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Obituaries

Lauren Denise Crum



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Lauren Denise Crum of Ione, OR, passed away surrounded by friends on April 11, 2025. She was 45 years old. Memorial services for Lauren will be held on May 9, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Ione Community Church with a reception lunch to follow.

Lauren Crum's lifetime goal always involved caring for others. She achieved this in various ways as a loving mom of two, a caring farm wife, a beloved daughter, a registered nurse, an avid animal lover and a wonderful friend to many.

Lauren was born on January 23, 1980, in the Salem Hospital in Salem, OR to Denny and Alice (Glance) Scofield. As a child, Lauren was an animal lover, including cats, dogs, hamsters, goldfish, worms, birds, snails, etc. Schoolwork came very easily for Lauren, leaving plenty of time for her daily "neighborhood cat walks." Lauren and Alice would cruise the neighborhood looking for cats. Lauren was very practical and matter-of-fact. If she could see it, she had it. Warm summer weekends were spent swimming with friends and sailing with family. She loved being the socialite of the boat marina and hopped from boat to boat visiting with her summer friends. In her early teen years, along came horses, and nothing else mattered. Her love for horses meant you could find her spending late nights cleaning stalls at a local barn in exchange for riding lessons.

Lauren attended Liberty Elementary School, Judson Middle School and Sprague High School in the Salem area. She went on to graduate from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science in Ag Business with a minor in Equine Science. While in college, Lauren was still an avid horse lover. She rode, owned, showed and taught others to love horses as she did.

Lauren later earned her nursing degree at Columbia Gorge Community College and her bachelor's degree in nursing from Linfield University. She began her nursing career at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, OR. She worked in all departments, from the emergency room to long-term care. Lauren continued working there for 10 years until a couple of years ago when she transitioned to the medical surgical floor at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston, OR. Lauren's service as a nurse has touched thousands of lives. She also met some of her greatest friends in the hospitals where she worked.

While attending Oregon State University, Lauren met Rob Crum of Ione. Lauren and Rob spent many years as friends, but during a visit over a Fourth of July weekend in Ione they began to date. They were engaged nine months later. Lauren went on to marry the love of her life, Rob, on April 15, 2007, at the Riverview Lodge in Boardman, OR. They were happily married for just shy of 18 years.

During Lauren and Rob's engagement and early married years, the Crums moved to various locations in north central and eastern Oregon areas. They eventually settled back on the Crum family farm in Ione. The Crums spent their remaining married years there, growing their family with a daughter, Allison (13), and a son, James (11). They have also raised countless animals on the farm, including the horses that Lauren loved.

Lauren was the Martha Stewart of her community. She was the one you called if you needed to plan a party. She probably already had all of the party supplies on hand. She was a gardener, canner, amateur veterinarian and overall farm MacGyver, a volunteer 4-H camp nurse, a planner and organizer, not just for herself, but others too. She was the ultimate ranch wife. She was the one you called for sound advice or a good laugh with her dry sense of humor! She also loved trying new recipes, baking, prepping, shopping and traveling. But her favorite thing to do was spend time with Rob, Allison and James (bonus if there were horses involved).

Lauren was raised Lutheran and attended Ione Community Church. She attended services on Sundays when she wasn't helping her patients at the hospital

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or cheering her kids on at their activities.

Family members remaining to cherish Lauren's memory are her husband, Rob Crum; children, Allison and James; father, Dennis Scofield; sister, Karina Scofield; in-laws, Monty Crum (Susan), Bev Benson, Camie Crum, nieces Phegley and Haryss, Steven Crum, niece, Grace Buscaino and family and nephew, Cameron Jewett and family; aunt, Jill Scofield; cousin, Andrew Vosper and countless colleagues and friends that loved and adored Lauren.

Lauren was preceded in death by her mother, Alice Scofield; grandparents, Bill and Ruth Glace, Chris and Elmer Scofield; and former brother-in-law, Darrin Padberg.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of sending flowers, please make contributions to the Wranglers Riding Club in Heppner, OR in Lauren's memory. Wranglers Riding Club: PO Box 924, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sidney 'Sid' Gene Zinter Jr.



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Sidney "Sid" Gene Zinter Jr., 78, of Ione, OR, passed away on April 20, 2025, surrounded by his family. A viewing will be held on May 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sweeney Payton Mortuary. A service will be held at a later date.

Sid was born in Heppner, OR, on March 31, 1947, to Sidney Zinter Sr. and Mary (Cain) Zinter. He graduated from Ione High School in 1965 and attended Eastern Oregon University and majored in Chemistry. It was there that he joined the National Guard.

