

OBITUARIES

Arthur Samuel (Sam) Burford

Mexico, New York

January 11, 1931 - June 10, 2017

Arthur Samuel (Sam) Burford, 86, left this world on June 10, 2017.

Sam, an only child, is survived by his wife of 62 years, Darlene N. (Moore) Burford, his dearly loved daughters, Karen L. (Burford) Williams (son-in-law James H. Williams) of Shenandoah Junction, WV and Kay L. (Burford) Wells (son-in-law Yancey D. Wells) of Mexico, N.Y.; and his treasured grandchildren: Jessica K. Williams, Cassandra J. Williams, Brennan J. Wells, Dusten S. Wells and Logan M. Wells.

Sam was born on January 11, 1931, in Sand Point, Idaho and lived there with his grandparents and great grandparents until the age of 4. Sam's father eventually moved with him to Oregon where Sam attended grade school and Hermiston High School. After a year of traveling across the USA and working odd jobs as a milkman, laborer and service station attendant, Sam joined the Army in 1950. Sam was stationed in California, Hawaii and Eniwetok, the Marshall Islands, obtaining the rank of sergeant until his honorable discharge in 1953.

After being discharged Sam moved back to Hermiston, married Darlene in October 1954 and started a family. He was employed on the security force at the Umatilla Army Depot until 1957. Sam had a deep respect for the law and authority and was fascinated by all things to do with the law. He devoted his career to excelling in all aspects of law and security enforcement and was honored with many achievements, awards and certificates for always completing and performing outstanding/first-rate work. From 1957 to 1960 Sam worked as a deputy sheriff in Umatilla County. He returned to the Umatilla Army Depot in 1960 as a security specialist.

In May of 1968 Sam transferred from the Umatilla Army Depot to work for the U.S. Navy at Subic Bay Naval Base, Subic Bay, The Philippines, along with his wife Darlene and daughters, Karen and Kay. The family would end up calling Subic Bay "home" and Sam and Darlene lived in The Philippines for over 15 years. Sam was employed at the Provost Marshal's Office as Director of Physical Security from 1968 until 1974.

He then transferred to the Naval Supply Center at Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia, from 1974 until 1976 at which time he and the family returned to Subic

Bay Naval Base, The Philippines and a job as Director of Security at the Naval Supply Center at which he remained until he retired from federal service on January 2, 1987. Upon retirement, Sam and Darlene returned to Oregon where Sam then was employed from February 1987 until December 1995 by the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton, Oregon.

In May of 1996 Sam and Darlene relocated to Mexico, New York to be near both daughters and his grandchildren. Sam was an intelligent, stand-up guy, steadfast, sensible, responsible, reliable and thoughtful. Sam had a passion for reading and writing, which he happily and fortunately passed on to Karen and Kay. Whether it be reading for pleasure or studying for another certificate, he always had a book or pen in hand. He would often start a book in the evening after work and still be sitting in the same chair, just finishing the last chapter when his daughters got up to get ready for school the next morning — and then go to work and do an exceptional job.

After moving to New York, Sam enjoyed learning to use the computer, corresponding by email with his daughters, grandchildren and friends, researching his ancestors, and caring for Kay's farm animals.

Sam will be missed by his barnyard buddies Frisco the horse, Kitty Cat the cat, Debbie the chicken and Guinea the guinea hen. Sam was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Marie Hunt Burford (November, 1911–January 1931), Arthur James Burford (July 1895–March 1980), Baby Burford (April 1961) and his four legged canine best friends, Maggie and Wallie. Sam was always there for his family no matter what. His daughters are heartbroken and it is with incredible difficulty that the family says goodbye to someone whom they looked up to, counted on and loved so much.

Sam will be buried in Fox Cemetery, Fox, Oregon. Services are at the convenience of the family and will be announced after details have been finalized. Arrangements are in the care of Harter Funeral Home, Mexico N.Y.

"There will be peace in the valley for me some day, there will be peace in the valley for me, oh Lord I pray, there'll be no sadness, no sorrow, no trouble I'll see, there will be peace in the valley for me."

Community Church, 1240 E. Highway 730, Irrigon. Burial will follow at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Bennett) Jackson

Forest Grove

February 26, 1924–November 23, 2016

Elizabeth "Betty" Bennett was born February 26, 1924 in Austin Minnesota, the daughter of William and Mary (Walters) Bennett. She died November 23, 2016 in Forest Grove.

Erna A. Hiigel

Hermiston

Erna A. Hiigel, 91, of Hermiston died Tuesday, June 27, 2017, in Hermiston. No services are planned. To leave an online condolence for the family go to www.burnsmortuary.com.

