

OBITUARIES

Carl Elmer Baxter

Kennewick, Wash.

March 30, 1924-September 7, 2015

Our loving husband, father, and grandfather Carl Elmer Baxter was called to Heaven on September 7, 2015, in Kennewick, Wash., at the age of 91 years.

Born March 30, 1924, in Wendling, Ore., to parents Carl S. Baxter and Frances I. Zahm, he later moved to Eugene, Ore. After attending junior high school in Bonnevill, Ore., he moved to Vancouver, Wash., where he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Assigned first to the warehouse at the Vancouver Barracks, he later worked in the Kaiser shipyards.

In 1944, he joined the Merchant Marines and trained at Catalina Island. In 1946, he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Yokohama, Japan. After serving in Pusan, Korea, during the Korean War, Carl returned to Japan. There, he met and married the love of his life, Tomoko Hayashi. Shortly thereafter, he received an honorable discharge from the Army and returned to the United States, where he was employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and moved to McNary, Ore., to work at the McNary Dam. He also was enlisted in the Army and Air Force Reserve. He retired after 30 years at the Dam and spent his early retirement in Umatilla, Ore. Carl later moved to Kennewick, Wash., where he spent his last 14 years.

Carl was a member of Kennewick Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Merchant Marines. He enjoyed reading, traveling, and spending time with his family. Carl will always be remembered for his fidelity and love for his family and unwavering patriotism for his country. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Carl is survived by his wife of 64 years, Tomoko Baxter, Kennewick, Wash.; sons Karl Baxter (Laura), Hillsboro, Ore., Terry Baxter (Kathy), Wilsonville, Ore., and Glen Baxter (Gloria), Corona, Calif.; daughter Penny Anderson (Don), Kennewick, Wash.; sister Ramona Hendricks (Harry), Vancouver, Wash.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Joanna Ripley and Betty Rhodes.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sunset Hills Cemetery in Umatilla, Ore. A celebration of Carl's life will be held later in the day at 2:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 2505 W. 27th St., Kennewick, WA 99337.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kennewick, WA or VFW Post 4750, Hermiston, OR.

Please sign the guest book at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Harvey Ebel

Kalispell, Mont.

Aug. 23, 2015

Former Hermiston resident Harvey Ebel died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, in Kalispell, Mont. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematorium handled arrangements.

Richard Bendixsen

Hermiston

Aug. 30, 2015

Richard Bendixsen, 86, of Hermiston died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, in Richland, Wash. Memorial services were held Saturday, Sept. 5, at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1035 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Melvin R. McColley

Hermiston

June 18, 1939-Aug. 17, 2015

Melvin R. McColley, 76, of Hermiston died Monday, Aug. 17, 2015, in Federal Way, Wash. He was born June 18, 1939, in Cortez, Colo. Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m. at Mueller's Funeral Home in Kennewick, Wash.

Frank Ternes

Irrigon

July 23, 1931-Sept. 2, 2015

Frank Ternes, 84, of Irrigon died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, in Hermiston. He was born July 23, 1931, in Flasher, North Dakota. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow the services at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



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Jedediah W. Aylett

Hermiston

August 4, 1930-August 28, 2015

Jedediah W. Aylett was born on August 4, 1930, in Midvale, Utah, to parents Leon Ross Aylett and Alice Inez Smith Aylett. He died on August 28, 2015, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 85 years.

Jeddie had a strong work ethic from early on. He delivered newspapers on a horse and in October of 1948 started working in the Bricklayers Union (Local 1-OR). Jeddie joined the United States Air Force and later that same year, on November 20, 1949, he married Juanita Sergeant in Portland, Oregon.

After his honorable discharge in 1952 he re-joined his wife in Portland, Oregon. They moved to Hermiston, Oregon, and purchased a dairy in 1968. He operated the dairy until 1974 and then turned to farming. Through the years he raised many different crops including potatoes, wheat, corn and alfalfa, and was the first local farmer to raise Walla Walla Sweet onions.

Jeddie was preceded in death by his wife Juanita in 1996. He married Cindy Kozlowski Stout on October 2, 1999, in The Dalles, Oregon. Jeddie enjoyed raising cattle, traveling, playing cards, cribbage, and trips to Wildhorse.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Aylett, Hermiston, Ore.; sons Earl Aylett (Debbie), Lyle Aylett, Wade Aylett (Debra), and James Stout; daughters Jeanne Conner, Lanita Cooley (Bob), Chrystal Moore and Jamie Stout (Waled Mohamed); sister Isabelle Hauth; grandchildren Wendy, Tyrone, Jeddie, Rachele, Christopher, Dillon, Juanita, Kimberly, Rebecca, Wade, Sabrina, Chelsea, Christina, Skyline, Samantha, Gloria, Lili, Daniel, Araceli, Cinthia, Ricky, Devin, DJ, Braxton, Chloe, Jerry, Ashante, Davion and Safya; 27 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

ValRae Evangaline Granlund Taft

Hermiston

August 26, 1932-August 27, 2015

ValRae Evangaline Granlund Taft, 83 years old, a resident of Hermiston, Oregon, passed away on August 27, 2015, at Regency Care Center. She was born August 26, 1932, in Milnor, N.D., and grew up on the family farm in De Lamere, N.D. She was the eldest of six children, four brothers and one sister.

