

OBITUARIES

Charles 'Chuck' Rowe

Nov. 3, 1949 – June 2, 2021

Charles "Chuck" Rowe, age 71, of John Day passed away June 2, 2021, at his residence in John Day. A private family interment will be held at the Willamette National Cemetery at a later date.

Chuck was born Nov. 3, 1949, in Wrangell, Alaska, to Thomas and Helen (Wickland) Rowe. He graduated from William S. Hart High School and was a sergeant in the United States Army from 1969-1971. He received two medals for his valor and heroism in combat during his time spent in the military. In 1974 after his discharge, he joined a trade school and became a phlebotomist. He worked for St. Charles Medical center in Bend, Oregon, for eight years.

Chuck married Christine Butson in Reno, Nevada, on Aug. 14, 1996. He enjoyed gaming, bowling, fishing, hunting, golf, music and especially ham radio where he was an affiliate of a ham radio club. He also was on several bowling leagues throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Helen Rowe, and brothers, Robert and Calvin.

Survivors include his loving wife, Christine Rowe, of John Day, Oregon; son, Ty Rowe, of Bend, OR; daughter, Amy Brock, of Vancouver, Washington; brothers, Carl and Sam Rowe, of Idaho and California; grandchildren, Dylan, Caleb, Jacen and Taylor; and one great grandchild, Wesley.

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

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit driskillmemorialchapel.com.



Kevin Howard Thissell

July 8, 1970 – June 1, 2021

Kevin Howard Thissell, age 50, passed away in Elko, Nevada, June 1, 2021. A graveside service was held June 9, 2021, at the Canyon City Cemetery with Pastor Bob Perkins as the officiant.

Kevin was born July 8, 1970, to Ronald and Sharon (Hall) Thissell in Burns, Oregon. Growing up, he was very active in all school sports and was a four-year letterman. He graduated from Prairie City High School in 1988.

After graduating Kevin went to work for the USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management in fire management as a wildland firefighter. His career of 24 years took him to several places including Montana, where he was on a Hot Shot Crew out of Darby.

Kevin married Kristina Curtis in March of 1997. Together they welcomed their son Kasen Christopher Thissell born on Dec. 8, 2002. They divorced in 2008. Kevin later married Margie Woodruff Nickerson in Burns, Oregon, in the summer of 2014.

Kevin enjoyed fishing, fly tying and hunting. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Thissell. Survivors include his son, Kason Thissell of Kuna, Idaho; wife, Margie Thissell of Athena, Washington; mother, Sharon Thissell, of Prairie City, Oregon; sister, Tonya (Chip) Wood of Prairie City, Oregon; and one granddaughter, Emerie of Mt. Home, Idaho.

A trust fund is being set up for Kevin's son Kasen Thissell at Old West Federal Credit Union in John Day.

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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is asking people to report trees growing too close to power lines.

Watch for trees near power lines

Blue Mountain Eagle

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is asking its member-owners to be on the lookout for any trees or branches hanging or leaning too close to power lines and to call the cooperative if you see one. Trees that grow too close to power lines can cause outages or create other hazardous conditions.

"Although most trees do not present a problem, some of them grow into or crowd power lines or other utility equipment," said Maaik Schotborgh, OTEC's safety and loss control manager. "When greenery becomes too close for comfort, we have to address it because overgrowth can interfere with power distribution and create a hazard for those on the ground."

Tree branches that come in contact with power lines can interfere with electrical service. For example, the lights in

a house may flicker when tree branches brush power lines during high winds. Stormy weather can also cause limbs to break off and land on lines.

OTEC works year-round to trim or remove tree branches and, in some cases, remove trees. OTEC's tree-trimming program is a key aspect of the cooperative's priority of delivering electrical service safely and reliably to its member-owners.

If an OTEC member sees a tree or limb near a power line, they should call OTEC immediately at 541-523-3616 and the cooperative will come out and fix the problem.

OTEC also wants to stress to everyone to never try and trim branches or limbs by themselves. Only certified utility line clearance workers are allowed to work on trees or branches within 10 feet of a power line.

For more safety information, please visit otec.coop/safety.

Steven Hopper

Steven Hopper, 72, of Canyon City, Oregon, died on Sunday, June 13, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Larry Dale Jacobson

February 7, 1959 - May 17, 2021

Larry Dale Jacobson was born February 7, 1959 in Lebanon, Oregon. He was called to Heaven on May 17, 2021, being greeted by loved ones.

Larry lived in Gates and Mill City, Oregon for his younger years. Then moved to John Day, Oregon, graduating from Grant Union high school in 1977. He also lived in Mt. Vernon, Astoria and Lostine, Oregon. Larry was a hard worker at Ford Motor Co., Oregon State Parks and 33-1/2 years with the Oregon Department of Transportation in John Day, Astoria and Enterprise, Oregon, where he retired from in June 2013. Larry was a volunteer ambulance driver and a reserve officer in John Day, Oregon. He also worked at the Forest Service fighting fires in his space time supporting his family.

Larry's greatest joy was his family. On Sept. 15th, 1978, Larry married his high school sweetheart, Juanita Dennis. They went on to have two children Ryan and Christina. Larry enjoyed scuba diving, and hunting, teaching and raising his children with hunting, fishing, camping and anything outdoors. Larry was a perfectionist with cooking and smoking dinners, for family gatherings and sharing with anyone who came around to visit.

Larry took pride in his family and home always making sure he had a well groomed lawn and place to come and visit at all times.

Larry fought several battles, Lyme disease, IPF (idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis), gallbladder, hernias and then Non Hodgkin's Follicular Lymphoma stage 4 cancer which took him home. Larry still had his smile and sense of humor through all of this with a positive attitude.

Larry was preceded in death by his mom Geneva; his grandparents, Nina and Virgil Hoover; brother-in-law Carl; mother-in-law Dorothy; Aunt's and Uncle's Jim and Shirley Hoover, Delbert and Mae Neal and his fur babies Heidi and Sausha.

Larry is survived by his wife of 43 years of marriage and together 45-1/2 years with Juanita; son Ryan and his son Levi, three daughters Hailey, Ryleigh and Remi; daughter Christina and (Jeremiah) and their two daughters Tina and Alyse; father Eugene Jacobson; sister-in-law Dorothy and (Robert); best friend Duane Dennis; and fur babies Missy and Louie.

Juanita would also like to thank everyone for all your support through Larry's illnesses during and after.

Larry's family will love and miss him always but this is not good bye. Just see you later!

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Paid for by the family of Larry Jacobson.



Gallery 15 events planned

Blue Mountain Eagle

Gallery 15, on Broadway in Burns, will participate in the downtown Burns sidewalk sale on Friday and Saturday, June 18 and 19, in conjunction with the Skull 120 Gravel Grinder bicycle race.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, local author Marjorie Thelen will be signing her latest novel, "Wings of the Dawn," set in 1853 on the California Trail. Tom

Barney will show his latest collection of photograph cards, and new paintings by artist Linda Peterson will be on display. Barbara Skillman, artist and potter, Karen Hendrickson, potter, and Kate Marsh, photographer, potter and poet, will be available to discuss their art. Refreshments will be served.

Gallery 15's sidewalk sale hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at 405 North Broadway.

Forest collaborative to meet June 17

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Blue Mountain Forest Partners will meet from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, in the conference room at Grant County Regional Airport in John Day.

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Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Chance of showers
82	89	94	91	91	94	70
48	52	56	55	57	53	42