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## Betty Anne Christman



Betty Anne Christman

Betty Anne Christman, 81, of Lexington died on April 27 at Chaplaincy Hospice Home in Kennewick, WA following a brief illness.

Betty was born in Baker City, OR on Jan. 23, 1937 to Archie and Genevieve Saling. Most of Betty's childhood was spent in North Powder, OR where she attended school. Being an only child, Betty said her animals were her closest friends and she loved to pack a lunch, saddle her horse, Wildfire, and spend the day in the mountains with her dog, Patti, following beside. She had fond memories of helping her parents work a local postal route, even delivering some of the mail by horse. She immensely enjoyed the long cattle drives she took with her father from time to time as a young teenager.

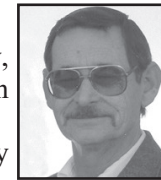
Betty met Cedric (Sid) Carl Christman in high school and they married in 1954 in Weiser, ID. They lived in North Powder, Dayville, and Hardman, OR before their final landing in Lexington. Early in their marriage Betty was a stay at home mom and Sid was a logger. They enjoyed camping and fishing with their three children in the mountains where Sid worked. Tragically, Sid was killed in a logging accident

near Dale, OR in 1975.

Betty was the head cook at Heppner Grade school for many years and after retirement she did part-time janitorial work for Columbia Basin Electric. She enjoyed traveling and spent several summers in the early 2000's traveling with Sharon Woodside to every capital city in the U.S. Betty was an excellent cook and baker and could put out a spread like no other. She entered many baking contests and won the Wheat League Cake contest several times. She also made many home cooked meals for those in need.

She enjoyed crafting and sewing and co-founded the Lady Bugs crafting group with some of her closest friends and later, Creative Memories with Lorene Montgomery, who sold items at the local Bazaars for many years. Betty was a wonderful quilter and over the years she made dozens of quilts for family, friends and high-school graduates. Betty loved all things grandchildren and spent many years watching her grand and great-grandchildren perform in concerts, recitals, and sporting events in Heppner, Ione and all over the northwest.

## Larry Fetsch



Larry Fetsch

A graveside memorial service for Larry Fetsch, 78, of Enid, OK was held on Monday April 30. Cremation arrangements were by Anderson-Burris Funeral Home and Crematory in Enid.

Larry was born January 6, 1940 in Heppner to Albert and Edna (Rauch) Fetsch and passed away

on Sunday, April 22 in Enid.

Larry grew up in Heppner, graduated high school and then served in the United States Army. In 1983 he moved to Enid where he worked for Western Gas Resources until he retired.

## Obituaries

### Gavin Henry Rauch

Gavin Henry Rauch of Walla Walla, WA was born Apr. 7, 1988 and passed away on Apr. 12, 2018 in Seattle, WA from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Apr. 2. A gifted handyman with his own business, Gavin was a loving son, brother, father and devoted friend with a generous heart of gold.

He attended schools in Pendleton, Athena, Milton-Freewater, Dayton and Walla Walla. He graduated in 2006 from Wa-Hi in Walla Walla, then went on to complete a degree in carpentry from Walla Walla Community College. He was an avid participant of four-wheeling, spending time in the mountains, water sports, golf and motorcycle riding on the sand dunes. He had a zest for life and will be so dearly missed by all, according to his family.

He is survived by parents Robert and Deborah (Rauch) Flint of Walla

Walla; brother Jeremy Rauch and family of Tumwater, WA; sister Ashleigh Rauch of Richland, WA; son Cohen Vails Rauch of Portland, OR; long-time girlfriend Jamie Foust of Walla Walla, WA as well as many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, a niece and an amazing amount of friends and acquaintances.

He was preceded in death by his father, Benjamin Henry Rauch, paternal grandparents "Hank" Rauch and Patricia Rauch and maternal grandparents Logan Allen and Dixie Allen, all of Pendleton.

The family wishes to share that Gavin had a rare blood type and because of his election to donate organs was able to provide hope and happiness to five other families through the LifeCenter Northwest program at Harborview Medical Center.

Memorial services for Gavin will be held May 5 at the First Assembly of God Church, 1919 Fern Ave, Walla Walla, WA at 1:30 p.m., with a gathering to follow at the Gisi Residence, 761 Abbott Road, Walla Walla, WA.

Betty was also an avid golfer and a member of Willow Creek Country Club. After all those years of being on her feet, Betty appreciated foot rubs more than anything else.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Genevieve Saling and her husband, Cedric. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Joan and Scott McDaniel of Heppner; daughter and son-in-law Jean and Marv West of Star, ID and son and daughter-in-law Carl and Kelly Christman of Ione.

Betty has six grandchildren: Caleb McDaniel and wife Taylor of Heppner, Kyle McDaniel and wife Kelsie of North Powder, Josie Owen and husband Matt of Boise, ID, Dustin West of Boise, ID, Sheena Christman of Coeur d'Alene, ID and Nicholas Christman and wife Cara of Richland, WA. Betty's great-grandchildren are Annabelle, Brody, Hailey, J.J. and Addie McDaniel, Dylan and Sophie Owen, Kelsey and Amber West and Sophia, Joelle, Alex

He later worked part time at Dillard in the doc maintenance department for several years. On December 27, 1992, he married Kathy McGee in Dodge City, KS and they made their home in Enid. He loved to play pool, dance and spend time with his grandkids.

