

**OBITUARIES**

**Eulala Herbert**

Nov. 14, 1911 - May 18, 2017

Eulala Herbert, 105, of John Day passed away Thursday, May 18, at Chesley's Elderberry House in John Day. A funeral service was held May 23 at the John Day United Methodist Church. A vault interment service followed at the Canyon City Cemetery.



On Nov. 14, 1911, Herbert was born to William O. and Gertrude (Hall) Cummings. She attended grade school at Cummingville School, and graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1931. She married Dale Conlee in 1930 and had two sons with him, Alva and Dee. After Dale's passing in 1947, she married Ed Herbert, who passed away in 1982.

She worked for many years at the Grant County Courthouse for the county clerk's office, the sheriff's office and the county extension agent. Herbert retired in 1973.

She enjoyed crafts, especially knitting, crocheting and working on puzzles. She was a member of the John Day United Methodist Church and regularly frequented the John Day Senior Center.

Herbert is preceded in death by her first husband, Dale Conlee; her second husband, Ed Herbert; her son Dee; her sister Eva; two brothers, Larry and Otis; and daughter-in-law Helen.

She is survived by her son Alva and his wife, Margite; her brother, Robert; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John Day United Methodist Church or John Day Senior Center through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To leave a condolence, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

**Dorrance Dale 'Smokey' Wilborn**

Aug. 3, 1925 - May 2, 2017

Dorrance Dale "Smokey" Wilborn, 91, of Prairie City passed away Tuesday, May 2, at Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day.

Wilborn was born on Aug. 3, 1925, to Trigg and Wilhelmina (Boyer) Wilborn. After high school, Wilborn joined the U.S. Navy and served four years as an aviation electrician's mate second class. He married Vera "Tommie" Thelma Ebert (Hamilton) in Nampa, Idaho, in 1975.

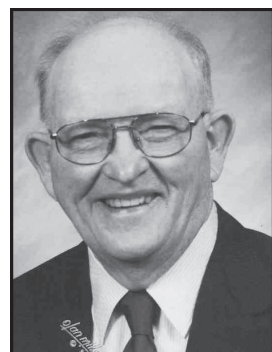
Wilborn is survived by his stepsons, Sam Wilson of Caldwell, Idaho, Warren Wilson of John Day, Dale McCormick of Seneca and Dennis McCormick of Seneca.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tommie Wilborn. To leave a condolence, visit [driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://driskillmemorialchapel.com).

**Kathleen Agnes Blue**

Kathleen Agnes Blue, 74, of Emmett, formerly of John Day and Marsing, Idaho, passed away Saturday, May 20, at home. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Emmett. Viewing will be available the hour prior to services. Services are in the care of the Potter Funeral Chapel of Emmett. To leave a condolence, visit [potterchapel.com](http://potterchapel.com).

**Obituary for Daniel (Buzz) Walter Harris**



Buzz Harris went to be with the Lord on April 2, 2017, at the age of 87 after a short illness in Caldwell, Idaho. A memorial service will be held on Monday, May 29, 2017, at 1:00 pm at Prairie Baptist Church in Prairie City, Oregon with a graveside committal

following the church service at the Prairie City Cemetery. A reception will be held after the conclusion of the service at the Prairie City Senior Center in Prairie City, Oregon. Services are open to the public.

Buzz Harris was born to Clarence and Hattie Harris on November 24, 1929, in Prairie City, Oregon. He was born on the property where he lived most of his life, except nine months that he lived in New Mexico. He was the 8th of 10 children, and he and his brothers helped build the house where he lived. Buzz attended the Prairie City Schools and graduated in 1949.

Like many of the time, he got his first job away from home when he was ten years old and earned ten cents per day plus an egg sandwich and a quart of milk. Additionally, he helped his Dad and brothers in the family mechanics shop and learned many skills. Buzz was involved in almost all aspects of the lumber industry from the time of his high school graduation. He built roads, skidded logs, worked in the mill, hauled lumber, moved heavy equipment, but most of his time was spent hauling logs. Because of his diverse work background and skills, one of his bosses at Edward Hines Lumber Company told Buzz that they did not have a man at the company who could replace him for all of the different jobs he could do. He retired from logging in 1994 and then spent the next 14 years working for Wish Poultry and Mark Wishard in Prairie City.

Buzz married Marjorie M. Sager on June 27, 1959, at the Boise Valley Church of the Brethren in Nampa, Idaho. Marjorie passed away November 2, 2011, after over 52 years of marriage.

Buzz loved fishing, hunting, gardening, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Buzz was a member of Prairie Baptist Church. Buzz and Marjorie enjoyed their many years helping with the Prairie City Senior Center, and Buzz was the vice-president of their council in recent years.

