

**OBITUARY**

**Violet Irene Hall**  
Hermiston  
March 19, 1926-March 28, 2016

Violet Irene Hall died peacefully in her home on March 28th, 2016, surrounded by her family. Her big heart finally gave out after 90 years. She was someone who was a friend to everybody. There were no strangers in her life, only friends she hadn't met yet.



Hall

Violet "Vi" Hall was born in Onalaska, Washington, March 19, 1926, to Rogel and Myrtle Music. She grew up with her parents and brothers in the Tacoma, Washington, area. After her father's tragic death, at age 12 Violet became her mother's biggest helper. During the Depression, Violet learned to be frugal and became one of the world's best at reusing and recycling, a passion she maintained throughout her life.



Hall

She met her future husband, Edward Hall, while living in Haines, Oregon, in 1944. They were married February 9, 1945. Vi, Ed and the four older kids lived in Haines until 1961 before moving to Hermiston, where Dale and Kathy were born. In the house on Baxter Road they raised their six children, instilling in them their values of love, compassion, integrity, honesty, and hard work. Their home was the neighborhood gathering place for kids who often enjoyed a sweet treat hot out of the oven. It was a warm and welcoming home full of books, games and puzzles for all of the kids to enjoy and learn from.

Violet believed in the value of education. She was a lifelong learner and passed this value on to all of her children. She was very proud of her 20-plus years as an OSU mom, serving as the local chapter's organizer and historian. Violet wasn't just a supporter, she was a cheerleader of her children's dreams, their education and all their various endeavors.

Violet was a volunteer extraordinaire. She was a leader of 4-H, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls. Countless hours were logged at school functions helping out wherever needed. She helped at blood drives for over 50 years and she believed in donating blood and was proud of her 8 gallon certificate. Later in life, never missing an opportunity to help others, she volunteered at the Hermiston Senior Center. Always proud of her family's pioneering roots, Violet worked many hours on the family's genealogy, recording her family's history for future generations.

In the early 70s, Violet was active with the original land use planning efforts in Umatilla and was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary. Learning about the area's geology captivated her interest enough for her to

enroll in classes at BMCC and to join the Hat Rock Rock Hounds exploring the area, the region and the state's geology. Additionally she was able to use her experience as a newspaper reporter and her love and talent as a writer to good use writing the Rock Hounds newsletter.

Violet held various jobs over her life. At the age of 18 she became a painter's helper in the shipyards during WWII, helping with the war efforts. She worked at the Umatilla Army Depot in 1943 and again in the 1970s.

Violet was a reporter for the *Record Courier* in Baker, Oregon, when she lived in Haines during the 1950s and again in recent years, recounting and reporting on her many memories of life in Haines. She worked at Walchli Farms on the potato line, as a custodian at Armand Larive Junior High School and McCabe's Café. She was also a lifeguard and water safety instructor. The job she loved the most was being a homemaker, as she lived her life for her family.

Violet was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Edward I. Hall, and her brothers Ronald and Ervin Music. She is survived by her six children, Martie (Myrtle) Lamont (Sam) of Fairbanks, Alaska, Edward Hall (Pat) of Littleton, Colorado, Timothy Hall of Seattle, Washington, Bruce Hall (Suzie Stacy) of Vancouver, Washington, Dale Hall (Valerie) of Lebanon, Oregon, and Kathleen Dopps (Ken) of Hermiston, Oregon; sister-in-law Lois Music of Baker City, Oregon; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and her large extended chosen family.

There was a memorial service for Violet on Sunday, April 3, at the Burns Mortuary chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Avenue, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial followed at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, Violet would prefer you make a donation to the Hermiston Senior Center at P.O. Box 854, Hermiston, OR 97838, donate some blood, or become a volunteer in your community.

