

OBITUARIES

Bettyjane Bruner

Hermiston
May 25, 1933-April 16, 2016

Bettyjane Bruner was born May 25, 1933, at Detroit, Michigan, to parents Edwin and Dolly (Zimmer) Gilpin. She died Monday, April 16, 2016, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 82.

She was raised in Camas, Washington, and graduated from high school in Washougal, Washington. She moved to Hermiston in 1950. She worked at the Crossroads Truck Stop as a cook and there she met the love of her life, Vernon Bruner, who was also a cook. They soon married and Bettyjane returned to school to become an accountant.

They managed an apartment complex in Walla Walla, Washington, for many years. They returned to Hermiston and lived at Sun Terrace Assisted Living Facility. She enjoyed attending church functions for the Baptist church. She was a quiet person who liked spending time with her friends. Bettyjane enjoyed playing bingo, crocheting, cross stitching and knitting afghans, but she

dearly loved her family and their gatherings, especially during the holidays.

She is survived by her children Richard (Gloria) Ross of Hermiston, Ore., Debra (Gary) Maxey of Hermiston, Ore., and Nona Ross of Lebanon, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Vernon; parents Edwin and Dolly Gilpin; and brother Keal Marson.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at 3 p.m. at Living Faith Church, 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Suite 300, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



Marcella C. Cate

Edmonds, Wash.
April 16, 2016

Marcella C. Cate, 79, of Edmonds, Wash., died April 16, 2016. She was born in Walla Walla, Wash., graduated from Foster High School, Seattle, Wash., and attended Washington State University.

Marcella was a loving daughter and a beloved sister and aunt.

She was generous and artistically talented. She loved people, dogs, horses and roses. Marcella was a gifted seamstress, tailor and quilter. As a flight attendant for many years with Northwest Airlines, she also enjoyed traveling. Later in life, she joined the Peace Corps and worked in Honduras with the nutrition program. After returning to the United States, she settled in Eastern Oregon and taught E.S.L. students at Hermiston High School, receiving an "Apple" award for ex-

cellence. Her twilight years were spent near her family in Edmonds, Wash.

Marcella was baptized in 1977 at Hinson Memorial Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, and was active in Bible Study Fellowship while there. After locating in Eastern Oregon, Marcella became an active member of the Stanfield Baptist Church, Stanfield, Oregon.

Marcella is survived by one sister, Joan, and brother-in-law Bob Jones; three nieces, Gayle Mahon, Karen Gion and Marilyn Shefvland; and nephew Clint Jones.

A graveside service will be held May 20, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the Wallula Cemetery, Wallula, Wash. A reception will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Oxford Suites, Hermiston, Oregon.

Beck's Funeral Home, Edmonds, Wash., handled arrangements.



Robert H. 'Bob' Gilcher

Hermiston
October 28, 1937-April 27, 2016

Robert H. "Bob" Gilcher, of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on October 28, 1937, in Longview, Washington, to parents Fredrick and Bertha Scrogin Gilcher. He died on April 27, 2016, in Seattle, Washington, at the age of 78 years.

Bob was raised and attended schools in Longview, Washington, until the 10th grade when he moved to Umatilla, Oregon. He graduated from Umatilla High School in the class of 1955. Bob was united in marriage to Neva Ann Nobles on April 6, 1956, in Hermiston, Oregon.

He went to work for Nalley's Potato Chip and they lived in Seattle and Aberdeen, Washington, and Hermiston, Oregon. They moved to Yakima, Washington, and raised their family. Bob owned Yakima Valley Cabinets, was a partner in the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise, worked for Noel Foods, and spent the last 10 years of his working career as the owner of the Jack Pot convenience store. He retired in 1999 and moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where they have lived since.

