

OBITUARIES

David Wright

Baker City, 1932-2021

David Wright, 89, of Baker City, died June 4, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A traditional funeral service will be take place Saturday, June 12, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Baker City, Oregon.

David Lee Wright was born on March 7, 1932, at Baker to R. Lee and Jewel J. (Speelman) Wright. He was raised in Baker and graduated from Baker High School in 1951. He met Mary Ann Moore at church when she was singing at an evening church service. They were married on Feb. 14, 1951, and enjoyed 48 years together until her passing.

Dave worked at Ellingson

Lumber Company for 42½ years and did farming on the side. He enjoyed watching the crops and his children grow, building and remodeling houses, eating biscuits and gravy and good barbecued ribs.

Dave is survived by his children, Patricia "Tricia" and her husband, Chuck Everson of Baker City, Susan "Susie" Kaser and her husband, Kurt of Hines, Oregon, James "Jim" Wright and wife, Cindy, of North Powder, Molly Mansfield and her husband, Wes, of Redmond; his brothers, Dwayne and Evonne Wright, Rod and Carol Wright, and Richard and



David Wright

Myrna Wright; his grandchildren, Tricia, Andrew, Kate, Jaxson, Mike, BJ, Mary Jo, Jason, Judd, Jenna, David, Zach and Megan; his great-grandchildren, Jordan, Hannah, Hope, Avery, Trentin, Brooklyn, David G. and Crissy Jo; his great-great-grandchildren, Dean and Zack; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Jewel Wright; his wife, Mary Ann Moore Wright; his son Michael David Wright; his granddaughter, Jessica Erin Wright; and his daughter-in-law, Ruthie Tye Wright.

Those who would like to make a donation in memory of Dave may do so to the Pine Valley Fair Association earmarked to the Livestock through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalley-funeralhome.com.

Joanne Pierce-Salsby

Formerly of Baker City, 1944-2020

Joanne Kay Pierce-Salsby, 76, formerly of Baker City, died Dec. 5, 2020, nine months after losing her husband of 53 years, Mike.

The family of Joanne and Mike ask that you join us to celebrate their life on Aug. 14, 2021 at 2 p.m. at 2880 Sutro St. in Reno, Nevada. It would have been their 55th wedding anniversary.

Joanne was born on Aug. 30, 1944, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker City to Homer and Mary Pierce. She grew up in all of the small towns around Baker

City and graduated from Baker High School. She attended Baker Business College before moving to Boise, where she met her husband, Mike Salsby, and they had four children together, Dawn, Dennis, Daphne and Douglas. In 1979 she moved to Nevada where she spent the majority of her years raising her family and running her very successful business, Joanne's Embroidery.

Joanne and her husband Mike shared a passion for racing, playing cards, baseball, helping others and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Nothing brought them more joy than family. They truly loved to help people and make a stranger feel like they had a family to come home to.



Joanne Pierce-Salsby

Raleigh Rust

Baker City, 1974-2021

Raleigh David Rust, 46, of

Baker City, was found deceased in the Powder River near Hughes Lane, on the morning of June 1, 2021.

His earthly body was cremated on June 3. For those who loved and treasured Raleigh, you are invited to join his friends and family to an informal memorial potluck on Saturday, June 12 at noon at Geiser-Pollman Park. We will be celebrating Raleigh's life with fond memories and tall tales of high adventure.

Raleigh was born on Nov. 10, 1974, at Prineville to Michael Rust and Carla Densley Rust. His doctor made a special effort to come back from elk camp to deliver him, while wearing a dirty wool jacket and muddy boots, with no time to even gown up. Raleigh wanted out now, and so it happened. His father was also elk hunting, but could not be reached. He entered this earth just as dramatically as he left it. We will all miss him, his family said. He was Mike and Carla's fourth and last child.

Shortly after birth, he needed emergency surgery to save his life. At nine months of age, we discovered that his little feet were a bit crooked, so the doctor tried to straighten them with plaster casts. That cute little baby decided he was not going to have any of that. He made everybody in the household so concerned, that we had to soak him in a bathtub, and chip off the plaster casts as quickly as we could, because we could not get a doctor's appointment that day. Raleigh had a very strong will, and if Raleigh wasn't happy, then no one was going to be happy.

