

OBITUARIES

Beatrice Yvonne ‘Bea’ Cooper

Hermiston

June 30, 1930-April 16, 2015

Beatrice Yvonne “Bea” Cooper was born June 30, 1930, at Hermiston, Oregon, to parents Jack Cecil and Ethyl (Clark) Smith. She died Thursday, April 16, 2015, at her home in Hermiston at the age of 84.

Bea was raised in Hermiston and graduated from Hermiston Senior High School. On May 10, 1947, she married George Gaylord Cooper in Weiser, Idaho. They lived in Hermiston most of their lives.

Bea was a homemaker and she enjoyed knitting, sewing, her flower garden, camping, hunting and fishing.

She is survived by three sons, Gary, Jack and Jess Cooper, all of Hermiston,



Cooper

Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband George Cooper; parents Jack and Ethyl Smith; and daughter Sheila Alford.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice/Education, 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.

Gary Brown

La Grande

June 11, 1952-April 22, 2015

Gary Brown, 62, of La Grande died of complications of Alzheimer’s disease April 22, 2015, at Willowbrook Terrace in Pendleton. The Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 10:15 a.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. The memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. at the church.



Brown

Gary was born June 11, 1952, to Robert and Ellen (Fraser) Brown in Pendleton. They lived in Stanfield and Hermiston, graduating from Hermiston High in 1970 with an aptitude for the sciences. He attended Eastern Oregon State College, now EOU, graduating in 1975 with a chemistry degree and again in 1982 with a business degree. His work experience included Martin Marietta aluminum in The Dalles, Borden Chemical/Hexion in La Grande as their analytical chemist, quality assurance specialist and management trainer for 30 years, traveling extensively in the U.S., Canada, the UK and Australia. His last employer was Napa Auto for six years. He spent one year during his first round of college with friends in Falls Church, Va., working at a gas station/U-Haul rental and playing bass guitar in a band, St. Barnabas Road.

Gary met his future wife, Peg Palumbo, at a dance at EOU in 1977. They married in 1979 in La Grande and made their home there. They have sons Matthew and Eric. Gary had a lifetime love of cars, restoring many from the ground up from literally boxes of pieces and bolts. His prized possessions are a ’67 Corvette and a ’66 Chevelle. His mechanical aptitude and car sense rubbed off on Matt. His computer savvy is instilled with Eric. He enjoyed helping with Boy Scouts, spending several winters assisting in building and sleeping in snow caves, hiking Hoffer Basin, and joining trips to Leslie Gulch with Troop 514. He assisted both sons in earning their Eagle Scout award. He was also a WWII historian.

Gary had a love for narrow-gauge steam trains, earning the right to be a fireman on the Sumpter Valley Railroad one summer. Many family trips to the Southwest were made to see the old silver and gold mining sites and ride the steam train excursions. His other love was anything Australian or New Zealand. He had often talked of the potential of moving there, but settled on several trips to both countries with Peg. They also traveled together to Hawaii, Holland and two summers ago a cruise and land tour to Alaska. He enjoyed his morning coffee routine with his friends right up to the time he became acutely ill. Gary was a private, soft-spoken and kind-hearted man. He had a quiet intensity for family, work and fun.

Gary is survived by his wife, Peg of La Grande; son Matt and fiancée Leslie Phillips of Portland; son Eric and Mandy Hillecke of La Grande and parents of Hermiston; sister Vickie Hartley of Hermiston; brother Daryl and wife Sue of Richland, Wash.; aunts Jean Pinney of Hermiston and Maxine Leonard of Thousand Oaks, California; and eight nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Alzheimer’s Association, alz.org.

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E’Zra Dane Nelson

Colfax, Wash.

April 22, 2010-April 15, 2015

E’Zra “Mister Mister” Dane Nelson set sail on a new adventure April 15, 2015. E’Zra’s strong loving heart took its last beat in the early morning hours. E’Zra was born April 22, 2010, to Robert “Taylor” and Dante’ Nelson with sister KeiLe’na always by his side.

E’Zra loved to be sang to, danced with and always snuggled with. He enjoyed a fun movie and loved to bowl strikes! He attended Colfax Preschool three days a week and made



Nelson

many friends and touched many lives. His smile was contagious and his giggles could turn any day into a blessed day!

