

Engagement

Tompkins - Struckmeier



Brian Struckmeier and Heather Tompkins

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Tompkins of Prescott, WA., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Tompkins, to Brian Struckmeier, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Struckmeier of Waitsburg, WA., formerly of Heppner.

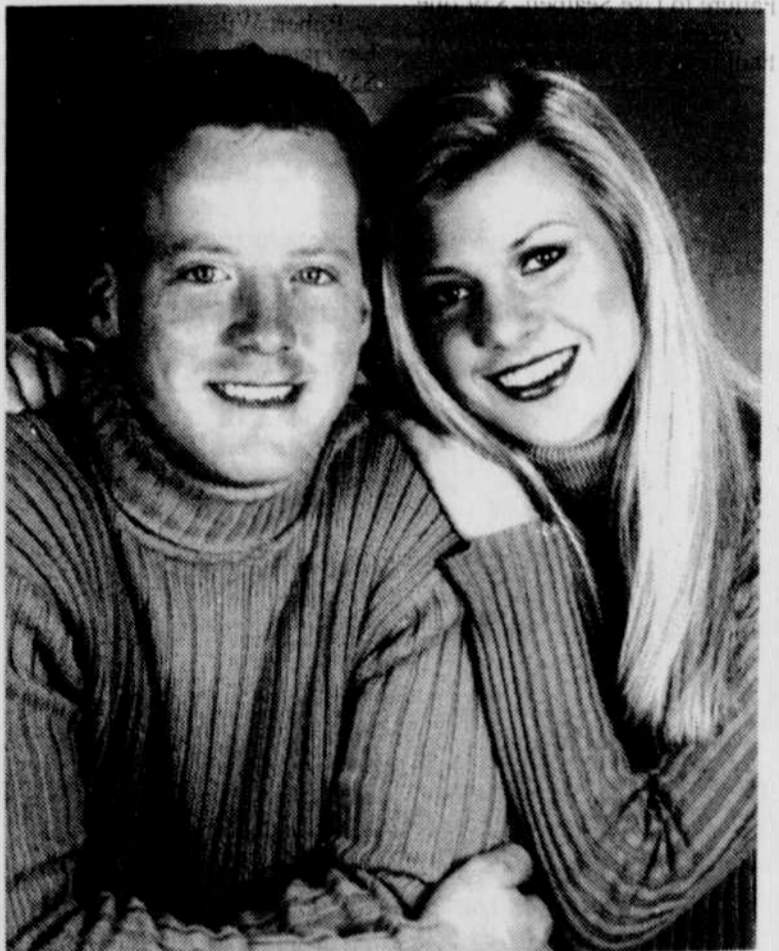
Heather is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Borth of Lind, WA., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tompkins of Walla Walla, WA. Brian is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott of Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Struckmeier of Scio, OR.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Prescott High School. She is currently attending Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood, WA., where she will graduate in retail floral design and marketing in March. She will be employed at Holly's Flower's until her wedding.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Heppner High School. He received an associate's degree in 1998 from Walla Walla Community College in ag science and his certification from Northwest Lineman's College in Boise, ID., in 1999. He is currently employed by Southwest Line Constructors in Houston, TX.

A May wedding is planned.

Wright-Moody



Stephanie Wright and Jeff Moody

Dean and Debbie Wright, Heppner, and Cindy and Bob Rosselle, Lewiston, Idaho, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Michelle Wright, Hermiston, to Jeff Maurice Moody, Hermiston.

The groom-elect's parents are Jim Moody, Irrigon, and Linn and Bill Stark, Irrigon.

Stephanie graduated from Lewiston High School in Lewiston, Idaho, and from the University of Idaho in 1997. She is employed in the field of psychology.

Jeff is a graduate of Riverside High School in Boardman. He is co-owner of Tyler Construction in Hermiston.

The couple plan an April 7, 2001, wedding at the Riverside Center at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

Obituaries

Helen Shirley Drake

Helen Shirley Drake, 68, formerly of Ione, died Thursday, February 22, 2001, at her daughter's home in Hermiston.

A memorial graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the High View Cemetery in Ione.

Mrs. Drake was born on April 3, 1932, at Taylor, Wisconsin, to William and Lena Anderson Paine. She graduated from Cascade Locks High School in 1950.

She married her Robert C. Drake, on October 13, 1975, in Reno, Nevada.

Mrs. Drake was a resident of The Dalles for the past 20 years. She had been employed in retail clothing sales and also as a cook.

She was a member of the St. Peter's Catholic Church in The Dalles. She loved reading, music, embroidery and visiting with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Robert C. Drake of The Dalles; sons, Kent and wife Rene Gutierrez of Hermiston, Kevin and wife Peggy Gutierrez of Prineville, Kim and wife Gayle Gutierrez of Heppner, and Craig and wife Debbie Gutierrez of Heppner; daughters, Christine and husband Chuck Smith of Hermiston, and Cathleen and husband Ashley McCabe of Ione; sister, Ardis Funk of Port Townsend, Washington; 13 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by brother Carroll Paine, and two sisters, Lorraine Funk and Violet Mize.

