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Betty Lou Marquardt

I won't remain in this body forever. One day I will receive a new body that will never grow old. I'm excited for that day.

Betty Lou Marquardt, 86, went to Heaven Nov. 5, 2022, at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla, WA with all her family beside her, one via FaceTime.

A Celebration of Life will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at the Heppner Christian Church in Heppner. Graveside service will follow at the Lexington Cemetery with a reception at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building in Heppner.

Betty was born March 20, 1936, in Condon, OR to Truman and Leita Messenger. She was the fourth child out of six. The family moved to Meacham when she was a toddler. In 1942 the family was transferred to Lexington, where Betty began first grade and continued through high school, graduating from Lexington High School in 1954. Betty learned to play the piano and clarinet early in her childhood years. She read music as well as playing a tune just by hearing it. She was naturally talented and gifted with her ear for music. During her high school years she was the pianist for the Christian Church in Lexington. It was at church she met and fell in love with Carl Marquardt. The couple married in Lexington on June 12, 1954, and made their home on the Charles A. Marquardt ranch. In 1960 the family built a ranch home on Marquardt Road (Juniper Canyon Road) which is where Betty has resided ever since. They were only married 27 years before Carl passed away in 1981.

There were several times when friends would stop by the ranch, Betty would play the piano or someone else would be on the piano while Betty played the accordion, Carl on the guitar or harmonica, and the girls would join in a sing-along. The Marquardt house was always full of music. Her music talent was a gift from God. Betty loved playing the piano and organ for the worship service at the Heppner Christian Church. She was the pianist and organist for over 50 years, up until the time of her death. She never wavered in her faith in God and the teachings of the Bible.

Betty worked at home raising their family of seven daughters and one son until the mid-70s when she



went to work for Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aide. While employed with the hospital she was asked to go to work for the Morrow County Health Department until she retired in 1998. Betty took great pride and joy in attending her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's sporting events and other activities. Betty loved serenading all the kids on the piano, quietly singing to them or reading them a book.

In addition to raising her family and helping on the ranch Betty found time to give piano lessons to some of the nieces and nephews, sew for the family, crochet and do ceramics.

She was a member of the Heppner Christian Church in Heppner, Gideons Hermiston Chapter, Lexington Grange and Oregon Wheat Growers League.

She is survived by a sister, Rena Marquardt, Lexington; her children, Carlita Bloodsworth (Jim), Jim Marquardt (Darlene), Lolita Grace (Clay), Joyce Hughes, Sheree Smith, Debbie Miller (Ray), Pam Piper (Dave) and Jana Julian; 25 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Carl Marquardt; parents, Truman and Leita Messenger; brothers, Truman Jr. Messenger, Franklin Messenger, Gerry Messenger and Caroll Messenger; grandson, Kasey Bloodsworth; and granddaughter Karissa Bloodsworth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Christian Church, PO Box 158, 293 Gale Street, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Charles Lawrence "Larry" Lutcher

Charles Lawrence "Larry" Lutcher, 88, died Oct. 25, 2022 in Evans, GA. A memorial service was held in Georgia on Oct. 31. An additional service will take place at a later date in eastern Oregon.

Larry was born Sept. 21, 1934 in Baker, OR to Lawrence Joseph and Anita Hughes Lutcher. He spent early childhood days in Unionville, MT, where he, his parents and younger sister Suzanne lived before relocating to Milton-Freewater, OR.

Larry enjoyed his time at McLoughlin High School, where he excelled on the track team as a broad jumper and sprinter. He

also played basketball and football. He continued with football while attending Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, from 1953 to 1957. He was proud of his accomplishments as a member of the college's debate team. After graduating from Whitman, he went to Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. His wife, Jo Anne Milligan of Pendleton, accompanied him on his journey.

He worked at the University of Oregon School of Medicine until 1967, then served in the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, WA, where he worked at the on-base hospital caring for wounded soldiers, veterans and their families. In 1970, he moved his family to the South, where he began a 30-year career at the Medical College of Georgia. He was a compassionate physician who spearheaded the hospital's first diagnostic coagulation laboratory. He also played a major role in development of its bone marrow transplant program. He was Director of Hematology and Medical Oncology from 1978 to 1997.

