

OBITUARIES

Jerry L. Cooper

Stanfield
May 23, 1937-July 17, 2016

Jerry Cooper of Stanfield, Oregon, passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2016, at the age of 79 at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Wash.

He was born in Denver, Colorado, on May 23, 1937. Parents were Joe and Maggie Christopher Cooper. He attended Stanfield schools, graduating from Stanfield High School in 1955. After high school Jerry began his farming career with his father, Joe Cooper. He raised many different crops throughout his 60-plus years of farming including mint, hay, wheat, melons, field corn, sweet corn, and a variety of produce.

Jerry married Pam Bateman of Umatilla on June 22, 1963. They raised four children in the home they shared for 53 years. In his early years he was a basketball referee throughout Eastern Oregon. Jerry served on the board of directors of both the Stanfield Rural Fire District and the Stanfield Irrigation District for many years. He was affectionately known as Mayor of Loop Road.

An avid fisherman he fished the Columbia River and took trips to fish the coastal waters of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. He enjoyed sharing his experiences of traveling to

England in 1981 and Russia in 1987.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Maggie Cooper. He is survived by his wife Pam; four children, Teresa Cooper Walchli, Randy Cooper (Brenda), Neil Cooper and Cheri Cooper Hanson; sister Vicki Saylor; and five grandchildren, Kenzie Cooper, Jack Cooper, Dru Walchli, Caitlin Hanson and Kendall Cooper.

Jerry will be missed by his family, extended family and many friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burial at the Hermiston Cemetery will follow the service. A "gathering" will take place at the family home at 77591 Cooper Road, Stanfield, following the burial.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stanfield Community Center, P.O. Box 744, Stanfield, OR 97875 or the Stanfield High School FFA, 1100 N. Main, Stanfield, OR 97875.

Please send condolences at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



Cooper

Ervin Cicero Williams

Echo
June 24, 1924-July 17, 2016

Papa Erv passed away at his home on July 17th at 8:15 p.m. on his favorite day "Sunday" at his favorite time "Sunset" surrounded by his loving family, friends, and his best buddy Skippy (dog) during the last days of his life.

Erv was born in La Grande, Ore., to Clarence and Elsie Williams and graduated from La Grande, Ore. He was in the Navy for four years, worked at the Umatilla Army Depot for over 40 years, and has been preaching at the Echo Community Church every Sunday for the last few years. He was a "Teacher of the Bible" and stated many times that he was a vessel for God, and when God no longer had a purpose for him he would gladly go to Heaven to be with his family there.

In his early days he was an adventurous outdoorsman who snow skied, mountain climbed, snow shod, broke horses and scuba dived. You name it he did it. He played in a Western band in the Echo City Hall. His love was the stand-up bass. Later years he squared danced and was a dance caller at the Grange Hall in Hermiston.

A lovely young woman, Jacquetta Jo Temple, was the love of his life. They met in Stanfield. Jo lived in the house across the street from Erv's apartment. Erv told Cindy his daughter that he knew he would marry that girl after the first time he laid eyes on her. Well, he was right, and they were married for 60 years. Jo passed away on Dec. 31, 2007. We are sure that she will meet Erv at the gate of Heaven, saying,



"What took you so long?"

Papa Erv was actively involved in Boy Scouts throughout his life and was awarded "The Silver Beaver" on Dec. 7, 1968. He survived a 240-mile bike ride through the Blue Mountains with 40 Boy Scouts. He was a great campfire storyteller who scared the pants off many kids and adults. A passion of his was to write poetry, stories and sermons. He was also active in Kiwanis (Northwest president for years), the Elks, Outdoor Ed, school functions, Meals on Wheels, many charities and just everyday life. He loved everyone and his door was always open. No one left his home without Jo's cooking and a "God Bless You" from Erv.



Williams



Williams

Everyone loves you, Papa Erv, and we praise God for the years that he has blessed all of us with you. Ervin Williams is survived by daughter Cindy Lucas and husband Randy, and grandchildren Stacy Frost and wife Krista, Seth Frost, JaMee Asher and husband Richard Alves and seven great-grandchildren; son Brad Williams and wife Tammie and grandchildren JoDee, Megan, Braden and Brooke Williams; brother-in-law Ed Temple and wife Bea; and sister-in-law Betty Williams.

Please come celebrate his life with us Saturday, July 23, at 11 a.m. at the Echo Community Church, following with military honors and a barbecue at noon. Bring your stories to share with us. Anyone and everyone is welcome, as Papa would say.

