

OBITUARIES

**Mary Lou Braat**  
Hermiston  
October 10, 2015

Mary Lou Hawkins Braat was born in Antlers, Oklahoma, in 1930 to the Reverend Ennis Hawkins and his wife, Gladys Mae Scott Hawkins. Mary Lou attended school in Oklahoma all the way through her high school graduation in 1948. She was popular, socially active, and enjoyed sports and singing. For two years after high school she mostly lived back east, studying to be a teacher at East Carolina University.



Braat

She came out to Oregon to do farm work one summer, earning money to pay for her college education, and that's where she met the love of her life, Arnold James Braat. She started out doing field work for him, picking beans like so many others. He noticed her right away, though, and promoted her to weighing the produce and doing payouts. Not long after that in 1952 they married, and began their long life together. They had four kids, three daughters and a son, and lived and worked in Oregon for the rest of their lives. Arnold died in 2004, and Mary Lou lived on until Oct. 10, 2015.

But those are just facts. They don't tell you who she really was. How hard she worked, for her whole life. How much she enjoyed a good laugh, especially with her family. How much she loved singing. She was charming and vivacious and known for her pie-baking skills. She was happy to contribute pies to be auctioned for charity, and was pleased when they fetched a good price, as they always did. She had a passion for roses, and was a long-term member of the Boardman Garden Club. For many years, she was member of Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, and of the Boardman Communi-

ty and Baptist churches. She sang in the church choirs. She enjoyed making clothes for her children when they were small. She cooked for large farm crews during harvest. In the mid-'70s, she worked as a cook at the small Umatilla Hospital, which won a prize for having the best food for a hospital of its size in Oregon.

Finally when she began to slow down a bit, she moved to Sun Terrace in Hermiston, where she very much enjoyed relaxing, having plenty of time to socialize, and attending events and activities. She was often accompanied by her new, and dear, friend Jerry.

Her daughter Connie told me that when Mary Lou was asked about her greatest accomplishment, she said without hesitation, "My children." She died peacefully of natural causes, with family around her.

She is survived by a large and loving family, including her son, Loren Braat of Fairbanks, Alaska; her three daughters, Lynel Braat of Portland, Ore., Gelene Brizendine of Boardman, Ore., and Connie Braat of Bellevue, Wash.; sister Edith Rhine, California; two brothers, Ennis T. Hawkins, Weston, Ore., and Willard Hawkins, Colorado; and one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren who reside in Idaho.

There are also many nieces, nephews, and cousins residing across the USA. She will be missed by all of them.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone Street in Boardman.

Please send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

**James C. Pettyjohn**  
Umatilla  
May 19, 1930-October 12, 2015

A memorial service for Jim Pettyjohn was held on Saturday, October 17, at the Irrigon Adventist Church, located at 205 Tumbleweed Blvd., Irrigon, Ore.

Jim passed away on Monday, October 12, 2015, at Kadlec Regional Medical Center-Hospital.

He was born on May 19, 1930, to Fred and Lora Pettyjohn in their home on lower Willow Creek, just outside of Ione, Ore.

Jim was the youngest of seven children. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Gertrude Graves and Hazel Hynd; and four brothers, Claude, Clyde, Earl and Ellis.

He was a longtime resident of Morrow County. He attended grade school at Ione where he met his sweetheart and future loving wife, Lola Ann McCabe. Jim was active in sports and loved to play basketball. Together Jim and Lola graduated high school at Ione in 1950.

They eloped to Reno,

Nevada, and were married on September 8, 1950. They lived and farmed on their Rhea Creek ranch just out of the Ione area, where they raised their four children.

After retiring from farming Jim and Lola moved to John Day where they operated a weed and pest control company.

Eventually they settled in McNary at Umatilla, Ore.. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife Lola and their four children: Earl and Karen of Anchorage, Alaska, Linda and Larry Groce of Boardman, Ore., Jerry of Heppner, Ore., and Nancy Lancaster of Oak Harbor, Wash.; seven grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Irrigon Adventist Church.

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Pettyjohn

**Ronald Dean 'Ronnie' Cox**  
Las Vegas, Nev.  
June 10, 1971-October 9, 2015

Ronald Dean "Ronnie" Cox was born June 10, 1971, at Hermiston, Oregon, to parents Rodney Dean and Marilyn Kay (Richardson) Cox. He died Friday, October 9, 2015, in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the age of 44.

