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Obituaries

Frederick J. "Rocky" Gurr, Jr.

Frederick J. "Rocky" Gurr Jr. of Lexington, Oregon, was born on March 17, 1946, in Redding, California to parents Frederick Gurr, Sr. and Nellie (Cox) Gurr. He died on January 7, 2022 in Hermiston, Oregon at the age of 75 years.



Frederick J. Gurr, Jr.

Rocky completed high school and in 1969 he joined the United States Marine Corps. He served until his honorable discharge in 1971. Rocky had several careers during his lifetime, including logging, commercial fishing for over 30 years, a truck driver and served as an Assembly of God pastor. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and "above all he loved God and his entire family." Rocky's favorite bible verse (John 3:16) was "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

er believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". He is survived by his wife, Joann Gurr; son, Michael, and wife, Kim; daughters, Tami and her husband Frank, Joella and her husband, Larry, and Tonya and her husband, Randy; 13 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Rocky was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Marvin. A graveside service with military honors was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. Friends are invited to share memories of Rocky with his family at burns-mortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon was in care of arrangements.

Wayne Bourrie

Wayne Bourrie, 68, of North Powder, met his Savior on January 14, 2022. "Wayne was known by all who loved him as a man of integrity, kindness, and overwhelming generosity. He valued people and expressed that in how well he cared for them, modeling the character of Christ in whom he put strong faith."



Wayne Bourrie

A lifelong Oregon resident, Wayne was born to Henry and Grace Bourrie in Elgin on March 9, 1953, and attended high school in Hermiston. He married Christy Bradley in 1975 and together they had three children. He worked as a millwright and at various carpentry jobs throughout the Northwest.

In 1993, he married Theresa Heaton and began his general contracting business in Baker City. The ultimate outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing and serving his community. "He took particular joy in blessing Rachel Pregnancy Center in Baker City through generous donations."

"Wayne died as he lived, with dignity and with his eyes on Jesus." He was preceded in death by his son, Samuel Wayne, his parents, and his two brothers, Bruce Bourrie and Lance Cady. He is survived by his children, Travis Bourrie; Sarah

and Jamie Collier of Bella Vista, Arkansas; Joe and Kim Bourrie of South Jordan, Utah; stepdaughters, Ami Halvorson and Jenni Rounsville-Heaton; 11 grandchildren; his brother Larry and wife Barbara Bourrie of Caldwell, and his special friend, Diane Aichele of Haines. A celebration to honor Wayne will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, at First Baptist Church of Haines, 714 Cole St. All memorial contributions may be made to Rachel Pregnancy Center, PO Box 1086, Baker City, OR 97814.

Call to repentance

To the Editor:
This column will not consider what is happening to America and the world in response to the Covid 19 pandemic, but rather why. In the 1960's America and the western world experienced a cultural revolution. Moral, religious and legal traditions practiced since before America became a nation were declared unconstitutional. The Supreme Court in just over one decade, beginning in 1962 declared public prayer (1962), public reading of the Bible (1964), published posting of the Ten Commandments (1967), and protecting the sanctity of life in the womb (1973), unconstitutional. This activist Supreme Court repudiated 170 years of Supreme Court decisions and removed the God of America's forefathers from our schools, our government, our institutions, our way of life. These Supreme Court justices were politicians. Only one, Potter Stewart, had federal Constitutional experience. Every metric: divorce rates, unmarried couples, violent crime, high school graduation rates, sexual abuse of children, illegal drug use, sex trade of children and teen agers, corruption in public office, has negatively skyrocketed. America basically divorced itself from the God of our forefathers, the only God of the Bible and prayer, with devastating results.

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our Country" was the exact prayer ruled unconstitutional in 1962. Since 1962: Americans, our parents, our teachers, and our country are now ruled by constitutional edicts outside of God's blessing and the evidence of national rejection of God has been heartbreaking, especially for our children. Our forefathers warned their posterity of the consequences of rejecting God; compromise, lack of diligence, and the failure of courage in the face of ever present humanism and tyranny.