She graduated high school and went to Valey Teachers College, where she met her soon-to-be husband, Kenneth L. Taft. She and Ken were married on December 23, 1951. They moved to Terry, Mont., in 1952 where all four of their sons were born. In 1957 they moved to Fessenden, N.D., and from there in 1960 they moved to Umatilla, Ore.

Val decided to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher and as soon as her boys were old enough, she enrolled at Eastern Oregon State College where she graduated with honors in 1970 and went on to teach in Hermiston and Echo school districts until her retirement in 2005. Retirement did not suit her energetic personality, and still wanting to teach, she began her second career as a substitute teacher. In 2009 she thought she would give retirement another try but realizing she still wasn't ready (again) and knowing she still had much to give, she volunteered as a teacher's aide at Umatilla High School until 2013, when she decided she was finally ready to retire.

She is survived by her four sons, James (Debbie), Richard (Kathy), Robert and Ronald (Laurie); 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers Royce and Hamilton and her beloved nieces.

She was predeceased by her husband Kenneth, brothers Walter and Ronald, sister Sharon and grandson Joseph.

At her request, there will not be a service.

She loved her students and enjoyed teaching. Always teaching, she wanted to make sure that we remembered that "the right side of the brain is the female and the left side is the male. And that is why the female is always right."

We love you, Mom, and will miss you always.



Aylett

Bernard Ira 'Andy' Anderson

Hermiston

April 1, 1921-September 1, 2015

Bernard Ira "Andy" Anderson passed on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, with the love of his life by his side. He was 94.

Born April 1, 1921, in Morrisonville, Illinois, to Ira Anderson and Lizzie Frederick.

Andy enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1939 and began what would be a highly decorated and honorable military career. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant officer in April 1943. After completing flight school, he was assigned to a B-24 squadron. While stepping in for a fellow officer during a mission in 1944, his B-24 aircraft was shot down over Gotha, Germany, and he was subsequently held as a prisoner of war for 14 months. He was awarded a Purple Heart commendation for his bravery on this mission. After 27 years of service, Andy retired in June 1966 at the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Andy went on to instruct young pilots at Big Bend Community College and then started a career flying private aircraft for Executive Jet Aviation (EJA) — which later became the company known today as NetJets. During his time at EJA, he flew multiple high ranking officials including King Hussein of Jordan.

Andy was an incredibly brilliant and humble soul with an inspiring, optimistic outlook on life. Anyone who had the honor of knowing him considered themselves fortunate. He was admired and loved deeply by his children and grandchildren, who will miss him greatly. Andy was a true American hero and everlasting example of one of our country's Greatest Generation.

Andy is survived by his forever loving wife and "Sweetie," Violet Anderson of Hermiston, Ore.; daughter Jan Betz of Hermiston, Ore.; son Bob Lemon of Sequim, Wash.; son Bill Lemon of Columbus, Ohio; daughter Sharon Hunter of Hot Springs, Ark.; grandson Jasen Betz of Huson, Mont., and grandson Justin Betz of Phoenix, Ariz.

At his request, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hermiston VFW #4750, 45 W. Cherry Avenue, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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Anderson

Karen Renee (Fitzsimmons) Dickenson

Pendleton

July 31, 1974-September 4, 2015

Karen Renee (Fitzsimmons) Dickenson, a Pendleton resident, died Friday, September 4, 2015, at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington. She was 41 years old.

A memorial service will be held at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton chapel on Friday, September 11, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Contributions in memory of Karen may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project and may be sent directly or in care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

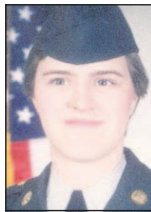
Karen was born in Pendleton, Oregon, to Dave and Carol (Christiansen) Fitzsimmons. She attended school in Pendleton School District, graduating from Pendleton High School in June 1993. She received her AA in early childhood education at Blue Mountain Community College.

After high school she enlisted in the National Guard in 1993 following graduation and served in the Pendleton National Guard for six years. Karen worked at Wal-Mart as a cashier, in customer service, and in the café. She worked at Cayuse Technologies call center, as well as Smith Cannery and Hill Meat. On July 4, 2015, she married Donald Dickenson.

Karen enjoyed working with plastic canvas, playing cards and games, reading and collecting Snow White figurines.

Karen is survived by her husband Donald; parents Carol and Dave Fitzsimmons; son Timothy Fitzsimmons of Wyoming; brother Melvin Fitzsimmons of Walla Walla; sister Roberta (Christopher) Smith of Kennewick, Wash.; grandmothers Iris Christiansen of Redmond and Kathleen Fitzsimmons of Pomeroy, Wash.; and four nieces.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Melvin Christiansen and Creighton Fitzsimmons, and an uncle, Steven Christiansen.



Dickenson

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