Please sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Trampis Lee Palmer**  
Hermiston  
Dec. 12, 1973-April 3, 2016

Trampis Lee Palmer, 42, of Hermiston died Sunday, April 3, 2016, at his home. He was born Dec. 12, 1973, in Hermiston. A graveside funeral service will be held Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration of life service will follow at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston High School commons. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Dennis Horning**  
Hermiston  
March 29, 2016

Dennis Horning, 70, of Hermiston died Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at his home. A celebration of life service was held Saturday, April 2, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Send condolences at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Robert M. 'Bob' Biegel**  
Umatilla  
Jan. 13, 1933-April 2, 2016

Robert M. "Bob" Biegel, 83, of Umatilla died Saturday, April 2, 2016, in Hermiston. He was born Jan. 13, 1933, in Walla Walla. A family gathering will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Agnes 'Aggie' Vaughn**  
Umatilla  
April 10, 1931-March 29, 2016

Agnes "Aggie" Vaughn, 84, of Umatilla died Tuesday, March 29, 2016, in Hermiston. She was born April 10, 1931, in Jersey City, N.J. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Peter P. Hofer Jr.**  
Stanfield  
Jan. 8, 1946-March 30, 2016

Peter P. Hofer Jr., 70, of Stanfield died Wednesday, March 30, 2016, in Richland, Wash. He was born Jan. 8, 1946, in Raymond, Alberta, Canada. A funeral service was held Tuesday, April 5, at the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burial followed at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Stanfield. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Helen L. Jones**  
Hermiston  
Dec. 8, 1936-Feb. 23, 2016

Longtime Enterprise resident Helen L. Jones, 79, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 8, 1936, in Reedley, Calif. A celebration of life memorial will be held Saturday, May 7, at 3 p.m. at the Jones Ranch in Enterprise. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Robert Lee Tuma**  
Irrigon  
Aug. 8, 1947-April 1, 2016

Robert Lee Tuma, 68, of Irrigon died Friday, April 1, 2016, in Richland, Wash. He was born Aug. 8, 1947, in Chadron, Nebraska. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
MARCH 16, 2016

**MAYES** — Meghan Parke and Shawn Mayes of Hermiston; a girl, Khloe Kay Mayes.

MARCH 20, 2016

**HAUGER** — Kimberly Reynolds and Clifford Hauger of Irrigon; a girl, Araya Sunshine Hauger.

MARCH 22, 2016

**RILEY** — Christina M. Riley and James D. Riley of Hermiston; a boy, Owen Ross Riley.

MARCH 23, 2016

**ANDERSON** — Danielle Smith and Jacob Anderson of Hermiston; a boy, Hayden Michael Anderson.

**LIMBURG** — Janelle L. Limburg and Trevor B. Limburg of Umatilla; a boy, Joel Val Limburg.

MARCH 25, 2016

**COOMBS** — Cassandra Baker and Michael Coombs of Hermiston; a girl, Adilynn Michelle Coombs.

MARCH 26, 2016

**MASTERS** — Kayla M. Masters and Conley J. Masters of Irrigon; a girl, Ashtyn Jae Masters.

**ANNIVERSARY**

**Alvin L. and Joan M. (Adkison) Sather of Echo** are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary March 30.

Alvin and Joan met while serving in the U.S. Army and Women's Army Corps. They both worked at the Headquarters Office at Camp Zama, Japan. Alvin proposed to Joan by sending her a cartoon through the office mail.

They married March 30, 1956. Since marrying overseas they have four marriage certificates: one written in Japanese (legal one); American Consulate; Catholic Church; and Camp Zama, Japan. After their ceremony they spent one week at the Military Retreat at Mount Fujiyama, Japan.

Alvin and Joan have five children: Jodi Desjardins of Fox Island, Wash., William Sather of Hermiston, Kristi Bartley of Hermiston, Lauri Stubenrauch of Salem and Shari Humphrey of Hermiston. They also have eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Alvin retired as First Sergeant, U.S. Army, and Joan retired as Administrative Officer, McNary Dam Corps of Engineers. They enjoy camping, visiting the coast and spending time with family.



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