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Obituaries

Dale W. Holland Sr.

Longtime Heppner resident Dale W. Holland Sr., 87, passed away on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. A private family graveside service was held, and a celebration of life will be announced in the early summer.

Dale was born on Nov. 19, 1935, at Eugene, OR, the son of Thomas Nelson and Ida Bell McBride Holland. He attended a one-room schoolhouse near Crow, OR, and graduated from Crow Union High School. Dale attended Linfield College on basketball and baseball scholarships where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in history.

On Aug. 16, 1958, Dale married Karen L. Witcher at Junction City, OR. He played semi-pro baseball for the Eugene Emeralds and for a semi-pro baseball team in Ontario, OR. He taught and coached for three years at Huntington High School before taking a teaching and coaching job at Crow, where his baseball team won the state championship. In 1965 the family moved to Heppner, where Dale coached and taught PE, history and driver's ed until his retirement in 1992.

Summer employment was on fire crews for the United States Forest Service or the state forestry fire crews. He also was on Umatilla National Forest lookout towers for many summers, and the last few summers he was on a lookout on James Ridge on the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico.

Dale was a long-time member of the Heppner Elks Lodge. He enjoyed hunting, bowling, fishing, camping and officiating many ball games.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen, and a daughter, Diane Holland Cassens.

Survivors include daughter, Debbie Peterson

and her husband Mike; sons, Dale Holland Jr. and his wife Karen, and Doug Holland and his wife Kelly; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner High School Booster Club, PO Box 917, Heppner, OR 97836.

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

Dorothy E. Stefani

Dorothy E. Stefani, 94, of Ione died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at CHI St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, OR. A funeral service and luncheon will be held at Valby Lutheran Church at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, followed by concluding service and burial at High View Cemetery, both in Ione.

Dorothy E. Bergstrom Stefani was born on Jan. 14, 1928, in Heppner, to parents Carl and Esther Bergstrom. Dorothy grew up on her family farm in Gooseberry, just outside of Ione, with her parents and four brothers, Arthur, Norman, Roland and Walter. As a child she attended school in a little one-room schoolhouse there in Gooseberry but would later attend school in Ione starting in the fourth grade through high school. Dorothy enjoyed a very active social life in her high school years and was chosen to be a princess at the

Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. After graduating in 1945, Dorothy moved to Portland, OR and lived with relatives while working for the phone company. On Sept. 27, 1947, she married her long-time love Arthur Stefani at the Mount Tabor Lutheran church in Portland. Dorothy and Arthur had grown up together and it was fabled that while they were babies, their mother's had even foretold their future wedding.

Dorothy and Arthur settled in Ione and started their family. Their eldest son, Jerry, was born in 1949, followed by daughters, Teresa (1951) and Teena (1956), and son, Dennis, born in 1962. The family spent many years farming in Ione and ran several local businesses. Once her kids had grown up, Dorothy drove the school bus for Ione schools, and retired after 30 years. In addition to driving the school bus, Dorothy took over the rural mail route from her mother-in-law, Cecil Stefani, and drove an 81-mile loop three times a week to the local farms and ranches until her retirement at the age of 85.

Dorothy's pride and joy was her family. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister, Dorothy always made sure that her home remained the center gathering spot. Her door was always open, and she loved to host. From family Christmas to birthdays and other holidays, she made sure that every visit from her family was a cause for celebration. Her family remembers the beautiful Christmas tree that would always shine brightly in the center of her front window, with all of the presents piled around. For Halloween, they recall the dozens of bags filled with candy to ensure every child who visited got plenty of treats. Even with such a large family, she never worried about accommodating everyone; she would always say, "Just get here and we will figure it out." Dorothy always found room to make everyone feel welcome. In addition to her home, Dorothy loved to support her family in any way she could. She went out of her way to be front and center to cheer her kids and grandkids on at their sporting events, celebrate their achievements and honor their milestones.

In 1992 she lost her husband Arthur to cancer. In their 40-plus years of marriage, they were rarely apart and spent a lot of their time hosting and visiting family. After Arthur's passing, Dorothy continued the traditions that were so important to them and maintained her deep connections to the

community. Dorothy was a regular fixture at the home basketball games at the high school. She loved to go on long walks and work in her yard. As she got older, one of her favorite things was to visit with her many friends and learn all about the latest news. Everyone who knew Dorothy, knew she had a sweet tooth, and she always made sure to have something sweet around, not just to indulge herself but to have something to offer a visitor who might stop by unexpectedly, or for her young grandkids who loved to stop in just to say hi and give her a big hug.

Dorothy was committed to her Lutheran faith. She attended the historic Valby Lutheran Church, founded in 1886, her entire life and would always make a point of being present for Sunday service as long as she was able. She was always very proud of that little church, the white building with the bright red roof that sat so distinctly amongst the wheat fields there in Gooseberry. Dorothy lived nearly the entirety of her 94 years in Ione. She was described by those who knew her as strong, hard-working, loving and always had something positive to say. She always took good care of herself, she loved to have her hair done, her nails painted and loved a spritz of her favorite perfume. She was steadfast in her will to maintain her independence and her home for as long as she could. She always greeted everyone with a smile, and she always enjoyed a chuckle at a good joke or memory. Dorothy will be remembered for her beautiful, kind spirit and her devotion to her family, her friends and to her beloved community.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents,

Carl and Esther Bergstrom; brothers, Arthur Bergstrom, Norman Bergstrom, Roland Bergstrom and Walter Bergstrom; spouse, Arthur Stefani; son, Jerry Stefani; and son-in-law, Jeffrey Turner.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Teresa Turner of Tigard, OR; daughter, Teena Fetterhoff (Stanley Fetterhoff) of Pendleton; son, Dennis Stefani (Misti Stefani) of Ione; grandchildren, Danielle Stefani, Jessica Hite, Ben Turner, Zach Turner, Drew Stefani, Tyler Fetterhoff, Katelyn Stefani, Alex Fetterhoff, Haylea Fetterhoff, Sydney Stefani, Delaney Stefani, Ciciley Stefani and Cooper Stefani; and great grandchildren, Jonah Hite, Brendan Hite, Cameron Hite and Hadley Turner.

Memorial contributions can be made to Valby Lutheran Church, 67407 Carlson Lane, Ione, OR 97843.

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

Patricia Joanne Kincaid

Patricia Joanne Kincaid, 87, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, in Silverton, OR with her children by her side. A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 9, at Unger Funeral Chapel in Silverton with private burial.

Patricia was born June 7, 1935, in Umatilla, OR. She married Ralph Kincaid Sr. in 1954.

Together they raised five

children. They resided in Eastern Oregon until 1974, when they moved the family to Silverton.

In her younger years, she was active in her societies, bowling and card clubs. She enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing, cooking and reading. Patricia retired from the State of Oregon as a pharmacy technician.

She was mother to Julie, Kathy, Bud, John, Jamie and Vicki; grandmother to 15; and great-grandmother to 17. Patricia took great pride in her children and grandchildren, enjoying their accomplishments and activities.

Patricia was known for her sassy personality and joy for life. She will be missed immensely by her loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph, son James, infant daughter Julie, parents, and brother James.

Patricia is survived by daughters Kathy (John) and Vicki, sons Ralph Jr. (Jenny) and John, daughter-in-law Heidi (James), and life-long friend Bonnie Parrot.

Boardman council plans executive session

The Boardman City Council will hold an executive session Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m.

The purpose of this executive session is for the city council members to review the semifinalists and facilitate selection of the finalists for the new city manager position.



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