

**OBITUARIES**

**Violet Mae Abercrombie**

**Hermiston**  
February 13, 1931-April 13, 2017

Violet Mae Abercrombie, 86, died peacefully at her home in Hermiston, Oregon, on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Violet was born Friday, February 13, 1931, at her grandparent Harbaugh's home on Weeding Lane in Blackfoot, Idaho, daughter of Anglo Moore Saxton and Ethel Harbaugh Saxton. For the first 19 years of her life she lived on a small family farm just down the road from where she was born. Violet graduated from Black Foot High School in 1949; during those high school years she lettered in the Glee Club. After graduation, her first job was for King Five & Dime store in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Violet had read and dreamed of one day visiting the Yakima Valley in Washington state. One day her sister Vilate introduced her to a young man just out of the Army. This young man was John David Abercrombie from Yakima, Wash. They fell in love and married November 10, 1950, at her parents' home in Blackfoot, Idaho.

John milked cows and worked on farms in Utah, California, Oregon and Washington. Violet started working as a grocery cashier for Corno's bulk food and produce market in Portland, Oregon, in 1960. After a few years, she began working for Safeway as a cashier. After a few additional moves (from Portland, Oregon to Idaho Falls, Idaho; Kent, Washington; New Plymouth, Idaho; and Ontario, Oregon) she finally settled in Stanfield in 1978. In 2003 she moved to her current home in Hermiston. She continued working for Safeway, retiring from the Hermiston store in 1994.

Violet was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and she was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She was instrumental in starting a chapter of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in Hermiston: "The Meadow Lark Camp." Violet held many ward and stake callings in the church from Young Women leader, Cub Scout den mother, Relief Society home visitor, Stake Relief Society secretary, stake single adult rep., stake librarian and ward bulletin editor, to name a few. The calling she loved most was as the Hermiston Stake Genealogy Extraction coordinator, which she faithfully fulfilled for over 15 years. Violet loved visiting temples and doing temple work.

Violet volunteered often for the Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start. She volunteered reading with elementary school students, Hospice in-home care and was a coordinator for the local Red Cross blood drives. She was always happy to volunteer her time and energy in the community and church.

She loved to travel and after she retired went on several cruises: Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Belize; Mayan ru-

ins; the Caribbean; and Alaska. She went to Asiago, Italy, Rome and England with her daughter Lenda and son-in-law Jeffery Rothleutner. She loved to share her adventures and photos of the many places she visited with whoever came over to the house.

Violet was a very talented woman, although she claimed she didn't have a talented bone in her body. Her hobbies were quilting, painting ceramics and shirts, macramé, dancing, singing, fishing, traveling, crocheting, embroidery, making clothes for her children and grandchildren, canning and preserving foods and her flower gardens, to name a few.

If anyone was in need of anything, even if it was just to listen or to give a hug, she was there, no matter the time of day or night. She based her life on the words of she her favorite hymn, "Have I Done Any Good in the World Today."

Violet is survived by her two brothers, Anglo Elias Saxton of Pingree, Idaho, and Thomas Harbaugh Saxton of Blackfoot, Idaho; daughter Ethel Lenda Rothleutner and husband Jeffery A. Rothleutner of Mesquite, Nevada, and grandchildren Gary Troy Hill Jr. of Spanaway, Washington, Ryan A. Rothleutner, Landon A. Rothleutner and Haley R. Rothleutner of Mesquite, Nevada, and Lindsey Rothleutner of Denver, Colorado; daughter Valerie Jean Crosby and husband Verlyn Eugene (Geno) Crosby of Hermiston, Oregon, and grandchildren Timothy Anglo Crosby of Umatilla, Oregon, and Eddie Eugene Crosby of North Pole, Alaska; son John David Abercrombie II and wife Elizabeth Abercrombie of Bonnie Lake, Washington, and granddaughters Theresa Rasmussen of Weiser, Idaho, Patrice Mae Lavoy-Worrell of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Rebecca Abercrombie-Otis of Puyallup, Washington, Saadia Obrovac of Bonney Lake, Washington, and Jessica Abercrombie of Puyallup, Washington; three stepgrandchildren, Joseph Francis Beckman II of Tumtum, Washington, Angela Cosson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Rachel Middleton of Malden, Washington; 39 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Anglo Moore and Ethel Saxton; sisters Marie Saxton, Hellen Stevens and Vilate Sauls; husband John David Abercrombie; daughter Saadia Irene Abercrombie; son Anglo Thomas Abercrombie; and two great-granddaughters, Lillian and Angela.

Memorial services were held on April 19, 2017, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hermiston, Oregon, with interment at Pleasant View Cemetery, Stanfield, Oregon.

Arrangements were under the direction of Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, Oregon.



**Abercrombie**

**Robert L. 'Bob' Miller**

**Hermiston**  
April 18, 2017

Robert L. (Bob) Miller, 71, passed peacefully at home on April 18, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon.

Born in Yakima, Washington, Bob was adopted by Clarence and Audrey Miller of Spokane. Bob grew up in Spokane, graduating from high school before enlisting in the Army where he was stationed in Germany and joined the boxing team. Returning from his service, Bob worked as a draftsman while completing night classes to earn his professional land surveyor's title.

Striking out on his own, Bob's surveying business connected him with the Port of Morrow, where he was hired on as operations manager and eventually promoted to director. Bob went on to become the executive director at the Port of Astoria, before moving to Arizona to assist with a family business. He was recently honored for his accomplishments in the port industry.

In 2008, Bob returned to Eastern Oregon to be closer to family. Some years later, with a change to the adoption record laws, Bob was able to find his birth family — which included four sisters and over 20 nieces and nephews. Unfortunately,

his discovery came after the passing of his birth parents, Bill and Marion McCardell of Goldendale, Washington.

