

OBITUARIES

Lillian 'Colleen' Quinton

Sept. 12, 1939 – April 5, 2021

Lillian "Colleen" Quinton, 81, of Baker City, Oregon, passed away Monday, April 5, 2021, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Colleen was born Sept. 12, 1939, to parents LeRoy "Boots" and Verda Holmes Buxton. She received her education in Richland, Oregon, graduating from Eagle Valley High in 1957. Colleen worked at various jobs throughout her lifetime, retiring from Nevada State Prison in Lovelock, Nevada. She loved being in the mountains and camping with family and good friends Terry and Lorri Speelman.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, LeRoy and Verda Buxton; siblings, Baby Buxton, Verda Darlene Fuller, Cherral LaVonne Spurgeon, Richard LeRoy "Dickie" Buxton, William Frank "Billie" Buxton, Danny Ray Buxton, Robert Dean "Bobby" Buxton; and daughter Deborah Kay Temple.

She is survived by three sons, David Glerup of Burns, Oregon; Don Glerup of North Powder, Oregon; and Dennis Glerup of Baker City, Oregon; her youngest sister and brother-in-law Rhonda and Joe Stubbs of Baker City, Oregon; and very good friends Terry and Lorri Speelman of Baker City, Oregon, and Sharon Williams of Redmond, Oregon. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Foundation or the charity of one's choice through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To offer online condolences to Colleen's family, visit graywestco.com.



How to avoid senior scams

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It's a growing problem — but knowing what to look out for can help you and your loved ones stay safe.

With the Oregon Department of Justice's recent warning of "grandparent scams" targeting older Oregonians, it's a great reminder that, no matter where you live, staying alert and being proactive can help protect you or your family's finances, according to a press release from Umpqua Bank.

Fraud tactics targeting older Americans (e.g., grandparent scams or fake tech support phone calls) can be crippling financially. For example, the Federal Trade Commission announced in 2020 such scams that were reported collectively cost Americans aged 60 and over more than \$440 million in 2019 alone — and 2020 figures are expected to be higher due to COVID-19-related scams.

As trends show, fraud continue to be a lucrative endeavor for criminals, and with the 65-and-older population rapidly rising according to the U.S. Census Bureau, it's a good time to shore up your finances — including working with your bank — if you fit into this demographic to help ensure you're not a victim. And the same for other members in your family who are also 65 or older.

Be on the lookout

"We see elderly fraud cases all the time," said Maria Bass, a store manager with Umpqua Bank in East Placerville, California, where a sizeable percentage of the population is elderly. "Our goal is always to help them recover what we can and help ensure it doesn't happen again."

One of the best ways to help protect against financial fraud targeting older individuals is to research and understand the most popular tactics so you're prepared in the event you actually encounter one. Many of these scams are conducted

over the phone, via email, or even through snail mail.

According to Bass, the most popular scams targeting older individuals include the following scenarios in which fraudsters pose as individuals representing seemingly legitimate entities:

**IT technical support scam:** An IT technical support specialist calls you unexpectedly and says that they've detected a virus on your computer; for a fee and/or with your provided login credentials, they can "solve" the "issue."

**Sweepstakes scam:** You've randomly won a sweepstakes through a seemingly legitimate entity, and that all you need to do to claim your prize is pay for the taxes on your winnings up front.

**Job opportunity scam:** An organization is hiring retirees to be secret shoppers. It sounds like a fun and lucrative opportunity that you can do at your own pace, and you just have to pay a fee upfront to enroll in the program.

**Tax scam:** According to the IRS, you owe money on back taxes, and you need to make a payment immediately to avoid jailtime or seizure of assets (e.g., your house).

**Repair scam:** Construction workers appear at your front doorstep and inform you that they'd been assigned by a local municipality to make repairs (e.g., replace sewer pipes, fill potholes) in the area, and now they need to collect payment from residents.

Bass and her team at Umpqua Bank have hosted several fraud-prevention events, where they share information about how anyone — especially seniors — can protect themselves from becoming victims of fraud. Here are some of her top tips for helping you and your loved ones protect against scams like the ones listed above:

- Monitor bank account and payment card activity closely. Consider setting up

automatic notifications when withdrawals/payments exceeding a specific amount are made. Also consider setting up automatic bill payments to help ensure bills are paid.

- Handle your finances and mail yourself — or allow a trusted third-party (e.g., child, sibling) to do so — rather than a caretaker or other individual.

- Decline giving an untrusted third-party total autonomy of all of your financial assets.

- Report suspicious activity found on any of your accounts immediately (e.g., contact your bank if you see a large, unexpected amount withdrawn from your savings account).

- Place a freeze on your credit reports with the three major bureaus: Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. Obtain credit reports yearly so that you have a record of legitimate activity on your accounts.

- File your income taxes as early as possible each year. Also consider obtaining a PIN code from the U.S. Social Security Administration to help protect your tax filings.

- Don't pick up phone calls from unknown callers. Screen them from your voicemail and then determine if you think the call is legitimate. Consider also using robocall-blocking devices.

- Don't open emails or texts from unknown senders — and don't click on links or attachments in such messages.

- Don't reply to unexpected communications if they're asking you to perform an urgent action involving your sensitive information (e.g., credit card number).

What to do if you discover you're a victim of fraud:

- Contact your local law enforcement department to report the incident.