In 1985, he married Dr.

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Priscilla Ann Gilman. In their retirement years, they enjoyed golfing, reading, spending time with family and vacation trips to eastern Oregon and Ireland. In March of 2016, Larry was inducted into the McLoughlin High School Hall of Fame. He did part-time consulting work and was an active Whitman College alumnus, becoming a founding member of its Planned Giving Committee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Suzanne Colgan, and Jo Anne Lutcher.

Larry is survived by his wife, Priscilla; three children, Larry Lutcher (Roberta), Heppner, OR; Shawna Todd (Glenn), Evans, GA; and Loren Lutcher (Sandra), Los Angeles, CA. He took great pride in his five grandchildren, Dillon Lutcher, William (Tiffany) Lutcher, Brittany Jones (Jonathan), Grace Todd and Lauren Todd, and one great-granddaughter, Emma Jones.

Donations in Dr. Lutcher's memory can be made to: Director of Alumni Relations, Whitman College, 345 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

For three adult sisters to actually be free at the same time for an activity together can be a rare happening, but a successful spur-of-the-moment plan recently brought the Bennett Girls together. Judy (Barber) was the catalyst who called Sandy (Matthews) and Debbie (Sumner) and gave them just a few minutes to be ready for a trip to the Wildhorse Cinema, where they were entertained by the latest Roberts/Clooney movie, Tickets to Paradise, before grabbing a McDonald's treat as a comfortable ending to an uncommon get-together.

On Nov. 3, Justin Hoeft returned from Kuwait to Heppner after a year's absence with the Army National Guard. Danielle reports that their sons, Colden (10) and Garin (7) knew that their dad would soon be coming home but did not know exactly when, so when Justin showed up at school, each of the boys was surprised, one reacting with tears and one with uncontrollable giggles. The family totally agreed that this occasion qualified as "special," definitely a reason to forget about school for one more day. Justin returns to his work with the Morrow County Road Department and will not have to return to his Guard work for several weeks. He has served in the Guard for over 17 years now.

On the southwest corner of Gale and Center Streets on Nov. 10 and 11, a delicious cup of warm apple cider and a cookie (a variety available) straight from the oven could be purchased for one dollar and for fifty cents, respectively. Kyla and Alba Byers's stand was their joint effort to raise money for Christmas. Kyla has her eye on a too-expensive item, and Alba is certain she will find herself something wonderful with her earnings. "And," Alba reported, they were also doing this "to spread some cheer." Their Christmas songs and dances probably warmed their chilled bodies, and maybe they warmed the hearts of passersby who look forward to the holiday. Good luck, Girls!

Mustangs are headed for football semi-finals again! OSAA has them listed to play Oakland in Hillsboro this Saturday. Good luck, Mustangs!

Remember your non-Facebook readers, too, and send your Good News to dbrosnan123@gmail.com or call 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that some good news comes to everyone reading this!

Heppner students chosen for state recital

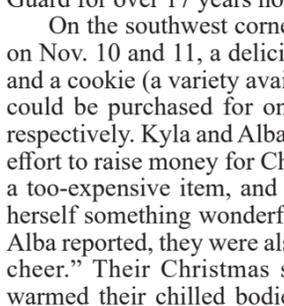
The Oregon Music Teachers Association held its annual Ensemble Festival for the Umatilla/Morrow District on Nov. 5. It was held in Hermiston, and 85 piano students participated. They will play in a state recital Dec. 10 at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Madison is a senior at Heppner High School, and this is her 10th trip to the winners' recital. Rylee received her fourth trophy for playing in 40 OMTA events.

HHS basketball plans Blue and Gold Night, dessert auction

The Heppner Mustang boys' and girls' basketball teams will be holding their annual Blue and Gold Night on Monday, Nov. 21. Mustang supporters are invited to some meet the junior high and high school boys' and girls' teams for this season. Players will be introduced and compete

in numerous basketball activities.

The evening will also include a fundraising raffle and dessert auction. This is a good time to stock up on great desserts for Thanksgiving. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with activities beginning at 6 p.m. Admission is free.



