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Obituaries

Teresa Marie Stefani Turner



Teresa Marie Stefani Turner, a beloved, mother, sister, aunt and friend, passed away peacefully at her home on May 14, 2025, at the age of 73. A memorial service and reception were held at Young’s Funeral Home on Friday, June 6, followed by a graveside service at the Crescent Grove Cemetery, both in Tigard, OR.

Teresa was born in The Dalles, OR on September 14, 1951, to parents Arthur and Dorothy Stefani. The second of four siblings, Teresa grew up in the tight-knit community of Ione, where she graduated high school in 1969. She went on to the University of Oregon, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Sociology in 1973—a proud Duck through and through.

On September 4, 1971, Teresa married the love of her life, Jeffrey Turner, at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner. They settled in Eugene, OR where she worked as a Pharmacy Tech at Baker’s Pharmacy until they relocated to Beaverton, OR in 1979. They welcomed two sons, Benjamin, born on November 28, 1980, and Zachary, born on

October 1, 1984. She dedicated herself wholeheartedly to raising her boys as a stay-at-home mom and building a meaningful and purposeful life centered around her family.

Teresa had a passion for music, cherished time with friends and family, and never missed a chance to cheer on her beloved Ducks. Her home was often open for large gatherings and special events as Teresa was known for her warm hospitality, vibrant personality, keen sense of humor, and was always the life of the party.

After 34 years of marriage, Teresa tragically lost husband Jeff to leukemia in 2005. With the boys grown up, Teresa found new purpose in serving others by becoming a caregiver, bringing comfort and empathy to those in need. She continued to offer love and unconditional support to her family and was so proud to become a grandmother to two beautiful granddaughters.

Teresa was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Dorothy Stefani; her husband Jeffrey Turner; and her brother Jerry Stefani.

She is survived by her sons Zachary and Benjamin Turner, daughter-in-law Emily Turner, granddaughters Hadley and Zoey Turner, sister Teena Stefani Fetterhoff, brother-in-law Stanley Fetterhoff, brother Dennis Stefani, a large extended family and many friends.

She will be remembered for the love she gave, the joy she shared, and the spirited way she lived her life.

Decorations to be removed from graves for mowing

A spokesperson for the Heppner Cemetery would like to inform anyone who decorated graves at the cemetery that all live plants, cut flowers and decora-

tions impeding the mowing of the Heppner Masonic Cemetery will be removed Monday, June 23.

Vases in the headstone are acceptable.

Strategic plan workshop tonight

Morrow County will hold a public workshop in Heppner tonight, June 11, to receive public input regarding the county’s strategic plan. The workshop will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Willow Street Innova-

tion Hub, 188 West Willow St., Heppner.

The meetings are a chance for the public to engage in the creation of the county’s new strategic plan. Call or text questions to 801-388-4667.

Lexington Hunter Education

The course is a 1 day **Field Day** on June 14, 2025 at 8:00 am. The class requires students to take an approved online course and bring the certificate with you. Instructions for signing up at <http://vem.myodfw.com/eventprofile/174>. For more information contact instructor Jim Marquardt at 541-969-4845. For help signing up contact 855-686-1055 or odfwhelp@payitgov.com

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph

Solemnity of Holy Trinity
A Model for Family Life

This Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.

We believe in the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—three distinct individuals having distinct functions to fulfill.

“Holy Trinity” explains the plurality of godhead and the one-only God. Let us split the word “Trinity” into “tri,” which means three, and “unity,” which makes God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit into one.

And if we search for “Trinity” on the internet, we will see an equilateral triangle—the three sides are the same and it has three corners that can be interchanged. Our God-in-three-persons is the same. This is how I, as a child, came to understand “Trinity.”

The Holy Trinity from the Scriptural perspectives is Triune—three but one. From the first letter of John: “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one” (1 John 5:7).

The scriptures present God as one, Co-eternal, Co-existing, Inseparable. I am sure this is difficult for our human minds to comprehend. God is, in fact, beyond all comprehension and understanding. We can only speak of the “Trinity” in terms of analogies and allegories. St. Patrick used the Shamrock—a trifoliate leaf—to explain the Trinity to the people of Ireland.

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity teaches us Dwelling Inseparable—Father, Son and Holy Spirit are inseparable. And the feast of Holy Trinity teaches aspects of this communion. This scriptural passage describes their unity: “But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me” (John 15:26).

