**Donald Lee 'Don' Tonning** 

Umatilla

#### Charles William 'Chuck' White Kennewick, Wash. March 24, 1936-July 19, 2015

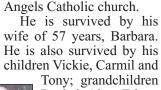
Charles (Chuck) William White, of Kennewick, Wash., passed away in Hood River, Ore., on Sunday, July 19, 2015.

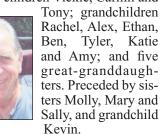
Charles was born March 24, 1936, to Charles and Sophie White in Olean, N.Y. Chuck was second of five children: three sisters, Molly, Mary and Sally, and brother Bob.



a district manager with Farmers Insurance. He held this position until retiring in 2005. During his career with Farmers he earned several achievement awards. He was an active member of the Elks Lodge in Hermiston and the Eagles in Kennewick. He enjoyed golf and cars. He was a member of Our Lady of









Services planned for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 1st, 2015, at Mortuary Burns (685 W. Hermiston Hermiston, OR 97838 541-567-6474) with a dinner to follow at the

Hermiston Elks Lodge.

Arrangements under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations) 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River, OR 97031.

Please visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

#### Debra Lee 'Debbie' Wilson (Reid) Hermiston December 7, 1950-June 25, 2015

Debra Lee "Debbie" Wilson (Reid), of Hermiston, Ore., passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at Oregon Health & Sci-

ence University in Portland, Ore., at the age of 64. She went peacefully to be with the Lord, surrounded by friends and fami-

Debbie was born on December 7, Wilson (Reid) 1950, in Pendle-

ton, Ore., to Doris Crystal (Jones) and Perry James Reid, and grew up in Dayton, Wash. She graduated from Dayton High School in 1969 and married Garry LeRoy Wilson on June 28th of that year in Hermiston, Ore. The couple moved back and forth between Oregon and Texas for Garry's job over the years, before settling permanently in Hermiston. Debbie worked numerous local jobs early in their marriage before retiring from Wal-Mart in 2012 after 20 years.

First and foremost, Debbie will be remembered as a loving wife, a mother and a grandmother. She was a kind, gentle woman who loved her family and the Lord. She lived to make people smile and held on to her sense of humor to the end.

Debbie was one of the first members of Hermiston Christian Center. She enjoyed staying active in the community by volunteering for various causes, including the Hermiston Christian School and the Special Olympics of Hermiston.

She had a passion for many different arts and crafts, entering numerous items into the Umatilla County Fair every year and sewing

dresses for every occasion. She eventually pursued a lifelong dream by becoming a Bob Ross Certified Instructor, teaching painting classes both from her home and a local craft store.

Debbie is survived by her mother, Doris Reid; children Angela Wilson, Sara Shoemake and husband Clint, Jonathan Wilson, and Bryan Wilson and wife Morgan; grandchildren Mark Wilson, Alec Wilson, Adrianna Wilson and River Wilson; and brother Steven Reid; all of Hermiston, Ore.; and sister Beverly Reid of Milton-Freewater, Ore. She is preceded in death by her father, Perry Reid; husband of 39 years, Garry Wilson; and children Christopher Wilson and April Wilson.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston, Ore. In lieu of flowers, Debbie requested donations be made to the Hermiston Christian Center kitchen renovation project or Special Olympics Oregon-Hermiston.

Please sign the online guest book at burns mortuaryhermiston.com.

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

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**JULY 6, 2015** 

**NUNEZ JEX** - Ozzely A. Jex and Efrain Nunez Jr. of Hermiston; a boy, Bralen Erick Nunez Jex.

**JULY 9, 2015** 

**WATTENBURGER** — Tricia Wattenburger and David Wattenburger of Hermiston; a girl, Camille Scout Wattenburger.

**JULY 10, 2015** 

**GARCIA** — Margarita Madera and Cadelario Garcia of Umatilla; a girl, Valeria Isabel Garcia.

**JULY 11, 2015** 

**TENORIO** — Maritza Sanchez Escalante and Fred Tenorio of Hermiston;

a girl, Gabriela Kaley Tenorio.

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# **OBITUARIES**

**Mark Lee Hurford** Roosevelt, Wash. January 4, 1960-July 2, 2015

Mark Lee Hurford was born in Tonawanda, New York, on January 4, 1960, to Marjorie (Pawloski) and Tilford Hurford. He passed away at his home in

at the age of 55. Mark married his wife Valerie and though the two divorced, they remained very close.

Roosevelt, Washing-

ton, on July 2, 2015,

Mr. Hurford worked as a truck driver for Allied Waste. He was a football fan, rooting for the Seattle Seahawks unless the Raiders were playing them. He also loved golf and, in his younger days, surfing.

Mark is survived by his daughters Courtnie KaSandra Hurford of Umatilla, Oregon; son Bucky Hurford of San Diego, California; stepson Cody Runion of Hermiston, Oregon; the love of his life, Valerie Hurford of Umatilla; father and

stepmother Tilford and Lucy Hurford of Encinitas, California; mother Marjorie Hurford of Montrose, Colorado; brothers Bob and Brian Hurford of Montrose; grandchildren Xavier and Liam; and five

nieces and two nephews. A memorial service will

be held at 3 p.m. on July 23, 2015, at 415 Naches Court, Umatilla, OR 97882.

Columbia Hills Memorial Chapel handled cremation arrangements. Please visit www.gardnerfh.com to send condolences to the Hurford family.

