizona where they wintered. Later they wintered in Clarkston, Wash., where they owned a home.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Graning; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Nancy Rudger; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and five great great-grandchildren.

Bollman Funeral Home of Enterprise was entrusted with arrangements.

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Marilyn Parks

89 year old Marilyn Jean Parks of Enterprise died at Wallowa Memorial Hospital Feb. 21. At her request there will be no services. A full obit will appear later. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

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DEATH NOTICES

Robert Eugene Lee Carper

Robert Eugene Lee Carper, 84, formerly of Joseph, died at a care facility in Lewiston, Idaho, Feb. 7. Private burial was held at Lostine Cemetery. Bollman Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

CORRECTION

In the recent article regarding the Lostine Corridor, Veronica Warnock was misquoted as stating that the Forest Service made an accidental incursion into the Eagle Cap Wilderness and caused damage. Warnock had said instead that the Wilderness Boundary had not been surveyed by the Forest Service throughout the project area. The Forest Service accidentally performed work in

a no-touch riparian buffer this past fall. “If they didn’t know where the Wilderness boundary was, how can they insure that a similar incursion would not occur in the Wilderness,” she said. Warnock’s comments about the Nez Perce were also not accurately reflected in the article. Warnock had stated that she did not know their position about the project and had not spoken with them about it.

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Student of the Week

Tori Suto
JOSEPH CHARTER SCHOOL

Tori is the daughter of doctors John and Billie Suto and is a junior at JCS. Tori is an active member of FCCLA where she serves as the State Secretary. She is also in Natural Helpers, Book Club, Chess Club, Art Club, and National Honor Society. Tori maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a two-sport athlete: volleyball and golf. Tori takes upper division classes such as Pre-Calc., Human Physiology, Chemistry, and Advanced Art. With numerous art awards under her belt, Tori is an accomplished artist in her own right. Tori is an outstanding student, leader and role-model and the staff and administration would like to thank her for making our school a better place.

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	High	Low	Conditions
March 8	48	38	Thundershowers
March 9	44	28	Rain/Snow Showers
March 10	50	32	Sunny
March 11	52	38	Partly Cloudy
March 12	54	35	PM Showers
March 13	54	37	PM Showers
March 14	48	32	Showers

Phases of the moon

March 9

March 17

March 24

March 31

Last Quarter **New Moon** **1st Quarter** **Full Moon**

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET MAR. 8–14

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:14	6:13	6:11	6:09	6:07	6:05	6:03
5:46	5:47	5:49	5:50	5:51	5:53	5:54