

OBITUARIES

**Steven W. Gentis**  
*March 31, 1941 - Nov. 22, 2017*

Steve Gentis, 76, of Tigard passed away Nov. 22 at his home. He was born March 31, 1941, in John Day. He attended John Day Grade School and graduated from Grant Union High School in 1959.

Between his junior and senior year of high school, he was seriously injured in a car crash and was confined to a wheelchair the rest of his life. This did not stop him. He attended and graduated from college with a degree in electronics. He worked in the computer and electronics field until his health began to deteriorate, forcing him to retire.

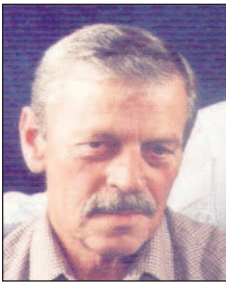
He taught computer and electronics classes in foreign countries and accomplished amazing feats during his career.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Terry Gentis; stepfather, Melvin Kite; and nephew, Mike Gentis.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Gentis, of Tigard; mother, Thelma Kite, of Prairie City; brother Walt Gentis and wife, Donna, of Canyon City; nephew John Gentis of Athena; four great-nephews; and one great-niece.

Gentis' hobbies included building antique clocks, wood-working, computers and electronics. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

**Charles G. ‘Chuck’ Christiansen**  
*March 13, 1932 - Nov. 14, 2017*



Charles G. “Chuck” Christiansen, 85, of John Day, a former longtime Hermiston resident, died Nov. 14 in Prairie City.

Christiansen was born on March 13, 1932, in Alta, Iowa, to parents, Carl William and Johana (Joan) Alberta Hobbs Christiansen. He was raised and attended school in Alta, where he participated in football and basketball.

He moved to Reno, Nevada, in 1950 and later enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was stationed in Kingsville, Texas, and trained to be a fireman. While stationed in Texas, he met Betty L. Smith, and they were united in marriage on Oct. 17, 1953, in Kingsville.

Christiansen was honorably discharged and returned to Reno, where they lived until 1970, moving to Irrigon and working as a fireman at the Umatilla Army Depot until 1979. He worked at Sherrell Chevrolet in Hermiston on his days off for several years before moving to Hermiston in 1975 and making a full-time change to work at Sherrell’s in 1979. He worked at Sherrell’s for 20 years and then for Myrick Chrysler/Dodge until he retired in 1994.

The couple moved to John Day in 1997 where they have

lived since. He was a former member of the Lions Club and a member of the Elks Lodge, and for many years, he was part of the early morning coffee crew in John Day.

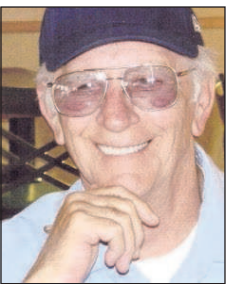
Christiansen’s greatest joy was his family. He was always there with guidance, advice, wisdom, support and love. He enjoyed attending all of the sporting events and activities that his children and grandchildren participated in over the years and playing pinochle. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty Christiansen, John Day; son David Christiansen (Kari), Hermiston; daughters Joni Bebb, John Day, and Debbie Christiansen, Hermiston; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother Daniel Christiansen, Redmond; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be announced and held at a later date.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. People may sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

**Robert ‘Bob’ Dale Thompson**  
*April 10, 1948 - Nov. 7, 2017*



Robert “Bob” Dale Thompson, 69, died Nov. 7 in Harrisburg with his wife and loving family at his side.

Thompson was born April 10, 1948, in Portland, to Luther Thompson of Bates and Edna Thompson of Echo. Around age 3, the family moved to Monroe. Thompson attended school in Monroe until he decided to join the U.S. Navy during his senior year. He served in the Navy from 1966 to 1969. While in the Navy, he received his GED. He was very proud of that and for serving his country.

He left the Navy in April 1969, and soon after he met his future wife, Helen (Kelso). The couple were married July 18, 1969.

