

OBITUARIES

W. Ralph Wilson

Aug. 25, 1933 — Dec. 6, 2016

W. Ralph Wilson, 83, of Prairie City passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Blue Mountain Hospital. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Driskill Memorial Chapel. A private interment will follow at the Prairie City Cemetery.



Wilson was born on Aug. 25, 1933, to Jonathan "Pete" and Gladys (Gale) Wilson in Baker City. He graduated high school in 1952, then joined the National Guard where he received ranking of sergeant first class. On Aug. 29, 1954, he married Joann Marie Cox in Baker City; they were married 62 years. He spent

his career as a saw filer in various saw mills in the northwest; he worked at the Bates sawmill from 1970-1975, and officially retired in 1995.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, mushrooming, barbecuing, picking huckleberries, cutting firewood and playing pinochle.

He is survived by his wife Joann Wilson of Prairie City; daughter, Vonna Anderson of Prairie City; sister, Lavelle Harrell of Pendleton; brothers, Kenneth Wilson of Los Angeles and Franklin Wilson of Baker City; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son Johnathan Wilson; parents; one brother; and three sisters.

To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Mountain Care Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Clayton 'Swede' Elmer Carr

Sept. 1, 1929 — Dec. 3, 2016

Clayton "Swede" Elmer Carr, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 3, at his home in Long Creek.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Restlawn Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, 201 Oak Grove Road NW in Salem. A celebration of life service will be held in Long Creek at a later date in 2017 due to weather and family travel constraints.



Carr was born in Monument Sept. 1, 1929, to Ordie "Swede" and Bonnie Carr. People used to call Ordie "Big Swede" and Clayton "Little Swede" so Clayton was known by everyone in Grant County by no other name than "Swede."

He spent most of his formative years between Hamilton and Monument, having lived with his grandmother, Viola Jan Devore from the age of 9. At the age of 11, he went to live with and work for Fred Page, and a few years later for Lee Fleming, as a ranch hand for both. An avid "cowboy," he moved to Dayville at age 14 to work for the Stewarts, and later for the Motts at the Murderers Creek Ranch, where he was the range rider for a number of years and lived in a cabin at John Young Meadows in the summer months.

As a Korean War era veteran, Carr voluntarily enlisted and served honorably as a U.S. Army drill instructor training new recruits. This was a job where his creativity and quick-witted nature made him quite effective dealing with even the most unique issues recruits can present. After his Army service, he returned to ranching, working with Roy "Elmo" Ridgeway, who owned the Todd Creek Ranch in the Murderers Creek country. The Todd Creek Ranch was willed to Carr upon Ridgeway's death.

One day, a letter from Carr's sister, Chrystle, asked if her friend and neighbor, Greta Haff, could come up with her to his Todd Creek Ranch. Haff was a string instrument music teacher from Salem and had three girls and one boy. Carr and Haff were introduced, and a few years later, they were married on Jan. 1, 1972. They sold the Todd Creek Ranch and bought the Pass Creek Ranch in Long Creek, where they would commute between Salem and Pass Creek multiple times a year. They would eventually fully retire to their ranch in 1989 after their long and dedicated service to the Salem School District with Greta as a music teacher and Clayton as a custodian. It was at their beloved Pass Creek Ranch where they continued their love of ranching, hunting, horseback riding, playing the violin and harmonica, and going on evening rides together in their 1945 red Willys Jeep with their many dogs leading the way.

Carr's easy-going, loyal and content nature, his quick-witted humor and his oftentimes boyish personality made an impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be dearly missed.

Carr was preceded in death by his wife, Greta; his parents; a brother, Louie Carr; and stepdaughter, Carla Wilson. He is survived by sisters, Chrystle Henderson, Iola Butterfield and Viola Hughes; stepdaughters Karen Haas and Diane Haff; stepson Kendall Haff; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

John Barry Rose

March 25, 2001 — Nov. 17, 2016

John Barry Rose, 15, of Burns passed away Nov. 17, 2016. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Rose Equine Facility in Burns. A dinner will follow, and all are encouraged to attend and share stories.



John Barry was born on March 25, 2001, at St. Charles Medical Center to proud parents, Kelli and JW Rose of Burns. He enjoyed roping, rodeo, horses, branding cattle, hunting, guns and sports.

He is survived by his parents; his brother, Tommy Jack; his grandparents, Gary and Becky Rose and Wanda Schnabele; great-grandmothers, Lois Stoddart and Helen Schnabele; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Carl Schnabele.

Contributions may be made to the John Barry Memorial Fund at U.S. Bank or a charity of your choice.

Kysen Lee Kinsey

Kysen Lee Kinsey, infant son of Kyle Kinsey and Jessica Thomas, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Blue Mountain Hospital. No public services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kysen Lee Kinsey memorial fund through Old West Federal Credit Union. Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. To leave a condolence, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Luis Gerado Sanchez

Luis Gerado Sanchez, 63, of California passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, in an automobile crash near Ritter. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

Patricia "Patty" Lee Hyde

August 4, 1934 - December 7, 2016

Patricia "Patty" Lee Hyde passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7 at St. Charles in Bend surrounded by her family after a long battle with breast cancer.

