

OBITUARIES

Jack M. Davidson

Concord, Calif.
January 29, 1930-February 24, 2016

Jack M. Davidson, 86, passed away February 24, 2016, at the Veterans Hospital in Martinez, California, following a short hospitalization.

Jack was born January 29, 1930, in Orin, Washington, to Harry and Beatrice Davidson. His family relocated to Pendleton where Jack attended Pendleton High School. He graduated from Washington State College (now WSU) where he was president of his fraternity and a member of R.O.T.C. Upon graduation he entered the U.S. Air Force with a commission of 2nd Lt. Following his military service he lived in Oakland and in retirement in Sonoma, Calif., until moving to Concord, Calif. to be close to his son



Davidson

and family during his illness with Parkinson's over the past several years. He is survived

by his son Jeremy and wife Elizabeth, and grandchildren Gavin and Emma, the joy of his life, all of Concord, Calif.; a sister, Bernice Cary of Pendleton; a brother, Bill Davidson of Beaverton, Ore.; and several generations of nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and five brothers (including Lillian Sorensen and, most recently Howard "Pat" Davidson, both long-time residents of Pendleton).

He was honored by a military flag ceremony at the VA hospital in Martinez, Calif., and will be buried at the VA cemetery in Dixon, Calif.

Alexxyss Leigh Therwhanger

Richland, Wash.
May 28, 1996-February 19, 2016

Alexxyss Leigh Therwhanger of Richland, Washington, former Hermiston, Oregon, resident, was born on May 28, 1996, in Watertown, New York. She died on February 19, 2016, near Pilot Rock, Oregon, as the result of an automobile accident at the age of 19 years.



Therwhanger

Alexxyss was raised in Idaho and then in Hermiston, Oregon. She attended the Hermiston Christian Center through junior high and high school, until her senior year. Alexxyss graduated from Kennewick High School in the class of 2014. She performed in dance recitals in Hermiston, competed in swimming with HHS, and was a summer lifeguard at the city pool. Alexxyss was currently working as an in-home care giver.

She enjoyed fishing, 4-H competitive shooting, volunteering at various community and school activities, and was a very talented writer (essays and poems). Alexxyss loved her sister Ashlynn very much and they had a special bond.

She is survived by her mother, Shannon Gilman, Richland, Wash.; father Bobby Therwhanger, Lubbock, Texas; sis-

ter Ashlynn Therwhanger, Hayden Lake, Idaho; grandparents Rick and Darcy Moulton, Hermiston, Ore., Tami Theriot, Reno, Nev., and Alfred and Rosejean Therwhanger, Seminole, Texas; great-grandparents Barbara Burns, Eugene, Ore., and Lana Edmiston, Umatilla, Ore.; uncles Travis Moulton and Garrett Theriot; and numerous great-aunts, great-uncles, and cousins.

Alexxyss was preceded in death by her grandparents Ron Moulton, John Edmiston, Norma and Max Parsons, Ed and Louise Ruppel, and Laverda and Norm Moulton.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at noon at the Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838. A private family burial will be held later.

Contributions may be made in Alexxyss's memory to Autism Speaks, ATTN Web Gift, 1060 State Road, 2nd Floor, Princeton, NJ 08540, Tax ID #: 20-2329938

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Gilbert R. 'Gil' Sheely

Pendleton
September 29, 1921-February 20, 2016

Gilbert R. "Gil" Sheely of Pendleton, Oregon, was born on September 29, 1921, in Fairmont, Minnesota, to parents Fred R. and Alma Martin Sheely. He died on February 20, 2016, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 94 years.



Sheely

Gil attended school in Fairmont, Minn., and then joined the CCC and was stationed in two different camps in the woods of northern Minnesota near Ely. When Gil was 17 and 18 he went, in his words, "bumming around," mostly by riding freight trains and hitchhiking. He first traveled the east coast and then traveled the west coast, working different jobs along the way to finance his travels including in a circus. While visiting the eastern states, he was fortunate enough to see the 1939 World's Fair in New York.

In 1941, Gil enlisted in the Navy for 6 years, serving as an aviation metalsmith. After WWII started, Gil repaired and maintained Navy planes. At his duty station at Corpus Christi, Texas Naval Air Station, Gil married Prudence "Prudy" Kiel in 1943. During the war, Gil was also stationed at Norfolk, Va., Florida, and the British colony of Trinidad. After the war, Gil and his wife moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where they had two sons, Fred and Craig. For 12 years in the

1950s and '60s, Gil owned a heating and sheet metal business in St. Helens, Ore. After selling the business, Gil did the primary work in building his new home in Lewiston, Idaho. Gil retired from the Spokane, Washington, Sheet Metal Workers Union and returned to Oregon. He had lived in Milton-Freewater and Pendleton for the last 20 years.