Larry is survived by his wife Kathy; two children Duane Fetsch of Fort Worth, TX and Lori Ehardt and husband David of Oklahoma City; three step-children

and Austin Christman. She also has one great-great-grandchild, Mela Owen.

According to family, Betty Anne Christman was an independent and quiet soul who displayed fortitude in the midst of great pain. She was a hardworking, dedicated and generous mother, grandmother and friend who gave sacrificially for others, all of her life. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten by family and friends who knew her best.

There will be a graveside memorial service in honor of her life on Friday, May 4 at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Following the service, a luncheon will be served at the Catholic Parish hall where Betty's quilts will be displayed.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione Booster Club, PO Box 4, Ione, OR 97843 or to the Heppner Booster Club, PO Box 67, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sign the online condolence book at [sweeneymortuary.com](http://sweeneymortuary.com).

Ron Goertzen of Dodge City, KS, Don Goertzen and wife Lisa of Pratt, KS and Charleen Cooper and husband Patrick of Benton, LA; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother Robert Fetsch and wife Pat and sister Marlene Currin and husband Tom.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Hospice Circle of Love.

### Doris Evelyn (Worden) Knighten

Doris Knighten died Apr. 12 with family by her side, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. She had a proud family history as a descendant of ancestors who helped settle the 13 colonies and who fought with George Washington in the Revolutionary War. (Worden) Knighten



Doris Evelyn Knighten

Doris was born to Floyd and Marjorie (Ebbert) Worden Oct. 22, 1925 in Condon and was raised on the family wheat farm in Heppner. She attended the one-room school at Eight Mile, then graduated from Heppner High School. She received her degree in secretarial science from Eastern Oregon College in La Grande where she met her husband.

She married Carl Doss Knighten in 1949 and moved to Pendleton where they raised their three children. As her husband's career advanced, they moved to Corvallis, Bend and finally Gladstone, where they lived for 35 years. Doris worked 17 years at Multnomah Education Service District in Portland. Upon her retirement, she volunteered 12 years with Medical Teams International. After selling their home in Gladstone, she and Doss moved to Happy Valley.

Doris had a sharp sense of humor along with an adventurous spirit, ready to go on a moment's notice. She was her husband's co-pilot in their plane and in life. They enjoyed traveling by air and car throughout the United States. She loved to cook and would try out new recipes on dinner guests. Her primary role in life was as wife, mother and grandmother. She welcomed friends and family into her home and many friends felt like family.

Doris is survived by her husband of 69 years, Carl Doss; daughter Jeri McCormack (Bill); son Greg Knighten (Debbie); daughter Sue Wilson (Mick); sister Dorothy Gernhardt; four grandchildren, Kurt, Janey, Kendra and Terra; four step-grandchildren, Rob, Lynnette, Chris and Cindy and five step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Wilbur.

The family requests remembrances be sent to Medical Teams International.

Her final resting place will be at Willamette National Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the Oregon City Elks grand ballroom, 610 McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon City, OR.

## Forest Service Road 24 improvements underway

Construction work on a portion of Forest Service Road (FSR) 24 began last week. The construction project is located 15 miles northeast of Spray and about one mile south of Bull Prairie Lake on the Heppner Ranger District. The segment of road under construction is between Highway 207 and the junction of FSR 2407, which provides access to Tamarack Lookout.

Iron Triangle, LLC is replacing old, undersized ditch relief culverts and will soon begin preparing the road for resurfacing with new crushed aggregate. Delays up to one hour can be expected while culverts are being replaced. That work is expected to be finished

within one week.

Following the culvert replacements, construction equipment, along with gravel trucks, will be operating along the road for several weeks. The contractor intends to complete the project prior to Memorial Day weekend, but the contract is effective until June 8, if additional time is needed.

Gravel trucks will be hauling from a pit off FSR 23, approximately one mile east of its junction with FSR 24. Drivers are asked to drive safely and defensively while traveling in the area.

For additional information on this project, contact the Heppner Ranger District at 541-676-9187.

## Community lunch menu

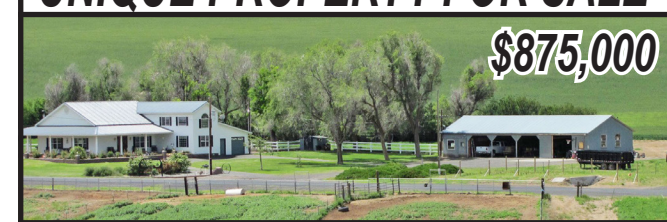
All Saints, Hope and Valby volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, May 9 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, mermaid salad, citrus salad, biscuits and cinnamon rolls for dessert.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

## Correction

The Gazette-Times reported that Raymond Akers' wife passed out campaign brochures on his behalf at the candidate forum held Apr. 19. It has come to our attention that it was his mother, not his wife that passed out the brochures. The editor apologizes for the error.

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