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Obituaries

Keith Morgan



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Keith Cordell Morgan died on April 5, 2025, at his home in Umatilla, OR. A memorial service will be held on April 19 at the Stanfield Gymnasium at 3 p.m. It will be followed by a Celebration of Life at the Maxwell Event Center from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Born May 5, 1954, in Heppner, OR, Keith was an Eastern Oregon kid through and through. He spent his childhood surrounded by family including his mother Lorraine, father Clayton, big sister Linda, and younger brother Kevin. They were blessed to grow up in Condon, OR, along with aunts, uncles and eight first cousins who, to Keith, felt more like siblings. Family time in Condon was spent playing cards and music. The kids spent most of their time hanging around The Shoestring Drive-In when not causing their fair share of trouble all over town. When Keith was old enough to join town teams and sports leagues, Keith jumped in and never looked back.

He was on a ball field or a basketball court of some kind his entire life. In high school, he was a three-sport athlete who loved a packed gym and the bright lights of the football or baseball field. He cherished his time playing football and basketball for Western Oregon University (then Oregon College of Education) in Monmouth, OR. The memories he made there were some of the brightest moments of his life. His teammates became cherished life-long friends. This period of his life was incredibly influential, forming the bedrock of community building, friendship and service that defined so much of who he was.

After completing his time at "OCE" Keith returned home to Condon where he began teaching high school and coaching. It was there that he reunited with old friends and

made plenty of new ones. It was also where Keith met Toni Lewin, who was also teaching at the time, in 1978. They were soon married and later moved to the Hermiston area where they lived until Toni's passing in April 1997. As an adult, teamwork, coaching and supporting his community through athletics came naturally to Keith.

Professionally there was never a challenge Keith wasn't up to taking. Keith sold everything under the sun from cars to mortgages to flooring products. He enjoyed talking with people, helping solve problems and improving others' lives in any way he could. He valued work of all kinds and was known as someone who was fair, hardworking and willing to take on a challenge. He belonged to many associations, teams and clubs. Civic engagement was modeled in his upbringing and for this reason, he knew that being part of a community, a church and a team was what truly brought meaning and value to one's life.

Keith had many interests. He coached basketball, football and even diving at the college level. He taught social studies as a young professional and was part of community development of all kinds. He truly defined what being a servant leader looked like. He took the most difficult jobs first, was dedicated to providing an outlet to those who needed it and was constantly rooting for the underdog (as long as they weren't playing Kentucky).

Keith was lucky to find love again in 2000 when he met Edie Adams of Hermiston, OR. They blended their families to now include Max, Cydney, Billy Paul and Shelby. Keith and Edie loved to travel, play golf, spend their best days with close friends, and found a great sense of belonging in their local church community.

He will be remembered as a loving father, doting husband, supportive friend, action-heavy grandpa and the one person you'd call if you were in a bind. He was selfless above all else, with an ever-present smile through it all.

The lesson and legacy he left for us is one of service, leadership, and commitment to the greater good. He taught us that the only thing worse than a thief is a liar and that money doesn't buy you class or intelligence. Keith was permanently present in

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his children's lives, chasing his dreams, and influencing others through his passion and resilience.

He was a part of many communities and teams over the years. The men he played with and who played for him continued to influence his life, even through his passing. Those relationships meant the world to him and gave him strength in his final few months.

Keith is survived by his wife Edie Morgan, his son Max Morgan, daughters Cydney McElligott and Shelby Morgan, Billy

Paul Bolton, and grandchildren Stella, Harlow, Judah, Adley, Evelyn, Billy and Jaden.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clayton and Lorraine, his first wife Toni Morgan, and his grandson and namesake Dominic Cordell McElligott.

Please share memories of Keith with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

McKenna Kendrick Named to OIT President's List

McKenna Kendrick has been named to the 2024-2025 Winter Term President's list at Oregon Institute of Technology.

Kendrick is from Irri-WCVEDG community enhancement grant opportunity closes Friday

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) is reminding local organizations that the deadline for applying for the Community Enhancement Grant is this Friday, April 18. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m.

The grant is available to local non-profit organizations, special districts or governmental entities that are based within the WCVEDG service area, which includes zip codes 97836 and part of 97826. Eligible projects must benefit residents within this region.

Applicants must have at least 50 percent of the total project funding secured before applying, which can include both in-kind and cash

contributions from local and regional sources. The maximum available grant funding is \$50,000, with priority given to projects that are "Project Ready."

Inclusion on the list requires a 3.70 grade-point average and above.

Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Country Club marked the opening day of its ladies play day with a breakfast and golf scramble, despite cold and windy conditions. Seven players participated in the event, which saw Kris Lindner and Karen Wolff claim victory as the winning team.

In addition to the golf scramble, the event featured a putting maze competition. Tiffany Clement and Sharon Harrison took home honors for the least putts in the maze.

The next ladies play day will be held on Tuesday, April 15. Registration and coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m., with play set to start at 10:00 a.m.

Spring Bingo at Ione Legion Hall

Get ready for an afternoon of fun and excitement at the Ione Legion Spring Bingo event, taking place on Sunday, April 27, at the Ione Legion Hall. Doors open at 3:30 p.m., with play starting promptly at 4 p.m.

Admission for the event is just \$15, which includes two books of bingo cards, one dauber and three blackout bingo cards. Additional single cards are available for \$1 each, and extra books can be purchased for \$5. If you're looking to increase

your chances, additional blackout bingo cards are available as singles for \$2 or a pack of three for \$5. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own snacks and beverages to enjoy while they play.

In addition to the bingo games, there will be a 50/50 raffle, with tickets priced at \$1 each or six for \$5. Come join in the fun, support the community, and maybe even walk away with some winnings.

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Animal lovers will love this 0.77-acre property in Heppner, perfect for horses, FFA animals, or chickens. It includes a livestock pasture with a year-round creek, two chicken houses, a barn with a lean-to, and a deer-proof garden. A greenhouse supports year-round gardening, and a 10x12 cold-room shop is ideal for storage or projects. Located within city limits, the 5-bedroom, 2.5-bath home (including a master suite with private bath) blends small-town charm with modern updates. Recent improvements—new main-level flooring, hardy plank siding (2019), new windows, updated electrical (2024), and ductless heating/cooling—make it move-in ready. The outdoor space features rock retaining walls, an attached tool shed, and a partially finished basement for extra space. Just a short walk from Main Street, this property offers the best of both town and country living—ideal for animal care, gardening, or simply enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

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Saturday - Denver Omelette with Hashbrown patties
Sunday - Closed. Happy Easter
Monday - Reuben with fries
Tuesday - SW Grilled Chicken Salad
Tuesday Night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - B.L.A.T.T sandwich with macaroni salad