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Obituaries

Patricia Fern Walker

Patsy is off on a new adventure. With cherished memories we announce the passing of Patricia Fern Walker of Heppner, who left this world on February 11, 2025, escaping the limitations of her body, having lived a life rich with generosity, curiosity, and fearless exploration.

Born in Ontario, Canada on May 7, 1943, to Robert and Fern Walker, Pat had a spirit that refused to be confined. From an early age, she displayed an insatiable curiosity and boundless sense of wonder. Pat believed that life was to be measured not in years but in moments of awe, laughter and discovery.

Pat worked most of her life as a co-writer or ghost writer for the Guttenberg Press. She authored many medical pamphlets for osteomy patients and family. She loved to barter for fish and seafood at Nahcotta, Washington, when she and Karen lived there in the 80's. They would trade their dipped chocolates for Karen's favorite crab. A very memorable trip was to the Grand Canyon, taking in the impressive sights. They loved their place in Powell Butte and enjoyed many an adventure there. In Eastern Oregon Karen and Pat would follow dusty roads until they turned into wagon ruts and actually found themselves following the Oregon Trail. They loved to find interesting rocks and had quite a collection displayed in their home on Bergstrom Rd. They loved their "Green Gables" life on the farm, remodeling the house and enjoying the interesting wildlife.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, and her companion, Karen Salomone. Her brothers Bruce and Bob Walker, and sisters Joan Francis and Betty Ann Johnson, also preceded her in death. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Pioneer Memorial Hospice where she had many friends, who will fondly remember the last chapter of her adventurous life here in the Heppner Oregon area.

William Bruce Walker

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William Bruce Walker, a good and simple man whose life was marked by quiet joys and a deep love of the nature around him. Bruce passed away on January 26, 2025, enjoying

the wonderful outside work around his home.

Bruce was born August 22, 1941 in Ottawa, Ontario Canada. Bruce found his happiness in life's simplest pleasures, reading, caring for the yard and garden, and finding solace in the outdoors. The open air was his sanctuary, a reflection of his care and devotion to life's quiet moments. And if he knew you well, he would expound all he learned in the latest book he was reading.

A man of few words and deep integrity, Bruce believed in living humbly and working hard. Alameda County Parks and Recreation District was Bruce's employment for most of his working years. He did not seek attention but left an impact on all who knew him through his steady presence, warm smile, and thoughtful ways. Bruce retired and lived with his sister Joan Francis (Ontario, Canada). After her death in 2001, he moved to Heppner to live with his sister Pat Walker.

Bruce is survived by Pat Walker and Karen Salomone, Heppner. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Fern Walker, his brother, Bob Walker and sisters Joan Francis and Betty Ann Johnson.

No service will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers remember Bruce's spirit by donating to Kay Proctor's Butterfly Garden in Heppner.

"Rest now, Bruce, in the peaceful garden of eternity, where the grass is always green and the flowers bloom forever."

Karen Salomone

Karen Salomone - Obituary

In loving memory of Karen Jo Salomone, 82, who passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025 surrounded by those who loved and comforted her. Karen was a gentle soul whose kindness and sincerity left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Born on February 25, 1947 in Halfmoon Bay, California, Karen lived a life defined by quiet strength, unwavering compassion, and a heart free of guile. She believed in the power of small, selfless acts to make the world a better place and never sought recognition for her goodness.

Karen was dedicated to sharing the joy she found in nature, tending her garden, watching wildlife and the

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wonders of rainbows. To her family and friends, she was a source of continuous love and wisdom, always offering a listening ear and an open heart.

Karen exhibited a strong faith in her Savior, Jesus Christ and was valiant in raising her voice in prayer for others, summoning ministering angels to help.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Alice Salamone. She survived by her life companion, Patsy Walker, (Heppner) and her sisters, Kandice Salamone (Marblehead, Mass) and Kathleen Underwood (Albuquerque, NM), who will forever cherish the memory of her quiet grace and unwavering devotion. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Neighborhood Center in Heppner in honor of Karen's generous spirit. Though she spoke softly, her legacy echoes loudly in the lives she touched.

Robert Louis Allen



Bob Allen, 88, of Hardman passed away peacefully on February 6, 2025. He was born in Muskegon, MI on December 9, 1936, to Lyle Allen and Ruth Nevins. He was a Marine veteran, had worked on Alaskan cannery fishing ships, was a well-known cook in Ione and Lexington and worked on the Morrow County Road Crew.

On October 15, 1994, he married Sylvia Wilson Harper. They were married nearly 28 years upon her death in 2022. Her family became his family. He is survived by step daughters Carla Christensen (Patrick) and Linda Harper; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Sylvia; step sons Tony Harper and Ben Harper.

Bob and Sylvia owned and operated S&B Concessions at the Morrow County OHV Park making all who recreated there feel welcome. They were also very involved in the Hardman Community Center where Bob would host his annual oyster feed. Bob enjoyed his woodworking and would make wonderful toys, puzzles, rocking horses, and seasonal decorations for family and friends.

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

Death Notice

Carolyn Mae Britt, 93 of Pendleton, OR passed away on Friday, February 7, 2025. A celebration of life service will take place at a later date. A private family burial will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, in Heppner, OR. Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements sweeneypaytonmortuary.com

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EOU Announces 2024 Fall Term Dean's List

LA GRANDE, Ore. (February 14, 2025) - Eastern Oregon University named 650 students to the dean's list for the 2024 fall term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the term.

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Boardman, OR Zulema Gaytan, Business, Emergency Medical Serv Admin Lesly Rivera, Arts, Humanities & Soc Science, English/Writing.

Heppner, OR Trevor Nichols, STM and Health Science, Biology.

Irrigon, OR Bethany Stewart, Education, Elementary Education.

Lexington, OR Morgan Cutsforth, STM and Health Science, General Studies-Exploratory.

Caden George, STM and Health Science, Chemistry-Biochemistry

Paul Lindsay, STM and Health Science, General Studies-Exploratory

Eva Martin, Business, Agriculture Entrepreneurship.

Bears head of the herd in Colt Basketball



The Bears took home the championship for Colt basketball this season. Back (L-R): Duke Baker, Garin Hoeft, Preston Milligan, Colden Hoeft, Kathryn Knowles, Liam Piel and coach Bryan Knowles. Front (L-R): Maya Baker, Maren Knowles, Jaxon Wilson, Dylan Turner and Tyler Cimmiyotti. -Contributed photo

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Saturday February 22 Starts at 10:00 am
1A - 4A Special District 3

Left - Coach Zach Brown, Conner Wilson, Nick Wenberg, Zion Ramos-Lopez, Lane Critchlow, Zachary Brown, Landon McMahon, Hayden McMahon, Kaden King, Owen Guerra, Jaime Cavan-Harris, Coach Tyler Robinson

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