Sisters Madison (right) and Rylee Palmer of Heppner were chosen as winners, playing "Rio Rumba" by Melody Bober. -Contributed photo

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Author Scott McEwen speaking at Veteran's day celebration HHS -Contributed photo

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Christ as King of the Universe: Is He of your life too?

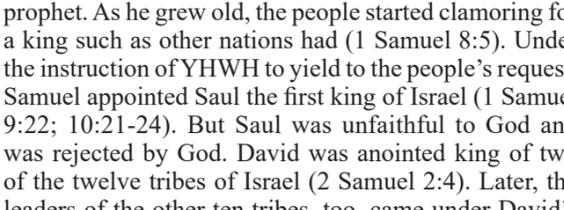
With the feast of Christ the King, the Catholic Church honors Christ as "King of the Universe." This feast was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to fight the rising trend of secularism that denied Christ as the supreme Lord and King. Since Adam and Eve, the devil has tempted the people of each generation to think that they could do without God. The temptation appeals still more to modern man because of the achievements attained through modern science and technology. The feast of Christ the King should help us to realize the following: a) Christ has dominion over everyone and everything, creating everything and redeeming us with His death. b) Only through serving Him does man attain true freedom; anyone who refuses His authority ends up in the crudest forms of slaveries with the devil as his ruthless master.

How did kingship originate among the people of Israel? For many years after reaching the Promised Land, they had no king. Starting with Joshua, Israel had leaders, known as judges. The last was Samuel, also God's prophet. As he grew old, the people started clamoring for a king such as other nations had (1 Samuel 8:5). Under the instruction of YHWH to yield to the people's request, Samuel appointed Saul the first king of Israel (1 Samuel 9:22; 10:21-24). But Saul was unfaithful to God and was rejected by God. David was anointed king of two of the twelve tribes of Israel (2 Samuel 2:4). Later, the leaders of the other ten tribes, too, came under David's rule. David conquered Jerusalem and moved the capital of his kingdom there. (2 Samuel 5:1-3). King David had come a long way from tending sheep. He was a shepherd boy from Bethlehem before being called to King Saul's courts. He showed that he was more than a musician by slaying the giant Goliath and distinguishing himself in battle. King Saul grew jealous of David and tried to kill him. So, David became a fugitive. Only after Saul's death was David made king. Later, God promised David that "through a son of his, his kingdom would last forever." (2 Samuel 7:12-16). This promise is fulfilled when the angel says to Mary: "You are to conceive and bear a son... The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob forever, and his reign will never end." (Luke 1:31-33). Thus, the prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus, a son of David according to the flesh. He came into the world to inaugurate God's never-ending kingdom.

The Gospel of Luke (23:35-43) presents a picture of a lowly king "exalted" on the cross between two thieves. What characterizes earthly kings are power, dominion and glory, the opposite of the kingdom Jesus came to establish. The two types of kingdoms are contrasted by those who accept and believe, and those who reject and refuse to believe in His kingdom. When He is born "he came unto his own and his own received him not," those in power, with authority, felt challenged by Him and refused to have anything to do with Him, but the lowly shepherds, the simple and weak sinners, accepted Him.

At the foot of the cross, people stayed, silently watching Him, but the leaders jeered at Him: "He saved others, let him save himself." They challenged Him to show His power. "If you are king of the Jews save yourself." But Jesus refused to exercise power just as he had refused to be tempted to live up to the expectations of the people. At the beginning of His ministry, He was challenged to show His power: "If you are the Son of God throw yourself down and the angels of God will support you." But He refused. One thief nailed to a cross by His side tempts Him: "Save yourself and us as well." The other perhaps glimpses that this is no ordinary human and pleads for mercy: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus responds: "I promise you, today, you will be with me in paradise." We share in the kingdom when we live like Jesus, not dominating and controlling others, not demanding that life goes according to our whims, surrendering to God: "Lord remember me... Lord make me a part of your kingdom...!" This King of Kings is at our service; He exercises is the power of salvation, the power of love! He leaves with us the message of obedience to God's authority.

Veterans honored at Ceremony



Local veterans celebrate Veteran's day at HHS -Contributed photo

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