He was raised in Stanfield and graduated from high school there in 1989. Ronnie had a passion for sports that included drag racing, football and NASCAR. He sand dragged as a youngster at the Pat Kik Drag Strip in Hermiston and continued racing during his adult life. Every year Ronnie looked forward to football to start so he could follow his favorite teams, the Dallas Cowboys and the Oregon State Beavers.

Ronnie pursued his lineman career, which took him to many places throughout the country. He settled in Las Vegas making it home in 2005 where he worked for

NV Energy.

Ronnie, we are sorry you couldn't stay longer, but we will carry your spirit, wit, antics and laughter with us until our last breaths. We are proud to have been considered your friends, from your IBEW Brothers at Local 396.

He is survived by his mother and father, Marilyn and Rodney Cox; brother Robert; nephews Henry and Wyatt; and his faithful companion, "Digger."

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery in Stanfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to NSUJL.org in memory of Ronnie.

Please send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



Cox

**Rodney D. 'Rod' Wohlcke**  
Echo  
February 2, 1962-October 12, 2015

Rodney D. "Rod" Wohlcke was born on February 2, 1962, in Pendleton, Oregon, to parents Charles and Larene Southworth Wohlcke. He died on October 12, 2015, at his home outside of Echo, Oregon, at the age of 53 years.

Rod was raised and attended schools in Pendleton, Oregon. He had worked in farming, at Lamb Weston, Hill Meat, and as a carpenter where he could build and fix anything. Rod and Rebecca Mavis have been together since May of 2001 and have lived outside of Echo, Oregon, since 2002.

He enjoyed woodworking, playing the harmonica, his fish aquarium, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Rod had a passion for motorcycles and always looked forward to the Fossil Biker Rally every year.

He is survived by his life partner, Rebecca Mavis, Echo, Ore.; sons James Davis, San Diego, Calif., Eric Wohlcke, Pendleton, Ore., Dalton Wohlcke, Hermiston, Ore., and Zack; daughters Destiny

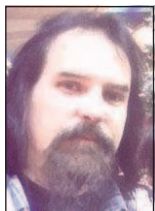
Wohlcke, Pendleton, Ore., and Sadie and Sarah; step-daughters Megan and Michelle Mavis, Hermiston, Ore.; parents Charles and Larene Wohlcke, Pendleton, Ore.; brothers Loyd Wohlcke, Libby, Mont., and Van Wohlcke, Hermiston, Ore.; sister Debbie Mulder, Pilot Rock, Ore.; grandchildren Gemma, Akodia, Bradley, Brentley, Nicole, Gabby, Elise and Little Jim; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral service was held on Friday, October 16, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial followed at Skyview Memorial Park, Pendleton, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions to a memorial fund c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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Wohlcke

DEATHS

**Leonardo L. Leal**  
Hermiston  
Nov. 8, 1934-Oct. 16, 2015

Leonardo L. Leal, 80, of Hermiston died Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, in Hermiston. He was born Nov. 8, 1934, in Lagunillas, Jalisco, Mexico. Recitation of the rosary was held Monday Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, Oct. 20 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial followed in the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

**Marba Harmon (Mow)**  
Tualatin  
Oct. 11, 2015

Marba Harmon (Mow), a 50-year resident of Hermiston, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015, in Tualatin, Ore. A private service will be held. Arrangements are with Autumn Funeral Services.

**Harlan B. Eden**  
Hermiston  
Aug. 10, 1956-Oct. 18, 2015

Harlan B. Eden, 59, of Hermiston died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, at his home. He was born Aug. 10, 1956, in Everett, Wash. Funeral arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
OCT. 7, 2015

**RODRIGUEZ** — Teresa Resendiz and Raudel Rodriguez of Hermiston; a boy, Jayden Eli Rodriguez.

OCT. 9, 2015

**CUEVAS** — Brenda D. Espinoza and Oscar Cuevas of Umatilla; a girl, Alexa Sofia Cuevas.

**HOWARD-RODRIGUEZ** — Karina Rodriguez and Charlie S. Howard of Umatilla; a girl, Natalie Sophia Howard-Rodriguez.

**MENDOZA** — Karla Valenzuela and Luis Mendoza of Boardman; a boy, Jordan Anthony Mendoza.

OCT. 13, 2015

**LEWELLYN** — Tirah J. Mayenschein and Jared Lewellyn of Hermiston; a girl, Viola Jo Carol Lewellyn.

Judgments

The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts:

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Thomas Dalton; judgment for \$2,370.81 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Angelica Zurita vs. Roberto Rodriguez; judgment for \$4,000 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Credits Inc. vs. Joleen D. Pruett-Mitchell; judgment for \$4,791.04 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Professional Service Bureau vs. Pierre R. and Robert M. Bru; judgment for \$1,727.70 and \$5,392.88 in separate suits, plus interest, costs and fees.