Craig Edward Gorham

Hermiston
October 12, 1951-July 16, 2016

Craig Edward Gorham of Hermiston, formerly of Pendleton, passed away Saturday, July 16th, 2016, at the age of 64. A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 18 at McKenzie Park in Hermiston, Oregon, and burial followed at the Cove Cemetery, Cove, Oregon.

Craig was born October 12th, 1951, to Paul Edward Gorham and Lois Aloha Gorham in Cove, Oregon.

Craig graduated from Pendleton High School in 1970 and is a Pendleton Football Hall of Fame member. After high school he earned his master's degree in education from Eastern Oregon State College in 1975. While in college he was captain of his wrestling team and earned Outstanding Wrestler of the Year in 1972.

Mr. Gorham was a favored teacher and taught science in both Stanfield and Hermiston for 13 years, coached high school football and wrestling, Little League softball, and hunter's safety before retiring in 1990.

Craig was an avid hunter and outdoorsman and broke the state record with the second-largest elk in Oregon. He was also former

president of the Northeast Bow Hunters Association.

Craig was a third degree member of Masonic Lodge #138 of Hermiston, a lifetime member of Masonic Lodge #91 of Cove and member of Hermiston Desert Shrine Club.

On August 4th, 2001, he married Karen Elizabeth Altizer at McKenzie Park in Hermiston, Oregon.

Survivors include his wife Karen Gorham; twin brother Greg Ernest Gorham; sister Paula Aloha Gorham; daughters Jennifer Aloha Gorham, Melinda Leigh Gorham-Rodriguez and Karen Cross Freely; son Raymond C. Freely; nephew Corey Gorham; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by father Paul Gorham, mother Aloha Gorham, and niece Stacy Gorham.

Craig was a teacher at school, home and in life. He always shared his knowledge, big heart and humor. He touched a lot of lives and will be truly missed.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



Gorham

Jason Michael Monroe

Richland, Wash.
February 26, 1980-July 10, 2016

Jason Michael Monroe, age 36, passed away at Trios Hospital in Kennewick, Washington, on July 10, 2016, after a brave and valiant battle against malignant melanoma. He was surrounded by loving family and friends.

Jason was born in Oregon City, Oregon, on February 26, 1980. Jason and his family moved to Hermiston when he was in kindergarten. He graduated from Hermiston High School in 1998 where he was actively involved on the track team. After graduation he joined the Navy. He went through the Navy Seal training program. He was then stationed in Guam for two years as Navy law enforcement.

After his discharge from the Navy, Jason moved to Florida and graduated from Marine Mechanics Institute with a diesel mechanics degree. He worked in this field until his return to Hermiston, at which time he joined the family business, Bert's Auto Salvage, performing inventory control and operating tow trucks. Jason later worked for Pasco Auto Wrecking and finally found his dream job with Compact Power Equipment Rental.

His love of all things

outdoors was something he shared with his father Michael Monroe and all of his closest friends. They enjoyed spending time together hunting, fishing, camping and 4-wheeling and mushroom hunting.

Jason is survived by his mother, Linda Monroe of Hermiston, Ore.; his sister Dawn Long and her husband Gene, Hermiston, Ore.; his beloved daughter Lucy of Portland, Ore.; his girlfriend Brenda Burge of Richland, Wash.; his grandfather Jim Langdon and his wife Phyllis; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Monroe, and numerous grandparents.

A celebration of life service with military honors was held on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at New Hope Community Church, 1350 Highway 395 S., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Private burial will be at a later date at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



Monroe

Margaret Katherine Swanson

Springfield
July 16, 2016

Margaret Katherine Swanson, loving mother, grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 16, 2016, at the age of 81 in Springfield, Ore.

Born in 1935 in Independence, Ore., Margaret received a high school diploma from Stanfield, Ore. She worked as a telephone operator in Pendleton, Ore., where she met and married Dean Swanson. She later worked as teacher's aide in the Hermiston School District before she became a successful business owner.

Margaret loved her family and friends. She was a beautiful person with a wonderful sense of humor and she loved playing the piano, painting and any competitive card game. She was a woman of faith who attended Bible Study Fellowship and St. Thomas Episcopal Church for many years. Her biggest joy later in life was her five grand-

children Joshua, Jacob, Ellie, Michael and Daniel.

