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**Obituaries**

**Dorene Alise (Strunk) Reed**

Dorene Alise (Strunk) Reed was born Feb. 16, 1936, in Vancouver, WA to Lester and Hildegarde (Groth) Strunk and went home to her Lord on Jan. 14, 2023, at Providence Hospital in Hood River, OR. She was 86 years old. A memorial service was held on the Jan. 28 in Cascade Locks, OR.

Dorene graduated from Evergreen High School in Vancouver, WA and then attended business school at Cascade College in Portland, OR. She was previously married to Ray Grace and had two children.

She was a single parent to her two children and worked at the Heppner plywood mill, where she met Leon Reed, the love of her life. They married on Aug. 11, 1978. Leon also has four daughters. Dorene continued to work with Leon at the plywood mill and then at the potato plant in Boardman until they moved to Leedey, OK where they ran the Reed Furniture store until they closed it. Dorene then became the city clerk/treasurer for the City of Leedey. Dorene lived on the Reed family homestead for 41 years until they moved to Cascade Locks with daughter and son-in-law (Debra and Dan) in October 2021.

Dorene was not only a devoted wife and mother but was a strong Christian follower, playing the piano and organ to serve the Lord. Dorene played for the Red Star Church in Leedey and the Cascade Locks Community Church until her passing.

Dorene was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Hildegarde Strunk; brother, Leon Strunk; granddaughter, Pamela Ferguson; grandsons, James Sharp and Michael Ferguson.

Dorene is survived by her husband, Leon Reed; sister, Grace (Strunk) Dickson; son, Clay Grace (Lolita); daughters, Debra Reed-Sharp (Dan Sharp), Kathy Bolin (Gene), Robbin (Reed) Ferguson, Meschelle (Grace) Whitaker (Hal), and Kimberly (Reed) Williams (Colin). Dorene also has 16 surviving grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Dorene will be deeply missed.

**Sue Carol Townsend-Wiegand**

Sue Carol Townsend-Wiegand passed away Jan. 26, 2023, at the Peace-Health Hospital in Vancouver, WA of poor health and complications from COVID. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at High View Cemetery at Ione with a memorial service to follow at 2 p.m. at the Ione Community Church. A meal will be served after the services at the church fellowship room.

Sue was the daughter of Pat and Hershaw Townsend, formerly from Ione. She was born in The Dalles, OR. She graduated from Ione High School in the class of '64 and completed her education at the Executive Business College in Portland.

She had two siblings, Mancell Townsend (deceased) and Brenda Hoxsey of Warrenton. She was married and divorced from James Wiegand. She worked for collection agencies but was most proud of her work with the Oregon State Employment Department, where she collected a million dollars from written-off fraud accounts before retiring in 2012.

Sue didn't have children because of cancer issues as a child but leaves behind her sister Brenda; brother-in-law Norm Hoxsey; nephews Brent Portschy and Rod Portschy; niece Denise Hoxsey Connolly; great-nephews and nieces Brendan, Brant, Trista, Ali, Caroline, Olivia, Savannah and Maddie; plus several great-great-nieces and nephews.

Patti Portschy, Brent's wife, was her caregiver several weeks before she was hospitalized.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione Education Foundation, PO Box 61, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

**Andr'a Lee Kendrick**

Andr'a Lee Kendrick, 64, died at his home on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the Ione Community

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Church.

Andr'a was born May 6, 1958, in Winchester, KY to parents James Weathers and Susie

Kendrick. At the age of 18, Andr'a entered the United States Army for education through the tank tech division and was stationed in Fort Knox, KY.

He later went on to do odd jobs until he started working for a trucking company, where his love for driving and travel started. That job even found him his way to the love of his life, Susan Thompson, at a truck stop outside of Kingman, AZ in 1986. On July 29, 1989, Andr'a and Susan married.

Living in Kingman, Andr'a took on a waste management position, where he was a huge reason to the company's success, as he mapped out entire routes for the trucks' waste pickup schedule that changed the performance of the company significantly.

The Kendrick family, now including children Stormy, Skyler and Shadow, moved to Ione closer to Susan's family. A few years later, Andr'a went back to school and got his associates degree in plumbing at Blue Mountain Community College. Andr'a, a jack of all trades, took on his own business as a landscaping and plumbing consultant for the last 15 years.

Andr'a loved collections of coins, comic books, baseball cards and greeting cards, and playing games like chess and the dice game 10,000. He found passion in music and education and, above all, his love for his family.

He is survived by: wife Susan, son Skyler and daughter Shadow Kendrick.

Andr'a was preceded in death by his son, Stormy Kendrick.

Donations are welcome for Andr'a's family; they may be made through the Bank of Eastern Oregon into ICC Business Savings or mailed directly to Ione Community Church, PO Box D, Ione, OR 97843. Please make checks out to Ione Community Church with memo to Andr'a Fund.

His family would like to thank individuals from far and near for their outreach and prayers, and Ione Community Church for its support during this difficult time.

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**Inland Northwest Orchestra to play in Heppner**



Concert soloist Alice Massey

Inland Northwest Orchestra will present a concert Saturday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School. The orchestra, now in its 24th season, is under the direction of R. Lee Friese and Phillip Simpson. The musicians will be performing four selections of varied length and style. "The Lark Ascending" by Ralph Vaughan Williams will feature violin soloist Alice Massey, who began studying violin at age eight in Fort Worth, TX. Her private instructors have included E. Clyde Whitlock, Alice McDaniel, and R. Lee Friese.

In high school, Alice performed as principal second violinist with the Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth, traveling with the group to participate in the National Youth Orchestra Festival in Washington, D.C and the National Symphony Orchestra League convention in New Orleans. Alice earned her Bachelor in Music degree from Walla Walla University and later taught music in Walla Walla-area schools before moving to Pendleton and transitioning to a career in human services.

Over the past 40 years, Alice has performed as a section string player with the Yakima, Washington-Idaho, Grande Ronde, and Mid-Columbia Symphonies. She served as Concertmaster for the Walla Walla Symphony and Oregon East Symphony before becoming a proud founding member of Inland Northwest Musicians in 1999. Alice is Concertmaster of the Inland Northwest Orchestra, also serving as the orchestra's music librarian and as recording secretary for the INWM Board of Directors. She plays a Josef Klotz violin made in 1795.

Alice has been working in the disability services field for 35 years. She is currently the program manager of the Employer Resource Connection Program with The Arc Oregon.

"I am so thrilled to be performing 'The Lark Ascending' again with the Inland Northwest Orchestra. Ralph Vaughn Wil-

liams is one of my favorite composers and this piece in particular has spoken to me since the very first time I heard it," said Massey. "In 2000, I had the opportunity to play the piece with the Inland Northwest Orchestra in concert. We presented that concert in Heppner, so it will feel very much like a homecoming to bring this concert to the Heppner community, as well as my hometown of Pendleton.

"I cannot imagine what my life would be without all of these wonderful musicians and the music we are able to bring to life and share with our audiences,"

she added.

The orchestra will also present "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure, the Overture from the "Marriage of Figaro" by Wolfgang Mozart, and will conclude the concert with the magnificent "Italian Symphony" by Felix Mendelssohn.

Founded in 1999, Inland Northwest Musicians is comprised of volunteer musicians from throughout Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington. The performance ensembles include the Inland Northwest Orchestra, Inland Northwest Chorale and Willow Creek Symphony, all of whom present concerts throughout the region in communities of all sizes.

There is no admission charge for any of the concerts presented by Inland Northwest Musicians, but the program is funded by corporate sponsors, grants, local concert sponsorships and individual donations. This performance is being funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

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