Gil especially enjoyed outdoor activities, fishing, hunting, and camping. He enjoyed fine cars, owning approximately 20 Studebaker automobiles, and was instrumental in starting the Spokane chapter on the Studebaker Club. Gil was a member of the Lutheran Church, the Elks Lodge, and the American Legion.

He is survived by his sons and their wives Fred Sheely (Arlene), Umatilla, Ore., and Craig Sheely (Karen), Florence, Ore.; brother Don Sheely (Caron), Seattle, Wash.; sisters Dorothy Bahr (Walt), Fairmont, Minn., Grace Siebrass (Hersh), Mankato, Minn., and Ilene Callstrom, Lenexa, Kan.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gil was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service will take place in May.

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Gary Ray Lovell

Hermiston
October 19, 1954-February 24, 2016

Gary Ray Lovell was born October 19, 1954, at Ft. Lewis, Washington, to parents Marvin Dale and Norma Jane (Zollman) Lovell. He died Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington, at the age of 61.



Lovell

He was raised in Wallowa County and graduated from Wallowa High School in 1972. He moved to the Hermiston, Oregon, area in 1972. Gary operated his sheep shearing business all over the Northwest and even one trip to Alaska. He owned and operated the Cozy Corner Tavern in Hermiston for 20 years. On May 12, 2007, he married Carolleen Carper in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Gary served on the Umatilla County Fair Board, served as a livestock judge and ran the Jackpot Lamb Competition. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking, canning, crabbing, gardening, and golfing.

He is survived by his wife

Carolleen of Hermiston; father Marvin (Evelyn) Lovell of Umapine, Ore.; sons Travis (Sarah) Lovell and Brian Lovell, both of Hermiston, Ore.; daughter Jennifer (Travis) Dorsey of Kentucky; brother Sammy Lovell of Hermiston, Ore.; sister Jackie (David) Huston of Ilwaco, Wash.; six grandchildren, Chance, Owen, Jade, Ajay, Ashly and Brynn; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma.

Viewing for family and friends was held on Monday, February 29, 2016, at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., in Hermiston. Burial followed at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Please send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Antoinette 'Toni' DeFriez Skinner

Hermiston
April 25, 1966-February 20, 2016

Antoinette "Toni" DeFriez Skinner, beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, died February 20, 2016, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 49 years. She was born on April 25, 1966, in Provo, Utah, to Stanley C. DeFriez and Joan Davis DeFriez.



Skinner

Toni is survived by her mother and her siblings; her husband Kevin M. Skinner; and their children: Wood (Jessica), Conrad, Jace and Jancee Skinner. She was preceded in death by her father.

Toni grew up in Heber City, Utah, but called Hermiston, Oregon, home for over 23 years. She was the senior class president at Wasatch High School in 1984, and graduated from Utah State University in 1998 in marketing and finance. Toni fulfilled her childhood dream by graduating with a Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Brigham Young University (BYU Law Temple) in 1991.

Then the best thing happened. She met a tall skinny cowboy from a small town on a blind date. They dated for a short time and then married in the Salt Lake Temple. She was admitted to the Utah and Oregon Bar Association. Toni was in private practice in Hermiston, Ore., and was

also county prosecutor for Umatilla County for many years. She was a dedicated lawyer and champion for the underdog. Through her law practice she truly did fight for justice for all. She gave her all to her clients, sometimes doing her work pro bono just to help someone who was in desperate need.

Toni was a devoted wife and mother, always putting her family before herself. She was a trusted friend and confidant always willing to bear others' burdens. Toni was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; she faithfully fulfilled many church callings.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Toni's memory to Pet Rescue c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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

Christian Marie Nelson Gall

Seattle
September 11, 1971-February 25, 2016

Christian Marie Nelson was born on a chilly day, Sept. 11, 1971, in Denver, Colorado. Krissy, as she went by, had a heart of gold and was definitely a free spirit. She had a love for her home state of Colorado and was a Broncos fan.



Gall

She spent most of her life in Hermiston, Oregon, and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1989. Then she had some college in Albany, Oregon, where she married Jack Christopher Gall. She had a love for business and was active in DECA and also loved accounting. She liked to cross stitch and loved to write poetry. She also liked unicorns and her little dog

Lady Bug. Then after having some life struggles she moved to Seattle, Washington, where she pursued her love of cooking and went to Fairstart Culinary School and became a chef. She went on to work at a bistro and then at Starbucks.