What has been the response of Bible believing churches in the face of this assault on the Bible, prayer, the sanctity of life in America? How did the

church respond when the Supreme Court ruled a baby with a beating heart could be killed in its mother's womb? In like manner, how has the church of Jesus Christ responded in the face of unconstitutional Covid edicts, church closures, and social distancing/mask mandates that have made the church a ward of the state. The church has historically been the moral compass, the spiritual rudder that has kept America on course since the Mayflower compact in 1620. Americans and the world are searching for answers, why has the world been turned upside down? The church can not keep responding with the same old, same old. These are the questions the Bible believing church has been unwilling to face and only a remnant few have demonstrated the courage to stand and obey Jesus Christ, the word of God in the flesh, the answer to this oppression.

This message is a call to repentance to America, especially for the true church, the bride of Christ, to honor its commitment to God and his Word. Repent means to admit we have compromised as Christians, we have disobeyed our Heavenly Father, we have yielded to fear and become cowards in the face of tyranny and evil. Repent means to turn around and face the giants that are destroying our country, our way of life and our faith in God. There is no other answer, no other hope than humbly returning to the only true Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; the sovereign God of our forefathers, the creator and sustained of the universe.

There is a reason the shadow of the cross of Jesus Christ covers Heppner, Morrow County and Eastern Oregon every day as the sun shines. Our God loves us and will help us take out every Goliath if we will exercise our faith and return wholeheartedly to Him. Faith without works is dead. We must act without fear against every stronghold that attacks our liberty and undermines our trust and faith in Jesus Christ. "Submit to God, resist the devil and he must flee." (James 4:7)

Stuart Dick, Irrigon

Make creek a better place

To the Editor:
When I crossed the bridge over the creek today, leaving school, I saw lots of trash. We need to find a solution to fix this problem.
In conclusion, I think

the community could work together to make the creek a better place for wildlife and picnics and other fun things.

(s) Charlie Nelson,
8 years old
Heppner

Passing the "buck"

To the Editor:
As we are in yet another month of this pandemic, many things are coming to light.

We know and have known the "vaccine" that is supposed to save the world is not working how they tell us it is. We can still get and give the Covid virus. Were we supposed to ever believe that this was the saving grace? Were we that blind that all we wanted to do was follow the science? If you do not kill the virus completely you cannot rid the virus from the planet. It is not possible to control a virus, it will mutate. We must learn to live with it. As we have with the last million years of viruses we have seen. But in the process of living with it, we must remember to live and not fear it. We must not fear the neighbor, the friend, the family. Because even if you have had your shot, you are just as likely to spread that virus to any and everyone you encounter.

So, what is the solution? Wear a mask? No, covering your face in a paper mask, a gator, a paper bag, will not prevent anything. A virus is microscopic, even an n95 is not going to stop the spread of germs. I go out in public, and I see people with, without, or maybe even partly covered. Really? If you cover your mouth but not your nose, what is the point? We must still cover our children's faces as they attend school. For what? They come home with no mask, they are out in public without one. What makes their school that

dirty that they have to wear it there. If I can walk into 99 percent of the businesses without a mask, why can't a child be granted the same respect? Now that this government has been shot down with lawsuits, they have decided to pass the buck to businesses to do their dirty work. If it's illegal for the government to force the people, why does a business have that right to demand an EAU "vaccine"?

With all these questions, maybe we need to look deeper into whose hands are in whose pockets. If you sit back and watch who is still enforcing this nonsense, you will eventually see that these are the ones that are relying on their livelihood from government money (your tax payers' money) Maybe they need to stand on their own with a backbone and say, "No".

It has been said that the hospitals will stop reporting COVID-19 deaths. Vaccinated or not, why? The government is trying to tidy this whole mess up before the State of the Union (address). Don't want to make anyone thinking that they screwed up for two years and now they are getting it controlled? And if they can "pass the buck" to businesses then it is no longer their fault if the virus didn't die.

January 23 at 3 pm at the pizza shop is my next meeting for the Freedom of Choice. We can and we must Stay Loud and Stand Proud next to each other.

Dawn Brosnan
Heppner

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