Ral was a cute, adorable, sweet baby, the apple of our eye, and was always trying to be funny. There was never a boring moment when he was around. He was always so busy and active, flitting around like a little mosquito, always trying to outwit and compete with his older brothers and sister. He was fun and entertaining, and people liked to be around him. He loved to make up funny stories and jokes, and always had an answer to your questions, even if he really didn't know the answer.

Raleigh attended Brooklyn and South Baker Elementary schools in Baker. He was very good in mathematics and English and was a smart child. The older siblings didn't like it when Raleigh would outsmart them, and it would sometimes get him in trouble with them, so his mother gave him the cute nickname of "Raleigh

David Trouble Rust." He soon learned the meaning of pay-backs. He was far too young to be doing the things that the older children were doing, but our little Ral never accepted that fact. He was always at the bottom of the pecking order. He held on, got tough, and grew bigger and stronger. He became a very accomplished and talented person, a go-getter and a doer. Moss didn't grow under his feet. His natural talents were endless.

Raleigh suffered greatly in his early years, not having a great family life after his father remarried, leading to addiction and mental illness, causing even more suffering that always haunted him, and could not be escaped. He was very confused and frightened the last several months, weeks, and days of his life. He had become homeless, yet through it all, he was a good and generous person, sometimes recognizing family and sometimes not.

At age 13 or 14, Raleigh was able to go live with his older brother, James, at the Rust family home with his grandparents for a while. There he blossomed, being in a better and lovingly safe environment. Raleigh attended McKenzie Junior High School, and made lots of friends. Raleigh's charismatic charm and good looks made him really popular with the ladies. Raleigh never had a problem attracting girls.

When Ral was 17, he and his brother James formed a band, Noctaphobia. He became an amazing lead singer, and front man for the band. Ral loved Guns 'N Roses, and Alice in Chains back then. He would rehearse and write songs with his brother often. They played original heavy rock and blues music. When he wasn't rocking with the band, he was down at the Vida swimming hole, or working. The summer of 1991, the band came to Baker and played two gigs during Miners Jubilee. Raleigh's love for music stayed with him his whole life,

and got him through the bad spells, and enhanced the good times.

Raleigh's last endeavor was learning the piano. When he became homeless, the only place to keep his instruments safe was a storage unit. The instruments were safe, but not being able to use them was a great sadness for him. Now, his boys have them and he would have liked that very much.

Ral liked his job at White Water Ranch, when he was a kid on the McKenzie River, and had a blast riding his red Honda motorcycle everywhere. His name is probably still scratched into the fender of the old tractor.

Eight or nine years ago, Raleigh became interested in the Eastern Oregon Theater group. He loved going to practice and interacting with his peers. He was in one play.

Survivors include his wife, Nicole Kolina Carlson; his children, Michael James Rust and Matthew David Rust, with their mother, Tina Hovis, Nevaeh Kaylana Rust with her mother, Nicole Carlson, Lillian (Lilly) Diane Rust, whose mother is Lorriann Schouville; his siblings, Brian Michael Rust, Barbara Lee Rust Borello, and James Andrew Rust; his stepbrothers, Troy and Toby Holland; his father, Michael LaVern Rust; his mother, Carla Densley Rust Koplein; his grandmother, Lillian Densley; numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, as well as many friends. Raleigh loved each and every one dearly.

Raleigh was preceded in death by grandparents, Raleigh and Marjory Rust, and Doyle Glenn Densley; his cousin, Cathy Gough; and his nephew, Taran Moothart.

For those who would like to make a memorial contribution in honor of Ral, the family suggests the Powder River Music Review for the concerts held at the Powder River Pavilion (Raleigh would have loved that), through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO
from the Democrat-Herald
June 10, 1971

A restored Sumpter Valley Railroad could boost the Baker economy to the tune of an additional \$250,000 in annual income to county businesses, Lee Myers, Sumpter, estimates.

25 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 10, 1996

The Oregon Department of Transportation has reaffirmed its opinion that U.S. Highway 26 between Unity and Ironside is too narrow and winding for single-trailer cattle trucks.

