

Obituaries

Brett Lane Jewett

Brett Lane Jewett of Hermiston was born on November 20, 2003 in Pendleton to parents, Brian Jewett and Shannon Foher Jewett. He died on January 1 as a result of an automobile accident on the Buttercreek Highway outside of Echo at the age of 16 years.



Brett Lane Jewett

Brett was raised in Umatilla until 2007 when his family moved to Heppner where Brett attended grade school and loved playing in the outdoors. They moved to Hermiston in 2012 where Brett attended school. He was currently a sophomore.

He enjoyed trips to the ocean and traveling to see family in Montana. Brett always greeted everyone with a smile and had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed participating in the theater, listening to vinyl records, music by Lana Del Rey, kayaking, swimming, playing video games, volunteering in the community, hanging out with his sister and cousins and loved pets, especially Rocky, their short haired pointer. According to a family member, Brett had that one in a million personality that made him so impossible to ignore. He was a strong, but sensitive young man that held his convictions and morals, above all else, with a passionate resolve unmatched

by anyone. He is survived by his father, Brian Jewett and wife, Rosanne, Ione; mother, Shannon Jewett, Hermiston; sister, Madison Jewett, Hermiston; stepbrother, Cameron Jewett, Ione; stepmother, Gracie Jewett, Ione; grandparents, Rick Jewett and wife, Jeanne, Hermiston; Lyn Rose and husband, Blane, Superior, MT, Carol Foher, Helena, MT; step-grandmother, Robin Krebs and husband Henry, Ione; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brett was preceded in death by his grandfather, Norman Foher and great grandparents, Merle and Shirley Jewett and Betty Lankford.

A celebration of life service will be held on Thursday, January 9 at 7 p.m. at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish, may make contributions in Brett's memory to the Echo Fire Dept. (Attn: Chief Delbert Gehrke) P.O. Box 59, Echo OR 97826

Please share memories of Brett with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Michael Frances Monahan

Michael Frances Monahan was born April 12, 1937 in Pendleton and lived with his parents James and Camilla (Kilkenny) Monahan in Heppner. He died December 29. According to a family member, Mike demonstrated Christ's love to all he encountered and was loved by all who met him. He was kind, humble, loving, strong, always ready to lend a helping hand, a man of great faith and integrity. No one left his home hungry and he was quick to adopt you into his heart as one of his own.



Michael Frances Monahan

He married the love of his life, Frances Dominguez, in San Francisco on April 14, 1963 and they made their home in Portland, OR. He is said to be cherished and adored by daughters, Anne (Dann) Schauffler, Kathleen (Dwight) French and Rose Monahan. His granddaughters Lilly and Kate French were said to be blessed to have their grandpa's companionship in their daily lives and love him more than words can say.

In his youth he spent a lot of time in the mountains setting up camp at night and roaming the hills and canyons by day. He enjoyed the life of a mountain man hunting elk, deer and fishing. He spoke with great fondness regarding his father, mother, grandfathers and grandmothers and time spent on their sheep ranches. He also had many childhood enchantments which included building a very large room sized model railroad system with his brother Dominic, much to the delight of his sister Teresa and brother Billy.

After graduating from Heppner High School in 1956, He attended the University of Portland receiving his Bachelor of Arts Business Administration in

1960. He worked various jobs to pay for college and it was about this time he started working for United Airlines. Upon graduating he served on the Navy's USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier and concluded his military career as Lieutenant of the Engineering Department. His time served in the Navy was 1960-1964.

In a gesture of true patriotism, United Airlines had a job waiting for him when he returned to civilian life. He had a career with United Airlines for over 44 years. It was there he made many friends and met one of his "bestie friends" John Bucar, aka "Fred Flintstone." Mike was aka "Barney Rubble." Many adventures with these two ensued and now his family is sure they are roaming heaven together with many other friends and family.

His family was of greatest importance. His wife Fran was his greatest love and lifelong crush. His daughters know this because they caught him on occasion lovingly gazing at her picture at his workbench. His daughters were the recipients of his wise words, cunning reverse psychology, cardboard playhouses, secret night trips to Skate World, a tree house, instructive camping trips and tender guidance.

While his family will miss Mike in the present, they look forward to seeing him again in the forever.

A funeral service was held January 3 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 498 NW 9th Avenue, Canby, OR. The graveside service was January 4 at Heppner.

Remembrance in lieu of flowers can be made in Mike's honor to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Canby Food Bank.

