

OBITUARIES

Douglas Clyde Homan
Feb. 4, 1958 — May 2, 2018

Douglas Clyde Homan died at age 60 in LaGrande. He was born to Arthur and Janet (Moys) Homan in Enterprise and considered Enterprise their hometown.

A service will be held 1 .m. Wednesday, May 30, at at The Lighthouse Church in Island City.

He was raised there and taught to appreciate the great outdoors of Wallowa County. In 1976, he graduated from Enterprise High School where he had been an active participant in sports.

Douglas joined the U.S. Marine Corp and was stationed in San Diego. He became an accomplished marksman.

Once his tour was over, Douglas returned to La Grande where he settled and raised his children. In more recent years, he enjoyed spending time with his many grandchildren.

Douglas was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and boating when he had the chance.

He worked for Union County Works for 17 years and had retired several years ago. Douglas enjoyed attending knife shows and gun shows.

He loved attending flea markets in the area, where he would sell his knives. He had many other hobbies including reloading ammunition, metal detecting and mushroom hunting.

Douglas served as the president of the Vector board. He attended the Lighthouse Church and was a huge fan of the Island Chicken they served at potluck.

According to his family, he never knew a stranger and was a great husband, father, grandfather and man. He leaves behind his beloved dog, Otis, and his cat, Georgie.

Survivors include his wife, Lori; children, Mandy Homan of Hermiston; Crystal Lara of La Grande, Sarah Vetter of La Grande; Jolene Shepherd of La Grande and Josh Homan of La Grande; stepchildren, Ben and Roman Baranishyn of La Grande; sister, Cyndi Homan of Joseph; and 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Art and Janet; brother Steven, previous wife Celeste Homan; daughter, Jaime Shepherd; and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Flowers may be sent to The Lighthouse Church in Island City. Lovelands Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Gary William McBurney
July 24, 1943 — May 5, 2018



McBurney

Gary William “Daddy-O” McBurney, 74, of Independence, Ore., passed away in Salem surrounded by his family.

Son of Elizabeth Barbara Haener and Albert Allen McBurney, Gary was born in Dallas, Ore., the third of five children.

Gary married Linda Ruth Reaney Sept. 26, 1970. They welcomed the first son Travis Lee on Oct. 20, 1972, daughter Kelly Jo Nov. 9, 1974, and second son Brandon Feb. 17, 1977.

Gary began his career with Pacific Power, a Pacific Northwest utility company, in the late ‘60s, continuing until his retirement in the mid-90s. He lived in Joseph 1978-1983.

He was actively involved in his community through volunteering efforts including the Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, Grange, The Elks Club, The Lions Club, Battle Buddies, Treasure House Food Bank, Volunteer Fire Departments, and New York City 9-11 Clean Up Efforts.

His hobbies included coin-collecting, metal- detecting, canning local fruits and vegetables, playing pinochle and cribbage, Oregon Ducks football and volunteering his time. Gary was an avid prankster and joke-teller.

He is survived by his children Travis McBurney, Kelly Wheeler and Brandon McBurney, his ex-wife Linda McBurney and his brothers Donald, Jimmy and Gerald McBurney and sister Darlene Lindmark.

A celebration of life is planned 1 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at the Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren Street S., Monmouth.

The family kindly requests no flowers or gifts. Donations can be made in Gary’s memory to the “Friends of the Monmouth Senior Center”.

Huston-Jost Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Tom Butterfield
Feb. 20, 1936 — May 15, 2018



Butterfield

Tom Robert Butterfield, 82, passed away in Enterprise following complications from surgery. He died peacefully in the company of his wife, his sister and his children.

Tom was born on East Crow on Zumwalt at the family home to Alfred and Grace (Sawyer) Butterfield. He graduated from Enterprise High School in 1953. He loved his ag/shop classes and participated in boxing and FFA.

Tom attended Oregon Institute of Technology for a short time before joining the U.S. Army where he served in Germany in the military police.

Tom married Donna Watson on June 14, 1959, in Joseph. They began married life in a cabin on Hurricane Creek, later moving to and farming on upper Prairie Creek and eventually settling on Bicentennial Lane where they have lived for 45 years.

In 1967, Tom and Donna purchased “The Hills,” a ranch on Zumwalt originally owned by his grandfather.

Tom and Donna’s family rapidly grew to four children. Their second generation added 10 grandchildren and the third has added 13 great grandchildren to date.

The family has always been very close to their Hayes cousins — family of his sister Ann, and the families of both Carol MacInnes and Larry Parker.

Farming and work were Tom’s life. His ability to make it on his own was a great source of pride to him. When presented with a challenge, Tom approached it by working harder and longer rather than saying it couldn’t be done.

He was also very proud that each of his children chose agriculture as a way of life in Wallowa County as have many of his grandchildren

Much of Tom’s “leisure” time was spent in serving his community. He supported the Wallowa County Fair as a 4-H leader and fair board member, as well as purchasing market animals and bringing working dog trials to the event.

Tom served on the Wallowa County Grain Growers board nine years and president of the Associated Ditch Company for 10 years, spending countless hours pursuing a new dam for Wallowa Lake.

He was a member of the Eagle Cap Ski Club and 10280 Corporation, entities that worked together to purchase and create the Ferguson Ridge Ski Area; he counted this collective work as one of his biggest achievements.

Tom was a member of Wallowa County Stock Growers and the Rusty Nutz Car Club.

In retirement, Tom stayed busy. In all, he restored 12 John Deere Tractors, a Ford 9N and a 1934 Ford Truck, which received King of the Mountain at the Oregon Mountain Cruise.

His final project, which he did not get to complete, was a 1936 John Deere Model BN. Tom also found time to build a greenhouse, a “shed” for his tractors, help his kids and grandkids farm and work on their vehicles, install wiring in Donna’s miniature creations and take care of the cows at The Hills.

Over the years, Tom received several awards including Outstanding Young Farmer, Grassman of the Year and Ag/Natural Resource Leader of the Year.

Tom is survived by his wife of 59 years, sister, his children and their spouses Dan (Lori), Mark (Anna) and Karen Patton (Karl); grandchildren, great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and his dog, Buddy.

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	High	Low	Conditions
May 31	54	42	Partly Cloudy
June 1	67	43	Partly Cloudy
June 2	73	46	Partly Cloudy
June 3	74	47	Partly Cloudy
June 4	76	51	Mostly Sunny
June 5	79	53	Mostly Sunny
June 6	83	56	Partly Cloudy

Phases of the moon

June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET MAY 30-JUNE 6
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
5:05 8:29	5:04 8:30	5:04 8:31	5:03 8:32	5:03 8:33	5:02 8:33	5:02 8:34