However, there is hope for Burnt River Valley ranchers who worry that the closure, which blocks their direct route to livestock auctions in Vale, will ruin the valley's cattle-dominated economy.

10 YEARS AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 10, 2011

A section of the Hells Canyon National Scenic Byway damaged by flooding last June re-opened this week. The Wallowa Loop, also known as Forest Road 39, is now passable in both directions.

The road is a popular summer route linking Baker and Wallowa counties.

"It's incredibly exciting news for us," said Timothy Bishop, Baker County's tourism director.

ONE YEAR AGO
from the Baker City Herald
June 11, 2020

About 80 people lined Campbell Street near Geiser-Pollman Park on a rainy Tuesday evening to show support for the Black Lives Matter movement.

Protests have been happening around the country since the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, who has since been charged with second-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

"It's a cause a lot of people obviously care about and feel like there needs to be a change," said Meghan Chancey of Baker City, who sparked the protest with a post on Facebook.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 7

22 — 25 — 32 — 34 — 40 — 41

Next jackpot: \$3.8 million

POWERBALL, June 5

44 — 52 — 54 — 64 — 69 PB 26

Next jackpot: \$20 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 8

9 — 22 — 39 — 41 — 54 Mega 19

Next jackpot: \$20 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 7

39 — 42 — 51 — 65

PICK 4, June 8

• 1 p.m.: 1 — 4 — 6 — 3

• 4 p.m.: 1 — 2 — 9 — 0

• 7 p.m.: 3 — 3 — 4 — 8

• 10 p.m.: 9 — 7 — 9 — 6

LUCKY LINES, June 8

2-8-10-14-18-21-26-31

Next jackpot: \$56,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, rolls, broccoli and bacon, salad, cookies
- **MONDAY (June 14):** Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls, ambrosia, banana pudding with wafers
- **TUESDAY (June 15):** Barbecued ribs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, cornbread, broccoli-and-bacon salad, cinnamon rolls
- **WEDNESDAY (June 16):** Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, Jell-O with fruit, sherbet
- **THURSDAY (June 17):** Chicken with gravy over a biscuit, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, brownies

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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DEATHS

Gloria Rodli: 84, of Baker City, died June 4, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. At her request, cremation was held. Memorial donations can be made to a charity of one's choice through the Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Gloria, go to www.colestributecenter.com.

FUNERALS PENDING

James Roger Kennedy: Short, informal celebration of life picnic Friday, June 11 at noon at Geiser-Pollman Park. It will be a no-host bring-your-own-picnic event due to COVID-19 issues. If you would like to join, please pack a lunch and bring a picnic basket or camp chair. To leave an online condolence for his family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

Cristi Crum: Celebration of life, Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at Union Creek Campground on Phillips Reservoir. Casey Crum will host a picnic for family and friends at the group picnic area near the boat ramp. Pulled pork, beans and some drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish, and a couple of camp chairs. This is an informal event to help remember a great woman. To RSVP, call Casey Crum at 541-519-7258.

Dale and Marjorie Buxton: Graveside service with military honors, Saturday, June 12 at 2 p.m. at Eagle Valley Cemetery in Richland. To make a donation in memory of Dale and Marjorie, the family suggests the Baker United Methodist Church through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway,

OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations

CONTEMPT OF COURT

(Baker County warrant): Chad Michael Cox, 40, Baker City, 3:47 Wednesday, June 9 at Clark and Broadway streets; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Two Baker County warrants): Valerie Jean Brinton, 53, Baker City, 5:56 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 in the 500 block of Campbell Street; cited and released.

PROBATION VIOLATION: Dominic Michael Silva, 27, Baker City, 12:46 p.m. Tuesday, June 8; cited and released.

FAILURE TO APPEAR (Baker County warrant): Chuck Wayne Briney, 28, Baker City, 11:30 p.m. Monday, June 7 at Resort and Broadway streets; cited and released.

PAROLE VIOLATION: Eric Lee Cayvill, 30, 4:03 p.m. Monday, June 7 at Myrtle and Dewey streets; jailed.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

FOURTH-DEGREE ASSAULT, HARASSMENT: Brian Gary Willets, 48, Henderson, Nevada, 2:15 p.m. Monday, June 7 on Old Auburn Lane; jailed.

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