Bob is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughters Tami, Laura, Holly and Jody; stepsons, Troy and Darin; grandchildren Ali, Adam, Audra, Amanda, Cody, Jacob, Noah, Austin, Robin and Jesse; and great-granddaughters Rhi and Evie.

Bob is also survived by his brother, Richard, and sisters Cindy, Donnie and Debbie. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Audrey Miller, and sisters Twyla and Patsy.

A lifelong motorcycling enthusiast, Bob's life and love of the road, along with his military service, were celebrated on Saturday, April 22, at 4 p.m. at First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. A brief graveside service was held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Cove Christian Camp of Cove, Oregon.

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

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



**Miller**

**Walter J. Frederiks**

**Roseburg**  
November 18, 1943-March 18, 2017

Our brother Walter held a special bond with animals and specifically horses. He won many cutting horse futurity awards over the years and was happiest around his horses and meeting the people who had the same passion.

Walt graduated from North Marion High School in 1962. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. After serving in the Army he traveled extensively in Europe. He returned to Oregon and obtained his bachelor's degree from Portland State University before pursuing a master's program in hydrology and climatology at Southern Illinois University.

Walter was an entrepreneur, owning several businesses associated with cattle, horses, cars, trucks and trailers. Walt was a resident in Hermiston until September of 2016 and owned a business in Hermiston, America West Trailer Sales.



**Frederiks**

Walt's sense of humor and ability to see positive in every situation. During his life's journey he touched many hearts, both people and animals. One of his most endearing qualities was that he championed those less fortunate by giving them a helping hand. To the very end of his life he always ended his emails, and conversations with "Life is Good."

Walt is survived by his siblings Fred, Evert (Vilma), Johanna Samson (Dennis) and Lis Farm (Jeff), and numerous nephews and nieces.

In remembrances of Walt's life, we ask that you contribute to any horse rescue organization or local Humane Society.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Robert J. 'Bob' Pichall**

**Umatilla**  
April 3, 1929-April 22, 2017

Former Boardman resident Robert J. "Bob" Pichall, 88, of Umatilla died Saturday, April 22, 2017, in Hermiston. He was born April 3, 1929, in Aurora, Nebraska. A graveside service with military honors will be held Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Norma Lou Quick**

**Hermiston**  
Nov. 9, 1920-April 21, 2017

Norma Lou Quick, 96, of Hermiston died Friday, April 21, 2017, at her home. She was born Nov. 9, 1920, in Gretna, Nebraska. A celebration of life service is pending.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Calvin Roberson**

**Springfield, Ore.**  
Aug. 14, 1925-April 16, 2017

Former Hermiston resident Calvin Roberson, 91, of Springfield, Oregon, died April 16, 2017, in Springfield. He was born August 14, 1925, in Savanna, Oklahoma. A memorial gathering for family will be held in August for Calvin and wife Virginia on the Oregon coast.

**Ralph B. Cota**

**Boardman**  
Feb. 6, 1958-April 16, 2017

Ralph B. Cota, 59, of Boardman died Sunday, April 16, 2017, at his home. He was born Feb. 6, 1958, in Casa Grande, Arizona. A celebration of life service was held Thursday, April 20, at 5 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Ramon 'Ray' Juarez**

**Irrigon**  
April 5, 1922-April 24, 2017

Ramon "Ray" Juarez, 95, of Irrigon died Monday, April 24, 2017, in Richland, Washington. He was born April 5, 1922, in Big Wells, Texas. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**PUBLIC RECORDS LOG**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
12:08 a.m. - A customer threatened a bouncer at a business on East Main Street, Hermiston.  
12:14 p.m. - A male was harassing some people at West Joseph Avenue, Hermiston.  
2:30 p.m. - A possible drunk bicyclist was reported at Southeast 10th and East Main streets, Hermiston.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
9:54 p.m. - A woman was reported to be on foot, talking incoherently and out of control near Sandstone

Middle School.  
11:41 p.m. - A 15-year-old boy was reported to have run away from home at Southwest Desert Oak Drive, Hermiston.

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**COURT REPORT**

**SENTENCES**

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

**FELONY**

- Jason Walter Rhorer, 35, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to conditional discharge.
- Francisco Dominique Jauregui, 24, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended/Revoked: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction unit, 90 maximum jail units, 120 hours community service, \$2,000 fine and \$1,000 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.
- Sarah Ann English, 27, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance-Schedule II: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine and \$1,800 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees (conditional discharge).
- Sonia Garza Garcia, 47, Hermiston, pleaded no contest to Possession

of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

• Jaime Castillo Guerrero, 36, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 40 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$1,550 fine-suspended and 6 months driver's license suspension (conditional discharge).

**MISDEMEANOR**

- Joshua Charles Donley, 48, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUI: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 180 hours community service, \$255 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended/Revoked and Disorderly Conduct II: sentenced to \$100 fine for each count.

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**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**APRIL 13, 2017**

**EZELL** — Elizabeth Dykkestern and Trent Ezell of Hermiston: a boy, Silas Milroy Ezell.

**POTTER** — Curstin M. Potter and Blake M. Potter of Umatilla: a boy, Easton Alan Potter.

**APRIL 15, 2017**

**EDWARDS** — Natalie Edwards and Jonathan Edwards of Hermiston: a boy, Jacob Lee Edwards.

**EVANS** — Stephanie M. Bates and Johnny L. Evans Jr. of Hermiston: a boy, Jaqzen Cedar Evans.

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