

Barbara Jae Breshears Asumendi

March 25, 1934–December 3, 2019

Barbara Jae Breshears Asumendi, 85, of Nyssa died December 3, 2019, at her home. Barbara was born March 25, 1934, at her parents' home in Evans, Oregon to William Donald Breshears and Lillie Alice Hodge-Breshears. She was delivered by her dad Bill and named after her grandma Barbara Hodge. She was raised in Wallowa County, graduated from Wallowa High School in 1952.

In 1966 Barbara was married to Jess Asumendi. They met on one blind date. To this union she brought her children Curtis and Lillena, and Jess brought Roberta, Frank, Louie, Christine and Tony.

They lived and worked on their farm, as well as each having other jobs. Barbara always said, "the best job I ever had was working in the Adrian School cafeteria for 24 years". She loved to see the children come through the lunch line. She retired in 1996.

In 1993 Jess and Barbara moved to Nyssa, selling the farm and buying a home on Locust Avenue. Jess was having health issues and passed away July 30, 2000. Barbara became very active at the Nyssa Senior Citizens, serving as the Treasurer for almost 9 years. She was a member of the Owyhee Commu-

nity Church and started going there in 1966. She truly enjoyed her family with a grandson Morgan and granddaughter Brianna (Tinkerbelle) holding a very special place in her heart.

Barbara is survived by her children Curtis, Lillena, Roberta, Louis, Christine and Tony. Grandchildren Nicholas, Zachery, Amanda, Matthew, Benjamin, Andrea, Jessica, Anthony Jr., Morgan, Rebecca, Jacob and Brianna. Eleven great grandkids and two great great grandkids. Brother Glenn, sisters Aleta, Betty and Freida, and many nieces and nephews.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, her second dad Elmer Earl Trump, husband Jess of 34½ years, stepson Frank, and as a young child her dear brother Chuck. She was his shadow. A sister Betty and a grandson Robert.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at the Owyhee Community Church under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa. Vault Interment Owyhee Cemetery. Contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to Heart and Home Hospice or the Owyhee Community Church.

Condolences to the family at www.lienkaemper-thomason.com

OBITUARIES

Gary Ellis

May 5, 1938–December 7, 2019

Gary Ellis, 81, of Imnaha, died at his home Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Gary earned his Master's degree from the University of Indianapolis and worked as a Civilian employee at the Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla. He retired at age 67 and moved to Imnaha. Gary was well loved by his friends and family. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Gary is survived by his wife of 62 years, Teresa

Ellis, and his children Noah, Suzanne, Gabriella and Miguel Ellis.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in honor of Gary, the family requests they be made to a charity of your choice in his name through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Lois Ellen (Nelson) Thompson

November 27, 1927 – October 30, 2019

Born in Enterprise, Oregon to John and Elmo Nelson, Lois graduated from Enterprise High School in 1945. She moved to the Tri-Cities in 1952 where she worked for the food service industry for several years. She relocated to Tonopah, Nev. in 1981 where she worked on the Nevada Test Site for Reynolds Electric. There, she met the love of her life and best friend, Jack. She retired in 1989 and shortly after moved back to the Tri-Cities.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Vicki, sister Barbara, and brother, Bob. She is survived by her husband Jack, daughters Sharon (Bill), Leslie and Tracy, sons Bill (Debbie) and Lary (Chris), 11 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Lois loved to travel. Her sense of humor was second to none. Her love for her family was foremost. She will be greatly missed by those whose hearts she touched.

DEATH NOTICES

Loretta Hoard

80 year old Loretta Hoard of Lostine died Dec. 3 at her sister's home in Sandy. Services will be announced with the full obituary forthcoming. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

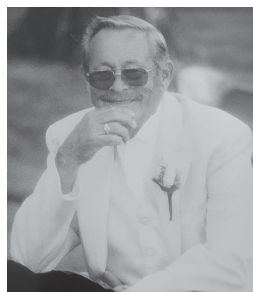
Maxine Shirley Parks

94-year-old Maxine Shirley Parks was born in Joseph, Oregon and passed away on Dec. 6, 2019 in Nampa, Idaho. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Fri. Dec. 13 at Bollman Funeral Home, 315 W. Main St., Enterprise. Graveside services to follow.

Nils Kenneth Ames

June 20, 1930 - December 2, 2019

Nils Kenneth Ames, a man of many musical talents, went to join the big band in the sky on December 2, 2019. He passed in the presence of his wife and family in his home in Joseph, Oregon. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on December 14, 2019 at the Thunder Room in Joseph, Oregon.



