

OBITUARIES

Rustin A. 'Rusty' Brewer
Hermiston
April 28, 1924-January 23, 2015

Longtime Hermiston leader Rustin "Rusty" Archie Brewer passed away at his Hermiston home surrounded by his family on Friday, January 23, 2015, at the age of 90. Rusty was born in Hammond, Indiana, on April 28, 1924, to parents Herbert and Margaret "Marne" Bloom Brewer. Rusty and younger brother Fritz were later adopted as adults by Alexander Silveria, whom Rusty called the dad of his heart.

While a youngster, Rusty's family moved to the San Francisco Bay area, where he graduated from Lowell High School. During his years at Lowell, Rusty earned multiple "Block L's" for competitive diving and worked as a lifeguard at the Fairmont Hotel, where he did exhibition diving. In later years, he was the diving coach for Hermiston's summer swimming program.

After high school, Rusty attended University of California at Berkeley for a year before enlisting in the Army Air Corps and serving during World War II. Following the war, Rusty enrolled at the State College of Washington, as Washington State University was known at the time, earning a coveted spot in the Crimson Circle honoring his commitment to scholastics and service.

While Rusty was at Washington State, he met his wife, Beverly J. Brewer. Rusty, luckily and conveniently, had the same last name, and a running chuckle before the wedding was that Beverly would not have to change her monogram. The pair were married in 1950 and both graduated college together that same year.

Rusty went on to graduate from Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law and passed the Oregon State Bar exam. In 1957, the Brewers settled in Hermiston and Rusty established his law practice. Rusty was an active member of the Oregon Bar Association for 57 years, during which time he served on many committees, but was especially proud to serve as chair of the Government Law Section, which he helped create to assist attorneys working for public agencies.

An integral part of Hermiston business and civic activities, Rusty served as Hermiston City Attorney for 45 years, beginning in 1958. He was involved in several organizations including presiding over the Oregon Water Resources Congress for a number of years, acting as secretary and attorney for the Hermiston Irrigation District, and assisting the local school board as attorney for 10 years. During his time working with the Hermiston Industrial Corporation, Rusty served as the secretary and attorney and was instrumental in helping bring Marlette Coach Company to the area.

There will be a celebration of life at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center at 1035 S.E. Ninth Street in Hermiston on Saturday, January 31 at 2 p.m. There was a public viewing at Burns Mortuary, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Rusty Brewer Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 24, Hermiston, OR 97838. Please sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.



Brewer

One of Rusty's dreams was to be a "farmer/rancher," and in his spare time he launched his cattle ranch in the backyard pasture. As his herd expanded, Rusty moved his cattle ranch out of the back yard and eventually had a farm where he raised alfalfa, wheat and sand.

There were no strangers in Rusty's life; he truly enjoyed people and if you crossed his path he wanted to know you. Trips to Safeway, the post office, or even walking down Main Street were opportunities to visit with both new and lifelong friends. His children grew up believing he knew everyone in town, because not only did he talk to everyone, but he knew their names. Rusty treasured and nurtured his network of acquaintances, who encompassed everyone he met anywhere.

Rusty was a willing volunteer, always ready to assist. He loved the pro bono work he did for non-profit organizations and group causes, which led to one instance of being "paid" with a goat named Suzy. There were very few civic activities that Rusty was not involved with over the years. Rusty believed education was the key to improving lives and could always be found on an educational committee, whether it was Hermiston High School, Blue Mountain Community College, or the Oregon State Bar.

Rusty was preceded in death by his parents, Alexander and Marne Brewer; brother Fritz Brewer; and his wife Beverly.

Survivors include daughters Kristie Brewer Lemmon of Hermiston and Melissa Brewer (Dennis Soapes) of Seattle, son Rustin P. Brewer (Beth) of Vancouver, Wash., grandsons Jared Lemmon of Seattle and Tyler Lemmon of Hermiston, and granddaughter McKelvey Brewer of Vancouver.

