

Obituaries

David Sullivan Jones

David Sullivan Jones, 80, passed away peacefully in his sleep at the Veterans Hospital in Portland OR, on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 with family by his side.

David was born June 6, 1935, the middle child of 12 children born to Jesse J. Jones and Dora J. (Yarbor) Jones. He was the last of the kids to be born in Burns, OR, as the family moved to Merlin, OR, near Grants Pass. As a teen boy in those days he helped on the homestead and worked in the hop fields along the river. He was drafted into



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the Army during the Korean War and spent two years in Korea as a heavy equipment operator in the 7th Infantry 13 Engineer Battalion, stationed at Camp Casey Korea.

After returning home he met Dorothy L. (Hodges) Hurst, a widowed mother of two, Judy and Jack. They were married in 1961. David made a living in the vast lumber industry and by raising horses. In July of 1961 their first child together, Denise Sue, joined the family. In 1965 David and Dorothy lost a

son after birth. In 1967 the family moved from Wolf Creek, OR to the Merlin area, where David worked for Kabax Lumber in Cave Junction, OR. In April of 1970 David and Dorothy had a son, Kelly Lou.

David was an avid horseman, which involved his children and all who were around him. David was also a hunter, and hunting every year was his gift. He could find elk, deer or bear anywhere.

David was preceded in death by his mother and father, four brothers and four sisters, stepson Melvin L. "Jack" Hurst, and Jack's

mother Dorothy. David is survived by his step-daughter Judy Jones and husband Kim of Blaine, WA; daughter Denise Goguen and husband Dave of Grants Pass, OR; son Kelly Jones and wife Lori of Heppner; grandchildren Brandi Haycraft of Grants Pass, Heather Scirba of Klamath Falls, OR, Bailey and Courtney Jones of Lewiston, ID; great-grandchildren Logan, Landon and Amelia; brother Jay M. Jones; and sisters Marian Eggers of Grants Pass and Clarice (Tyke) Boatman of Hermiston, OR.

Richard T. 'Dick' Wilkinson

Richard T. "Dick" Wilkinson, 93, of Heppner, passed away peacefully at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, December 16, at 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. Concluding service with military honors and Masonic ritualistic service will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Dick was born on December 19, 1921 near Heppner, the son of Frank and Wavel Ball Wilkinson. As a small child Dick was taught to do his share of work on the ranch. The thing that became ingrained in him was a good work ethic, which led him to become the successful rancher that he was. He went to school in the one-house school at the mouth of Skinner Creek near Heppner, then attended the rest of grade school and high school in Heppner, graduating with the class of 1939.

He entered Oregon State University in the fall of 1941, taking animal hus-

bandry. Military service interrupted his college after three terms. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II, and was stationed in Hawaii. Dick took several courses at the University of Hawaii while stationed there.

On his return to the ranch after World War II he went into partnership with his father. On October 31, 1951 he married Virginia Dean Cochell; they were happily married for 62 years. After his father's death in 1957 the ranch continued to work as a family partnership. From a beginning acreage of approximately 750 acres Dick steadily enlarged his private land holding to include over 30,000 contiguous acres. He always maintained an active range improvement program and practiced successful conservation measures to preserve the land.

In 1965 Dick was named Cattleman of the Year. He was president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers for two

terms, and served on the executive committee of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. He was on the county school board for many years and was chairman in 1963, when the board's most notable achievement was getting a new high school built in Heppner. He served as a rural electric administration director, presently known as the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, for 21 years, and director on the Federal Land Bank Board for 23 years, as well as serving as a member of the Morrow County Planning Commission and the county medical board.

In 1994 he was honored as the first "Landowner of the Year" in Oregon, in recognition of outstanding contribution to fish and wildlife resources in Oregon. Dick was also honored as 1997 Business of the Year and 1998 Diamond Pioneers by the Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences.



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Other memberships included the Morrow County and Oregon cattlemen's associations, Oregon Wheat Growers League, and Morrow County Farm Bureau. Dick's other affiliations included Blue Lodge Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Scottish Rite, Al Kader Shrine, Eastern Star, Elks Lodge and American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Wilkinson; parents, Frank and Wavel Wilkinson; and sister, Frances Oslund.

Survivors include daughters, Judith Paine Shannon and Pamela Wunderlich and her husband Mark; sister, Shirley Rugg; grand- and great-grandchildren; nieces; and other Wilkinson relatives in Canada.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Long-term Care, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Richard R. 'Dick' Schmidt Sr.

Richard R. "Dick" Schmidt Sr., 78, of Heppner, died Thursday, December 10, 2015 at Pendleton. No services are planned at this time.

