

**OBITUARIES**

**Maxine Marie Marcum**  
Hermiston  
May 5, 1959-February 12, 2017

Maxine Marie Marcum of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on May 5, 1959, in Hermiston, Oregon, to parents Harold and Thelma Girvin Marcum. She died on February 12, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 57 years.



Marcum

Maxine went to school in Stanfield, Oregon, graduating from Oregon Trail High School in 1977 and then attending Blue Mountain Community College for one year. She loved playing volleyball and tennis through her high school and college years.

After college, Maxine went to work for Pendleton Grain Growers in the Hermiston office where she performed clerical duties for many years. She later worked for Banner Bank in the processing center. Maxine became a foster caregiver around 2010/2011 to a longtime friend and continued helping him until her own health declined.

Maxine was a generous, loving, and caring person who would do anything for any friend or family member. Outside of family time she loved making quilts, trips to the beach, and baking for people she loved.

She is survived by her 10 brothers: Dennis and wife

Linda, Plymouth, Wash.; Eldon, Stanfield, Mike and wife Rosie, Hermiston, Gary and wife Carol, Hermiston, Kirk, Stanfield,

John and wife Charlene, Echo, Dean and wife Lawrie, Stanfield, Lloyd, Hermiston, Wes and wife DeeDee, Walla Walla, Wash., and Phil, Echo; five sisters: Donna Kennedy and husband Delbert,

Hermiston, Judy Fazette and husband Bud, Hastings, Mich., Kathy Findley and husband Ron, Ontario, Jennie Clymer, Stanfield, and Norma Kightlinger and husband Mark, La Grande; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, one uncle and two aunts.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, February 17, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Private burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield, Oregon.

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

**Donald L. 'Don' Fritts**  
Hermiston  
August 4, 1932-February 7, 2017

Donald L. "Don" Fritts of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on August 4, 1932, in Parma, Idaho, to parents Clarence and Ruth Tuning Fritts. He died on February 7, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 84 years.



Fritts

He attended schools and graduated in Parma, Idaho. Don was united in marriage to Naomi M. Smith on August 19, 1950, in Winnemucca, Nevada. They lived in Parma, Idaho, before moving to Hermiston, Oregon, in 1972 where he has lived since.

Don worked for Royal Columbia Farms for many years and later for Kent Madison Farms before he retired. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, bingo, his dog Lulu, and cherished time with his kids, grandkids and friends.

He is survived by his sons Jerry Fritts, Irrigon, Ore., and Steve Fritts, Tri-Cities, Wash.; daughters Tina Horn and husband Regie, Cascade, Idaho, Teresa Hubbard and husband Steve, Hermiston, Ore., and Tami Stone, Hermiston, Ore.; grandchildren Alicia (Scott), Brian, Natasha (John), Shayla, Shawn (Andrea), Brandon and Devin; and six great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Naomi Fritts, his parents, and a sister, Anna Fritts.

A private family gathering will be held. Those who wish may make contributions in Don's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave. Suite 300, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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**Brok D. Palmer**  
Hermiston  
February 28, 1999-February 6, 2017

Brok D. Palmer was born on February 28, 1999, in Hermiston, Oregon. He died on February 6, 2017, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 17 years.



Palmer

Brok attended grade school at Sunset Elementary and Desert View Elementary schools. He attended Armand Larive Middle School and was currently a senior at Hermiston High School. Brok had played AAU basketball, 3 on 3 tournament basketball, high school basketball, Grid Kids and junior high football.

He enjoyed cars, playing basketball, car shows, video games, listening to music, and was very social.

He is survived by his parents, Jackie and Robert Herrera, Hermiston, Ore.; brothers Damien and Dustin, and sisters Tyah, Katie, Lexi, Kiley and K'Lee, all of Hermiston, Ore.; grandparents Deborah Gardner, Ukiah, Ore., Michael Palmer, Colorado,

Rick and Cecilia Drake, Heppner, Ore., and Juanita and Benito Sanchez, Hermiston, Ore.; girlfriend Tanisha McLemore, Hermiston, Ore.; nephew Jaiden Palmer; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brok was preceded in death by his uncle, Trampis Palmer.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon. A celebration of life gathering will follow at 12:00 noon at The Pheasant Restaurant, 139 E. Main St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Contributions in Brok's memory may be made directly to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston to help with expenses at P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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**ANNIVERSARY**

Tom and Ida Serface of Hermiston are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married Feb. 16, 1952, in Stevenson, Wash.

The couple lived in Sweet Home, Deerhorn, Westfir and Bonneville, Oregon, before moving to Hermiston 44 years ago. Tom worked as a power house operator before opening his own insurance firm, Serface Insurance Agency. Ida was a stay-at-home mother and homemaker. They are both retired.

Tom is an avid golfer at Echo Hills Golf Course and enjoys square and round dancing, which he teaches as a member of Columbia Grange in Hermiston. He also served as Exalted Master of Tuscan Masonic Lodge #136 and is a member of the Hermiston Elks Lodge.

Ida also is a member of Columbia Grange and enjoys gardening, sewing, square and round dancing. She is also a SMART Reading volunteer in Hermiston schools.

Joining the Serfaces in their celebration are their daughter Diane Serface and son Dan Serface, both of Hermiston, and daughter and son-in-law Paula and Mike McKay of Albany. They



Tom and Ida Serface in 2017



Tom and Ida Serface in 1952

have a granddaughter, Morgan Wadlow and her husband Bryan, also of Albany, and two great-grandchildren, Royce and Maggie.

