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Obituaries

Emma Lou Sunderland

Emma Lou Sunderland, born. In 1968, they moved age 84, of Kennewick, WA, to Vale, OR where their last walked into the arms of her Lord and Savior on Dec. 4.



Emma Lou Sunderland

Emma Lou was born on her dad's birthday, July 13, 1934 in Jefferson City, MO to Howard Bell and Katherine "Ruth" Nicholson. She was the youngest child, with an older brother Bobby Dean, who preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 2006. In December of 1934, her family left Missouri and moved to Kuna, ID. Emma Lou graduated from Kuna High School in 1952. Upon graduation, she attended Bob Jones University and ended up graduating from Northwest Nazarene College in 1956. In June of 1956, she married Dirk L. Dirksen. They lived in Portland where she taught school, until they moved to Colorado as missionaries with the American Sunday School Union. While there, their two children Dirk (Jon) and Lou Anna were born. They were then reassigned to Nebraska for three years, where their third child Nathan was

born. In 1968, they moved to Vale, OR where their last child, Sam was born in 1968.

In 1974, she began teaching at Willow Creek Elementary. Dirk and Emma Lou were divorced in 1975, after 19 years of marriage. In 1985, Emma Lou married Wes King and moved to Middleton, ID. She gained four stepsons and a stepdaughter. In 1987, Wes passed away. From 1986 until 1999, when she retired, Emma Lou taught at Notus Elementary.

In 1990, Emma Lou married her longtime friend Henry "Hank" Sunderland, where she gained two more stepdaughters, a stepson and four grandchildren. In 1991, they moved to Nyssa. Hank and Emma Lou loved spending time together with their family, especially welcoming every new baby, child or spouse to the family, traveling in their motor homes (they wore out the first one) and collecting more thimbles for her prized collection.

In December 2011,

Hank passed away. At that time, Emma Lou moved to Boardman, where she lived with Jon and Rosemarie. She cherished this time with two of her great-grandchildren, Averi and Eli. In February of 2018, Emma Lou moved to Park View assisted living for additional care in Kennewick, WA where she could be near Sam and April and their family.

She is survived by her children Jon (Rosemarie) Dirksen, Lou Anna (Norman) Boyer, Nathan (Pavla) Dirksen and Sam (April) Dirksen; step children Connie, Ty (Karen) King, Tip (Lisa) King, Tim King and Heath King, Melda (Charlie) Montgomery, Glenda (Joe) Miner-Boyd, Melvin (Jan) Sunderland; grandchildren Tracie Cherry, Shawn Dirksen, Beth (German) Campos, Shane (Nada) Boyer, Sarah (Fan) Burge, Karli Dirksen, Brady (Michelle) Dirksen, Tristan (Keralynda) Dirksen, Jacob Dirksen, Trey Arland, Chloe Dirksen, Peyton Arland, Kristi (Alan) Green, Jordan (Claire) King, Morgan King and Robert King, Cameron King, Wesley

King, Keegan King, Cian (Mindy) Montgomery, Jackie (Mike) Ready, Reba (Tyler) Stoller, Sandra Miner (Matt Cooper) and Kyle Sunderland. She also had several great-grandchildren.

Emma Lou wanted to invite anyone who does not know the Lord to come to know him. She recognized how much the Lord Jesus meant to her and how faithful He had been to her over the years. She also wanted it known how much she loved her family-all of them. They truly brought her joy, she praised God for them every day, and loved every minute with them.

A graveside service will be held in Vale, OR on Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. She would like all memorial donations to go to Shiloh Bible Camp as she has many fun memories there and loved being the camp cook, during the summer, for many years. Shiloh Bible Conference 13165 Gestrin Rd, Donnelly, ID 83615.

The family invites you to sign their tribute wall at www.muellersfuneralhomes.com.

Gary Grieb

Gary Grieb of Hermiston was born July 23, 1940 in Spokane, WA, the son of Bert and Gertrude Grieb. He passed away after a brief illness in Hermiston on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the age of 78.



Gary Grieb

Gary grew up on the family wheat farm near Hatton and attended schools in Lind, graduating from Wa-Hi in Walla Walla, WA. He spent most of his teenage years showing cattle across the northwest. As an adult, he farmed in Condon and Stanfield before settling on the current family wheat farm north of Lexington. He later moved to Hermiston where he did custom haying until his retirement.