#### Chester (Chet) Neusom Phillips **Boardman**

April 14, 1949-July 15, 2015

Chester "Chet" Neusom Phillips, 66, died suddenly on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Chet was born on April 14, 1949, in Medford, Oregon.

Chet graduated from Riverside High School in Boardman, Oregon, in 1967 as the state champion footquarterback. He attended Blue Phillips Mountain Commu-

nity College in Pendleton, Ore., where his basketball team was recognized by the NWACC as a hall of fame team. It was during his time at BMCC when he was reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Lorrie Peterson Phillips, who was also attending BMCC. After graduation from Blue Mountain, he went to Oregon College of Education where he obtained his teaching degree.

He pursued his career in education in Sheridan, Ore., as a junior high school English teacher, while coaching the football and basketball teams. After 7 years of teaching. he and his family moved to Beaverton where he worked for Equitable/Axa insurance Company for over 25 years. His love of sports kept him busy with volunteering as a football and baseball coach during this time. Shortly after his retirement, Chet and Lorrie moved back to Boardman, Ore., where he helped take care of Lorrie's ailing parents. Chet was a passionate

hunter and fisherman who loved taking his wife, grandsons sons, and friends with him on his many adventures outdoors. On his 50th birthday, he shot his prized trophy

bull elk. Another hobby of his was stock car racing in Hermiston where he became the 2005 street stock class champion. He was an avid gardener, caretaker, photographer, and traveler. He was passionate about the future of his hometown and became mayor of Boardman in 2008. In his leisurely time, he enjoyed cooking for friends, family, and those at the local senior center where he volunteered.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lorrie Peterson Phillips; his two sons, Dean and Terry Phillips; and his grandsons Will Phillips and Michael Crawford. He was also survived by one brother and five sisters.

Respectively, the family will be holding a private family memorial service. Condolences may be sent to burnsmortuary hermiston.com.

January 8, 1944-July 14, 2015 Donald Lee "Don" Tonning, longtime Umatilla, Oregon, resident, was

born on January 8, 1944, Washington, in Prosser, to parents Orpha "Perk" and Leola Lee Sargant Tonning. He died Tuesday, July 14, 2015, in

Kennewick, Wash.,

at the age of 71. Don was raised and attended school Tonning in Pendleton, Or-

egon. He graduated from Pendleton High School in the class of 1962. Don was united in marriage to Barbara L. Belvill on June 7, 1963, in Pendleton, Oregon. They lived in Longview, Washington, for a time and Don worked for Tolley Craft Boats. In 1964 they moved to Butte, Montana, and later returned to Pendleton, Oregon, in

He worked at the Pendleton Chevrolet dealership where he worked in many different capacities. Don started a long career as a Farmer's Insurance agent in the early 1970s in Hermiston, Oregon. A short time later moved his business to Umatilla, Oregon, where he operated it for 30+ years. Don expanded his business to include Tonning's Auto Wholesale and really enioved working with people to find an automobile. He enjoyed fishing, camping, horseback riding, riding his motorcycle, the mountains, and was an avid reader of western books.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara care of arrangements.

Tonning, Umatilla, Ore.; daughters Charmaine Gomez and husband Orlando, Price, Utah, and Margaret

Costa and husband Joe, Stockton, Calif.; parents Leola Barnes, Pendleton, and Orpha "Perk" Tonning, Kennewick, Wash.; broth-

ers David Barnes, Redmond, Ore., Raymond and Jimmy Barnes, both of Pendleton, Ore., and Hank Tonning, Kennewick, Wash.; sisters Kay Broweleit, Bothell, Wash., Pat Simmons, Post Falls, Idaho, Becky Almon, Stevenson, Wash., and Debbie Johnson, Riverside, Wash.; grandchildren Shalena, Nathan, Andrew, Brandon and

ews and cousins. Don was preceded in death by his sister Carolyn and grandmother Violet Troxel.

Zachary; great-grandchil-

dren Nathaniel and Jaden;

and numerous nieces, neph-

A celebration of life service was held on Monday, July 20, 2015, at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla, Ore-Those who wish may

make contributions in Don's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org. Please sign the online

guest book at burnsmortuary hermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary Hermiston, Oregon, is in

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 22** WILLOW RUN LADIES GOLF CLUB,

8 a.m., rain or shine at the Willow Run Golf Course, Boardman. Participants do not need to be a member to play with the club. (541-481-4381).

**HERMISTON KIWANIS CLUB, noon,** Desert Lanes restaurant conference room, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. (Doug Barak 541-567-6728).

FRIENDS OF THE IRRIGON LIBRARY. 6 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon.

HERMISTON CRIBBAGE CLUB, 6 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, All levels of players welcome. (541-567-6594).

**UMATILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** BOARD, 6 p.m., chamber office, 100 Cline Ave., Umatilla,

(541-922-4825).

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 23 TUMBLEWEED TOASTMASTERS,**

6:45 a.m., Conference Room 3&4, Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, Visitors welcome.

(541-567-4349).

ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM THE DRY SIDE, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

basement of Assembly of God Church 730 F Hurlburt Ave Hermiston. Use the Seventh Street entrance. (541-567-4446).

a.m., 630 Switzler St. at the dog wash in front of Umatilla High School.

**UMATILLA DOG WALKING CLUB, 10** 

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF** HERMISTON, noon, ARC of Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave.

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