She is survived by four children: David Gossler of Hermiston, Ore., Darcy Christian of Springfield, Sandi Burley of Oregon City, and Shari Short of Gladstone. She is preceded in death by her parents, Loy Melvin and Alta Lucille Gossler; brother Ronnie Gossler; and sisters Delores Petersen and Betty Lavelle Schurger.

There will be a graveside service for family and friends at the Siphon (Echo) Cemetery in Echo, Ore., on Saturday, July 23, 2016, at 11 a.m. with a Celebration of Life to follow at 1 p.m. at the New Hope Church located at 1350 S. Highway 395 in Hermiston.

Family is requesting that those wishing to make donations to please donate to the Alzheimer's Association or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Margaret's memory.



Swanson

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SUNDAY, JULY 17

2:08 a.m. - The Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a call from a resident of Mountain View Drive, Boardman, reporting his girlfriend had broken his hand. The caller said he would drive himself to the hospital.

11:06 p.m. - A resident of Pond Drive, Heppner, called the Morrow County Sheriff's Office to complain about the smell from a dead deer on the neighbor's property.

2:05 p.m. - Residents of River Ridge Drive, Boardman, complained to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office about a young man going door to door in the neighborhood asking for odd jobs. A Boardman police officer talked to the man and was told he was trying to gather funds to help pay for his grandmother's funeral, which was in a couple of days.

6:27 p.m. - A dump truck blew a tire on Interstate 84 eastbound near Boardman. Debris in the road caused another car to wreck. Boardman fire and ambulance crews, Oregon State Police and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

9:03 a.m. - An employee of Mikami Brothers Potatoes, 2601 S. First St., Hermiston, reported the theft of tires from the business the previous night. The caller had video of the suspect's vehicle and asked for contact from a Umatilla County sheriff's deputy.

8:02 p.m. - A boy was almost hit by a car while he was mowing the yard at his home on North Dunne Street, the boy's mother reported to Stanfield police. The car left the area and headed toward Pilot Travel Center, 2115 S. Highway 395.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

1:39 p.m. - A white full-size van with eight occupants got stuck on the railroad tracks at South Kennedy Street and Ramos Lane, Echo. Union Pacific Rail Road reported they had stopped the train until the vehicle was cleared from the tracks.

4:38 a.m. - A resident of Vista Trailer Park, 1800 N.E. 10th St., Hermiston, reported his car stolen. The caller said the vehicle was unlocked with the keys in it, and it had a half tank of gas. The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office took a theft report.

8:12 p.m. - A Umatilla police officer was called to Crossroads Truck Stop, 2020 Highway 730, Umatilla, by an employee of the restaurant who said a woman eating with her family was biting and pinching the children. The caller also said she

believed the parents were under the influence of something.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

8:11 a.m. - A resident of Hat Rock Road, Hermiston, reported a woman came into his house while he was taking a shower and took his tablet computer and \$40 cash. He requested contact from a Umatilla County sheriff's deputy.

9:57 a.m. - A person driving westbound on Interstate 84 near Boardman reported a man lying on the ground alongside the freeway with a piece of cardboard over his body. The caller requested a welfare check. Oregon State Police investigated.

10:03 a.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office were called when a person reported a Walmart bag in a ditch along the west side of the bridge on East Loop and South Edwards roads had some kind of hair sticking out of it. The caller wasn't sure whether the hair was animal or human.

10:24 a.m. - The manager of Mountain Glen Apartments, 200 N.E. Pioneer Drive, Heppner, reported her office was broken into and believes juveniles were the culprits. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office took a report.

7:42 p.m. - A four-year-old child wandering alone near the Don Baxter Skate Park, 8 N. Main Ave., Irrigon, was returned to his home by a Morrow County sheriff's deputy.

7:50 p.m. - The Walla Walla Sheriff's Office requested contact from the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office after two people involved in a car accident near Stateline Road and Highway 332 in Washington reported fleeing from an assault in Umatilla County.

8:59 p.m. - Prescription medication was reported stolen from a home on South Townsend Road, Hermiston. The caller named a possible suspect.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

7:10 a.m. - The Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Police Department and Umatilla Electric Co-operative were called to the vicinity of Marine Lane and Ullman Boulevard for a fire caused by an exploding transformer.

1:19 p.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report of severe damage to two fifth-wheel trailers in a secured storage area on East Elm Street, Hermiston.

2:22 p.m. - A resident of Lind Road, Umatilla, called the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office to report he thinks the neighbors are laying pipe

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