She is survived by her mother, Robin Nelson of Hermiston, Oregon, and her three children Scott Nelson-Gall of Lebanon, Oregon, Lynn Nelson-Gall of Minot, North Dakota, and Yvonne Nelson-Gall of Hermiston, Oregon. She is preceded in death by her father, Bruce Nelson, grandfather Stewart McElravy, and various other family members.

COURT REPORTS

Sentences

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

*Bobby Shane Charlton, 40, Corvallis, pleaded no contest to Assault of Public Safety Officer; sentenced to 29 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 2 years post-prison supervision and \$140 fine, plus court assessment.

*Onorio Jaime Ibarra, 26, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Burglary I; sentenced to 60 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections, 3 years post-prison supervision, \$140 fine and \$2,300 fine-suspended, plus court assessment.

*Blair Alan Simpson, 41, Lone, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine; sentenced to 3 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, \$440 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear on Criminal Citation; sentenced to \$40 fine plus court assessment.

MISDEMEANOR

*Asuzlea Kay Ochoa, 29, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Attempted Unauthorized Use of Vehicle; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$440 fine and \$500 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

*Kyle Christopher Clark, 22, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to Attempted Assault IV-domestic violence; sentenced to 90 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$40 fine and \$1,900 fine-suspended,

plus court costs and fees.

*Moises Castillo Guerrero, 35, Boardman, pleaded no contest to Disorderly Conduct II; sentenced to 90 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 40 hours community service, \$140 fine and \$800 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

*Vicente Veliz Jr., 32, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended; sentenced to 3 days jail, 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$940 fine and \$750 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

*Jonathan Bruce Banker, 51, Umatilla, was convicted of Wildlife Law Violation; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 60 hours community service, \$940 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 3 years fishing license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

*Jeremie Glen Edwards, 41, Hermiston, was convicted of Failure to Ap-

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY, FEB. 29

Hermiston Fire EMS calls — 10
Hermiston Fire motor vehicle accidents — 0

9:20 a.m. - A woman reported her purse had been stolen from a Hermiston church.

4:17 p.m. - Someone went to the Hermiston Police Department and reported the theft of a ring valued at \$4,000.

4:18 p.m. - An anonymous caller reported a pigeon with an injured wing in front of a business on Highway 395 in Hermiston.

4:20 p.m. - A resident of East Ridgeway Avenue reported someone living behind his home in a green tent.

8:53 p.m. - Someone reported hearing four shots fired in the area of Rick's Car Wash on Main Street. The caller described smelling gun powder.

SUNDAY, FEB. 28

Hermiston Fire EMS calls — 10
Hermiston Fire motor vehicle accidents — 0

12:18 p.m. - A Hermiston resident reported a strange noise coming from the attic above her water heater. On arrival, firefighters located the scratching noise from a vent pipe above the water heater. The home owner then stated she had covered a hole in the attic space the day before. Access was made into the attic space and a wood pecker was found trapped between a protective shroud and the water heater vent pipe. The bird did not appear to be injured at this time. The bird was placed in a shoe box and transported outside where it was released. The bird flew away without incident.

2:10 p.m. - Walmart Asset Protection reported an uncooperative male who "under rang" items and was refusing to give his name.

2:50 p.m. - Hermiston fire responded to a slow moving grass fire on Theater Lane. The fire was

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BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston FEB. 16, 2016

KELLISON — Krista Counsell and Julian Kellison of Hermiston; a boy, Aidan Christopher Kellison.

FEB. 17, 2016
REGIAN — Franki P. Coutts and Lucas A. Regian of Hermiston; a girl, Adylene LouAnn Regian.

FEB. 18, 2016
CARNINE — Kyle J. Carnine and Travis T. Carnine of Stanfield; a girl, Jory Jean Carnine.

DECHAND — Marissa DeChand and David De-

Chand of Hermiston; a boy, Orion James DeChand.

FEB. 19, 2016
KING — Brooke Mallory and Justin King of Hermiston; a girl, Harper Kay King.

FEB. 20, 2016
GONZALEZ —

Makayla Neely and Manny Gonzalez of Hermiston; a girl, Lillian Grace Gonzalez.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton FEB. 18, 2016

JAIME — Melissa Jaime and Margarito Ramos Jaime of Hermiston; a girl, Ruby Olivia Jaime.

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