He was born October 6, 1937 at Sisters, OR, the sixth of eight children born to George and Dee Davis Schmidt. The family moved to Fossil when he was six years old. He went to grade school and started high school in Fossil. His parents resided in Fossil until his father passed away in 1977. His mother moved to Condon, OR to be near two of her daughters. She passed away in 1995.

Dick quit school when he turned 16 and went to

work for Potter Brothers of Spray, building fence and staying in the Richmond Hotel. When that job was done he went to work for Speck Hudspeth on his ranch, as he was too young to work in the Hudspeth Sawmill in Spray. To avoid the draft Dick enlisted for two years when he was 17. This was during the Korean Conflict, so he was shipped overseas. He was based in Germany, Italy and Austria. He turned 19 on the ship coming home. Shortly after arriving home he went to work for Kinzua Corporation, a small sawmill town.

In 1958 he met Maxine Medlock of Camp Five, also a small community owned

by Kinzua Corporation. On September 20, 1958 the couple married in the Kinzua Community Church. Nothing of the two small communities can be found today.

In 1961 Dick transferred to the Kinzua Corporation Sawmill in Heppner. His family has resided in the area ever since. They purchased 40 acres on Black Mountain in 1978. Dick retired in 1994.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; his parents; and an older brother and sister.

He survived by his daughter, Robin Holbrook

and her husband Glenn of Pendleton; a son, Richard Schmidt Jr. and his wife Pam of Heppner; their children, Joe, Demi, Olivia and Grant Schmidt; sisters, Betty Fryer of Troutdale, OR, Bessie Zemmer of

John Day, OR, Rosalyn Brehaut and her husband Bill of Condon; and a brother, Sam Schmidt and his wife Cindy of Heppner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

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Earl Andrew Sams

Earl Andrew Sams, 81, longtime Weston, OR resident, died Friday, December 11, 2015 at his home in Lexington. At his request no service will be held.

He was born May 12, 1934 at Weston, the son of Lowell and Juanita Beamer Sams. He was raised and attended school in Weston.

After graduation from

high school he went to work as a psych aide before going on to work as a diesel mechanic.

He resided in Weston until 1981, when he moved to the Oregon Coast. He then settled in Lexington 10 years ago.

Earl was preceded in death by his mother and father; a sister, Lilymay;

and a brother, Herman.

Survivors include son, Donald Sams; two grandchildren, Tracy Sams and Jacob Sams; two great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Emma Davis of Weston; and many nieces and nephews.

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Sandford wins logo design contest



Morrow County Special Transportation recently held a logo design contest for area students for the new LOOP transportation bus. The LOOP Advisory Committee received 27 designs, which the judges said showed great talent and aspiration. The committee choose Ivy Sandford, Ione, for the winning design. The design will soon appear on vehicles and in county publications and advertisements. Pictured is Anita Pranger, LOOP committee member, presenting Sandford with a \$100 prize. -Photo by Erin Heideman

Wagenblast obtains doctorate in literature

Becky Wagenblast graduated with her Doctorate of Philosophy in English, with an emphasis in modern American literature, at Washington State University's fall commencement in Pullman on Dec. 12.

Her dissertation, entitled "Gender and Agency in 'Tender Is the Night,' 'Save Me the Waltz,' and 'The Garden of Eden,'" was successfully defended in July.

Dr. Wagenblast is the daughter of Vicki and the late Steve Wagenblast of Lexington.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

December 10, 2015: -Thomas Lee Snyder, 59, of Hermiston and Ren Marie East, 52, of Hermiston.

-Angela Somsee Turner, 45, of Irrigon and Tommy Lee Morgan, 42, of Irrigon.

Community lunch menu

Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, and applesauce cake. Milk is served at each meal. Menu is subject to change.

Wedding Reception Honoring Karl & Larissa Morgan

Saturday, January 9, 2016
6:00-10:00pm
Ione Legion Hall

Dinner and Dancing to Welcome the Bride and Groom!

RSVP to Virgil & Debbie Morgan at 541-422-7504 or 541-256-0257 virbiemorgan@netscape.net by December 30, 2015

Karl and Larissa are registered at Macy's and Bed, Bath & Beyond under Mestas-Morgan Wedding 12-20-15

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

TOM & JERRY PARTY
Saturday December 19th
Starts at 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Members & out of town guests only

Come join us for New Years nonalcoholic family fun!
December 31st 7pm-12am
Heppner SDA Church
560 Minor Street
541-561-9132
Refreshments, Games
Movie & more