

OBITUARIES

Kathryn Eva 'Katie' Mack

Hermiston
October 18, 1919-December 12, 2015

Kathryn Eva ("Katie") Mack passed away peacefully at the age of 96 on Saturday, December 12, 2015, with many family members at her bedside. She was the eighth child of John and Elizabeth Bruner, who farmed near Drake, North Dakota. Her father, John, had come to America from Austria and Elizabeth's parents hailed from Germany and Russia. Katie had nine brothers and two sisters; her beloved baby sister, Agnes Keller, age 90, is now the sole survivor of that large family.



Mack

Katie was always a hard worker. During high school, she clerked at JC Penney's and after graduation completed business college in Bismarck. Katie taught for a year in a one-room schoolhouse, boarding with a family during the week and driving home with her proud "Pa" on the weekends. Katie next sought adventure in Klamath Falls, joining her eldest sister, Elizabeth, and two married brothers. While waiting for her fiancé, Wendelin Mack, to return from World War II, Katie worked as a bookkeeper for the Lost River Dairy. Katie was proud of how she traveled alone on the train all the way to Louisiana to visit her love while he was stationed there.

Katie married Wendelin in November of 1945 after he returned from the Pacific Theater. They rented a farm near Drake for one year, then decided to take their six-month-old daughter, Karen Ann, "Out West." They settled in Albany, then Lebanon, and later in Eugene, Oregon.

During the ensuing years, Gary W., Arlen Anthony and Todd John were added to the family and there were many holidays and summer outings spent with both Katie and Wendell's siblings and families.

Despite being a tomboy as a girl, Katie became the ultimate housewife and good cook once she married. Her hands were never idle; she kept an immaculate and comfortable home, sewed, gardened, canned, crocheted, embroidered and hand-stitched 15 quilts. She also loved to read, play cards and enjoy her favorite

television shows. Katie always greeted visitors to her home with a welcoming smile and great food. These visitors included her many North Dakota relatives and her three sons' numerous friends, who made a habit of showing up when they smelled her homemade cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies and cookies.

After Wendelin retired, they moved to Hermiston to be near their daughter Karen, son-in-law George Anderson, and their three children: Beth, Sally and Will. Her sons all lived in southern California by this time, so it was a natural fit. The Anderson kids remember the many card games, sleep-overs, accordion music and meals they enjoyed with their beloved grandparents.

After Wendelin died, Katie lived in her home until her health required more assistance and she very willingly moved into Hermiston's Guardian Angel Homes. She lived there for seven years. During that time she had a steady stream of family and friends visit her and enjoy her delightful sense of humor and pithy remarks.

She was greatly loved. Katie is survived by her daughter, Karen (George) Anderson; sons Gary (Janice), Arlen (Joie), and Todd Mack; and by her grandchildren Beth Anderson, Sally (Tyler Hansell), Will (Sarah) Anderson, Grant, Brittany, Lauren, Lindsay and Christopher Mack; and by her three great-grandchildren, Hunter, Tyler and Anna Hansell.

Her life will be celebrated on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838, followed by a luncheon at St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838. Private family inurnment of her remains will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Please send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Theodore 'Ted' Waite Jr.

Boardman
April 20, 1953-February 3, 2016

Theodore (Ted) Waite Jr., age 62, of Boardman, Oregon, died on February 3, 2016, at TRIOS Hospital in Kennewick, Wash.



Waite Jr.

Ted was born into a military family on April 20, 1953, in Tyrone, Pa. He lived in Lincoln, Neb.; the Azores Islands; at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; in Vallejo, Calif.; and Clovis, N.M. He graduated from Clovis High School in 1972 and followed in his father's footsteps by joining the U.S. Army. After basic training at Ft. Polk, La., he was in the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C., as a paratrooper and rigger. He later decided to get into a health care-related field and became a behavioral health specialist after additional training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, in San Antonio. He was stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky., with the 101st Airborne Division, Eisenhower Medical Center at Ft. Gordon, Ga., and Ft. Sill, Okla. He and his family also spent six years living in Germany (Landstuhl and Neu Ulm), where they traveled extensively, visiting more than a dozen different countries. His love of traveling continued into later years, as he and his wife took annual cruises and traveled around the U.S., including trips to Hawaii and Alaska.

