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Obituaries

Amy Joy Schaffeld

Amy Joy Schaffeld, 35, began her eternal life with Jesus on August 2, 2023, after a short and severe battle with lung cancer. Please join Amy's family and friends to celebrate her life on Saturday, August 19, at Enterprise Christian Church at 11 a.m. A live stream will be aired on the church's Facebook page. There will be a time in the service to recount remembrances of her life, followed by a meal and time to share our love for her with each other.

Amy was born on October 5, 1987, in Hermiston, OR to William "Bill" and Nancy Jepsen. As the third of five children, Amy always insisted that the middle child is the best. In high school, Amy met a young man at a Rodeo Bible Camp. Despite the fact that they lived an hour apart, this romance relationship grew and continued into college. On June 14, 2008, Amy married Tyler Schaffeld at the First Christian Church in Hermiston. They welcomed their first child, Whitney, in 2015, followed by Jacey in 2017 and Tessa in 2020.

Amy had a quiet determination and sweetness that had to be paused upon to be fully appreciated, as she never wanted to draw any attention to herself. She was one of the most intelligent and talented young women you could ever hope to meet. Amy excelled as a musician at a young age and earned awards for academics, church involvement, rodeo and various 4-H animals and projects. She graduated as valedictorian from Ione High School in 2006. In college, she shifted her focus from music to the sciences after encouragement from multiple professors. Amy graduated with a 4.0, top in her class, from Central Washington University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry and a minor in music. She later graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2013 from Pacific University. But despite these accomplishments, when asked what she was most proud of, Amy would easily reply, "my kids."

Growing up on a wheat farm outside of Ione, Amy spent many a summer spraying weeds and driving a wheat truck or combine on the family farm. After graduate school, Amy

worked at Albertsons as a retail pharmacist in Lewistown, MT for a year before returning to eastern Oregon. In Enterprise, she continued to work as a retail pharmacist at Olive Branch Pharmacy before her most recent employment as an in-patient pharmacist at Wallowa Memorial Hospital, a position that she truly enjoyed.

Amy enjoyed quietly playing her piano, attempting to backpack all the named lakes in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, taking care of her husband and wrangling three energetic young daughters.

Amy is survived by her husband Tyler; their three daughters, Whitney, Jacey and Tessa; her parents Bill and Nancy of Enterprise; her siblings and their spouses, Matthew and Erin Jepsen of Moscow, ID, Daniel and Bethany Jepsen of Ione, Eric and Caitlin Jepsen of Hermiston, and Richard and Rebecca Matthews of Enterprise; nine nieces; four nephews; as well as her yellow lab Allie.

Amy was a bright spot that left a glow in each of our hearts. She will be dearly missed.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com.

Robert "Bob" Craig Hale

Bob Hale, 69, passed away on July 30, 2023, after a courageous, 34-month battle with advanced cancer. An adult-only Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, August 18, at Waverley Country Club, 1100 SE Waverly Dr. Portland, OR 97222.

He was born November 5, 1953, in Pendleton, OR. Bob was the middle of five children born to Robert "Bob" and Jane "Adell" Hale. He grew up on a farm outside of Echo, OR and graduated from Echo High School in 1971.

Bob was the first of his family to attend university, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1975 from Lewis & Clark University. At Lewis & Clark, he was a four-year letterman and leading player on the varsity football team. After college, he returned home and began a career in real estate development and agriculture. He was self-made and understood the value of hard work.

On December 22, 1984, he married Kelly Kilkenny from Heppner, his lifelong love and partner. They shared a love of rural Ore-

gon, family and hard work. They spent 40 years enjoying family and friends, working hard and traveling the world. They raised an amazing daughter, Hannah, who married Luke Redfern and gave them three grandchildren, Rowan, Henry "Hank" and Robert Hale "Bobby" Redfern. Bob also had the opportunity to share a relationship with his biological son, Steve Heinle, and granddaughter, Kennedy Heinle.

Bob was founder, president and CEO of Hale Companies, Hale Farms and River Point Farms. He founded, led and grew the first-generation operation into one of the largest global onion suppliers. He was adept in production, agriculture and real estate. The first-generation operation grew into farming nearly 40,000 acres and producing and processing over one billion pounds of vegetables.

In rotation with the onions, the companies grew a host of other crops, including potatoes, grass seed, wheat and corn. A majority of this was produced on irrigated land developed by the companies and various partners. In addition, a large portion was packed, processed, and sold in facilities built by the companies.

His philosophy of "sell it before we grow it" led to supply relationships with large global consumer companies, including Subway, Frito-Lay, Chipotle, Wendy's, Lamb-Weston and others. This focus on contracting irrigated land development, year-round supply relationships and value-added growth were industry leading. In 2016 he led the sale of Hale farms (including over 20,000 farm acres and 300 million pounds of climate-controlled warehouses) and River Point Farms (growing, fresh-cut processing, packaging and sales) to one of the country's largest agriculture-land owner-operators.

Bob was a tremendous mentor and developer of talent. He believed in people and cared deeply for all members of his teams. His legacy lives on through their numerous roles in industry and community leadership positions. In addition to serving on many company and industry boards, Bob held a seat on the Federal Reserve Bank 12th District from 2011-2017.