Bob was an active member of the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene and the Umatilla High School Alumni. He enjoyed bowling, hunting, woodworking, playing cards, traveling, and was an avid reader. Bob perfected his scroll saw skills with his RBI Hawk and gifted many family and

friends his unique art work.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Neva Ann Gilcher, Hermiston, Ore.; daughters Sandra Gilcher

Kimmel and her husband Gary, Portland, Ore., and Gail Andreas, Tri-Cities, Wash.; sons Dan Gilcher and his wife Carol and Steve Gilcher and his wife Sheila, all of Yakima, Wash.; sister Gerry Hamar, Klamath Falls, Ore.; sister-in-law Earlene Gilcher, Hermiston, Ore.; grandchildren Jerod (Sarah), Karl, Keith (Vanessa) and Daniel; great-grandchildren Hailey, Madelyn, Maisy, Ainsley, Eden and Blythe, and one on the way; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers: Dorsey, Jack, Nick, Dan and Glen; and sisters Miriam, Barbara and Pat.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Bob's memory to the Umatilla Alumni Scholarship.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



Betty Lou Norris

Wellington, Fla.
April 14, 2016

Betty Lou Norris, 91, of Wellington, Fla., and Hermiston, Ore., quietly slipped into eternity on April 14. She lived a notable life with her husband, Chuck, former commander of Umatilla Army Depot and Oregon state representative, who passed away in 2009.

Their legacy remains in four children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The memorial service will be live-streamed on May 4 from 12:45-2:00 pm EST. During this time you can join her family and Florida friends if you enter this link into your web browser: <http://ustre.am/45Zu>.

Flowers for the memorial service may be sent to St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 12200 W. Forest Hill Blvd., Wellington, FL 33414 by 9 a.m. Pacific Time on May 4.



Estephana 'Estie' Correa Billing

Echo
August 7, 1922-April 30, 2016

Estephana (Estie) Correa Billing passed away quietly on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the age of 93.

A lifelong resident of Echo, Oregon, she was born to Portuguese immigrants John and Estufania Correa on August 7, 1922, at their ranch next to the Umatilla River south of Echo. She was very proud of her Portuguese heritage and passed that pride on to her children and grandchildren. Estie went through all 12 grades at the public school in Echo, where she was an accomplished tennis player. Through her adult life she enjoyed gardening, following the Echo sports teams and watching all the political debates on TV. She swore this new breed of politicians would be the ruin of the country. She was on the Election Board, active with the Altar Society at St. Peter's Church, the Echo Museum and Senior Citizens in Stanfield.

Estie married Curtis Billing on July 1, 1945, at St. Peter's Church in Echo. Curt and Estie raised four children, Sharon Kirklind (Max), Scott Billing (Darlene), Sylvia Billing and Brenda Wright (Dwayne). She is survived by her four children, sister

Frances Chevés (Sam) and brother-in-law Clayton Norton. She was blessed with six grandchildren, Brook, Jill, Anne, Jonathan, April and Charlene, eight great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Curtis, her parents, sister Clara Norton, brother Jack Correa and son-in-law Dwaine Wright.

There will be a Recitation of the Rosary on Wednesday, May 4th at 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary and a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston on Thursday, May 5, at 10 a.m., followed by a graveside memorial at the Echo Cemetery. A meal will be provided for friends and family at Our Lady of Angels parish hall following the burial.

Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to the Catholic Daughters of Our Lady of Angels or Vange John Memorial Hospice c/o Burns Mortuary in Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please visit the virtual guestbook at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com to leave personal messages and stories for the family.



DEATH NOTICES

Ricky D. Wilson

Warrenton, Ore.

July 10, 1950-April 18, 2016

Former Hermiston resident Ricky D. Wilson, 65, of Warrenton, Ore., died Monday, April 18, 2016, at his home. He was born July 10, 1950. Private family services were held. Disposition was by cremation. Caldwell's of Astoria handled arrangements.