Buzz is survived by two sons, Thomas Harris of Boise, Idaho, Jerry Harris of Caldwell, Idaho, Jerry's wife, Camille Harris of Caldwell, Idaho, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Buzz was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Hattie Harris, four brothers, Thomas, Robert, Frank, and James Harris. Also, five sisters, Jessie Randolph, Alice Kight, Janette Deardorff, Clarice (Mickey) Plantz, and Virginia (Ann) Cemelich and four brother-in-laws.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Prairie City Senior Center in honor of Buzz through Driskill Memorial Chapel at 241 S Canyon Blvd, Prairie City, OR 97820.

To light a candle in memory of Buzz, please visit: [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com).

*Paid for by the family of Buzz Harris*

*Joyce Dowdy*



Joyce Dowdy, 78, of Mount Vernon, Oregon passed away in her sleep, early on the morning of Sunday, May 7, 2017, at Blue Mt. Care Center in Prairie City, Oregon. A "Memories of Joyce" potluck is scheduled for June 24th, 2017 at 11:00 AM to be held at the Grant County Senior Center in John Day, Oregon. A Celebration of Life for

Joyce will also be held at the Marcola Christian Church in Marcola, Oregon at 11:00 AM on July 8th, 2017.

Joyce was born on March 21, 1939, to John and Helen Reynolds in Eugene, Oregon. She was the only girl and had 3 brothers, John, Bob, and Terry. Joyce attended school in a one room schoolhouse on Old Marcola Road, and then went to Springfield High School, in Springfield, Oregon. She married her high school sweetheart, Ronald Dowd, on August 31, 1956. Ronald was 6 years old when he told his Mother he was going to marry Joyce. Joyce finished her senior year at Marcola High School, graduating in 1957.

Joyce and Ronald went on to have three children; Lloydene, Lewis, and Lenny. She was a school mom for all of her kids.

Joyce spent most of her life on a farm or ranch and was a very hard working lady. She did many different jobs and raised many farm animals. She had a sixth sense when it came to her animals. The family showed their animals at the Lane County Fair and Joyce even delivered pigs at the fair for many years. The Dowdy's raised cattle and registered pigs, and Cotswold sheep. Joyce also worked at most of the local dairies, milking cows, so the dairy

farmers could take vacations. She drove the bus to pick up bean and berry pickers in the summer months and was also the boss of the fields. She also worked some paper routes for the Eugene Register Guard Newspaper. Ronald and Joyce lived in Creswell for 46 years, selling the family farm in 2006 and bought a ranch in Grant County to be near their kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joyce loved her family. She loved to watch the kids in their sports, dance and their programs. She taught her whole family what unconditional love looks and feels like. Joyce had an awesome sense of humor and loved to tell jokes and make people laugh.

Joyce is survived by her Husband of 60 years, Ronald; their three children, LLOYDENE and her husband Bill, Lewis and his wife Lynette & Lenny and his wife Sherri, Grandchildren; Simmie (Wade), Shanna (Chris), Toby (Meredith), Lyssa (Wayne), Lloyd (Ashlee), Lexie (Bryce), Maycee, Stephanie (Tye), Sylvia (Blain), Randy (Caitlin), Great-Grandchildren; Trinity, Riddick, Tate, Jerrett, Addy, Emma, Clive, Hunter, Saber, Halle, Taylor, Owen, Tenley, Cooper, Jordan, Riggan, Keranee, Axtyn, Apryl, Trystan, Nataley, Ely & Sophia. Joyce has three angel great grand babies, Payton, Kady and Ashyr. Nanny Joyce was very excited to have two more great-grandchildren due this year.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 3 brothers.

To light a candle for Joyce or leave a condolence for the family, please visit: [www.driskillmemorialchapel.com](http://www.driskillmemorialchapel.com)

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**Myrtha Fields**

Myrtha Fields, 96, died peacefully Saturday, May 20th at Blue Mountain Care Center. She was born January 22, 1921 to Jacob Lemar and Merdith Edna Kent Westenskow at their home in Imbler, Oregon. She was one of eleven children.

Life during the depression era was difficult for everyone. Her older sister Rowaine died at the age of 6. Her mother became ill after her 6th child was born. Her father remarried and his second wife died. He again remarried and they had 5 children. Because her family lived on a farm they did not go without something to eat. She remembers men coming by the farm looking for work or some food and her father always finding something for them. She was kept busy working at home, babysitting, and tending animals. One of the things she enjoyed doing was playing outside and watching critters. Once she watched a mouse family at play and said that it was like watching any family take care of their home and children.

