

Obituaries

Obituary Kyle William Pottala



Kyle William Pottala passed away Friday, September 30, 2022, at the young age of 40 in his home in Hermiston, Oregon after a courageous battle with cancer. "It was an un-fair fight, but Kyle's stubbornness and unwillingness to quit was evident as he fought till the very end." He was surrounded by his beloved wife Blair and family. Kyle was known for his contagious smile and strong work ethic. If it was worth doing it was worth doing right and Kyle took pride in everything he touched, from his yard which was green and perfectly mowed 12 months a year to his starched shirts. His children follow in his footsteps and are always looking sharp.

Kyle was born in Grangeville Idaho on March 3, 1982. He graduated from Grangeville High School in 2000 with honors and went on to get his degree in Business Management at the University of Idaho where he was on the Dean's list. After graduation Kyle went to work for the USDA as a farm loan officer in Ontario Oregon and later transferred to Pendleton, Oregon, where he later became the farm loan manager. Kyle was currently employed at Columbia Bank in Hermiston Oregon. While working in Pendleton he met the love of his life, Blair Ashley Keithley. "Blair was the best thing that happened to Kyle and their love for each other was extraordinary." On June 15, 2013 Kyle and Blair were married in Hermiston Oregon. Their first child, Devyn Ashley, was born in 2014 followed by two handsome boys, Hayes William in 2017 and Royce Kyle in 2021.

Kyle always had a love for horses and anything that involved them. In his childhood he attended every junior rodeo in the northwest that he could. Kyle was active in 4-H as well as band in junior high and high school where he played the trumpet. He went on to High School Rodeo and later rodeoed for the LCSC Warriors and as a Vandal in college. Kyle was a crucial part of the family business raising and training roping cattle. His dream home in Hermiston had a roping arena in the backyard where he passed on his passion and hard work ethic to his kids. Most evenings Kyle could be found roping with friends, tuning up for the next jackpot or practicing with his kids for the next junior rodeo.

Kyle was preceded in death by his grandpa, Carl Pottala, grandparents, Walt and Loretta Schnider, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Kyle is survived by the lights of his life, his wife, Blair Pottala, and children, Devyn, Hayes, and Royce; parents, Chuck and Phyllis Pottala; sister, Leslie (Fred) Smith and children, Derek, Walker, Tori and Brooklyn; brother, Carl (Maggie) Pottala and children, Lane and Sammie; and his grandma

Joyce Pottala; "very proud mother and father in-law" Jay and Kelly-jo Keithley, Sloan (Kasey) Keithley and son, Kayson, Baillie (Tyler) Whitaker and son, Russell.

"Kyle was a one in a million guy, and touched many lives during his short time here which was evident by the outpouring of love and support by his family and friends at the Jack Pottala benefit recently held for Kyle and family." His unwillingness to quit was something we could all learn from. He was a son that made his parents very proud, an uncle and a role model brother. Most of all Kyle was a loving husband and exceptional father. He was the rock of his family, and such a strong man.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday October 8, 2022 at EOTECH, 1705 E Airport Rd. Hermiston, Oregon 97838. A private family burial was in the Hermiston Cemetery in Hermiston, Oregon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to your favorite local charity in Kyle's memory.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com

Obituary Joseph Lee Bowman

November 18, 1949-September 18, 2022

Joseph Lee Bowman was born November 18, 1949, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Homer 'Jiggs' Bowman and Rita Bowman. He was raised in Kinzua and completed grade school at Kinzua before attending Wheeler High School in Fossil. He was a multi-sport athlete and graduated from Wheeler High in 1968.

Joe attended the University of Oregon Medical School from July 1968 to July of 1970, becoming a radiologic technologist and working in the angiography lab at the medical school. In November of 1970 he entered the Army and completed basic training at Ft. Lewis before being stationed in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

On December 3, 1972, Joe married Robin and they were blessed with three children. In his younger days Joe enjoyed slow pitch softball, snow and water skiing, and snow-mobiling with the McKay Creek Marauders. In his later years, Joe enjoyed golf.

Joe is preceded in death by his father, Homer "Jiggs" Bowman. He is survived by his mother, Rita Rose (Correa) Bowman, Heppner, his wife of 49 years, Robyn, two daughters, Erika (Aaron) David of Albany Oregon, Natalie (Chet) Wilkins of Arlington, Oregon, a son, Jeremy (Katrice) Bowman of Port Orchard, Washington and seven "wonderful" grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Victor (Beckie) Bowman of Prineville, Oregon, Ron (Ginger) Bowman of Independence, Oregon, sisters Sara (Dave) Riney of Condon, Oregon and Cindy (Mark) Jarvis of Bend Oregon.

Joe will be interred at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland Oregon. A celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 26, at the Con-

don Elks.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice or a charity of your choice.

Death Notice

Archie C. Ball Jr., 77, of Heppner, died at home September 23, 2022. A celebration of life will be held at the Heppner Elks Lodge on October 14, 2022, at 1 p.m. A full obituary will follow in next week's paper.

Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

DEADLINE:
MONDAYS
AT 5PM



**Morrow & Grant County
Off-Highway Vehicle Park
2nd Elk Season**

SPIKE ONLY YOUTH HUNT

**November 05, 2022
November 13, 2022**

Return applications by Oct. 17, 2022 to:
Morrow County Public Works Office
365 West Highway 74, P.O. Box 428
Lexington, Oregon 97839
Phone: 541-989-9500
E-Mail: mcparks@co.morrow.or.us

MUST BE A CURRENT MORROW or GRANT COUNTY RESIDENT
Youth 12 - 17 Years old at time of hunt - Valid Hunting License
General 2nd Season Oregon Hunting Tag Required

Great crowd turns out for 9th annual Boardman Harvest Festival

Photos by David Sykes

With perfect warm fall weather, a large crowd turned out Saturday for the Ninth Annual Morrow County Harvest Festival held at the Sage Center in Boardman. Festival goers enjoyed good food, entertainment, pumpkin painting, lots of vendors and also covered wagon rides.