Nils was a man who lived his life to the fullest and had a profound effect on the lives of those around him. He was born on June 20, 1930 in Milwaukie, OR. He graduated from Milwaukie High School in 1948. During high school he found his love for skiing and music. After high school he spent one year at the University of Oregon as a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He served as a member of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, as well as the ski team. He enlisted in the Air Force on March 31st, 1949 and served in the Korean War. While in the military he spent time stationed in Austin, Texas where he played with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. Once home from the war he played music with many notable musicians such as; BB King, Rose Maddox and the Maddox Brothers, and The Drifters. He shared his love of music with all he met and especially his family.

While he was a member of The Drifters, he met the love of his life Shelia. They met and married in six weeks and celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary this July. Nils was above all a man who loved his family. Nils moved to Joseph, OR with his young family in 1980. While in Wallowa County he was a member of many bands, including Psalms 150 his family gospel band. He served as a member of the Shriners and VFW. He drove school bus for the Joseph School Dist. and Moffit Bros.

Transportation. During his time as a bus driver he made an impact on many of the students, teachers, and parents who rode his bus. Nils was famous for his shenanigans at the school. Whether it was short sheeting the beds while traveling to a state tournament or making surprise announcements over the loudspeaker, Nils infused fun into everything he did.

His smile, jokes, and kindness for everyone will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife Shelia Ames; brother, Michael Binns; his son, Robert Ames and wife Laurie; his daughters Kimberly (Ames) McManus and husband Edward, and Kjer (Ames) Kizer and husband Kristopher; and his grandchildren, Emma McManus, Hollis, and AnnMarie Kizer.

He was preceded in death by his parents Loretta Elizabeth Kier and Kenneth Ames.

The family would like to offer special thanks to the EMS crew, the Volunteer Fire Department, Dr. G. Maly and the many others who have assisted in his care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Joseph Fire Department, Shriner's Children's Hospital, or the charity of your choice through Gray's West & Company at 1500 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Nils, or to leave a condolence for the family, visit: www.grayswestco.com.



Marion Delmar "Mel" Prince

1940–2019

Marion Prince resided in Wallowa County, Oregon for most of his childhood years. He started school in Wallowa for first grade and graduated in 1958 from Wallowa High School. His parents were Art and Mary Carper Prince who had roots in West Virginia. The Prince family descended from Oscar and Marjaline Maxey

Prince who migrated from Mercer Co., WV, in Aug 1902 and settled in Powatka. Likewise the Carper family came from West Virginia and settled in Promise Land, also north of Wallowa.

In his four years in the Navy, Marion traveled to distant places: Hawaii, Japan, Philippines, Australia, Korea, and the list goes on. His written philosophy was, "The 'Good Life' is not material things but travel and real experiences." His life did show he lived that belief.

His hobbies included snorkeling, diving, hunting and fishing. The latter surely learned as a child in Wallowa County. In fact his

stated desire was that his ashes should be spread near his old fishing holes. Family assumes that would mean the Wallowa River.

Marion had retired from being a union carpenter on the high-rise buildings of Las Vegas. When he died he was living there with Carol, his wife of twenty-three years. She hopes to eventually return his ashes to Wallowa County as he desired.

Three children were born to his first marriage. They are Thomas, Ann, and Kenneth. He has a brother, Ashley, who has a residence in Wallowa County, and a sister, Arthene Martin who was last known to be living in Hawaii. His parents are both deceased.

There will not be a memorial service for him. If you wish to send condolences, cards may be sent to his wife and his brother. (Ashley Prince, 80976 Homan Lane, Enterprise, Oregon 97828 or Carol Prince, 4455 East Twain Ave. Apt. 173, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121.)



Mary Catherine (Kitty) Armon

November 30, 1941–December 4, 2019

Mary Catharine (Kitty) Armon passed peacefully in her sleep early Wednesday morning December 4, 2019. She was born on November 30, 1941, in Stanfield Oregon to her parents, William and Mary Hayter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her younger sister Sheila Larkin.

Mary is survived by her two brothers Bill Hayter and wife Phyllis, and Wally (Dale) Hayter and wife Sue.

Mary is also survived by her daughter Cindy Williams and husband Matt, her sons Sam Armon and wife Monica, and Doug Armon and wife Tracy. Mary has four grandchildren and 14

great grandchildren.