- Place a fraud alert with the three major credit bureaus: Experian, TransUnion and Equifax.

- Place a security freeze on your credit accounts if you haven't already done so.

Charles 'Buzz' Bradley Glass Jr.

Nov. 14, 1933 – April 1, 2021

Buzz Glass Jr., age 87, of John Day passed away April 1, 2021. There will be no services at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Driskill Memorial Chapel. To offer condolences to his family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.

BIRTHS

Elianna Rene Wimer

A girl, Elianna Rene Wimer, was born March 9, 2021, in The Dalles to parents Jimmy and Heidi Wimer. She weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces. Mother and daughter are doing well.



Auxiliary to meet Friday

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The Ellis Tracey Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce office. All members are encouraged to attend.

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



**Seventh grade**  
**Anongba Ayeliya**  
Parent: Montana Sowah



**Eighth grade**  
**Madelyn Bailey**  
Parents: Zachary and Heather Bailey



**Ninth grade**  
**Alexander Finley**  
Parents: Aaron and Janita Finley



**10th grade**  
**Jack Strong**  
Parents: Michael Strong and Katie Bruzas



**11th grade**  
**Grace Taylor**  
Parents: Jake Taylor and Mandy Taylor



**12th grade**  
**Noah Blood**  
Parents: Will and Dorothy Blood

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**Thomas Michael Campbell**  
July 12, 1925 – March 10, 2021  
Paid for by the family of Thomas Campbell

Thomas Michael Campbell, 95, formerly of Kimberly, Oregon, died Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at Condon. He was born to Irish immigrants, Patrick and Kathryn (O'Brien) Campbell, at the Lonerock ranch house on July 12, 1925. The fifth of eight children, it is undetermined as to whether the birth occurred in Wheeler or Gilliam county, since the county line runs through the home.

Tom attended school in Lonerock and later Condon High School. He worked in the family sheep and cattle ranching business most of his life.

Tom married Clarice (Fancher) in Portland in September, 1949, and worked briefly as a carpenter in Pendleton before returning to the family sheep ranching business, leading them to Kimberly in 1950.

Tom & Clarice raised four sons and a daughter, and were very active in the Monument/Kimberly community. He loved livestock, especially lambs and horses; was an astute veterinarian, mechanic, carpenter, plumber, electrician, welder, and farmer; and could work wonders with haywire.

Tom provided employment opportunities to many, young and old. In 1974, he made the difficult decision to sell the sheep and fully transition to cattle.

In June 1987, Tom married Deborah (Collins) Brown, and their 1989 purchase of the Kimberly store, along with continuing to operate the ranch, led to many new friendships and experiences. They enjoyed traveling (highlighted by a trip to Ireland for a reunion with his Irish cousins) and entertaining their many friends, neighbors and family in their home.

Tom enjoyed reading many newspapers and magazines and was always eager to discuss politics and other current events. He loved to tell stories and he was the subject of inspiration of many colorful tales.

Tom loved the Spray Rodeo and served as Grand Marshall in 1999. He served on numerous boards including Monument School, Monument Grazing Assn., and Silvies Valley Grazing Assn. He was a Past President of the Oregon Wool Growers and a director on the Columbia Power Co-Op Board for 46 years. Tom was a member of the Catholic Church and member of the Elks for 74 years.

Following Debbie's death in 2014, Tom was able to continue living on the ranch largely due to the care and support of Heather Riggs, neighbors and family. In 2016, Tom moved to Summit Springs in Condon where he received outstanding, compassionate care until his death. The family also appreciates the professional, tender loving care Tom received from Pioneer Memorial Hospice.

Tom was preceded in death by his wives, parents, and siblings; Patricia, John, James, Pete, Martha, Malachi and Kathryn. Survivors include sons Kevin (Susan Montgomery) of Kimberly, Tom (Jane) of Lonerock, Brian (Cheryl) of Imbler and John (Kelli) of Stanfield; daughter Lisa (Roger) Chambers of Pasco, WA; stepdaughter Monica (Randy) Garoutte of Spanaway, WA; Sister-in-Law Veronica Campbell of Hermiston; 16 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and many more relatives.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held Friday, March 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m., at St. John's Catholic Church in Condon, followed by graveside services at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Condon at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions can be made in Tom's honor to Summit Springs Village, P.O. Box 687, Condon, OR 97823, or the Monument Senior Center, PO Box 306, Monument, OR 97864. Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com

Thank you to everyone, near and far, who gave their love and support to us through phone calls, hugs, prayers, donations, and fundraisers.

The loss of Bo, then our home to fire, has been overwhelming, but eased by all of you.

Special thanks to Paul and Loreen Cooper, Blue Mountain Hospice, Erin and Judy Harris, Bruce and Jeanne Sharp, Mitch and Jenny Mund, Brad and Julie Smith, Amanda Albrich, the Monument Fire Department, Tia Nation, Christy Howell, and all who showed up at the fire scene.

What a great community we live in!

The Lawrence Family  
Lonnie, Roger, Blake, McKinzie, Josh, McKenna, Nick & Ally

Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	64/27
Wednesday	67/33
Thursday	50/29
Friday	64/25
Saturday	53/30
Sunday	50/26
Monday	55/22

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
56	62	68	72	76	76	69
31	32	35	39	42	36	37