•Credits Inc. vs. Frances and Adrian Garcia; judgment for \$8,103.32 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Credits Inc. vs. James Dell Overton and Staci Overton; judgment for \$8,227.45 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Credits Inc. vs. Shellee Edgerly; judgment for \$7,763.70 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Professional Service Bureau vs. Miguel and Consuelo M. Perez; judgment for \$917.06 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Larry Fulton; judgment for \$841 plus interest, costs and fees.

•Synchrony Bank vs. Linda Pedro; judgment for \$1,588.77 plus interest, costs and fees.

Sentences

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

•Stephen Mark Brockett, 56, Hermiston, was convicted of Theft I; sentenced to

24 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 1 year post-prison supervision, \$140 fine and \$3,000 restitution, plus court assessment.

•Jeova Gerardo Guzman, 25, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Attempt to Elude Police-vehicle; sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, \$940 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Assault IV-domestic violence; sentenced to 15 days jail, 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, \$940 fine and \$2,000 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Criminal Mischief II; sentenced to 15 days jail, 180 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 4940 fine and \$2,000 fine-suspended, plus court assessment.

•Vince Lavern Creighton, 54, Pasco, Wash., pleaded no contest to Failure to Appear I; sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units and \$440 fine, plus court assessment.

MISDEMEANOR

•Donaciano Rodriguez Alvarez, 55, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 60 hours community service, \$440 fine and \$1,250 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•Victor Manuel Navarro Landeros, 49, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to DUII; sentenced to 30 days jail, 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,685 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Lalo Murillo, 21, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Felon in Possession of Restricted Weapon; sentenced to 30 days jail and \$40 fine, plus court costs and fees.

•Lorenzo Spain Rafael, 21, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to DUII; sentenced to 90 days jail, 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$685 fine and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to five counts of Recklessly Endangering Another; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$40 fine and \$1,650 fine-suspended for each count, and 90 days jail, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Assault IV; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$40 fine, \$1,650 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court assessment; pleaded guilty to Criminal Mischief II; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$40 fine and \$1,650 fine-suspended, plus court assessment.

•Zachery Taylor Knaus, 27, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Theft II; sentenced to 2 days jail, 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 24 hours community service, \$140 fine, \$1,550 fine-suspended and \$105 restitution, plus court costs and fees.

•Joseph Mangarfiir, 38, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII; sentenced to 180 days jail, 2 years probation, \$1,685 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Omar Ochoa, 20, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII; sentenced to 5 days jail, 180 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation and \$685 fine, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Failure to Perform Duties of Driver and Recklessly Endangering Another; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$440 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension for each count, plus court costs and fees.

•Mitchell Wayne Thomas, 26, Hermiston,

pleaded guilty to Escape III; sentenced to 45 days jail and \$40 fine, plus court costs and fees.

•Michael Wayne Waelty, 30, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII; sentenced to 60 days jail, 180 days jail-suspended, 30 months probation, 160 hours community service, \$1,435 fine, \$1,750 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving; sentenced to \$40 fine plus court assessment.

Divorces

Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

Rowen Hayes and Amy Dalene Hayes; Jennie VonEggers and Brian VonEggers; Antonio J. Delgado and Jessica M. Delgado; Dena Lynn Stephens and Matthew Paul Stephens; Amie Marie Vandecar and Joshua Glen Vandecar; Shannon Leann Davis and Ronald David Davis Jr.; Amanda A. Sanchez-Paz McBride and Jose Juan Sanchez-Paz.

Marriages

Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Joseph Bembridge Day, 37, and Lisa Nicole Potter, 38, both of Hermiston.

Karl Joseph Dosch, 60, and Suzanne Rene Kelly, 58, both of West Richland, Wash.

Oscar Holguin, 36, and Tanya Rodriguez, 35, both of Hermiston.

Juan Luis Ricky Rocha, 21, and Jaslyn Gomez-Zuniga, 17, both of Othello, Wash.

Tucker Logan Stephens, 24, and Hayley Cherie Huntington, 22, both of Hermiston.

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