Mary was a wonderful loving mother, grandmother, friend, and sister. Her loving arms, warm heart, her beautiful smile, and her sweet voice will be forever remembered and never forgotten. May her beautiful soul live on in all of us who loved her.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 13, 2019, at the Wallowa Christian Church, 104 N. Spruce St, Wallowa Oregon. Services will be followed by a procession to her final resting place. A potluck will follow at the church. All who knew Mary and loved her please come join us for food and beverages and to celebrate her life.

CIVIC MEETINGS

County Commission:
Meetings 9 a.m. first and third Mondays. Next meeting: Dec. 16

City Councils
• Joseph: 7 p.m. first Thursday, in the Joseph Community Center. Next meeting Jan. 2.
• Enterprise: 7 p.m. second Monday, in City Hall. Next meeting: Jan 13
• Lostine: 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday, in City Hall. Next meeting: Jan 22???

• Wallowa: 7 p.m. third Tuesday, in City Hall. Next meeting: Dec. 17

School boards
• Joseph: 5:30 p.m. second Monday. Next meeting: Jan. 6
• Enterprise: 7:30 p.m. first Monday. Next meeting: Jan. 6.
• Wallowa: 7 p.m. usually the second Monday. Next meeting: Dec. 13

Planning commissions
• Wallowa County: 7 p.m. last Tuesday. Next meeting: Dec. 31 (?)
• Enterprise: (time unavailable at this printing) first Tuesday. Next meeting: Jan. 7, 2020

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground • wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
Dec. 12	36	30	Rain/snow
Dec. 13	35	24	Snow showers
Dec. 14	31	18	PM Snow showers
Dec. 15	27	17	Partly cloudy
Dec. 16	29	20	Partly cloudy
Dec. 17	30	22	Cloudy
Dec. 18	30	20	Mostly cloudy

Phases of the moon

Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 2
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter

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

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
7:19	7:20	7:21	7:21	7:22	7:23	7:24
4:05	4:06	4:06	4:06	4:06	4:06	4:07

Elizabeth Ann (Kiser) Grote

January 18, 1958 - December 3, 2019

Elizabeth Ann (Kiser) Grote was born January 18, 1958 in Marshalltown, IA to Walter W. Kiser and Okal J (Kiser) Grote. She was a bouncing beautiful baby girl who joined 4 other siblings. Her life was tragically changed at 6 mo. old when on a family trip to visit her grandparents in Joseph, Oregon. An automobile accident happened and killed her father and injured all family members and the vehicle ran over Elizabeth.



Chances of her survival were slim to none per the doctors. Little did the doctors know that she was a very strong independent little person who had a will to live. And live she did. Countless trips to Shriners Hospital in Portland and many, many head, leg and arm surgeries helped her with a boost in life. Body and leg braces, along with helmets to protect her skull were the beginning of being able to learn to walk and live.

After many emergency flights to Portland love happened. The pilot Theo Grote fell in love with her mother and they were married and all of the children were adopted by Ted. Her new daddy protected and guarded Elizabeth and helped her as she grew up. At 8 her stubborn independence resulted in her throwing away her leg braces and challenging the world in "HER" own way.

As she grew up with her handicaps (arm, hand, leg and head) she was able to play volleyball, some baseball and loved to sew. She also loved swimming in Wallowa Lake and even once swam the distance with friends in boats alongside to assist if she got tired. Elizabeth graduated in 1976 from Joseph High School. She went on to have a profession in being a tailor/seamstress in La Grande, OR. After many years her body challenged her more and more and she moved back to Joseph to be close to family. She found small jobs in the valley and many friends.

She enjoyed playing pool and was quite good at it. She loved her 4 legged friends throughout her life. Liz loved her hair long and always said it was her strength so she never cut it. No-one could tell Lizzy she couldn't do something she wanted. She laughed and had a great sense of humor. She loved to sing and days before her passing sang Christmas carols with her family at the hospital. Her final years were at the Alpine House Care home in Joseph.

On Dec 3 rd, 2019 Elizabeth was welcomed into heaven by her father(s) Walter W Kiser & Theo Grote, Mother Okal Grote and her grandparents Elizabeth and Leland Parsons. Remaining family siblings Dennis Grote(Julie), Kathy Jenkins, Diana Stein of Joseph, Scott Grote(Sharon) of Portland, OR and step sisters Lynn Grote(Don Bronson) of Joseph and Lori Ingle (John) and many nieces and nephews.

A time of remembering will be held at Bollman Funeral Home on Saturday December 14 th at 11:00 a.m. There will be no gathering afterwards.

Donations can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd, Portland, OR 97239 or the WC Humane Society, 119 E Main St, Enterprise, OR 97828.