Memorials may be sent to Vange John Memorial Hospice in Hermiston.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys M. Jewell

Gladys M. Jewell, 80, formerly of Heppner and Monument, died Thursday, February 22, 2001 at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at the Monument Cemetery in Monument.

She was born February 27, 1920, in Heppner, to Albert and Emma Merrill Emry. The family moved to Monument where she attended school, graduating from Monument High School. She attended college for two years.

On May 25, 1942, she married William I. Jewell in Vancouver, Washington. The couple lived in Monument until 1957 when they moved to Kinzua.

Mrs. Jewell worked at Kinzua Pine Mills for a time, then taught kindergarten in Fossil for 10 years.

In 1978, the Jewells moved to Heppner where she worked for Senior and Disabled Services for a number of years. In 1995, she moved to Hermiston.

She had been a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

Survivors include a daughter, Nedra Ross of Irrigon; a son, Tim Jewell of Kimberly; a brother, Hugh Emry of Seattle; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Jewell, a son, Paul Jewell, a daughter, LouAnne Roth, sister, Ivy Johnson, and brother, Elvey Emry.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gladys Jewell Memorial Fund, c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner Branch, P.O. Box 39, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Velva G. Bechdolt

Velva G. Bechdolt, 95, of Vancouver, Washington, formerly of Heppner and Boardman, died February 16, 2001, in Vancouver, Washington.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 23, 2001 at the Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home in Vancouver, Washington. A graveside service was held at the Hardman Cemetery in Hardman on Monday, February 26, 2001.

Velva Jackson was born March 17, 1905 in Dixon, California.

She graduated from Oregon State University and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, second order.

She married Adrian C. Bechdolt in Hardman in 1939. Mr. Bechdolt died in 1989.

Mrs. Bechdolt taught school in Boardman from 1943-1953 and in Heppner from 1953-1965.

The couple moved to Pendleton in 1965 and in 1995, she moved to Vancouver, Washington.

Mrs. Bechdolt was a member of Rebecca Lodge #33, Odd Fellows,

Lexington Grange, and had also been a member of the bell choir of the First Christian Church while in Pendleton.

Survivors include nieces Rebecca Jackson of Vancouver, Washington and Crystal Carrister of Gresham.

Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home, Vancouver, Washington, was in charge of arrangements.

Eunice Marie Pettyjohn

Eunice Marie Pettyjohn, 69, of Newberg, a Morrow County native, died Thursday, February 22, 2001.

Graveside services were held Monday, February 26, 2001 at Lincoln Memorial Park in Portland. A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner.

Mrs. Pettyjohn was born June 12, 1931, at Eightmile, to Howard and Erma Lovgren Keithley. She was raised in the Heppner area and graduated from Heppner High School.

On June 3, 1950, she married Clyde Pettyjohn at Stevenson, Washington. They lived in Heppner until 1973; moved to Huntington for a time and in 1987 moved to Newberg.

Mrs. Pettyjohn was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde, of Newberg; daughters, Terry Hall of Ontario, Tami Pettyjohn of Newberg, Tracey deWyn of Estacada and Kim M. Warila of Eagle, Idaho; sisters, Delores McLachlan of Yuma, Arizona, Jo Lankford of Pendleton, Kay Reed of Lafayette and Jeritha Brown of Stanfield; and eight grandchildren.

Lincoln Memorial Park and Funeral Home, Portland, was in charge of arrangements.

John R. Clerf

John R. Clerf, 77, a lifetime Kittitas Valley, Washington, resident, died Monday, February 19, 2001.

At his request, there will be no formal service.

Mr. Clerf was born October 14, 1923, to John and Ella Richardson Clerf.

He graduated from Kittitas High School in 1941 as valedictorian and went on to attend WSC (now Washington State University), returning to Kittitas Valley to work on the family ranch during WWII. He continued his studies in 1948,

graduating in 1950 with a degree in agricultural engineering.

In the fall of 1950, when attending a Washington Wool Growers convention, he met a "cute gal," Doris Schaffer, of Heppner. They were married on May 6, 1951.

The couple made their first home in the 1880s farmhouse on the main ranch known as Clerf Livestock Company. They retired from farming in the early 1980s, turning the farm over to son, Jack.

They spent many winters in San Diego, California, with their motor home and sailboat. Mr. Clerf took his sailboat, "The Doghouse," to various lakes in the Northwest with his fishing partner, Harry Kukes.

Mr. Clerf was active in various community activities: Kittitas Lions Club (23 years), Washington Cattlemen's Association (county and state director), Washington State Farm Bureau (12 years), Cascade Irrigation District board member (1970-1988), Kittitas school board member (four years) and Kittitas

Public School Foundation.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Doris; children, Jack Clerf of Kittitas, Washington, Mary Beth Kahn of Portland, Peggy Tehan of Sisters and Judy Webb of Kittitas, Washington; sister, Helen Clerf; brother Howard Clerf of Kittitas, Washington; and eight grandchildren, Jamie, Kelly and Amanda Clerf, Audrey, Hattie and J.C. Tehan, and Molly and Zak Webb.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Kittitas Public School Foundation, c/o Susan Johnson, 1002 "C" Street, Ellensburg, Washington 98926.

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Brooke Boyer, Lexington, a student at Boise State University, received a 4.0 during fall term at BSU.

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