Patty was born August 4, 1934 in Ontario to Lester and Bertha Lynd Derrick. She was the youngest of eight children, 7 girls and one boy. She lived her first 5 years in Ironside before her family moved to Ontario. Her dad, Lester, was a cattle buyer. Bertha and Lester divorced when Mom was quite young. For income Bertha opened a boarding house taking in older people and foster children. Mom moved to Canyon City with family and started working with Dr. Jerry and Dr. Martha at the hospital in Canyon City. She had wonderful memories of the time spent working for them.

She married, Bill (William Emil) Hyde December 10, 1954. They raised four daughters on the Hyde Ranch in Izee until Bill's unexpected death in 1975. Patty was a "city" girl, but she adapted quickly to life on the ranch. As is common in all ranching family's, most of the work crew is made up of family members. Mom was the Rake during haying season. She cooked for the hunting crews, branding crews, and ranch hands. When the ranch work allowed, she and Bill loved to go "antiquing". Many hours were spent digging through old homestead dumps looking for lost treasures. They attended antique and bottle shows throughout Oregon. After many years of "antiquing", Bill started muzzle loading. He and Patty made buckskin outfits to wear to the events, made their own teepee to stay in while at the shoots and enjoyed greatly the camaraderie of the muzzle loading community.

In 1971, Mom and Dad came up with an ingenious idea of holding an annual muzzle loading squirrel shoot in Izee. This would help reduce the number of ground squirrels that were causing damage to crops. In addition, Izee was in need of a good old fashioned party. Life in Izee had become very dull since the demise of the popular Harvest Balls. The entire community of Izee was involved in the shoot. It was a hit. Every year on Memorial Day Weekend people from all over the Pacific Northwest and beyond would converge on Izee to enjoy shooting ground squirrels, eating pit barbeque (one year it was a buffalo Dad harvested at the Ponderosa ranch in Silvies Valley), camping, and dancing to the music of old time fiddlers at the Izee Grange Hall. Oh, and drinking a little "hooch." As fate would have it, Bill passed away during the Squirrel Shoot in 1975. The Hyde ranch was sold in 1976.

After the ranch sold Patty lived in the Willamette Valley for several years. She moved back to Grant County later in life to be near her kids, grandkids and great-grand kids.

Patty was known for her love of cooking and baking and took great pride in her yard. She loved her roses and lilac

bushes. She enjoyed reading books on her Kindle. She got great enjoyment out of FaceTiming family and friends and checking out Facebook. Her iPhone also allowed her to see pictures of her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids that otherwise wouldn't have been possible. She was an avid Oregon Duck fan and was certain Chip Kelly was going to be coming back for another winning season.

Mom did not tread lightly through the world. She was a strong willed, opinionated lady who was willing to share her thoughts on politics with anyone. We were all thankful Mom lived long enough to see Donald Trump elected as president.

Patty was very proud of her only brother, Bud Derrick, a WWII veteran. She, Bud and three of her sisters Bessie, Betty, and Elaine went to Europe to revisit the sites where Bud had fought. They rented a motor home for their excursion through Europe. You can only imagine five people under the height of 5'5" driving a rented motorhome on the Autobahn! They all survived with wonderful memories of the trip.

Our family get togethers would usually end with a lively game of poker which she often won. When she didn't win, she was convinced we had all cheated! She enjoyed trips to Winnemucca and Reno with her sisters to gamble. She liked vacations to the Oregon Coast and her last two trips were with her daughters.

Patty always felt proud of her daughters' accomplishments and felt lucky she had such wonderful son-in-law's. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who called her Grandma Patty and Granny. Her walls were covered with pictures of her family. She saved cards throughout the years she received from everyone.

Mom lived independently at her home and always had family and friends stopping by and keeping an eye on her. Patty appreciated her neighbor Terri Griffith for stopping by to visit regularly and Brenda Baggett for the care she provided mom at home.

Patty is survived by her four daughters, Patricia Colleen Hyde of Broken Arrow, OK, Stephanie Lynn Walters, husband Larry, of Greenwood, South Carolina, Piper Lee Stout, husband Loren, of Izee and Molly Kaye Finley, husband Larry of John Day. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Marissa Williams, husband Zach, of Canyon City, and their children, Taylor, Drewsey, and Jhett; Chance Finley of Mt. Vernon, Raymie Walters, wife Mandy, and their children, Ryleigh, Liam and Ansley of Kailua, HI; Zachary Walters of Chicago, IL, and Kaylee Tabor, husband Brent and their child Avery.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill, parents Lester and Bertha, her brother Melvin "Bud" Derrick and sisters Helen Carpenter, Lucille McGinnis, Mina Lewis, Bessie Snyder, Betty Brown and Elaine Burrow.



Memorial contributions can be made to the John Day Senior Center.
Paid for by the family of Patty Hyde



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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	28/17
WEDNESDAY	23/8
THURSDAY	28/17
FRIDAY	41/28
SATURDAY	41/31
SUNDAY	39/31
MONDAY	38/21

24/7 FORECAST

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 162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 14-20

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Heavy snow	Snow likely	Chance of showers	Partly sunny	Chance of snow	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy
28	34	23	18	22	31	41
26	19	-1	3	14	23	18