**Troy Elmore McGowan**  
Boardman  
April 12, 1926-February 12, 2017

Troy Elmore McGowan, 90, of Boardman, long time resident of Hermiston, died Sunday, February 12, 2017, at home.



McGowan

He was born April 12, 1926 in Texline, Texas, and was raised by his grandmother Suella Stewart. Forced to leave the Texas panhandle by the Great Depression, they joined the rest of the Stewart family who had gone ahead to Dayton, Oregon. Troy grew up with the Stewart boys, Bill, Dub, Charley, Jack and Tom, who all mutually considered themselves as brothers. Later in life they owned and operated the Stewart's Supermarkets in Pendleton, Hermiston and Umatilla.

After serving in the United States Navy in WWII, he came home and married his grade school sweetheart Deanie Rae Lamb July 26, 1946, in Salem, Oregon. He graduated from Willamette University in 1949. Troy went on to serve in the United States Army during the Korean War and served his tour in Panama. He came home a first lieutenant.

Troy was active in the Masonic Lodge Tuscan #136 in Umatilla, The Shriners, The Scottish Rite of Baker Valley, and Eastern Star. His accomplishments in these organizations are too numerous to mention.

He loved to fish and hunt and travel with his Airstream trailer pulled by his old Ford pickup truck and spending many summers with Deanie on the

Yellowstone. He loved to ride and he loved to shoot and he could do both at the same time.

He is survived by his children, Troy M. McGowan and his wife Judi of Salem, Kathie McGowan of Heppner, and Janet Taylor and husband Joe, also of Heppner; eight grandchildren, Troy McGowan IV, Patrick McGowan, Julie Taggart, Tracy Lehman, Trent Moses, Seth Moses, Kyle Moses and Crysti Taylor; numerous great-grandchildren, a few great-greats; and numerous nieces and nephews. Troy is also survived by his companion Shirley Donovan of Boardman, who remained faithfully by his side for 18 years.

Troy was preceded in death by his wife Deanie in 1989. He was also preceded in death by his brother Bill Stewart, his brother Charley Stewart, and his brother Jack Stewart.

Troy was a good soldier, a good Mason, and a good man. He will be missed by all he touched.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Shriner's Hospital or the charity of your choice.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla, Oregon.

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**John Russell Hendricks**  
Zillah, Wash.  
September 26, 1953-February 11, 2017

Left in the dark — I called him John; others called him my dad.

He was a man of many names to many people, depending upon when and where you knew him from. So many at one time or another called him a friend, brother, son, uncle, as just about everyone knew him or of him. He is gone way before his time should have been but the demons (which he struggled with off and on throughout his life on a daily basis) were far too great for him to overcome.

John passed away Saturday morning, February 11, in Zillah, Washington, at the age of 63. I know for a fact that he was a proud father, as whenever I was with him or went to visit he would tell anybody he knew and strangers alike, "That's my daughter." We had many good times together when I was growing up, which became further between as I became an adult, but if we had something planned he would get all gussied up

and ready to go with total excitement in his eyes. Our biggest thing when I was growing up was going to the local car races, which we did every Saturday night for as long as I can remember. Sunday, though, was left for Dale Earnhardt and NASCAR on TV.

He was an amazing truck driver for many years at Simplot (where he was known as JB, and the name carried on after), earning the number one and number two driver for many, many years.

So it is with these memories I say goodbye, so long to a good friend. It's been a long ride and now the struggle is over.

John is preceded in death by his father Dick Hendricks and son John Lee. He is survived by his mother Virginia Carnell; brother Gil and wife Nita Hendricks and many nieces and nephews; dear friend Tony Bliss and family; and myself, Dawn Hendricks, his daughter.

A private service will be held.



Hendricks

**Roxanne "Roxie" Hamilton**  
Pasco  
Jan. 30, 1958-Feb. 5, 2017

Former Hermiston resident Roxanne C. "Roxie" Hamilton, 59, of Pasco died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017, in Pasco, Washington. She was born Jan. 30, 1958 in Portland. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2004 N. 24th Ave., Pasco. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

**Thomas D. "Tom" Watkins**  
Hermiston  
June 1, 1924-Feb. 13, 2017

Thomas D. "Tom" Watkins, 92, of Hermiston died Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, at his home. He was born June 1, 1924, in Halfway. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

**David Ochoa**  
Hermiston  
Aug. 4, 1957-Feb. 6, 2017

David Ochoa, 59, of Hermiston died Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, in Hermiston. He was born Aug. 4, 1957, in Owatonna, Minnesota. A family gathering will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

**Roger L. Von Arx**  
Umatilla  
October 24, 1953-Feb. 9, 2017

Former longtime Pendleton resident Roger L. Von Arx, 63, of Umatilla died on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, in Hermiston. He was born Oct. 24, 1953, in Portland. A private family burial will be at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

**William E. "Bill" Jones**  
Hermiston  
Nov. 14, 1923-Feb. 9, 2017

William E. "Bill" Jones, 93, of Hermiston died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017 at home in Hermiston. He was born Nov. 14, 1923, in Joes, Colorado. A service will be announced and held at a later date. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

**Alice Ann Frerichs**  
Hermiston  
Feb. 27, 1934-Dec. 7, 2016

Alice Ann Frerichs, 82, of Hermiston died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, at her home. She was born Feb. 27, 1934, in Scottsbluff, Neb. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)

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A hundred years from now it will not matter what My bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the Life of a Child.