Michael A. Matthew

Hermiston

Feb. 26, 1940-April 28, 2016

Micheal A. Matthew, 76, of Hermiston died Thursday, April 28, 2016, at his home. He was born Feb. 26, 1940, in Spokane, Wash. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Clayton Eugene 'Gene' Goodwin

Hermiston

Sept. 21, 1940-April 28, 2016

Clayton Eugene "Gene" Goodwin, 75, of Hermiston died Thursday, April 28, 2016, at his home. He was born Sept. 21, 1940, in Cedar County, Mo. A celebration gathering will be held Monday, May 9, at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Private burial will be in Hood River, Ore. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Henry 'Bruce' Putman

McNary, Ore.

April 14, 1956-April 23, 2016

Henry "Bruce" Putman, 60, of McNary, Ore., died Saturday, April 23, 2016, in Portland. He was born April 14, 1956. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 7, at 3 p.m. at 12505 N.E. 151st St., Brush Prairie, Wash. Crown Memorial Center of Portland handled arrangements.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY

6:18 a.m. - A window was broken out in a vehicle on East Beech Avenue in Hermiston. The stereo was ripped out but left behind.

8:10 a.m. - Umatilla police began an investigation into a guest room break-in at the Quality Inn, 705 Willamette St., Umatilla, and theft of a TV.

9:34 a.m. - A Umatilla woman on B Street reported that Sunday night around 10:30 p.m. she caught a white female near her husband's car with the door wide open. She said she did not report at the time because she did not know she could make the report at night.

She added strange people started showing up at her house Sunday

night after someone pushed a white car there during the weekend. That vehicle was still in front of her house, she said.

11:35 a.m. - A vehicle drove through the chain link fence in the Garden Department at the Hermiston Wal-Mart. One store worker was struck and injured.

12:37 p.m. - A worker at the Port Of Umatilla on Launch Lane and Roxbury Road, Umatilla, reported they were unloading box cars when the smell of ammonia became so strong it was nauseating. The caller asked police to check it out because he did not think anyone at the port would do anything about it.

12:59 p.m. - Two men parked a red Nissan pickup at a house on

Sagebrush Road, Hermiston, then stood on a county road to cast fishing lines over a fence and into a pond on private property. That land owner said they were rude when he talked to them and asked for law enforcement to call.

8:02 p.m. - A man wearing a DirecTV shirt and claiming to be from DirecTV knocked on a door to a home on East Jennie Avenue. The man had no badge or documentation and was described as "strange" by the resident. He left in a green van with "Genesis" on the side, but cops were unable to locate the man to determine if he was connected with DirecTV.

meet with a Umatilla police officer in front of the Riverside Sports Bar & Lounge, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla, because she wanted to press charges against the unknown man and woman she fought with behind the city's other strip club, Honey Bunnz Hideout, 1201 Sixth St.

11:49 a.m. - Marijuana and prescription medications were stolen from a vehicle on East Main in Hermiston.

1:30 p.m. - An Echo woman called police about a raccoon that appeared to stumble as it crossed West Buckley Street to her yard and climb in her tree.

4:02 p.m. - A vehicle was "drift-

SUNDAY

8:43 a.m. - A woman asked to

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COURT REPORT

Sentences

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

MISDEMEANOR

*Clinton Lavon Lathrom, 41, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to Assault IV-domestic violence; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 60 hours community service, \$190 fine and \$750 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

*Rick Henry Cearns Jr., 25, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Criminal Mischief III; sentenced to 15 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, \$40 fine, \$400 fine-suspended and \$283 restitution, plus court costs and fees.

*Harley Wayne Bowe, 26, Chino, Wash., was convicted of Felon in Possession of Restricted Weapon; sentenced to \$375 fine plus court assessment.

*Jorge Oblea Rodriguez, 21, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$440 fine and \$1,250 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

*Victor Romero Ruiz, 36, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to two counts of Assault IV-domestic violence; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$190 fine and \$2,250 fine-suspended for each count, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Possession of Forged Instrument II; sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 80 hours community service.

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