

Obituaries

Jerry Edmond Myers

Jerry Edmond Myers of Heppner was born on his family ranch near Heppner on July 1, 1934, the son of Jasper and Lila (Bartholomew) Myers. He passed away in Hermiston on May 13, 2022, at the age of 87.



Jerry Edmond Myers

Jerry lived on his family ranch throughout his childhood, attending schools at Pine City and Echo High School. He then studied agriculture sciences at Oregon State College for three years. He met Nancy Schuler while attending college and the couple were united in marriage on January 16, 1955, in Portland, OR.

Jerry and Nancy returned to the family ranch where he has worked and lived throughout his life. He and his father Jasper were innovators who always worked to fabricate their equipment to find more efficient and better ways to farm. He was also active in the Heppner Elks Lodge, was involved in the development of Lake Pendland, served on the Umatilla Electric Cooperative board, attending the Morrow County Road Dept as well as many other ways

of serving his community. He enjoyed bowling, had his pilot's license and enjoyed flying his Cessna 182, taking trips to Maui and boating.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Nancy; sons, John and Eileen Myers, Sam and Terri Myers; daughter, Wendy and Dan King; eight grandchildren, Rushelle, Danyelle, Chelsea, Austin, Skylan, Ashley, Casey and Sydney; nine great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jasper and Lila; brother, Charles; two sisters, Janet and Shirley.

A memorial service for friends and family will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday May 24, 2022 at the Burns Mortuary of Hermiston (685 W. Hermiston Avenue Hermiston, Oregon). Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Kathryn (Kite) M. Healy Thorne

Kathryn (Kite) M. Healy Thorne passed on to everlasting peace, May 1, 2022, at McKay Creek Estates, Pendleton, with the support and love of her daughters by her side. Her circle of life on earth is complete. Kathryn was the first-born child to her parents Henry Lazinka Jr. and Jennie (Johnson) Lazinka. She was born October 19, 1930, in Portland, due to the fact that her mother, Jennie, thought delivering amongst her nursing school graduate classmates was a more favorable choice. From Kathryn's childhood forward, there was no doubt Kathryn would choose the country over the city in everything she did. She was a very young, red headed, freckled faced little girl when she acquired her nickname "Kite." Because of her unbridled energy and ambition, a Portland lawyer visiting the ranch thought she was "as busy as a kite." And for the next 91 years she proved them right.



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She loved everything about the ranch and recalled spending many days horseback with her childhood hero, Granddaddy Henry Lazinka Sr. Adventure was nothing new to him as he had sailed around the Horn of South America not once, but twice. He left Poland with the dream, determination and desire of a better life in America. With many trials and hardships, he somehow-someway made his way to the beautiful Ukiah country where his dream of building a cattle ranch came true. After Henry's return trip to Poland, he brought back his bride Minna, and sister Clara. Kathryn grew up in the family home with two languages spoken at the dinner table - German and English. It is easy to understand why Kathryn and her grandad were a great pair. For Kathryn's first 12 years she cherished their time together as there was always an adventure on the horizon. With the abundant love of her parents, good years continued with her siblings, Jean, Bobby, Judy and Mary Lou.

Kathryn started her early grade school years at Ukiah. Tap dancing and sledding off the hill at Ukiah were vivid memories. The family had a home in down-

town Ukiah so when travel from the ranch was difficult they stayed in town. After a couple years the family moved into Pendleton during the school year. She was involved in many extra curriculum activities and excelled in sports. With every opportunity given, on weekends or summertime, she was at the ranch. She dreaded the drive over Battle Mountain as she always suffered with car sickness. (The car sickness didn't seem as bad if they were hauling horses). On one occasion, her Daddy had Kite (16 years old) and sister Jean (14 years old) haul a load of two-year-old steers from Ukiah, down the Columbia River Gorge and delivered to the Portland Stock Yards. They learned responsibility young and were capable. She graduated from PHS in 1948. Kathryn attended OSU just long enough to know, "I learned that the downpour of rainstorms every day wasn't for me." She happily went back to wonderful dry eastern Oregon.

She competed in Mustangs Horse Shows, Ukiah Rodeos, Heppner Rodeos and others. She was a standout on the Mustangs Baton Relay Race teams and roping in the prestigious Round-Up arena. She had no fear and only determination when she was aboard a horse. She was a princess on the 1949 Pendleton Round-Up court and Queen in 1950. Kite handled jumping the wooden rail fences with grace and enthusiasm all in one package. A memorable highlight of her reign was presenting First Lady Margaret Truman a bouquet of red roses during President Truman's May 10, 1950 "major address from a platform" stop at the Union Pacific Railroad Depot. There was an estimated crowd of 20,000. Another adventure was driving her court princesses to the Calgary Stampede. Her court director told her she was "a way better driver than me."

She was employed by the Oregon State Hospital as secretary for many doctors. She excelled in taking dictation by shorthand. She loved bookkeeping and worked for many businesses. She wrapped meat for Shea Lockers and later they



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hired her for their bookkeeper. In her sixties, she conquered learning how to run a computer and updated the ranch books to Quicken.

On May 1, 1954, Kathryn married William J (Bill) Healy and the Healy Ranch on Butter Creek became her home for life. They both shared a love for ranching and a family with six daughters was the bonus. Yes, six girls and no boys. Her mother-in-law, Annie Healy, lived with them for several years. Kathryn said Annie was a wonderful woman and she admired her kindness immensely. Kathryn was busy being a housewife, raising six girls, preparing meals for nine people, and every once in a while, working with Bill and his brother, Tom Healy, on the ranch. Kathryn said that Uncle Tom was the one who taught her about the sheep. It didn't take long before the sheep joined her favorite list with the cattle and horses. Many KY Healy Ranch raised quarter horses became champions in the rodeo arena throughout the northwest and beyond. She had cow dogs throughout her life, and they were treated like her best friend.

