

OBITUARIES

Robert Howard Jepsen

Heppner
July 26, 1929-July 19, 2016



Jepsen

Robert Howard Jepsen, 86, of Heppner, Ore., passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Wash. A Celebration of a Life Well Lived was held on Saturday, July 22, at 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. Following the service, lunch was provided at the church.

Robert, or Bob as he was known by most people, was born in Heppner, Oregon, on July 26, 1929. His parents were Walter and Matilda (Burns) Jepsen. Bob was the third of nine siblings. He grew up on a Rhea Creek farm where his father raised laying hens.

He attended Ione School for all 12 years and graduated in 1948. After high school graduation, he attended Pacific University on a football scholarship and studied business. He then transferred to Eastern Oregon College where he also played football.

During college he met his wife-to-be, Suzanne Lieuallen of Pendleton, while skiing at Spout Springs. Bob was on the ski patrol and rescued Suzanne after she had fallen and broken her arm. They were married on June 24, 1951. Soon after their marriage, Bob took over farming the Dobyans ranch, where he had worked part-time since the eighth grade. While on the wheat farm, the couple had two children. Susan was born in 1952, and Bill came along in 1955. Susan went on to become a registered nurse and Bill a veterinarian. Bob and Suzanne continued to farm until 1991, when Bob retired and they moved to Heppner. Bob loved agriculture and continued to help his son Bill on the farm until his death. This would have been his 73rd harvest.

Church and community involvement were very important to Bob. He was a man of strong faith, believing in salvation through Jesus Christ and the promise of resurrection and eternal life in heaven. He was an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church and participated in their Cursillo program. In earlier years he was a Sunday school teacher at the Ione Church. He also spent many years working with a prison ministry in Pendleton and was involved with Full Gospel Businessmen's Association in Hermiston. Bob served in numerous other organizations including time as president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, president of the Willow Creek Country Club, and chairman of the Oregon State Farm Service Agency committee. Bob

was a member of the museum board, the county road committee and many local and state committees. Soon after retiring from farming and moving to Heppner, he was elected mayor. He served in that position for 12 years, from 1993-2004.

Over the years Bob has been recognized with many awards and honors, including Conservation Man of the Year in 1970, Oregon State Father of the Year in 1972 and, with Suzanne, Heppner Man and Woman of the year in 2002.

Bob enjoyed spending time outdoors. He was an avid snow skier and a member of the Mazamas Mountain Climbing Club for over 15 years. He also helped teach survival skills at Tupper Outdoor School to local sixth graders. Golf was another of Bob's favorite pastimes, right up to the time of his recent illness. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They will miss his love and his sense of humor.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife of 65 years, Suzanne; daughter Susan Bullington of Umatilla; son Bill (Nancy) of Heppner; four sisters, Elsie Baca of Maryland, Betty Maul of Coos Bay, Anna Larson of Portland and Evie (Mike) Elder of Eugene; two brothers, John (Jean) of Ione and Frank (Linda) of Milton-Freewater; six grandchildren: Brad Bullington, Matthew, Daniel, Eric and Rebecca. Jepsen, and Amy Jepsen Schaffeld; and nine great-grandchildren: Blake and Brody Bullington, Natalie, Seth, Cody, Abi, Laurelee and Anna Jepsen, and Whitney Schaffeld; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Virginia Wood and Mary Holtz.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living Facility, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836. Money will go specifically toward building a paved and landscaped walking path for residents there.

By the grace of God, Bob lived a long life, and he was full of life while with us. He worked and gave of his time tirelessly. He was loved and respected by many and he paved the way for a great number of descendants to be brought up in the fear of the Lord and with a delight to live with both intensity and trust. He will be often missed in the coming years.

Marvin L. Clarkson

Newberg
December 13, 1926-July 23, 2016



Marvin L. Clarkson, 89, of Newberg died Saturday, July 23, 2016.

Marvin was born Dec. 13, 1926, in Booker, Texas, to Eula and Edwin Clarkson. Marvin would be the oldest of five children. The family lived in Booker until Marvin was age 9. Hard times and the dust bowl blew them to southern Idaho. During Marvin's youth he discovered a love for growing animals and crops.

As Marvin became a young man he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in Berlin during the occupation at the end of the war.

On Dec. 31, 1948, Marvin married the sweet young Louise Hockett at Greenleaf, Idaho. They began their life together working on farms in the Greenleaf and Melba areas of Idaho. They were soon joined by a son, Danny, and a daughter, Barbara. In 1957 Marvin began working his own dairy in Notus, Idaho. In 1964 a third child, Chuck, joined the family.

In 1966 the dairy was sold and Marvin worked at various farms. In 1973 Marvin became the irrigation manager at Eastern Oregon Farms in Irrigon, Ore. After 17 years he moved on to George Fox University and joined their physical plant staff until his retirement at age 82.

On February 8, 2011, his beloved Louise passed away in order to get the garden ready for Dad to see it.

Marvin's passion was watching life grow. Sometimes it was plants. Other times it was animals, but the greatest joy was seeing spiritual growth in the lives of people. Marvin always had an influence on those around him through encouragement, wisdom and mentoring. Many students at George Fox learned to love Marvin and kept in touch with him. Later in life Marvin and Louise received a lot of joy through their involvement with the Foster Friends program that supported the GFU girls' basketball team. He continued to meet with two of his Foster Friends each week right up until his death.

Survivors include son Danny Clarkson, his wife Debi and children Bart, Katie and Lori; daughter Barbara Hatfield, her husband Ernie and children Jay and Robert; son Chuck Clarkson and children Joel, Amanda, and Caleb; brother Marion Clarkson; and sister Letha Dillon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Eula Clarkson, and brothers Howard Clarkson and Everett Clarkson.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m. at Attrell's Funeral Chapel in Newberg.

Joyce Carol Fuchs

Hermiston
November 23, 1947-July 19, 2016



Fuchs

Joyce Carol Fuchs of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on November 23, 1947, in Ada, Oklahoma, to parents Paul and Dorothy Nell Allen Turner. She died on July 19, 2016, in Spokane, Washington, at the age of 68 years.

Joyce was raised and attended schools in Ada, Oklahoma. She was living in California when she met a young man in the United States Navy, George Fuchs. They were united in marriage on August 27, 1976, in Reno, Nevada. They lived in Vallejo, Calif., for a short time before moving to San Diego, Calif., where they lived until 1994 when they moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. In 1998 they moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where they have lived since.

Joyce worked for a time as a teacher's assistant at West Park Elementary School and later at Rocky Heights Elementary School. Joyce enjoyed ceramics, sewing, gardening, and visiting with her friends. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, George Fuchs, Hermiston, Ore.; brothers Paul, Jerry Don, (twin brother) Royce Haroll and Douglas Turner, all of Ada, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Joanne Gomez.

Recitation of the rosary will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Joyce's memory to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org/donate.

Please sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

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JULY 13, 2016

DOLLARHIDE — Talese Dollarhide and Travis Dollarhide of Hermiston; a boy, Hunter Aaron Dollarhide.

JULY 17, 2016

COLGROVE — Ruby Colgrove and Genesis Colgrove of Hermiston; a girl,

Kamilah Rose Colgrove.

PEREZ — Stephanie A. Horn and Damion A. M. Perez of Hermiston; a girl, Isabella Marie Perez.

JULY 18, 2016

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