"Rusty Brewer (was) the epitome of that Greatest Generation. He served his country in war, he served his community as a public servant, he has provided for and served his family. In a lifetime of service there are great acts and simple acts and I don't think people like Rusty are concerned with the difference; for they do as they have always done," stated his son-in-law Dennis.

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Truman Alvin 'Punch' Cross
Pilot Rock
April 17, 1924-January 23, 2015

Truman Alvin "Punch" Cross, 90, of Pilot Rock died on Friday, January 23, 2015, in Hermiston. He was born on April 17, 1924, in Sherman County, Oregon, to Truman Adelbert Cross and Winifred Muriel Thrasher Cross. He was raised south of Rufus, and attended local schools there until the family moved to Eastern Oregon in 1937. He attended Pendleton Jr. High and High School, graduating in 1942. Truman also attended University of Oregon for two years, but was interrupted by WWII. He served in the Army, and was in the European Theatre, England, Belgium, France and was in the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war he came home to help on the family ranch southwest of Pendleton in Coombs Canyon. He married Velma Mae Hascall on February 22, 1947, and began raising a family. They purchased their ranch on Rocky Ridge southeast of Pilot Rock where he raised wheat and cattle. He was an active member of the Soil Conservation Service and often hosted meetings at the ranch.

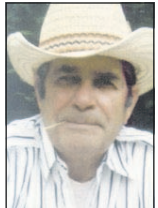
Truman was a small plane pilot and loved flying whenever he could during the late 1960s until the 1980s. He also leased the Mid-state Ranch in Fossil, Oregon, where he ran a large cattle and horse operation in addition to the Pilot Rock ranch. Truman was an avid horseman, and maintained a large string of working horses for use on both ranches. During his "retirement" years he raised Barzona cattle and spent time developing and growing grass seed.

He is survived by sisters Loeta Mikel of Pilot Rock and Carol Cross of Hermiston; stepsister Patti Michael of Pilot Rock; six children: Jody Cross of Lexington, Ky., David Cross and Charles Cross, both of Pendleton, Karen Fulbright of Pilot Rock, Troy Cross of Walla Walla, Wash., and Travis Cross of Hermiston; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside service with military honors was on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 1 p.m. at the Pilot Rock Cemetery in Pilot Rock, Oregon.

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Cross

David Lamp
Hermiston
June 12, 1959-January 17, 2015

David Lamp was born on June 12, 1959, in Portland, Oregon, to Frank and Loretta (Pasto) Lamp. He grew up in Northeast Portland, and graduated from Benson Polytech High School in 1977.

David Lamp was an extraordinary fellow known for his broad intellectual skills and community spirit. David's community spirit was exemplified in his tireless efforts in serving through the Ford Foundation (training local residents in leadership roles) and the local Rotary Club. He was also active in the Toastmaster's Club. You would treasure him as a friend. David had special skills with computers and electronics, especially small motors. He eventually became part owner of Wilde Electric Motor Company in Hermiston, Oregon.

He is survived by his father, Frank Lamp of Portland, Oregon; sister Lynne Farzati of Clearfield, Utah; and brother Owen Lamp

of The Dalles, Oregon. He was married to Susan; they had three children: Jordan Lamp, Emily Nordstrom and Victoria Lamp. David has two grandsons, Jimmy Jack and Levi.

David died on January 17th, 2015, after an amazing, heavily fought battle with esophageal cancer at the age of 55 years. Special thanks to his many supporters and caregivers in Hermiston and The Dalles, Oregon.

No flowers please. Remembrances can be sent to the American Cancer Society or The Ford Foundation.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 11 a.m. at the Stanfield Baptist Church, 310 E. Wheeler, Stanfield, OR 97875.