They made their home in Harrisburg, where they raised their family. He worked at AmericanCan Paper Mill in Halsey from 1974 to 2007. After retiring, the couple started RVing and loved to travel, visiting family and friends and fishing — Thompson loved to fish.

Thompson is survived by his loving wife, Helen, of 48 1/2 years; daughter Delisa Magelky and husband, Martin; son Rob Thompson and wife, Christa; sisters Sharon Wilson of Cottage Grove and Carolyn Ballard of Monroe; brothers Tom Thompson and wife, Barbara, of Monroe and Ron Thompson and wife, Vicki, of Alpine; cousins Wanda Madsen and Marlene Woodley of Prairie City and Judd Olp of Harrisburg; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law Buck Putney of Bellfountain and Lynn Wilson of Cottage Grove.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the new gym building beside Monroe High School; a lunch will follow. Donations can be made to the Bellfountain Community Church, Bellfountain, Oregon. Arrangements by Murphy-Musgrove Funeral Home. People may sign the guestbook at musgroves.com.

CORRECTION

unanimously approved an ordinance ratifying the creation of the Grant County Digital Network Coalition. The court held a hearing on the ordinance on Nov. 22 but did not vote on the ordinance. The ordinance will come back for a second hearing tentatively on Dec. 13, but otherwise on Dec. 27. The court will vote on the ordinance after the second hearing.

I would like to extend my deep appreciation to everyone who offered support, kindness and sympathy following Butch Goslin’s recent passing. Thank you as well to all the businesses and individuals who offered support through Butch’s benefit in April, by providing donations or volunteering your time. I’d like to send my gratitude as well as my condolences to Wanda and Shannon Voigt, Levi Voigt and Jim and Loreli Clapp for being such incredibly supportive people, to myself as well as to Butch. Thank you also to Kevin Dahlen, who did a beautiful job affiliating the Celebration of Life. Many thanks to the hospice staff for the compassion they gave, and Jackie and Chris from Driskill Memorial Chapel, as well as my personal staff at Mountain View Mini Mart for working together to create a smooth operation during a rough time. Finally and most importantly, I would like to thank Butch’s daughter, Lacy Goslin, and her mom, Kim, for being angels here on earth simply by helping, honoring and supporting me as we now travel through this journey in life side by side, hand in hand and truly heart to heart. Our loss is immeasurable, but so is the love he left behind.

Sincerely  
**Chelsey McDaniel**

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*Susan M. Horn, November 1960 - 2017*

Susan M. Horn, 57, passed away at home on November 28 after a courageous battle with Glioblastoma. Sue beat many odds and outlived her prognosis for years beyond expectation. She was a true fighter and loved life...and it loved her right back.

Sue was born on November 1, 1960 in John Day to parents George and Bonnie Harper. She joined older siblings Mary, Lola, Lala, Loren (Toink) and John. Together they grew up along Harper Creek and spent many years without electricity or running water (except for a pitcher pump). The kids spent their youth playing outside, reading, playing cards and games like Rummy and Spin the Bottle, shooting squirrels, and learning many songs through “Name That Tune” with dad on the banjo. One time Sue even got her hair parted with a rogue arrow shot by her brother John!

After graduating high school in 1978, Sue did some traveling (Alaska, Germany) and eventually ended up in Elgin in 1983 where she worked at the lumber mill. Steve Horn was working there, too, and it was only a matter of time before the two were smitten.

Sue invited Steve to her house one time and had renovated a lot of it on her own. Steve was hugely impressed by this and remembers the smell of cinnamon cans sitting on her oil stove. Sue was an incredibly hard worker and was even offered a foreman job at the mill after only a short time. True to her integrity, she turned the job down because she felt she wasn’t as qualified as other, longer-tenure employees.

Steve and Sue were married in 1984, and Steve will tell you this was the best decision he ever made. They raised a wonderful mix of kids – Stephanie, Tara, Heath, Sterling, Laramie and Nikki. They lived in Elgin, Summerville and Netarts before settling for good in Mt. Vernon.