Besides farming wheat, Gary was a well-respected Angus cattle breeder. He raised and exhibited numerous champions at cattle shows throughout the country. He always encouraged his kids as they showed cattle at the county, state and national levels. He was a member of the American Angus Association, Morrow County Cattleman's Association,

Morrow County Grain Growers Board and the Oregon Wheat League. He was in the stands for as many ball games that he could attend to watch his children and then grandchildren and was an avid supporter of Heppner and Hermiston athletics.

Gary married Virginia Nelson in 1959, from this union three children; Ken, Julie and Geri were born. The couple later divorced. Many years later he married Sue Riddle and they later divorced.

He is survived by his son, Ken (Carri) Grieb; daughters, Julie (Mark) Weimar and Geri Grieb; six grandchildren; Paige, Logan and Claire Grieb, Halle, Parker and Brandon Weimar.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Dan Grieb.

At his request, no service will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of final arrangements.

Memorial donations in his memory can be made to the Heppner Booster Club, PO Box 917, Heppner, OR 97836.

Pastors invited to submit messages

The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish Christmas messages from area pastors on Wednesday, December 19. The deadline to submit messages will be Monday, December 17, at 5 p.m.

Those planning to submit Christmas messages may email them to editor@rapidservice.net, send

via mail to Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, OR, 97836 or drop them by the office at 188 West Willow, Heppner, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pastors are also invited to submit separate news articles for Christmas church services or activities.

Heppner to celebrate Christmas event

The Heppner Celebrate Christmas Event will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is reminded to bring the rewards cards that have been collected.

A spaghetti dinner, prepared and served by the Heppner Track and Field/Cross Country teams, will be available beginning at 6 p.m. Adults and children ages 11 and up can purchase a meal for \$7 and ages 10 and under will be \$5. A \$10 rewards card will be awarded with the purchase of a dinner.

From 6-7 p.m. pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be held on the stage for \$5 per picture. Scrooge will be there in his own grumpy

style and you'll want to ask him for a reward card or two.

Rewards cards with your name and phone number written on them should be dropped into the bags next to the items you would prefer to win. A station to exchange reward card denominations will be available.

The Heppner Chamber will sponsor a penny board and raffle prizes, which will be available for cash purchase.

"The committee has been working hard to bring a great event to the community, so come on out and enjoy a great evening," said Chamber of Commerce director Sheryll Bates.

Elks sponsor free throw contest

A free throw shooting contest for girls and boys ages eight through 13 will be held at the Heppner Elementary School gym on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. Girls and boys must be within that age group as

of Apr. 1, 2019 and live in the Heppner, Lexington and Lone area. The contest is sponsored by the Heppner Elks and is free for participants.

Girls and boys will compete separately in three age groups: eight to nine years old, 10 to 11 years old and 12 to 13 years old. Each competitor will shoot 10 free throws, then rest and shoot 15 more, for a total of 25. Winners from each age group will advance to the district Hoop Shoot in Hermiston on Jan. 6.

For additional information, contact Corey Sweetney at 541-256-0355.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, December 19, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be Christmas roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, carrot salad, hot rolls and spice cake with cream cheese frosting for dessert.

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

Community events scheduled

Sunday, December 16, 3 p.m., Christmas Music Fest - Community Caroling and chili at Hope Lutheran Church. Come out and enjoy a Christmas music program followed by community caroling and chili. Musicians who would like to be added to the program are invited to contact Pastor Katy Anderson at 541-676-9970.

Thursday, January 17, from 12-1 p.m., Heppner Chamber's Annual Luncheon at the Senior Center Dining Room.

Thursday, February 7 starting at 6 p.m., Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards event to be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The theme for the

event will be "An Evening With the Stars." Tickets will be available for purchase in January along with additional information.

Make sure you pick up a nomination form to nominate your recommendation for Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Youth Award.

Nominations will be open from Friday, November 16 to Friday, January 12. Contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce for more information. "This is a great time to celebrate with local community members the winners of these awards on Thursday, February 7, 2019," said Sheryll Bates, Chamber director.

Christmas Music Fest scheduled

Hopeful Saints Ministry at Hope Lutheran Church will host a Christmas Music Fest on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. A variety of musicians from the community will be performing. Everyone is invited to attend and join in the singing of Christmas favorites.

Admission is free, although donations of canned

goods or cash to benefit the Neighborhood Center will be accepted.

Caroling around the community will follow the concert, with a chili supper after that in the Parish Hall at Hope. Additional information is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

CHRISTMAS Wishlist

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Sunday December 23 10-4pm
Monday December 24th 7-5 (pharmacy 9-5)
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