

OBITUARIES

Gene Edward Norris

Dec. 9, 1942 — May 9, 2019

Gene Edward Norris, 76, of Fox, Oregon, and formerly of Baker City, died May 9 at his home with his family by his side.

His graveside service will be June 28 at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery followed by a celebration of his life at the Eagles Lodge, 2935 H St. in Baker City, for family and friends.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1942, in Redding, California, to Ben and Amy Norris. Gene went to school at Haines and at Baker City. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1969 and was stationed in Germany. He loved to fish and hunt. His biggest love was cars — driving and working on them and creating his own from parts of many different vehicles. He went to a few car shows with family and friends.

Gene is survived by his wife, Betty Lucille (Hall) Norris of Fox; his children, Betty Jean Norris of California, Steven Edward Norris of North Powder and Cindy Sue Taylor of California; his sister, Helen Hammack of Washington; his sisters- and brothers-in-law, Teresa Mae and Glen Smith of Red Oak, Iowa, Robert Andrew Hall of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Lois Jean DeRoest of Nampa, Idaho, Jimmy Lee Hall Sr. of Baker City and Donna and Robert Ward of Baker City; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Amy Norris; a grandson, Tyler James Taylor; a brother, Ernest Norris; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Charles and Laura Hall; and four brothers-in-law, William Ray Hall, John Charles Hall, Robert Shum and Doug DeRoest.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

About Obituaries

News obituaries of 300 words or less are a free service of the Blue Mountain Eagle. The paper accepts obituaries from the family or funeral home. Information submitted is subject to editing. Obituaries submitted to the Eagle with incorrect information may be corrected and republished as paid memorials. Obituaries longer than 300 words may be published as paid memorials. Send obituaries by email, office@bmeagle.com; fax, 541-575-1244; or mail, 195 N. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. For more information, or to inquire about a paid memorial, call 541-575-0710.

Ineta Gai Carpenter

March 11, 1936 — May 27, 2019

Ineta Gai (Brooksby) Carpenter, 83, passed away peacefully May 27, while visiting family in southern Utah.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in John Day with Doug Carpenter officiating.

Ineta was born March 11, 1936, in Kanab, Utah, to Eldon and Afton (Ford) Brooksby. She grew up in and around Fredonia, Arizona, where her family owned a small ranch.

She married Blair Carpenter Sept. 17, 1955, in St. George, Utah. Together, they raised eight children.

The Carpenters lived in Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming before settling in the John Day Valley in 1973, falling in love with the area.

She lived life to the fullest and loved being outside, horseback riding, gardening, camping, walking and helping others. Her family will fondly remember all their fun gatherings, especially at reunions and holidays. Ineta served in numerous callings for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including a full-time mission with her husband in the New Jersey Cherry Hill Mission from 2002-2004.

She went on to serve two more missions at the Church Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, after Blair died. She was in the middle of her second mission there when she passed away.

Following the funeral service, she will be laid to rest next to Blair at Rest Lawn Cemetery in John Day. A luncheon will be held at the church after the graveside service for family and friends to celebrate her life. To offer online condolences to her family, please visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

Ineta is preceded in death by her husband, Blair; her parents, Eldon and Afton; and two sisters, Shannon Smith and Arcola Brooksby.

She is survived by her children, Rozanne (Allan) Mullin, Doug (Darla), Eddy, Merrily (Gary) Hatton, Christy (Alan) Crutchfield, James (Angel), Rodney (Rachel) and Nathan (Marissa); 19 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; three brothers, Brant, Wade and Greg; and one sister, Launa Spendlove.



Bjerte Williams

Nov. 30, 1931 — May 24, 2019

Bjerte Williams, 87, of Seneca, Oregon, passed away on May 24 at her residence. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Chapel in Seneca.

Bjerte, or BJ as known by most, was born on Nov. 30, 1931, in Mt. Vernon, Washington, to Lars and Irene Mae (Ohlson) Larsen. She attended high school in Forest Grove, Oregon, graduating in 1949. After high school, she attended Oregon State University for one year receiving training in photography, oil painting, writing, bookkeeping and typing.