His military awards include the National Defense Service Medal w/ Bronze Service Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon 2nd Award, Army Good Conduct Medal 5th Award, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Parachutist Badge, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Ted was a life-long learner and loved to read. He completed an AAS degree with Georgia Military College at Ft. Gordon. Then he received a BS degree at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., with a dual major of sociology and psychology. He completed coursework at Vernon Community College and received his LVN (Li-

censed Vocational Nursing) degree at age 50.

Helping others was always a big part of every job Ted held during his lifetime. He did family and personal counseling and drug and alcohol counseling while in the military, worked at ASCOG (Assn. of South Central Oklahoma Governments) as an employment and training counselor in Lawton, Okla., and at Front Range Community College in Boulder and Longmont, Colo. After becoming an LVN, he worked at Red River Hospital and Hospice in Wichita Falls.

Aside from his family, Ted got the greatest joy from riding his motorcycle, hunting, and he loved to fish. He was an active member of the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club, the Patriot Guard Riders, and served on the Umatilla-Morrow County United Way for a short time before his death.

Ted is survived by his wife of more than 41 years, Emily, and his two children and their families: son Michael, his wife Jennifer, and their daughter Clare of Boise, Idaho, and daughter Tamara and her wife Jennifer of Peoria, Ill. He also has a sister Kathy (husband William) of Clovis, N.M.; Barbara (husband Tom) of Buckeye, Ariz.; and a brother Rick (wife Donna) of Lubbock, Texas. He is also survived by three sisters-in-law and three brothers-in-law, along with their spouses, and 22 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Theodore (Ted) Waite Sr., and his mother, Leona Waite.

Ted and his wife, Emily, were active members of St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Avenue, Hermiston, OR 97838. Services will be held this Saturday, February 13, at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to St. John's Episcopal Church or the Umatilla-Morrow County United Way, 125 S.E. Court Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Loren W. Hughes

La Grande
June 15, 1926-Jan. 29, 2016

Loren W. Hughes, 89, of La Grande passed away from natural causes with his family by his side on Friday, January 29, 2016 at a local care facility. A celebration of life will be held at the La Grande First Christian Church on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at 2 p.m. Casual dress is preferred by the family.



Hughes

Loren was born June 15, 1926, in Flagler, Colorado, to Loren E. and Mary M. (Colpitts) Hughes. His family moved to Stanfield, Oregon, when he was 3 years old. Loren attended Stanfield High School and in June 1944 enlisted in the Navy. He served our country during World War II stationed on the USS Carlisle (APA 69). After the war Loren attended Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls where he completed a watch repair course and also coached tennis, swimming and diving during the summer session.

Loren met his future wife, Betty Pass, at a rolling skating rink in Hermiston, Oregon. They were married for 65 years this past November. In 1950, Loren and Betty moved to La Grande where Loren worked for George Birnie in Birnie's Jewelry as a watch repairman. In 1955, Loren and Betty bought Birnie's Jewelry and ran the family business until they retired in 1999. When Loren first moved to La Grande he officiated college and high school basketball games, and later coached Little League baseball.

Loren and Betty's five sons were born in La Grande. Together they raised their boys on the ranch they purchased on Mt. Glenn Road. Loren loved the outdoors whether it was hunting, fishing, horse packing or bird watching. Loren taught his sons to love the outdoors as well. He always said that his sons were the greatest outdoorsmen he knew.

Loren and his family spent a great deal of time at the family's Bear Creek Cabin in Wallowa County, which became his preferred deer and elk hunting spot in the Wallowa Mountains for over 30 years. But horse packing and trail rides were probably Loren's favorite pastimes. In the 1950s, Loren went hunting with the McDaniel family in Wallowa County and fell in love with horse packing. He raised up 10

horses and mules and was hooked the rest of his life.

