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Obituaries

Billy Eugene Gentry

Billy Eugene Gentry passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Nov. 24, 2022, in Heppner. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m., Dec. 7, at the Heppner Elks Lodge.



Billy was born on Sept. 29, 1929, in Ava, MO to Orville "Cotton" Gentry and Allie Sibyl Shipp's Gentry. During the Depression, he and his family made their way to Oregon. At 10 years old, Billy went to work to help support his family, and his example of hard work continues to be passed through generations of his family. As a young man, Billy took up boxing as a hobby and, in 1948, earned a spot at The Oregon Golden Gloves, weighing in at just 112 pounds.

Also in 1948, Billy met the love of his life, Patty Healy, in Heppner, and they were married on June 21, 1951, in Santa Maria, CA. After their wedding, Billy served in the Korean War for the US Army as part of the 16th Signal Operations Battalion.

In 1949, Billy began his 42-year career for Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, where he began as a pole digger. Billy was responsible for setting the first power pole in Morrow County and loved telling stories about his involvement initiating power to many of the farms throughout the county. Billy worked his way through the ranks and retired in 1991 as the Line Superintendent.

Billy and Patty raised their family of four in Heppner and spent their lives very involved in the Heppner community. He was a lifetime member of the Elk's BPOE #358, a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), and a member of the American Legion Post 0087.

Billy had many achievements over his lifetime. To name a few, in 2018, he was awarded the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, he was honored to be the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo's Grand Marshal, and he attended the United States Military Honor Flight in 2021.

Billy loved attending sporting events, going for drives, shuttling his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to and from all

of their activities, taking regular trips with his family to the Oregon Coast and Willowa Lake, and telling stories to any listening ear.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents, Cotton and Allie Gentry; his brother, Jack Gentry; and his wife, Patty Gentry.

He is survived by his four children, Judy Town-er (Earl), Janet Greenup (Greg), Jerry Gentry (Terri), and Jackie Ansotegui (Darwin); 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family asks that you consider memorial contributions to the Heppner Elks BPOE #3358, PO Box 494, Heppner, OR 97836.

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

Lyle Allen Peck, Sr.

Lyle Allen Peck, Sr. passed away on Nov. 21, 2022, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner while surrounded by his



family. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Lyle had celebrated his 90th birthday on Nov. 18.

Lyle was the third of 10 children born to Henry and Josie (Rowell) Peck. He attended school in Lexington and Hermiston and graduated from Heppner in 1951. He shared many memories of playing football during his high school years.

Lyle met the love of his life, Virginia Allstott, when Virginia's brother brought Lyle home to meet the family. They were married on Oct. 5, 1952, in Heppner. Lyle and Virginia had five children—Allen, Debbie, Stephen, Teresa and Dennis. They recently celebrated 70 years together.

Lyle continued in the farming footsteps of his grandfather Burton Peck and father Henry Peck when he went to work for Allen Tom in Rufus. Lyle started out on his own by leasing farmland from Lester Cox, Dee and Getta Cox, Marcel Jones and John Ledbetter. At one time Lyle farmed a total of 18 square miles.

While farming, Lyle served his community in many capacities. He was Director of the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District for 31 years, served on the Morrow County Grain Growers Board of Directors, was Master of the Lexington Grange, Secretary of

the Lexington Odd Fellows Lodge, a member of the Oregon Wheat League, and a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge BPOE # 358.

Lyle loved fishing and hunting. He especially loved elk hunting, having many successful seasons. If you met Lyle out hunting, you knew there were elk in the area.

Lyle loved his family, enjoying family gatherings. He was a regular spectator at his kids' and grandchildren's sporting events. He played a mean game of Phase 10, pinochle and too many card games to name. Lyle was a kind and giving man who loved to visit.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Virginia; his five children, Lyle Allen Jr, Debbie Van Cleave (Randy), Stephen (Camille), Teresa Kellison (Gayland), and Dennis (Debbie); 10 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; and siblings Richard, Burt, Bill, Marti and Raymond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ron and Jimmie; and sisters Dorothy and Jeanette.

Memorial donations can be made to Morrow County Health District, Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or Heppner Rural Fire Protection District, PO Box 743, Heppner, OR 97836.

Betty Ann Burns

Betty Ann Burns, 72, of Ione, passed away on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022. She was a loving wife, mother and sister.



A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the High View Cemetery in Ione.

She was born on June 22, 1950, in Maywood, CA, the daughter of Denzil and

Laura Keith Lindsey.

Betty passionately followed her grandchildren as they participated in sports, livestock events and school activities, bragging about them to her friends and on social media whenever she got a chance.

She loved her family and friends, and enjoyed singing, dancing and playing the piano. Betty had fun traveling to car shows with her husband, where they exhibited their cars and socialized with their friends. She organized the Ione car show on the Fourth of July, working year-round to sign up sponsors and secure awards for the exhibitors. Another great passion was golf; Betty loved to golf with her friends at Willow Creek Country Club, and also enjoyed traveling around the region competing.

Betty is survived by her husband of over 50 years, Loyal; a son, Loyal Burns III and his wife Deborah; daughter, Mariah Shandy and her husband Mark; a sister, Patricia Tucker and her husband Darrell; nephew Timothy Rickman and his wife Kimberly; four grandchildren, LR Burns, Jacob Shandy, Dylan Shandy, Shaylyn Thompson; and two great-grandsons, Isaiah and Andrew.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, William Lindsey.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner OR 97836.

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

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Leave message at
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with phone number & address
Will pick up at curb

Giving trees go up in Heppner

Opportunities to give at Market Fresh, Les Schwab



The Neighborhood Center Giving Tree is up and ready for sharing at Heppner Market Fresh. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

South Morrow County residents will have plenty of opportunities to share Christmas cheer with those in need this holiday season.

Two of those ways are in the shape of giving trees located at Heppner Market Fresh and Heppner Les Schwab.

This is the third year for the giving tree at Heppner Les Schwab. While many Les Schwab locations participate in toy drives, the Heppner branch partners with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide Christmas gifts for children in foster care in the county. Those wishing to provide a gift or two can pick a tag off the tree and

then return the unwrapped gift to Les Schwab. DHS staff will collect the gifts, wrap them, and distribute them to foster children in Morrow County.

The yearly Neighborhood Center Giving Tree is located again at Heppner Market Fresh. The tree is decorated with tags specifying a name, age and wished-for item. Patrons can pick a tag off the tree, purchase the item and return it unwrapped to the Neighborhood Center by Friday, Dec. 16. Neighborhood Center volunteers will wrap the gifts and get them to the families by Christmas.



Mobile Bakery & Cafe

We will be closed on December 8th My Husband has a Doctor's Appt at OHSU.

Just a reminder, it is always better to place an order for donuts ahead of time or you may not get any.



Morrow County Foster Children Gift Drive

COME TAKE A TAG FROM OUR GIVING TREE.

RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFT BY DECEMBER 12TH WITH TAG ATTACHED.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PURCHASE EVERYTHING ON THE LIST. GIVE WHAT YOU CAN.

IF YOU TAKE A TAG, PLEASE BUY THE GIFT. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, BRING THE TAG BACK AND PUT IT ON THE TREE.



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