BJ was a housewife, an artist, bookkeeper and photographer; she also worked at Scott Machinery Company for 20 years before retiring in 1996.

In 2000 she married Clarence A. "Bill" Williams in Tillamook County, Oregon. Her hobbies included painting, photography, writing, music (playing guitar and piano) and designing a greeting card line. She also enjoyed hunting for elk and deer, traveling, floral art and design, antique collecting and, most of all, being a wife and mother/grandmother.

BJ was affiliated with numerous organizations including the Forest Grove Baptist Church, Living Word Christian Center, Calvary Chapel, Forest Grove Camera Club, school PTA and a square dance club. She was also very proud of her Norwegian heritage, as her father was a Norwegian immigrant.

BJ is survived by her husband, Bill Williams of Seneca, Oregon; her son, Dan (Lynda) Scott of Los Angeles, California; four stepchildren; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and multiple step-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son, Lynn Scott.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Art Association through Driskill Memorial Chapel at 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

To light a candle for BJ or to leave online condolences for her family, please visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Camp Valley Restoration Project Phase I to begin mid-June

Blue Mountain Eagle

The Camp Valley Restoration Project Phase I will bring temporary area clo-

sures from mid-June to November 2019 along Forest Road 36, according to Blue Mountain Ranger District aquatics personnel.

This summer's work will be phase one of two, focusing along Camp Creek near Cougar Creek and Trail Creek, at the confluence of Trail Creek and on Cottonwood Creek. The purpose of this project is to improve riparian and aquatic habitat, including critical habitat for Endangered Species Act-listed Middle Columbia River steelhead. The goal of this project is to increase Middle Columbia River steelhead carrying capacity through increasing productivity for juvenile rearing and

riparian plant communities within a tributary to the Middle Fork John Day River.

Travelers may encounter log trucks hauling trees along forest roads 36, 3670 and 3650 from mid-June to early July. Trees will be tipped from the riparian habitat conservation area and used for instream restoration work. Instream restoration with heavy equipment will be done in Camp Creek, a tributary of the Middle Fork John Day River and in some of its tributaries from July 15 to Aug. 15.

Four county students graduating from Oregon State University

Blue Mountain Eagle

Oregon State University will hold its 150th commencement at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 15, in Reser Stadium. Four students from Grant County are graduating. From John Day, Tyler Manitsas will receive a Bachelor of Science in agricultural business management, and Barbara Miller-Sohr will receive a Bachelor of Science in natural resources.

From Prairie City, Michel Sprouffske will receive a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in hospitality management.

From Seneca, Ger-

ald Carter will receive a Bachelor of Science in agricultural business management.

Commencement is free and open to the public. No tickets are necessary. OSU is one of the few large universities in the nation to hand out students' actual diplomas during the commencement ceremony.

The commencement speaker is Jane Lubchenco, a marine ecologist and world-renowned leader in environmental research. More information about OSU's graduation is available online at commencement.oregonstate.edu.

CATARACT SURGERY AVAILABLE IN JOHN DAY

June is Cataract Awareness Month

Blue Mountain Hospital offers Cataract Surgery each month in our outpatient surgery suite.

To be considered for cataract surgery, please make an appointment with DR. DAVID ARCHIBALD, JOHN DAY OPTOMETRIST 541-575-1819

CATARACT SURGERY CLOSE TO HOME

Your Rural Family Health Clinic

Grant County HEALTH Department
528 E. Main, St. E., John Day

Monday - Thursday 7am - 6pm
Friday 8am - 5pm
Mendy Sharpe FNP

Appointments available

Call and schedule your appointment today!
TOLL FREE 888-443-9104
or 541-575-0429

Services Provided:

- Primary Care
- Acute Care
- Women's Health Exams
- Men and Children Exams
- Immunizations
- Family Planning
- Contraception
- Pregnancy Testing & Referrals
- HIV Testing & Referrals
- Cocoon
- WVC
- High Risk Infants
- Maternity Case Management

Grant County Health Department does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services and activities, or in employment.