Donald Edward Peterson

Donald Edward Peterson, 94, died January 2, at Richland, WA. He was born on June 20, 1925 at the family homestead in the Valby area south of Ione to Oscar and Esther Engstrom Peterson. He attended the Rocky Bluff schoolhouse and Ione High School before graduating from Grant High School in Portland, OR. Following high school, he served in WWII as a U.S. Navy SeaBee. He was a Stevedore in the Philippines and China.



Donald Edward Peterson

He attended Oregon State College, majoring in agricultural engineering, and in 1949 married Martha Hanson at Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland. They moved to Ione in 1950 to begin a lifetime of farming and ranching in the Valby area. He continued the family tradition that began with the Swedish homesteaders settling in the area in the late 1800s. He always worked to maintain family involvement in farming that is now into its fifth generation.

The tragic 1948 Vancouver flood in Portland gave Donald the opportunity to purchase one of the flooded houses. With the help of his father-in-law Verner Hanson they dismantled this house and hauled it to eastern Oregon on a farm truck. Donald rebuilt it on his Pine Lane Ranch farm-land and that was where he and Martha raised their family.

An active participant in several agricultural organizations, Peterson served as president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League and on the league's transportation and federal programs committees, continuing his involvement into retirement. He was also state president and national director of the National Farmers Organization. His farm received the Conservation Farm of the Year for Morrow County in 1957. His community involvement included serving on the Morrow County ASCS committee, the Morrow County Resource Council and the business advisory council of the Job Training Partnership Act. He also served on

the Council of Economic Development for Oregon. He helped create MorGrass Grazing Association that initially obtained summer cattle pasture for local ranchers in the Valby-Gooseberry area. Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences honored him as a Diamond Pioneer in 2008.

He was several credits short of graduating from Oregon State College in 1950. During his years of farming wheat, Peterson got to know Mike Martin of Oregon State University's agricultural economics department and Martin helped him qualify for graduation 41 years later.

In the 1960s he helped build Arbuckle Mountain Ski area where he taught his kids how to ski. He loved boating and was a member of Hat Rock Yacht Club for many years. He was an avid golfer and member of Willow Creek Golf Club. Peterson also maintained a lifelong interest in politics and economics, and he kept up with current events to his dying day.

When Martha, the love of his life, had a major stroke in 1994, he retired from farming to care for her. Despite their physical limitations, they still traveled the world.

Donald had a strong faith his entire life. He was a longtime member of Valby Lutheran Church, which his grandfather Peterson and great-grandfather Olson helped found in 1886. During early times Donald helped move the Rocky Bluff schoolhouse to become the parish hall. Through the ALC he served on world hunger relief efforts.

He became a member of Peace Lutheran Church following a move to assisted living in Pendleton. His home at the time of his death was Suttle Care and Retirement. The family is thankful to the staff there for the love and care they provided. The family is also thankful for his special friends, including Rich Mattes and John Spencer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Martha; sister, Eunice Peterson Kvistad and brother-in-law, Rod; brother, Gerald Peterson and son-in-law, Richard Lindner.

He is survived by his four children, Kerry Peterson (Ina) of Ione, Kristine Lindner of Hermiston, Paul Peterson of Ione and Joel Peterson (Lea Mathieu) of Ione; and by grandchildren, Emily Guernsey (Gary), Aaron Lindner (Yesenia), Luke Peterson (Sarah), Erik Peterson (Brittinae), August Peterson (Samantha), Oskar Peterson and Babali Peterson. He had seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Peace Lutheran Church, 210 NW 9th St., Pendleton, OR, or the Valby Church Memorial Fund, 60492 Valby Road, Ione, OR 97843.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 11 a.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Valby Cemetery near Ione.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements and the online condolence book is available at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

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Death Notices

Sylvia Patnode - Sylvia Patnode, former Arlington and Hermiston resident, was born September 9, 1933 in Yakima, WA. She died on December 31 at home in Ione at the age of 86 years.

Arrangements are pending. Please share memories of Sylvia with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

Morrow SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, January 14 at the Ag Service Center in Heppner beginning at 6 p.m. Agenda items include comments from the public, minutes of the June meeting, financial report, partner reports and staff reports.

Meetings of Morrow SWCD are open to the public. For questions or more information, contact Kevin Payne at 541-676-5452 ext. 111.

RSVP for luncheon

RSVPs for the Heppner Chamber annual luncheon to be held Thursday, January 16 from 12-1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room must be received no later than January 13.

Heppner Market Fresh Foods will be catering lunch, serving a French dip sandwich, green salad and white or chocolate cake.

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