After he sold his business in 2016, most of his time was spent in Portland, Sun Valley, ID and Santa Monica, CA with his family, highlighted by time with his grandchildren. Duck sporting events with the Kilkenny family were also frequent on his schedule. His generosity and love of family and friends was truly his legacy. He made sure there was never an empty glass.

Bob is survived by his wife of 39 years, Kelly Kilkenny Hale; their daughter and greatest gift, Hannah Hale Redfern (Luke); and grandchildren Rowan, Henry "Hank" and Robert Hale "Bobby" Redfern. He is also survived by siblings Chris (Don Wilson), Doug (Sheryle Hale), Jackie (Steve Nelson) and Rick Hale.

He was predeceased by his parents Robert "Bob" and Jane "Adell" Hale.

The family will never forget the care that was given to Bob and the family by Dr. Brian Druker and the amazing team at the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, his other incredible doctors and nurses and, especially, Jayme Higgins.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, remembrances be made to Knight Cancer Institute, Dr. Brian Druker, OHSU Foundation, PO Box 29017, Portland, OR 97296 in honor of Robert "Bob" Hale.

Orman James "Jim" Nelson

Orman James "Jim" Nelson, 84, longtime Lexington resident, died Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at Heppner. A private inter-



ment was held at the Lexington Cemetery per his wishes. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Jim was born at Little Robe, Blaine County, Oklahoma on June 29, 1939. His father was Orman Ray Nelson, and his mother was Fay L. Ammons Nelson.

A partial list of places Jim resided in were Canton, OK; Vancouver, WA; Canyonville, OR; Heppner; and Lexington.

Orman James Nelson married Young Ae Park in Korea in 1963, and they were not able to be reunited until she could follow Jim directly to the United States on April 4, 1965, at Seattle, WA. Yung preceded Jim in death on February 5, 2023.

He graduated from Hudson Bay High School in Vancouver and attended Clark College at Vancouver for 1 year in a Diesel Technology Course prior to enlisting in the Army in February 1959. He reenlisted and later became a member of the National Guard and Army Reserve units until his separation in late 1982. He served at the Vancouver, WA Unit, Tacoma, WA Unit and Roseburg, OR Unit. His awards included: Parachute badge, Sharpshooter M-As Small Arms Repair Specialist. His service in Korea included being an MP and infantryman, and in his time in the reserves he was a truck driver and Marine Engineman on coastal army tugboats with a terminal rank of SP4-4.

Jim spent most of his life driving trucks for Bower Trucking, System 99 Freight Lines and even purchased and operated a local delivery company in Portland (Portland Auto Delivery). He was a proud member of the teamster's union and won many awards for safe driving over a million miles.

His religious affiliation is Christian, and he participated in churches wherever he lived, including the Lexington Community Church.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Yung; parents; and brothers, Dwane Nelson and John E. Nelson.

Survivors include a brother, Edward Nelson of Lexington, and a sister, Carol A. Nelson Huwe, of Graham, WA.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 for the good end-of-life care that was provided.

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

DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM

Death Notice

David L. Mitchell—David L. Mitchell, 79, of Heppner died Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at his home. He was born November 30, 1943, at Granada, CO.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Free pheasant youth hunts in September



ODFW releases pheasants to increase a young hunter's chances for success. -Photo courtesy of ODFW

A free pheasant youth hunt in Irrigon will be one of several opportunities for youth 17 and under to practice their hunting skills next month. The Morrow County hunt will take place Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Irrigon Wildlife Area.

Youth hunters who will have completed hunter education by the time of the event can sign up now for Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) free pheasant hunts happening around the state starting in September.

ODFW and partners stock pheasants at these special hunts that give youth a head start on regular pheasant seasons, which don't begin until October. They are mostly held on ODFW's wildlife areas, with a few exceptions. Volunteers bring their trained hunting dogs to some events. Some events also host a shooting skills session before the hunt.

ODFW recommends youth register in advance for an event, but walk-ins are also welcome if space allows. Register by logging in to the youth's account at MyODFW's Licensing page. Then go to Purchase from the Catalog and look under the Category/Class/Workshop/Outdoor Skills.

Hunts are listed alphabetically by city name. Final details about the event will be emailed to the address within the account.

Registration is only online; it is not available at license sale agents. Some events have multiple hunt times to choose from.

The hunts are free, though participants need a valid hunting license (\$10 for youth 12 and older, free for ages 11 and under) to hunt. Youth hunters ages 12-17 also need an upland game bird validation (\$4). Purchase before the event, online or at a license sales agent. Licenses and validations will not be sold at the events.

"Youth pheasant hunts are a great chance for young hunters to find early success and put the lessons learned in hunter education to work in the field," said Jered Goodwin, ODFW hunter education coordinator.

See page 26-27 of the Oregon Game Bird Regulations for more information or see <https://myodfw.com/articles/youth-pheasant-hunts> for the local contact for each hunt.

For help signing up, contact Myrna Britton, 503-947-6028 or Myrna.B.Britton@odfw.oregon.gov.

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