It wasn't unusual for the Healy girls to take 30 head of livestock to the Morrow County Fair. Kathryn's roping skills came in handy when a rather uncomfortable situation arose when one of the steers became a wild runaway. Ironically, the steer went on and won Grand Champion Market Steer. Bill and Kathryn gave their daughters endless opportunities. Although the Healy ranch was a 50-mile round trip to school in Heppner, Kathryn and Bill always encouraged their girls to excel in school, sports and 4-H. Kathryn and Bill weren't able to attend all their girls' events, but they were their greatest supporters. Until the girls were old enough to drive, they stayed in town with relatives. Kathryn said she always knew they were in good hands. Similar to her childhood, work on the Healy Ranch was a family affair. Moving sprinkler pipe, haying, harvesting and moving cattle were a

priority. Rock picking and pulling rye were dreaded. During the summer, it wasn't unusual to see six horses tied all day to the hitching post in front of the house. It was simply the means of travel and pleasure. A family vacation was going to Lehman Springs for the day.

Her husband, Bill, died on October 2, 1993. She continued sharing her knowledge and passion for the ranch with family members, Butch and Mary Knowles and grandsons Brian and Blake. She married Glen Thorne on June 17, 1995, who also had been widowed, and they had several years of good times until his death in 2003.

A cherished special time for Kathryn was when Patti was a princess and Queen of the Pendleton Round-Up (1970/1971) and Janice followed in 1979/1980. It was summers filled with many good people, creating friendships that lasted a lifetime. One of the greatest thrills of her life, at 80 years young, was riding in the Western Horse Parade at the 2010 100-year anniversary of the Pendleton Round-Up. She enjoyed watching and cheering on many family members competing in rodeos.

Kathryn is survived by daughters, Patti (Robert) Adair, Joan (John) Hays, Susan (Paul) Hisler, Mary (Butch) Knowles and Maureen (Shane) Crossley; brother, Robert (Sandy) Lazinka; sisters, Judy (Ron) Currin and Mary Lou (Robert) O'Rourke; 18 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Jennie Lazinka; husband, William J Healy; daughter, Janice Healy Davis; grandson, Shad Hisler; husband, Glen Thorne and sister, Jean Lazinka Barboletos.

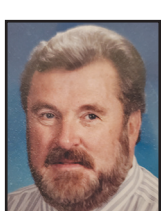
A Rosary was held Friday, May 6, 2022, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Heppner. A celebration of life Catholic Mass was held Saturday, May 7, also at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

For charitable contributions please consider, Shriners Hospital for Children, 3101 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd., Portland, OR 97239, or Doernbecher Children's Hospital, 700 SW Campus Dr., Portland, OR 97239 or the Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame, PO Box 609, Pendleton, OR 97801.

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

Michael Gene Warren

Michael Gene Warren was born February 22, 1947, in Portland to Claudine Mae Drake and Eugene Hewitt Carver. Mike was raised by his mother and step-father, Paul Warren, after they married in 1950. He died May 8, 2022, at age 75 in San Fernando, Chile, from the effects of a stroke in 2021.



Michael Gene Warren

Mike graduated from Heppner High in 1965 and attended Brigham Young University and Arizona State University, where he received a bachelor's degree. He taught at public schools in Heppner, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.

From 1966-68 he served as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the West Mexico

Mission. Mike married Julie Quhuis in Phoenix in 1976. They had three children; David, Donald and James. On December 11, 2006, he married Ana Maria Rojas Gavilan in Santa Cruz, Chile.

Mike became a superb vocalist and was also an outstanding guitarist and pianist.

He is survived by his wife, Ana, of San Fernando; his mother, Claudine, of Pocatello, ID; brothers, Steve of West Valley City, UT, and Matt of Pocatello, ID; his sister, Joan Yamamoto of Bellevue, WA and by his three sons.

A funeral service and burial were held May 11 in San Fernando.

Larry Sticka

Larry Sticka of Lexington passed away April 5, 2022. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Community Bible Church, 170 B Street, Lexington OR 97839.



Larry Sticka

Edna Deloris Wilson

Edna Deloris Wilson of Hermiston, OR, was born October 13, 1936, in Heppner, OR to parents, Edgar and Mildred Wilson Morris. She died May 7, 2022, in Hermiston at the age of 85 years. Edna was raised and attended school in Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School in the class of 1954.



Edna Deloris Wilson

While in high school she began working as a nurse's aide at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and continued to work there after graduating.

Edna married Maynard Struthers Sr. and operated an in home daycare for several years. Maynard passed away in 2001. She married John Wilson in 2005 and she passed away in October of 2021. She has lived in Hermiston for the past 30 years and was a member of the Umatilla Assembly of God, Umatilla, OR. Edna enjoyed crocheting, needle point, crossword and word search puzzles.

She is survived by her daughter, Dena Wi-

ese and her husband Lyle, Hammond, OR; son, Joe Struthers and his wife Sarah, Clovis, NM; sisters, Edie Morris, Prineville, OR, Florence Nolan, Everett, WA and Doris Brosnan, Heppner, OR; brothers, Kip Morris, Madras, OR and Bob Morris, Condon, OR; grandchildren, Aubry, Rebecca, Melissa, Bradley, David, Jonathan, Maria, Robyn, Tracy, Trudy and Trisha; numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Edna was preceded in death by her husbands; her parents; sons, Jack, Bill and Gary Struthers and brothers, Jim and Randy Morris.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 27, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston.

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



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