Sue held many jobs throughout her life, from firefighting and engineering to office management and even owning a store in Mt. Vernon. She embraced a variety of titles but would say the true champion of her accomplishments in the working world was obtaining the official title of Road Master of Grant County. Sue’s ability to motivate others and lead by example inspired everyone around her to strive for better, whether it be in their personal or professional lives. Her work ethic and overall good-natured, butt-kicking attitude made her a respected and treasured teammate in every organization she was part of. Sue’s devotion to Mt. Vernon is easily remembered and marked by her time spent on city council and as town Mayor, and by her selfless service and dedication to the beautification of and improvements to the community.

Aside from family, Steve and Sue’s houses on Cottonwood Street were her pride and joy. She was the absolute best at making any place feel like home. She loved all things antique and vintage farmhouse like old wash basins, cast iron, repurposing, quilting and sewing, and canning. She was a talented cook, cake baker, artist, builder, designer and decorator, and never feared trying new things or taking on big challenges. Sue spent hundreds of loving hours tending to her vegetable and flower gardens and was a certified Master Gardener and Food Preserver. Spending time camping with friends and family on Tex Creek or Murderer’s Creek topped the list of her favorite things, right up there with sitting on the porch with a cold drink, watching the world go by or visiting with company.

Sue kept life organized for so many in the Horn/Harper/Thissell/Weaver family. She was the glue that held everything together and her spirit and affection for togetherness will be deeply missed. Her door was always open and she was genuinely the most giving person – giving of her time, thoughts, hugs, smiles, and conversation. She was the first to volunteer wherever she was needed, was full of joy and was quite the comedian – she was never afraid to make a fool of herself and was one heck of a covered wagon racer! Sue especially loved to dance: “Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we’re here, we should dance.”

Sue is survived by her husband of 33 years, Steve; children Stephanie (Ty), Tara (Jeff), Heath, Sterling (Emily), Laramie and Niki; sisters Mary (Dennis) and Lala (Artie); brothers Toink (Jaunita) and John (Doris); grandchildren Carsen, Camryn, Cooper, Trevyn, Averie, Kaden, and Kallin; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Lola.

At Sue’s request, a lively and joyful Celebration of Life was held to honor her memory: Saturday, December 2, at 2:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Community Hall. A potluck and time of fellowship immediately followed. Contributions in Sue’s memory may be made to the Mt. Vernon Community Hall for improvements to or maintenance of the facility, in care of Tammy’s Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834.

*Paid for by the family of Sue Horn*

GRANT COUNTY  
WRESTLING CLUB

OR Wrestling Assoc. for Youth

Saturday, December 9

at Grant Union High School

Wrestling begins at 9 a.m. with ages 8 & under.

Ages 9-14 begin at 12:30 p.m.

Come watch as Grant County's own youth compete!

Spectators: \$2

Family: \$5 cap

Volunteers Needed!

Contact:

Cindy Dougharity-Spencer

at 541-575-1799, ext. 32

or by email at [dougharityc@grantesd.org](mailto:dougharityc@grantesd.org)

Winter  
Stock-Up Sale

Take advantage of our low prices on winter car care essentials and accessories

**“Home Security Camera”**  
**\$99<sup>99</sup>**

**Wooden Bluetooth Speaker**  
**\$15<sup>99</sup>**

**AUTO & TRUCK PARTS**

721 W Main St., John Day  
541-575-1850  
Open Mon-Fri 7am-6pm  
Sat 8am-5pm, close Sun

LAST WEEK’S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/O
TUESDAY .....	46/28
WEDNESDAY .....	41/27
THURSDAY .....	41/28
FRIDAY .....	46/31
SATURDAY .....	43/32
SUNDAY .....	37/32
MONDAY .....	38/25

24/7 FORECAST

AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122

ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; [TRIPCHECK.COM](http://TRIPCHECK.COM)

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 6-12

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny
44	46	47	46	45	46	42
21	28	26	28	29	22	22