What is happening around us is something different. This is communion that we need to acquire for our family life, as well as in the society we live in. We need to uphold everyone with respect and enrich them by our ways of living, and we need to become models after the example of the Trinity. We need to pray daily that this Trinitarian unity may prevail in our families.

Trinity as the model for our Christian families: We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are united in Love. When a new family is formed through the sacrament of Marriage, this uniqueness of the Trinitarian God begins to exist. Two different people come together to live in intimacy; their conjugal love brings children into the family.

All the children also have their own identities and individualities, but everyone begins to appreciate, love and forgive one another. That is an example of a Trinitarian family. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful family! We belong to the Family of the Triune God. Our families will become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others.

Maintain the Trinitarian relationships. We are made in God’s image and likeness. We read in the book of Genesis that, “God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness” (Gen.1:26). Modern society follows the so-called “I-and-I” principle of unbridled individualism and the resulting consumerism.

But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an “I-and-God-and-neighbor” principle: “I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and with other people.”

Man is a social animal who needs the model of the Trinitarian relationship to see mutual love, care and affection for one another. The individuality of each person is respected. No one is a hindrance to anyone else and there is perfect union.

Our human relationships should be built in this pattern. Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of life and love in our family, our Church, our community and our nation. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance.

Ione burn ban in effect

The burn ban for the Ione Rural Fire Protection District went into effect last Wednesday, June 4. No open burning is allowed until further notice. Burn

barrels are included in the ban.

The fire district thanks the community for its cooperation in helping to keep the community safe.

ANNUAL WIMER GOLF SCRAMBLE

KINZUA GOLF CLUB

JUNE 21, 2025

Continental Breakfast at 7:30

Tee Off Time is 8:30

Lunch is 1:00

Auction During Lunch

\$60.00 per Person Entry

\$30.00 for Lunch Only

All proceeds will be given to the golf club

Prizes will be provided

Qualls graduates from BEC, PCC



Sophie Qualls

John and Doashea Qualls of Heppner announce the graduation of their daughter, Sophie Qualls, from Baker Early College High Academy.

MoCo Republican FUNdraiser June 20

Who was the President during World War I?

What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?

What is one promise that you make when you become a US citizen?

Who is credited with inventing the lightning rod in the 1750s?

What American composer, known for Rhapsody in Blue, blended jazz and classical music?

What holiday is celebrated every fourth Thursday in November?

These are the types of trivia questions that you might get at the Morrow County Republican Party Summer FUNdraiser on Friday, June 20.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 each, or \$50 per team of five to compete for the cash prize.

The Morrow County Republican Party will also open raffle ticket sales for a

Sophie will receive her Honors Diploma from Baker Early College and her AAOT from Portland Community College in Bend on June 13, 2025.

While attending BEC, Sophie was a member of the Baker Charter School Honors Society at BEC and Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society at PCC, danced for the Pendleton Ballet Theatre and played varsity tennis for Ione.

Sophie will be attending University of Idaho this fall, where she will be majoring in criminology and psychology.

custom rifle put together by T5 Firearm Solutions, LLC. The gun is a Howa 1500 in 7mm PRC with a Pendleton composite long-range hunter stock. It features a tungsten cerakote finish and is equipped with an Arken EP5 5-25 scope.

The winning ticket will be drawn in August at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, just in time for the 2025 hunting season. T5 Firearm Solutions will hold the gun until the drawing and then custom load it with 7mm PRC ammo upon pickup by the winner.

A limited number of raffle tickets will be available to those 18 years or older for \$25 each or five for \$100.

Door prizes will be given away during the trivia competition. The Broken Spoke will have a no-host bar throughout the evening. Dessert will be served as team scores are determined, and a live auction will follow.

VBS planned at St. Pat’s

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church will host its annual vacation Bible school Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Parish Hall.

All children ages kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome. Activities will include faith lessons, snacks, games, crafts

and music.

Registration forms are located at the Murray’s Drug front counter. Families are asked to register by June 16, and adults must bring the registration form and check in with each child on Monday at 9 a.m.

Contact Debbie Wryn at wryndeborah@gmail.com with any questions.

HAPPY Father's Day

Don't forget Dad on Father's Day June 25

We have cards, gifts and don't forget a huge selection of adult beverages!

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Sat 7am-4pm (7am-8am Window only)

Sunday 8am-1pm (Window only)

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KICKOFF TO SUMMER EVENT!

~ SNACKS AND DRINKS ~

JUNE 14

10:00AM - 3:00PM

Heppner, Oregon

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