

Walking On...

Valarene M. “Val” Grout

March 20, 1935 – Oct. 13, 2018



Our beloved family matriarch Val Mae Grout walked on peacefully on Saturday evening, Oct. 13, in Grand Ronde surrounded by children and grandchildren.

Val was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Grout, and leaves behind her children, Sharon (Steve) Freund, Janell (Tim) Haller, Richard (Faith) Grout, Penny (Lloyd) DeLoe and Boone (Genifer) Grout.

Val was exceedingly proud of her large, close family that gave her 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, as well as many adopted

family members. She is survived by her brother, Les Houck, and she will now join her siblings Arlene Beck and Arnold Houck in Heaven.

Val was born on the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation to DeWalt David and Arvella Cora (Hudson) Houck on March 20, 1935. Val married Peter Grout on May 21, 1955, in Grand Ronde. She was a proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, where she was recognized as an Elder and a leader. Val served 15 years on Tribal Council and became one of the most beloved leaders in the history of the Tribe. Val will always be remembered for her tireless volunteer work, offering and preparing meals for families who had lost loved ones. Val worked in the kitchen preparing meals for all of the Tribe’s early powwows.

A funeral service was held in Grand Ronde at the Tribal gym on Thursday, Oct. 18. Interment followed at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center cared for the family. To leave a message or memory for the family, visit www.dallastribute.com.

(Editor’s note: Smoke Signals is re-running this Walking On notice because of incorrect information submitted for the Nov. 1 issue).

Teresa Estelle Wright

Dec. 20, 1954 – Oct. 24, 2018

Teresa Estelle Wright of Willamina, Ore., went home to be with the Lord on Oct. 24, 2018, at the age of 63.

She was born in Lansing, Mich., on Dec. 20, 1954, to Jacqueline Estelle Pollard and Frank Martin Wroe. She attended school in Estacada, Gladstone and Newport High School. Later she met and married John Langley in June 2009. They were married for nine years and together for 18 years.

Teresa had many hobbies throughout her life, including horseback riding, crocheting, traveling and attending church at the Lighthouse Gospel Church. She enjoyed reading romantic stories and solving crossword puzzles, but most importantly she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family, and visiting with her friends. They were the love of her life.

Teresa was preceded in death by her parents, Jacqueline Estelle Pollard and Frank Martin Wroe; brothers, Daryl and Carl Wroe; sister, Carol Wroe-Harding; mother-in-law, Shirley Langley; and father-in-law, Clarence Langley. She is survived by her husband, John Langley; son, John Smith; daughter, Alyssa Langley; stepsons, Pat and Mike Owens and Ivan Langley; stepdaughter, Ashley Langley; and several nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Grand Ronde Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.



We Want To Hear From You!

That’s right, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! We look forward to hearing what you have to say. ■



Youth Prevention Corner

Culture is Prevention

We have known for many years now that Native peoples carry with them historical trauma. Trauma that has been passed down for generations due to colonization, assimilation, loss of identity, culture, language, experiencing boarding schools and more.

This trauma continues to affect Native communities, families and individuals and you can see these effects in some of our health outcomes. There are many layers to this trauma we carry. However, we also carry with us our ancestors’ love, courage, fight and resilience.

Those things that are innate: our natural connection to those teachings, ceremonies, songs and purpose. What we know is that connections to ourselves and the people around us help us live in wellness.

Understanding trauma is important to understanding healing. Youth Prevention’s goal is to provide programming that helps individuals, families and communities heal from that trauma.

The Youth Prevention team provides events, activities and trainings focused on lowering risk factors (social pressure, poor grades, youth and family problems, alienation, trauma) and providing and strengthening protective factors (social skills, engaging in healthy activities, parental supervision, community and school norms and beliefs about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use).

One strategy we use is Cultural Based Programming, which helps youth and adults connect or reconnect, build positive family and community norms, promote wellness and provide healing. Examples of this are Talking Circles, Wellness Camps, Canoe Journey, Sweat Lodge, Ceremonies and many more. We are learning every day through our own cultural healing how to best serve our people and our community.

If you have questions or would like to talk more with us, please stop by our offices in the Community Center or call Shannon Stanton, 503-879-1489; Nicole Hewitt, 503-879-1471; Valeria Atanacio, 503-879-2161; or Cristina Lara, 503-879-2040.

“The social-spiritual enactment of these practices was responsible for keeping the earth in balance and society thriving” — Cutchá Rising Baldy, professor of Native American Studies at Humboldt State University and member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe.

Thank you,
Prevention Team

Fee assistance

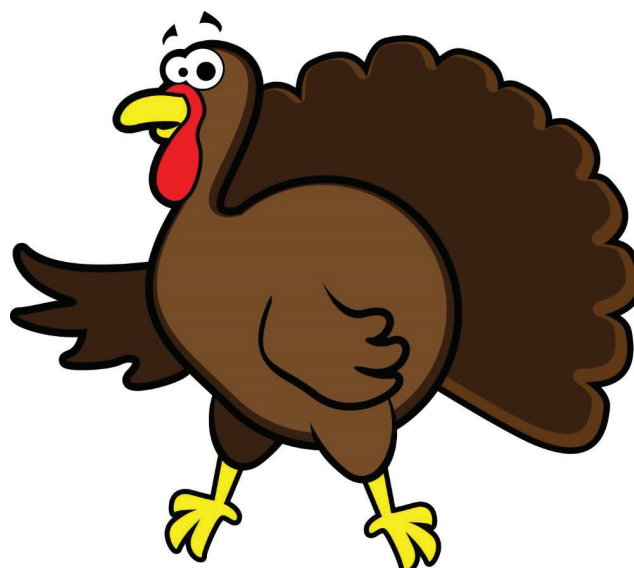
Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees. Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

TURKEY BINGO FOR WILLAMINA SENIOR GRAD NIGHT

6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17

In the Willamina High School cafeteria

BINGO CARDS ARE \$5 EACH OR 5 CARDS FOR \$20



Doors open at 5 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, water and soda will be for sale. There will also be baked items for sale. Please come out and support the 2019 drug and alcohol free grad night trip for our graduating seniors.