

OBITUARIES

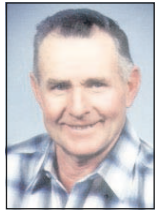
Phillip Arthur 'Phil' Hawman
Hermiston
September 1, 1931-January 23, 2015

Phillip Arthur "Phil" Hawman passed away at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, Oregon, on Friday, January 23, 2015, after a long battle with Alzheimer's at the age of 83 years.

Phil was born in Whiteson, Oregon, on September 1, 1931. He attended Amity High School in Amity, Oregon, where his teams won state titles in football and basketball. He was later inducted into the Amity High School Hall of Fame. After high school, Phil attended Oregon State University, where he graduated with a degree in agricultural education. There he met and married the love of his life for 62 years, Grace Ardele Firestone. After graduation, he joined the United States Air Force, where he served as a pilot for 12 years, retiring with the rank of major.

After leaving the military, Phil and Ardele bought a small farm outside of Dayton, Oregon. Together, they grew a diverse number of crops and a family of five children: Susan, Karen, Linda, Mike and Judy. The farm grew with time and 29 years later, it encompassed 1,200 irrigated acres. Phil was also very involved in the Dayton community. He served as president of the Dayton School Board, director of Norpac, director of the Oregon and Washington Vegetable Growers Association, and was recognized by the FFA for his service to the organization.

In 1982, Phil and Ardele moved the farm to Hermiston, Oregon. They were enticed by center pivot irrigation and encouraged to move by their son, Mike, who was attending Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Oregon. The move was a success. Phil has been recognized six times as one of the best corn growers in the United States. He also developed a new variety of perennial ryegrass seed, labeled "Pavillion," and marketed internationally. Phil spent the last several years of his farming career championing the growing of grass seed



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in the Columbia Basin and has been instrumental in making the crop a thriving option for growers in the region. Farming was Phil's passion, and he greatly enjoyed working the land. He was inducted into the Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences Hall of Fame in 2005.

Phil was also very involved in the Hermiston community. He served as a member of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, vice chair of the Hermiston Fire Department, and on the advisory committee of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Phil was always willing to help a neighbor or someone in need.

Most importantly, Phil was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife, Ardele; five children, Susan Karschnia of Richland, Wash., Karen Blunck of Canby, Ore., Linda Von Borstel of Grass Valley, Ore., Mike Hawman of Hermiston, Ore., and Judy Von Borstel, Grass Valley, Ore.; his brother, Eric Hawman of Schavensburg, Illinois; 16 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two to-be great-grandchildren.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Georgia Hawman, and sisters Joyce Rawlings and Artyce Hawman.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

A celebration of life service will follow at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, Hermiston, Oregon.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Hermiston Fire District or the BMCC Irrigation Project directly or c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please sign the condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Matthew Charles Miller
Hermiston
August 6, 1957-January 23, 2015

Matthew Charles Miller, a resident of Hermiston, passed away on Friday evening, January 23, 2015, at his home in Hermiston. Matt was 57 years old.

He was born on August 6, 1957, in Belvidere, Illinois. He graduated from Minooka High School in Minooka, Illinois, and continued his education at the Grundy Area Vocational Center in Morris, Illinois. In 1990, Matt moved to Prosser, Washington, and then on to Hermiston, Oregon, where he would settle down in his home at Hat Rock in 1999. He met the love of his life, Becky Wineland, in 2001 and spent the next 14 years with her happily by his side.

Matt had a diverse resume but loved his work in carpentry and general contracting. He enjoyed working with his hands and often did home im-

provement projects for fun. He had been with the Washington Group International working at the Umatilla Chemical Depot until the job ended last year.

Matt was also very active in the community and had been a board member at the Princess Theater Cultural Center; the worthy president of the Eagles Aerie #2647; a board member of the Hat Rock Water Co. and the McNary Yacht Club.

His passions were for boating and collecting all things nautical, cooking, spending time with friends and family, traveling and camping, birdwatching, gardening, music, fishing, and woodworking. His last trip had been to Illinois to spend a month with his family there. They traveled cross country — camping



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along the way — to visit his family back home. It had been one of the most memorable trips of his life. Matt spent a great deal of time on the Columbia River and visiting the San Juan Islands every chance he could get. He also loved the beaches of Hawaii. He reminisced often about his time there and dreamed of returning soon. While he loved a good adventure, he was equally as happy spending time at home. Matt loved to cook and garden and almost always had a project going in the shop.

Matt was a kind and loving man and will be remembered by anyone who knew him. His humor and conversation will be missed by so many. He lived life to the fullest and loved without limits.

Matt leaves behind his

Charles Martin Lorence
Umatilla
February 18, 1918 - January 15, 2015

Charles Martin Lorence, 96, of Umatilla, Ore., passed away at the Chaplaincy Hospice House in Kennewick, Wash., Thursday Jan. 15, 2015.

He was born in Silverton, Ore., to Andrew and Marjorie (Hayes) Lorence and was raised on the family farm in the Waldo Hills. At age 16 he received a football injury that left him with a fused hip joint and a left leg 2 inches shorter than his right leg. Following his recovery he was determined that a "short leg" would not define or limit his quality of life. So what if he could not run fast or ride a horse, he could still work harder, longer or smarter than others to accomplish his goals. In 1936 the family moved to Yakima, Wash., where he met and married Kathleen Pollock in July 1940. They enjoyed a 71-year marriage and had a son, Robert James, and a daughter, Kathleen May.