Balance Today with Retiring Tomorrow

No matter where you're starting from, COUNTRY can help you achieve financial security in retirement. It starts with listening to your situation. Then we help you build a straightforward plan with step-by-step guidance. Call me to get started today.

Debbie Ausmus
245 South Canyon Blvd. John Day, OR 97845
OPEN WED. & THUR.
9 am - 5 pm
541-575-1113
24 hrs/7 days wk

debbie.ausmus@countryfinancial.com

Alva Leo Farley, 91, of John Day, Oregon, passed away at his home with family on May 30.

He was born Jan. 12, 1928, in Caldwell, Idaho to Frank & Grace Farley. Grew up in Parma, Idaho, in his teens he moved to New Plymouth, Idaho, where he met Phyllis Henry and then married on July 2, 1950. He was then drafted into the Army and served from November 1951 to November 1953, where he received three star bronze service medal and other numerous commendations, during his service during the 13 months he served in the Korean war. When discharged moved to Pondosa, Oregon, and worked in the mill there until March of 1959. Moved to John Day and worked at S-M Motors until June of '73 and then worked for School Dist. # 3 as the bus mechanic and also drove a bus route.

Retired July of 1990. He and his wife, Phyllis, were the County Fairgrounds caretakers from 1972 for eight years. He also served as a reserve John Day City Police Officer in the 70s and 80s.

They have three daughters, Christine (Ron) Saddler of Canyon City, Oregon, Carolyn (Jim) Thomas of Kimberly, Oregon, Linda (Don) Perronne of North Bend, Oregon. Two Grandchildren, Anthony (Michelle)Saddler of Jefferson, Georgia, Megan (Neil) Petersen of La Grande, Oregon, Sara (Aaron) Van Vlack of Coos Bay, Oregon. Two Great Grandchildren, Tyler and Avalon Petersen of La Grande, Oregon.

Was a member of Ellis Tracy American Legion Post #77 from 1968 - was vice commander and the commander. Government of South Korea presented a medal for his service in helping to save their country.

Alva very much enjoyed his hobbies collecting and restoring guns, going to gun shows and the people he would meet there. Also going with his grandson Anthony and best friend Rich Tirico. He also enjoyed the time he spent restoring two family John Deere 1949 -1950 tractors and driving them in the parades. He took great pleasure in mentoring young people over the years. Loved to travel to see the California desert over the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one sister, Bonnie Gause, of Mt. Vernon, Oregon, and six brothers and one other sister.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Grant County Hospice and the Ellis Tracy American Legion Post # 77 of John Day, Oregon. Graveside services will be held Friday June 7 at 2 pm at the Canyon City Cemetery. Condolences may be left at driskillmemorialchapel.com. Paid for by the family of Alva Farley.

A man wakes up in the morning after sleeping on an ADVERTISED BED, in ADVERTISED PAJAMAS.

He will bathe in an **ADVERTISED TUB**, shave with an **ADVERTISED RAZOR**, have a breakfast of **ADVERTISED JUICE**, cereal and toast, toasted in an **ADVERTISED TOASTER**, put on **ADVERTISED CLOTHES** and glance at his **ADVERTISED WATCH**. He'll ride to work in his **ADVERTISED CAR**, sit at an **ADVERTISED DESK** and write with an **ADVERTISED PEN**. Yet this person hesitates to advertise, saying that advertising doesn't pay. Finally, when his non-advertised business is going under, **HE'LL ADVERTISE IT FOR SALE.**

Then it's too late.

AND THEY SAY ADVERTISING DOESN'T WORK? DON'T MAKE THIS SAME MISTAKE

Advertising is an investment, not an expense. Think about it!

Blue Mountain Eagle MyEagleNews.com
Don't get left behind, call today! Kim Kell 541-575-0710

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	73/51
Wednesday	68/47
Thursday.....	71/53
Friday.....	75/50
Saturday.....	79/49
Sunday.....	84/52
Monday.....	79/52

24/7 FORECAST
AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122
ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM
NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY
162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5-11

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Evening thunderstorms	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Sunny	Partly sunny
83	58	54	58	70	79	85
51	39	39	38	46	42	52