In addition to his parents and sister he will be missed by his grandparents Shannon Sowell, Roger Sowell and Jo Nelson, all of Hermiston, Oregon, aunts and uncle Narita Berglund, David Sowell, Heather Bonanni and Hilary Stagliano, as well as many friends and classmates in Colfax.

Deborah Franke

Hermiston

July 8, 1951-April 16, 2015

Deborah Franke, 63, of Hermiston, Oregon, died at her home Thursday evening April 16, 2015, from natural causes.

Born July 8, 1951, in Salem, Ore., Debbie was one of four children born to Walter “Bud” and Eva Lou Stotler. The other children are sister Sharon Stotler of Salem, Ore., Michael Stotler of Scio, Ore., and Lori Soza of Houston, Texas; all survive her. Debbie graduated from South Salem High School in 1969. A few years later, Debbie married James “Jim” Willits of Salem, Ore. Debbie had two children with Jim, daughter Teresa Strubel of Salem, Ore., and son Edward “Eddie” Willits of Salem, Ore.; both survive her. Debbie was also the very proud grandmother of six grandchildren that survive her: Jackson, James and Trevor Strubel, Jasmine Allenwood, and Andrew and Nakaia Willits, all of Salem, Ore.

In August 1983, Debbie married the love of her life, Steven Franke, in Salem, Ore. In 1990, the two moved to Pendleton, Ore., where they worked and lived until June 2003 when they moved to New Plymouth, Idaho, where they lived until moving to Hermiston in October of 2010.



Franke

she was with Steve. Debbie dearly loved spending time with all her friends as well.

In January of 2010, Debbie was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, beginning a long and brave fight to beat it. Debbie loved her oncologist Iyad Hamarneh of Kennewick, Wash. She also loved and appreciated all her friends and nurses at Trios Hospital in Oncology and Columbia Basin Hematology and Oncology. Without all of you, these last few years may very well have not been possible. Thank you so much!

Although we are deeply saddened by our loss of Debbie, we are comforted in knowing she no longer has to suffer from the cancer and treatments. She constantly approached her fight with a positive attitude, never shopping for sympathy. She believed she could beat cancer until she couldn’t. The one wish she had was to “just to have things be normal.” She always did her very best to keep life normal in spite of the cancer.

There will be two celebration of life services for Debbie. The first will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25th at Santiam Golf Course in Stayton, Ore. The second will be 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16th at the Cleveland residence (the Old Adams School) in Adams, Ore. Preferred dress is casual. Debbie liked things relaxed and casual so please dress accordingly if possible.

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Mary V. Wade

Hermiston

October 31, 1927-April 19, 2015

Mary V. Wade, was born October 31, 1927, at Torrington, Connecticut, to parents John and Mary (Safcak) Hanecak. She died Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Sun Terrace Assisted Living Facility in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 87.

Mary was a long-time resident of Stanfield, Oregon. She was raised in Brooklyn, New York, and in 1950 she moved to Alameda, California, where she worked as a clerk/typist for the U.S. government. She moved to Stanfield in 1973. On June 4, 1973, she married Donald Lee Wade Sr. in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.



Wade

rick Wade of Spanaway, Wash.; stepdaughters, Theresa Neileigh of Estacada, Ore., and Brenda Hussey of Cascade Locks, Ore.; brother John Hanecak of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; stepgranddaughter and caregiver Kristie Contreras; and 29 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband Donald Wade Sr.; parents John and Mary Hanecak; brothers James “Jack” Hanecak and Henry Hanecak; stepdaughter, Sheila (Wade) Hedrick; and stepgrandson John Brooks.

Recitation of the Rosary was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, April 24, 2015, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church/Soup Kitchen, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

APRIL 15, 2015

VANDEVENTER — Jaime D. Fuerstenberg and Joshua T. Vandeventer of Boardman; a boy, David Oli Vandeventer.

APRIL 17, 2015

ALMONTE MENDOZA — Yadira Mendoza Arzate and Carlos Almonte of Hermiston; a girl, Aliyah Natalie Almonte Mendoza.

HANEY — Melissa N. Lovell and Evan J. Haney of Stanfield; a girl, Kylie Nichole Haney.

RODRIGUEZ — Amanda Rodriguez and Juan Rodriguez of Hermiston; a girl, Kamila Nicole Rodriguez.

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Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style.

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