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Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



Lamp

Obituary Policy

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DEATH NOTICES

David Michael 'Mike' Jones
Stanfield
Oct. 30, 1942-Nov. 25, 2014

David Michael "Mike" Jones, 72, of Stanfield died Nov. 25, 2014, at his home. He was born Oct. 30, 1942, in Bend. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. at the Stanfield Moose Lodge, 615 E. Coe Ave. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Jacqueline M. McMahan
Irrigon
Dec. 21, 1960-Jan. 23, 2015

Jacqueline M. McMahan, 54, of Irrigon died Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, at her home. She was born Dec. 21, 1960, in Everett, Washington. Funeral arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

James H. McMillen
Nyssa
April 22, 1932-Jan. 25, 2015

James H. McMillen, 82, of Nyssa died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, in Hermiston. He was born April 22, 1932, in Nampa, Idaho. Local Funeral arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Matthew C. Miller
Hermiston
Aug. 6, 1957-Jan. 23, 2015

Matthew C. Miller, 57, of Hermiston died Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, at his home. He was born Aug. 6, 1957, in Rockford, Illinois. Funeral arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Beverly Joan Sanstrom
Irrigon
March 5, 1932-Jan. 24, 2015

Beverly Joan Sanstrom, 82, of Irrigon died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, in Irrigon. She was born March 5, 1932, in Prosser, Washington. Disposition was by cremation. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Phillip Arthur 'Phil' Hawman
Hermiston
Sept. 1, 1931-Jan. 23, 2015

Phillip Arthur "Phil" Hawman, 83, of Hermiston died Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, in Hermiston. He was born Sept. 1, 1931, in Whiteson, Ore. A graveside service with military honors will be held Saturday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration of life service will follow at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

JANUARY 26

- A male was reportedly trespassing at a residence on South Glendening in Stanfield.
- A caller reported someone tried to break into a business on L Street in Umatilla.
- A caller reported it looked like someone tried to burglarize a residence on Highway 730 in Umatilla.
- JANUARY 25**
- A caller reported a neighbor's dogs were trying to dig up chickens the same dogs killed the previous week on Northeast McCallister Lane.
- A bank ATM was reportedly open on East Theater Lane.
- A female reported her ex-boyfriend, who was recently released from jail, was harassing her on East Wood Avenue in Stanfield.
- An officer reported an unknown person dropped items off at the back door of

the Umatilla Police Department on Sixth Street.

JANUARY 24

- Two males reportedly tried to break a vehicle window on Southwest 11th Street.
- A caller reported hearing several gunshots on Northwest 11th Street.
- A purse was reportedly stolen from a vehicle on North First Street.
- Two males were reportedly fighting on North First Street.
- It was reported that two males in ski masks stole a wallet, cell phone and coat from a male Jan. 10 at Echo Cemetery on Cemetery Road in Echo.
- A male in his 40s reportedly dropped a firearm inside a business on Sixth Street in Umatilla.
- A caller reported hearing several gunshots at Umatilla Marina Park on Quincy Avenue.
- A caller reported hearing a gunshot on Seventh

Street in Umatilla.

• A caller reported someone in a vehicle with a Washington license plate threw a dog out of the window on Interstate 82 in Umatilla.

JANUARY 23

- A 1996 gray Ford Ranger and a 1992 blue Ford Ranger were reportedly stolen on Baggett Lane.
- A caller reported people in a Jeep entered a shop on Northeast 10th Street and quickly left when an outside light was turned on.
- Motors and gas cans were reportedly stolen on East Feedville Road.
- Items were reportedly stolen from a vehicle on Southwest 17th Street.
- A caller reported discovering a bullet hole that went through two walls at a residence on East Tamarack Avenue after returning home from a five-day absence.
- A fight between two males was reported behind

the library on Sixth Street in Umatilla.

JANUARY 22

- A cell phone was reportedly stolen from a vehicle on North First Street.
- A male was reportedly assaulted on West McKenzie Avenue.
- A caller reported someone tried to break into a residence on East Wilshire Avenue.

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GRANT FUNDING
Requests for grant funding for projects that promote health and wellness in West Umatilla and Morrow county communities are still being accepted for spring funding. Application forms are available on line at www.gshealth.org or by calling 541-667-3405.

Spring grant deadline is January 31, 2015

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4:40 7:10 9:30

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6:40

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