

OBITUARIES

Lucille Morgan Spell Reeves

Aug. 7, 1923 – Jan. 17, 2015

MACON, Miss. – Lucille Morgan Spell Reeves, 91, died Jan. 17 at Noxubee General Hospital Macon, Miss. A funeral service was held Jan. 22 at the Chapel of Cockrell Funeral Home in Macon, followed by interment in the family lot at Oddfellows Cemetery.

Mrs. Reeves, a Macon native, was born Aug. 7, 1923, to William Elmo and Jimmie Thompson Morgan. She was a graduate of Macon High School and attended Mississippi State College for Women. While in college, she met and married Keith Spell of Lake Cormorant, Miss., who was a student attending Mississippi State University. After a short time in Bakersfield, Calif. during World War II, the couple returned to Macon and made their home there.

Early on, she worked at various offices in the Macon area, including those at the Borden Plant, and at Moore and Woods Commission Co. She finally arrived at the Macon Beacon newspaper, where she soon rose to be the Editor of Society News, a position she held until her retirement over 25 years later.

Active in community and local civic organizations, she was involved in the Macon Pilot Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. One of her primary sidelines with the DAR was genealogical research through the old county records. Her involvement with the Noxubee County Historical Society led to her publishing their newsletter, The Bulletin. As busy as she was with her various jobs and organizations, she was always proudest of having taught several local people to read using the Labauch method.

She was also an active member of Elon Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher as well as the church pianist.

After her husband's death in 1972, she married Pete Reeves in 1974. Together in retirement, they spent many happy hours traveling, fishing and socializing with friends at their camp house near the river outside of Macon. She also now had time to enjoy her talents as a gardener, floral designer and painter. What she enjoyed most of all, though, was the time she was now able to spend with her "grands."

Survivors include her sons, Keith (Shirley) Spell, Jr. of Macon, Jim (Beth) Spell of John Day, Larry (Lucy) Reeves of Alpharetta, Ga., and Bill (Carolyn) Reeves of Jackson, Miss.; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Academy, P.O. Box 231, Macon, MS 39341; Noxubee County Historical Society, c/o Anderson Thomas, P.O. Box 68, Shuqualak, MS 39361; Young Life Ministries, P.O. Box 831, Canyon City, OR 97820; or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Cockrell Funeral Home of Macon, 310 Jefferson Street, Macon, MS 39341.

Gary Waterhouse

July 8, 1939 – Jan. 18, 2015

REDMOND – Gary Waterhouse, 75, of Prairie City, died Jan. 18 at St. Charles Medical Center in Redmond. A celebration of life potluck will be held at noon, Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Strawberry Grange Hall in Prairie City. Doors will open at 11 a.m.

Mr. Waterhouse was born July 8, 1939, in Medford, and raised in Lakeview.

In 1961, he earned his bachelor's degree in architectural design from Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls.

His career accomplishments included design engineer for the City of Eugene from 1965-1969; broker/owner with Red Carpet in 1969; and real estate in Springfield in 1984.

On Jan. 6, 1982, he married Joy Humphrey.

The couple moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where he was the owner of a home building and remodeling business.

After retirement in 1999, they moved to Mansfield, Mo., and then to Prairie City in 2006.

He served as Prairie City mayor from June-December 2014.

Survivors include his wife, Joy; children, Greg, Cindy and Cheri; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Gerald, John, Teresa and Debra; six stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Talents and Treasures of Prairie City, through Joy Waterhouse, P.O. Box 905, Prairie City, OR 97869.

Loreene Bates

Loreene Bates, 80, of Prairie City, died Jan. 17 at her daughter's John Day home. Services are pending.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Hospice or a kidney donation charity, through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Evelyn Lois Cates

May 7, 1925 – Jan. 25, 2015

Evelyn Lois Cates, 89, died Jan. 25 at her Mt. Vernon home, surrounded by family. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Mt. Vernon Community Center.

Mrs. Cates was born on May 7, 1925, in Leese, Wash., the fourth daughter of Ranger and Ema Leese. Raised on a ranch in eastern Washington, she rode her horse six miles each way to a one-room schoolhouse. When the temperature was colder than 20 degrees below zero, she was allowed to stay home, but otherwise rode to school each day passing no other houses on the way.

In 1941, she met and married Donald N. Cates, a young logger who was working near her family's ranch. They married in Omak, Wash., on Aug. 22, 1942, and made their first home in Disautel, a small logging community.

In 1944, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in World War II. His ship was based in San Pedro, so she moved to San Francisco, and became a journeyman welder in a shipyard. After the war, they returned to Omak, where their son, Roy, and daughter, Linda, were born.

The family moved to Mt. Vernon in 1951. She was a homemaker and mother, while he worked for many years as a logger. Later, they bought Crossroads Service Station and Crossroads Cafe in Mt. Vernon. After that, she worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 19 years, in Mt. Vernon and Prairie City, and then was the dispatcher for AAA Thunderbolt Fire Service for 13 years.

She was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, and was named "Mother of the Year" at the Auxiliary's mother-daughter banquet in Mt. Vernon. The couple were grand marshals of the Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous in 1996.

She was a noted good cook and never happier than when serving a good meal to her large extended family. She had a natural green thumb and always raised a big vegetable garden, sometimes feeding the whole neighborhood. She loved baseball, especially the World Series. In the early years, she was a loyal fan of the Mt. Vernon high school basketball team, and later, attended all the games of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, from T-ball to state tournaments.