Charles was a dedicated family man who believed in a strong work ethic and traditional family values. During the Depression years he worked any job he could find and briefly moved the family to Seattle to work at Boeing prior to going to Alaska to work on the construction of the Alaska Highway as a truck driver and mechanic. Following the end of the war, Charles returned home and served as a truck driver and mechanic, following Turtling around the state of Washington for five years. In 1949, he joined his brother (Bob) and brother-in-law (Al Pollock) to build and operate ABC Service Station and Garage in Umatilla, Ore.

In 1962 Charles and Kathleen moved the family to Easton, Wash., where they built and operated Lake Easton Resort for 12 years. During this time Charles also worked as a building contractor building a dozen A-frame cab-



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ins in the Easton-Cle Elmer area as well as driving a snowplow, keeping the pass clear in the winter, and logging trucks in the summer.

In 1973 they sold the resort and spent the next 38 years salmon fishing at the mouth of the Columbia River and Alaska as well as traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada in their travel trailer. Ultimately they became "snowbirds," spending 38 winters at Good Life RV Resort in Mesa, Arizona. In 1999 they returned to Umatilla to spend their summers near their extended family. Charles was revered by numerous nieces and nephews who enjoyed his numerous stories of life on the farm, the Depression era, fishing and working in the North Country as well as his many lectures on life in general that always ended with "work hard, save your money and pay your taxes."

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 71 years, Kathleen, and his brother Robert Andrew. He is survived by his sister Ruby Snoey; his son Robert James and wife Judith; daughter Kathleen McManus and husband Thomas; grandchildren Jon Charles Lorence and wife Tricia, Robert Alexander Lorence and wife Dee, and Jennifer Westling and husband Craig; and seven great-grandchildren. He took special pleasure in giving his grandchildren lectures dealing with ethics, family values and the benefits of higher education and saving their money.

A celebration of lives of Charles and Kathleen is scheduled for January 31st at the First Christian Church in Hermiston, Ore., at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Christian Church or The Chaplaincy Hospice House in Kennewick, Wash.

Those wishing to express memories may do so on the Condolence Book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Beverley Jean 'Bev' Hall
Hermiston
September 22, 1945-January 28, 2015

Beverley Jean "Bev" Hall was born on September 22, 1945, in Wallowa, Oregon, to parents Fredrick and Vera Shelton Hockett. She died on January 28, 2015, at her home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 69 years.

Bev was raised and attended schools in Hermiston, Oregon. She graduated from Hermiston High School in the class of 1963. Bev lived most of her life in Hermiston, Oregon. She worked as a cook at McCabe's Restaurant, at the McNary Dam, at the deli in Wal-Mart, and she also worked at McNary Dam as a fish counter and on grounds maintenance.

Bev had a natural calling for helping and caring for others. She enjoyed reading, spending time with her grand-babies, her kids, cooking, the outdoors, the ocean, and gardening. Bev had a genuine sweet tooth.

She is survived by her children Triena White, Patrick Johnston (Melanie), Andrew Johnston and Charley Sowell (Daniel), all of Hermiston, Ore.; sisters Dorothy Hinton



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(Tom), Milton Freewater, Ore., and Barbara Warnock (Grant), Imnaha, Ore.; brothers Wayne Hockett (Patricia), Milton Freewater, Ore., and Harry Hockett (Priscilla), Pendleton, Ore.; grandchildren Emilie Hall, Travis White (Alexandria), Joshua King, David Johnston, Jennifer Stillman (Isaac), Jessica Johnston and Jacob Johnston; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, and two grandsons: Patrick Johnston and Gregory White. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at 4 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Contributions in Bev's memory can be made to a memorial fund c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston at P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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William Roy Ford Jr.
Hermiston
May 17, 1932-January 25, 2015

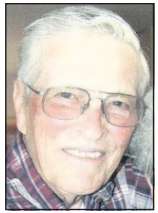
William Roy Ford Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, died January 25, 2015, at his home in Hermiston at the age of 82. He was surrounded by loved ones and will be remembered fondly for his captivating stories and charismatic smile.

Bill, as his friends and family knew him, was born May 17, 1932, in Hermiston, Oregon, the son of William Roy Ford Sr. and Lola Mable Ford. He enjoyed growing up on a farm in Hermiston with his five siblings.

On May 25, 1950, Bill married Marion Lamont. Together they raised their four children. Bill was a police officer in The Dalles, Florence and Reedsport for ten years. After moving back to Hermiston, Bill worked for Rohrman Ford Motor Company, where he was recognized numerous times throughout his career for his service accomplishments and dedication to the company. Bill also donated much of his time to public service as an active member in the community. He played a significant role as a city council member, president of Kiwanis, and a member of various other community organizations. Bill was an avid reader, and he loved music

and golf. He could often be found playing his piano with a grandchild sitting next to him. He also spent many days in his wood shop making beautiful pieces of art.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Marion Ford; daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Eric Hansen; son and daughter-in-law Bill and Connie Ford III; son and daughter-in-law Cary and Karen Ford; and son and daughter-in-law Mark and Sylvia Ford. Bill was grandfather to 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Jim Ford, Dave Ford and Don Ford, as well as his sisters Amy Bransken and Ada Otzenberger. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, January 31 at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship (700 W. Orchard Ave.) in Hermiston. The service will begin at 1 p.m. Memorial donations can be made in remembrance of Bill Ford to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Suite 300, Hermiston, OR 97838. Please send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



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BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
JAN. 21, 2015

FOX — Jennifer Reser and Russell Fox of McNary; a girl, Willow Ariele Maxxyn Fox.

JAN. 22, 2015

ROBLEDO — Stacey E. Robledo and Jonathan R. Robledo of Hermiston; a boy, Logan Jon Robledo.

JAN. 23, 2015

RODRIGUEZ-RUIZ — Miriam Ruiz and Joel Rodriguez of Boardman; a girl, Rose Marie Rodriguez-Ruiz.

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