Myrtha graduated from Imbler High School and attended BYU for a year. She thought it would be great to get away and not be babysitting all the time, but she got homesick and returned to Imbler. It seems she missed all of the younger ones she had been caring for. She graduated from Eastern Oregon Normal School, which is now known as Eastern Oregon University. She taught school in Portland for a year. It seems that there were several young men that were vying for her attention, but she was informed by Vern Fields that he was the one she was going to marry. They were married in her family home in

Imbler by her uncle. They made their home in several towns as Vern had various jobs and finally they settled in John Day. They had three children, Meredith, Bill and Stuart. After her older children were in school, she resumed her teaching career. She taught third, fourth, and fifth grades. Her favorite position was teaching the fifth grade.

Myrtha had many different hobbies. She liked bowling, fishing, and shooting trap. But most of all she loved to work in her flowers. She especially liked roses and iris. When asked what flowers she liked best she always said she liked them all.

Myrtha was never one to be left behind in any adventure. There was no way she was going to be left behind if Vern planned to head out on one. She was a very caring person and will be missed by her family, friends and all the young people whose lives she touched.

Myrtha is survived by her daughter Meredith and son-in-law Roger Ediger of Mt. Vernon, son Bill and daughter-in-law Gayle Fields of Canyon City; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Vern, her son Stuart, her sisters Rowaine, Betty and Winona, and brothers Donald and Pete.

Memorial contributions in memory of Myrtha may be made to Blue Mountain Care Center's Residence Fund, Valley View's Residence Fund, Grant County Library Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

Services for Myrtha are scheduled for 2 pm Saturday, May 27th, at Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR.

*Paid for by the family of Myrtha Fields*

**Kathren Lois Ritchey Williams**

June 7, 1939 - May 16, 2017



Kathy Williams was born on June 7, 1939 in Alturas, California to R.J. Ritchey and Kathleen Roberts. She died at 77

years of age on May 16, 2017 after a short battle with cancer, with her family by her side. Our Mom and sister attended school in Ft Bidwell and Cedarville, California and Medford, Oregon.

In 1958, in Reno, Nevada, Mom married our Dad, Wally Williams, and from that union Tami was born in 1959 and Gina in 1961. In 1963, Mom and Dad moved to John Day, Oregon where Mom started working for Dr. Bennett. In 1967, Mom and Dad purchased Driskill Memorial Chapel after the death of Carl Driskill. Shortly after the purchase of the funeral home, Mom started working with Dad. That was the beginning of Mom's life-long passion of helping people, eventually leading to her becoming a licensed Funeral Director. For many years she, and seven other life-long friends, calling themselves "The Bridge Club", made annual trips to Reno, in Jean Sproul's motor home, for gambling and shopping. In 1980, she moved to Bend, Oregon where she started working for Paul Reynolds at Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home. In 1986 Mom moved to Redmond, Oregon to manage Redmond Memorial Chapel.

Mom was very active in the Redmond community for many years. She was passionate about her involvement with the Hospice of Redmond for 30 years and she was on the board of Directors for 21 years. Mom looked forward to the Hospice Festival of Trees where she directed tree traffic, telling everyone where to set up their trees. She took great pride in bidding up the price of the trees into the thousands of dollars, all for the benefit of

Hospice of Redmond. Mom enjoyed working at Lords Acre day sale at Powell Butte, selling pies. Mom was active in the Community Presbyterian Church where she served as an elder.

Mom was on the Redmond City Council from 1998 to 1999, and on the Budget Committee for the City from 1999 to present.

Under Mom's leadership, the columbarium at Redmond Memorial Cemetery went from a dream to a reality.

Mom loved to play bridge, especially with the "boys", and going on trips and cruises with the International Order of the Golden Rule. She enjoyed many travels with her friend Ardyce Swift. Her great passion was doing cross stitch, and she always said she couldn't live long enough to complete all the patterns she had collected.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents and step mother Iris.

Kathy is survived by her daughters Tami (Keith) and Gina (Fred), granddaughter Ashley and great grandson Jayden, brothers Kenneth (Joan), Karol, Robert (Sandra) and sister Susan (Mike).

The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at St. Charles Hospital Cancer Center for their care and Paul Reynolds for guidance and support.

Kathy will be missed by all of her many, many friends with whom she shared her life.

A memorial service was held at the Community Presbyterian Church in Redmond, on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11:00.

Donations in her memory may be sent to Hospice of Redmond for the Transitions Program, the Community Presbyterian Church and St. Thomas Catholic Church.

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**LAST WEEK'S TEMPS**

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY .....	53/33
WEDNESDAY .....	50/33
THURSDAY .....	65/42
FRIDAY .....	71/40
SATURDAY .....	71/44
SUNDAY .....	77/42
MONDAY .....	81/49

**24/7 FORECAST**

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**NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY**  
**162.500 MHZ**

**WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24-30**

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Afternoon showers	Partly sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Cloudy
<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>