Survivors include her husband of over 72 years, Don Cates; son, Roy (Evelyn) Cates of Mt. Vernon; daughter, Linda (Tom Murray) Cates of Nelson, N.H.; granddaughter, Chris (Ken) Phillips of Fruitland, Idaho; grandsons, Mike (DeAnne) Cates of Filer, Idaho, Bryan Cates of Mt. Vernon, Brad (Krystal) Cates of Mt. Vernon and Will Murray of New York City, and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd. John Day, OR 97845.

Leonard E. Oster

May 16, 1937 – Jan. 8, 2015

PORTLAND – Leonard E. Oster, 77, formerly of John Day, died Jan. 8 at Park Forest Care Center in Portland. No services will be held.

Mr. Oster was born May 16, 1937, in Madras, the youngest son of L.E. "Red" and Fannie Oster. He attended school at the one-room school in Frenchglen. He spent his younger years in the Burns area, before the family relocated to the Dayville area, where he graduated from Dayville High School. It was there he met and married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Cant.

They lived in the John Day area for many years. They moved to Baker City, where they raised their family.

He retired from Ellington Timber Company, after supervising the construction of miles of logging roads. He also had a saddle shop for over 35 years, catering to the working cowboy with saddles in many states and Australia.

He was a member of the John Day Elks Lodge for over 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; daughters, Luann (Ed) Cook and Linda (Brian) Oster-Bainnson; granddaughters, Brynne and Elyah Oster-Bainnson, all of Portland; a brother, Clarence Oster of Richland, Wash.; several brothers- and sisters-in-law; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Arlie and Jess.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grant County Ranch and Rodeo Museum, 241 E. Main St., John Day, OR 97845.

Blaine Benjamin Kendall

Oct. 26, 1943 – Jan. 16, 2015

BEND – Blaine Benjamin Kendall, 71, of John Day, died Jan. 16 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend.

Mr. Kendall was born Oct. 26, 1943, in Ontario, to Benjamin and Carol (Southard) Kendall. He attended schools in Willow Creek and Vale until 1960 when the family moved to Prairie City. He graduated from Prairie City High School in 1962.

In 1965, he married Virginia "Ginger" Johns. He worked as a log truck driver in the Pilot Rock and John Day areas.

In 1970, the couple moved to Cordova, Alaska, where they had two children, and where Blaine pursued a career in commercial fishing. The family moved back to John Day in 1977, but continued to fish in Alaska every summer for many years. After that, he owned log and lumber trucks until his retirement.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer, and trap shooter. He especially loved camping with his family.

Survivors include his wife Virginia (Johns) Kendall of John Day; daughter Wendy (Rich) Hague of Cheney, Wash.; son Dustin (LaKisha Clark) Kendall of Portland; brother Thomas (Judy) Kendall of Spokane Valley, Wash.; sisters Donna (Reed) Nielsen of Rexburg, Idaho, Elaine (Gary) Fergen of Palmer, Alaska, and Linda (Wilfried) Stoppa of Lauterburg, Germany; two granddaughters; and 20 nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grant County junior golf program or a charity of one's choice through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd. John Day, OR 97845.

Vera Hensley

July 2, 1923 – Jan. 20, 2015

Vera Hensley, 91, died Jan. 20 at her Canyon City home. Services are pending.

Mrs. Hensley was born July 2, 1923, in Sallisaw, Okla., to Jesse and Dora (Davis) Shelton. She attended Vale High School.

On Dec. 22, 1941, she married Vinton Frank Hensley in Payette, Idaho. She worked as a waitress for many years, as well as many jobs locally before retiring.

She enjoyed taking long drives in the mountains, attending church activities, helping others and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of Bible Way Community Church for many years.

Survivors include her son, Larry (Sue) Hensley of Salem; daughter, Aloma Hensley of Ontario; grandsons, Doyle, Dean and Monte Watson of Ontario; Jenifer Hensley and Angela Bond, both of Salem; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vinton Hensley; and brothers, Red, Albert, Jerald and Wayne Belisle.

Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.



BIRTHS



Lucy Anna Lynn Kincaid

Mike and Laura Kincaid of Greenville, Calif., announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Anna Lynn Kincaid, at 1:18 p.m. Jan. 15 at Banner Lassen Medical Center in Susanville, Calif. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19-1/4 inches long.

She joins brother, Brayden 6, and sister, Paytin, 3.

Grandparents are Debbie Kincaid of Susanville, Kevin Kraft of Camarillo, Calif., and Cheryl Hoefler of Prairie City. Great-grandmother Audrey Martinson lives in Santa Barbara, Calif.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Temperature
Wednesday	Mostly cloudy	51/34
Thursday	Partly sunny	50/31
Friday	Mostly sunny	50/31
Saturday	Mostly sunny	50/33
Sunday	Slight chance of rain	52/35
Monday	Chance of rain	49/28
Tuesday	Partly sunny	43/17

LAST WEEK

	JAN. 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
John Day	45/27	46/26	43/30	55/35	59/40	65/39	65/46
Sheep Rock	59/26	49/25	49/30	48/32	59/39	64/40	67/35

SKI REPORT

Anthony Lakes: Base 49 inches; no new snow.

24/7 FORECAST

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UPPER MAINSTEM AND SOUTH FORK JOHN DAY RIVER AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA PLAN

The Biennial Review of the Upper Mainstem and South Fork John Day River Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan will be held Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 4:00pm at the USDA Conference Room at 721 S. Canyon Blvd., in John Day.

Contact
Jason Kehrberg or Pat Holliday
at 541-575-0135 with any questions.