Loren was a member of the Lions Club, the Izaak Walton League and on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Youth Authority Riverbend Facility at Hilgard. He was a strong conservationist and a member of the Oregon Forest Practices Coalition, Hells Canyon Preservation Council, Blue Mountain Alliance and a co-chair of the Oregon Wilderness Society. He received a lifetime achievement award in 2011 from the Hells Canyon Preservation

Council. Loren helped start the local Union County National Wild Turkey Federation Committee. He was a member of Pheasants Forever, Friends of the NRA and also the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Among Loren's proudest achievements was working with Dick Hentze of Baker City mapping the 870 mile Blue Mountain Heritage Trail, a web of hiking and horse trails circling the Blue Mountains from Burns, Oregon to Lewiston, Idaho.

Most of all, Loren loved his family and the time spent in a wall tent next to a hot wood stove, waiting for the boys to come home from the hunt with the stories they would tell. His strong voice, laugh and handshake will be remembered by all who knew him.

Loren is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Hughes; sons, Wesley and wife, Sandy, of Irrigon, OR; Ed and wife, Susan, of Summerville, OR; Dale and wife, Linda, of La Grande, OR; Vint and wife, Linda, of Hailey, ID; and Lantz and wife, Susan, of La Grande, OR; sister, Beverly Holeman of Yuma, AZ; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Loren was preceded in death by his parents, Loren and Mary; sister, Bernice Brown, and brother-in-law, Don Holeman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wallowa Lake Lodge, Hells Canyon Preservation Council, First Christian Church Furnace Fund or the conservation organization of your choice through the Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande, OR 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Gay M. Van Schoiack

Hermiston
Feb. 7, 2016

Gay M. Van Schoiack, 85, of Hermiston died Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016, at her home. Graveside funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Dixie M. Olson

Condon
May 7, 1952-Jan. 30, 2016

Former Umatilla resident Dixie M. Olson, 63, of Condon died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, at her home. She was born May 7, 1952, in Heppner. A celebration of life service will be held Friday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the guest book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Gregory W.C. 'Greg' Hoffman

Hermiston
June 12, 1962-Feb. 5, 2016

Gregory W.C. "Greg" Hoffman, 53, of Hermiston died Friday, Feb. 5, 2016, in Richland, Wash., as the result of an accident. He was born June 12, 1962, in Hermiston. Arrangements are pending at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

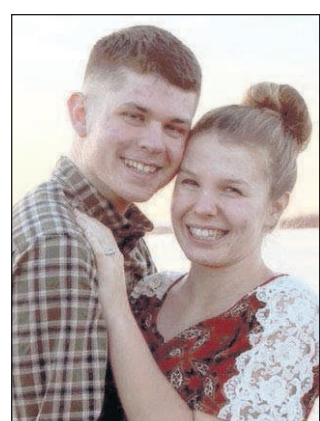
ENGAGEMENT

Stonecypher-Stricklin

Sara Stonecypher and Nate Stricklin of Springfield, Ore., are announcing their engagement. Sara is the daughter of Wes and Pam Stonecypher of Umatilla. Nate is the son of Jon and Natalie Stricklin.

Sara is a 2013 graduate of Umatilla High School. She will graduate from Oregon State University in March 2017.

Nate graduated from Piggott (Ark.) High School in 2011 and attended Arkansas State University and College of the Ozarks. He will finish his degree at U of O. He works as a small arms dealer at Cabela's and as a sales associate at Eugene Running Company. He is also a Marine reserv-



ist. The couple will be married Feb. 20, 2016, at 4 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church in Hermiston.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JAN. 28, 2016

MENDEZ — Maria Luisa and Alvaro Mendez of Umatilla; a girl, Cipriana Mendez

JAN. 29, 2016

KELLY — Angela Schneider and Jeffery Kelly of Irrigon; a boy, Peyton Roy Kelly

BONHAM — Tomara J. Gallagher and Luther E. Bonham of Hermiston; a girl, Sacora Lee Marie Bonham

FEB. 2, 2016

RAMOS — Tara Lee-Ann Ramos and Rafael Ramos Jr. of Irrigon; a boy, Alejandro Ramon Ramos.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

JAN. 26, 2016

FUNK — AlyShea A. Molina and David J. Funk of Irrigon; a boy, Uriah Joseph Funk.

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