Sid married Mary Lynn Berryman in 1971, and they welcomed their son, Barney Zinter, in 1976. The couple divorced a few years later. Then, in 1981, Sid married Barbara Jean Gardner, and together they had two sons, Joshua and Jason. Sid and Barbara enjoyed 44 years of marriage together.

Sid was a part owner of Rafter Z Ranches with his three sons, Barney, Josh and Jason. They worked in cattle ranching, farming, logging, and guided hunts for deer and elk.

Sid is survived by his wife, Barbara Zinter of Ione, OR; his sons, Barney (Tammy) Zinter of Milton-Freewater, Joshua Zinter of Ione, and Jason (Katilyn) Zinter of Heppner; his two granddaughters; his sister, Julie Kalegi of Bellview, WA and her three sons; and many great uncles and cousins.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Shriners, Christian Life Center in Heppner, or Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice may be directed to Sweeney Payton Mortuary in Sid's name.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.

Blanche Davis McDaniel Burres

Blanche Davis-McDaniel-Burres, 94, of Lone Rock, OR, passed away April 17, 2025, in Heppner, OR. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lone Rock Community Hall, with a dinner to follow, on Saturday, May 3, at 1 p.m.

Blanche was born on March 18, 1931, in the Lone Rock Hotel to J Emmet and Agnes M Davis. Blanche joined three brothers, Lee, Homer and Carroll Davis. The family lived in and operated the hotel until they purchased a ranch on Needle Fork three miles west of Lone Rock. Blanche attended school in Lone Rock through the eighth grade. She shared many colorful stories of her horseback commute to school. She attended high school in Condon while living at Mae Warren's boarding house until she graduated in 1949. During high school Blanche was involved in many activities including 4-H, drama club, Lead Majorette and the newspaper. Blanche served as a Princess of the Shriners Rodeo in Portland and was the 1948 Arlington Rodeo Queen.

Blanche had a passion for animals, particularly horses. From an early age she was riding her family's plow horses and, as a young woman, took great pride in breeding and raising her own. Blanche and her horse "Snapper" were well known in the Lone Rock Community. She also loved to sing and to dance, and performed at a variety of local venues and with various local organizations. Blanche was also well known for her beautiful work processing rattlesnake skins to create artwork or hatbands.

Blanche married Cecil McDaniel in Goldendale, WA on October 28, 1950. They resided in Hardman, Burns and Dayville. Together they raised five children. Blanche cared deeply for her family and was fondly known as "Grandma Mac" to many within the community in addition to her own grand and great-grandchildren.

Blanche moved back to the Ranch in Lone Rock to care for her mother, and later moved to a house in Lone Rock beside the original family hotel. She moved to Condon from 1996-2007, when she married Kennie Burres, and then returned to Lone Rock. Blanche continued to reside in Lone Rock until her passing. Blanche took great pride in the town and community of Lone Rock. She served as mayor for several years.

Blanche is survived by her five children and their families, Steve and Stephanie McDaniel, Scott and Joan McDaniel, Rick McDaniel, Ginger and Butch Carr, and Dixie and Earl Lathrop. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers.

Donations in Lieu of flowers to the Lone Rock church or community hall.

Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary.com.

Death Notice

N. Wayne "Buck" Handbury—N. Wayne "Buck" Handbury, 88, of Heppner, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2025. Per his wishes, his remains will be interred during a private cemetery at Willamette National Cemetery. Sweeney Payton Mortuary has been entrusted with his arrangements. Please leave your condolence messages for the family at sweeneypaytonmortuary@gmail.com.

Births



Stella Marie Murray

Stella Marie Murray—In the wee hours of April 24, 2025, the Murray clan of Heppner gained another addition. Stella Marie Murray was born in Portland, OR to parents Kelly and Kevin Murray. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Heppner Library happenings in May

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is celebrating its 30th anniversary! In 2023, The Imagination Library gifted its 200 millionth book since its inception in 1995. In 2024, one in seven children (14 percent) from birth to the age of five in the U.S. received a book in the mail each month from the program.

To sign up your child, visit the Oregon Trail Library District website or go to <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>.

Ready to dig in the garden and build stuff? Gale databases have resources in agriculture, environmental studies, gardening and horticulture, as well as home improvement.

For a more leisurely approach to warmer weather activities, check out mag-

azines on Libby. Always available, with over 1,140 titles covering home and garden, boating and aviation, and travel and outdoor activities, Libby magazines offer entertainment and fresh new ideas every day—in kids' sizes, too.

Crafty Nights @ the Library in April is on Wednesday the 14th at 6 p.m. Call Melissa and Annette at 541-676-9964 or visit our website to reserve a spot now—space is limited.

Infant and Preschool Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Friday Storytimes are for everyone and start at 10:30 a.m.

Teen Nights are on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Visit the calendar page at old.org for more event and program information.

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