Larry Michael Sater

Hermiston

March 16, 1944 — June 20, 2017

Larry Michael Sater, 73, passed away June 20, 2017, at Regency Care Facility, Hermiston.

Larry was born March 16, 1944, in Hermiston to Ermol and Miriam Swarner Sater. He attended school in Wallowa through the second grade and finished school in Hermiston, graduating in 1962. He participated in football, basketball and track.

Larry graduated from Oregon State University in 1967 then went to work for State Farm Insurance in Salem. He married Jill Thomas of Hermiston then later divorced. After being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at 27, he moved back home to be closer to family. He was an active member of the United Methodist Church until he was no longer mobile. Lar-

ry was an avid Beaver fan and often traveled around town with his OSU banner fluttering from his electric wheelchair.

He is survived by his daughter Holly, son-in-law Rob Burch and granddaughter Grace of Portland, sister Shirley (Mick) Kilby of Athena, brother Jon (Chris) Sater of Eugene, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at the Hermiston Cemetery. Donations can be made to Hermiston United Methodist Church or the Multiple Sclerosis Society through Burns Mortuary, Hermiston.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

Bill J. Reed

Pendleton

November 5, 1932 - June 25, 2017

Bill J. Reed, 84, of Pendleton passed away on June 25, 2017, in the loving company of his wife and children. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 30, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Sun Ridge Retirement Community, 3234 S.W. Nye Ave. in Pendleton.

Bill was the youngest of seven born to Clarence and Ethel (Keller) Reed on November 5, 1932. During his youth, Bill worked at a local dairy and after graduating from Boone High School in 1951, he joined the Navy. During his time in the Navy he was stationed in Hawaii and a short time in Tokyo where he served on an aircraft carrier as a postman.

After being honorably discharged he met and married and they adopted two daughters. He moved to Minnesota to take a desk job for his employer, he found he was not an office person and soon left that for self-employment as a candy vendor. The family enjoyed many vacations together, Bill's favorite being Hawaii. He also enjoyed baseball games, gambling, golf, fishing and constructing model airplanes and cars. Later in his life he began writing fiction books (close friends and family provided much inspiration for characters).

Once Bill retired he bought a lake home to share with friends and relatives. He also traveled, which brought him to visit his sisters in Sun City, Arizona. Now a single man, it was during one of these visits

Bill met the love of his life, Jean. Shortly after meeting her he proclaimed to his sister that he was "going to marry that girl one day."

On March 10, 1998, in Reno, Nevada, the two were wed.

Their living arrangements on a golf course year-round in Woodburn, Oregon, and Surprise, Arizona, allowed for the two to indulge in all the golf they wanted. Bill also found a lot of joy as Jean played the piano and sang songs. They enjoyed all of the time they were able to spend together and among their family and in their travels together.

He is preceded in death by four siblings, Charles (Betty) Reed, Robert (Francis) Reed, Pearl (Stanley) Richmond and Marie Seiler.

Bill is survived by his siblings Donald (JoAnn) Reed and Marilyn Crohan; wife Jean (Turner-Runnion) Reed; children William (Kelly) Runnion, Steven (Vicki) Runnion, Todd Runnion, Janet (Ray) Koch, Teresa Strong and Barbara (Adam) Lofgren; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Contributions in the memory of Bill may be made to Sun Ridge Adult Care Facility c/o Cheryl Newsom 2810 S.W. Nye Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling the arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

3:58 p.m. — A woman reported that someone came into her residence and stole her Dremel tools and some computer items that were in a pouch, at her home on West Quince Avenue, Hermiston.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

7:40 a.m. — A prowler was reported breaking glass at Northeast Fourth Street, Hermiston.

11:49 a.m. — A missing person was reported at East Main Street, Hermiston.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

6:22 p.m. — A caller is reporting that someone hit her room on West Park Avenue, Hermiston.

9:39 p.m. — A possible transient camp was set up at Payless Shoe Source, North First Street, Hermiston.

10:43 p.m. — A caller was assaulted by their boyfriend on Southeast Ninth Street, Hermiston.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

3:20 p.m. — A man in a blue Ford Taurus was refusing to leave the area, and was videotaping the person who asked him to, at East Main Street, Hermiston.

5:51 p.m. — A dog was reported in a car in the sun with the windows up, at South Highway 395, Hermiston.

10:01 p.m. — A caller reported that

their vehicle was hit, and now they are chasing the person who hit it, at West Elm Avenue and Northwest Second Street, Hermiston.

11:07 p.m. — A caller reported that a male pulled a gun on him, at Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

11:42 p.m. — A suspicious male was reported lurking with a knife, at South Highway 395, Hermiston.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

12:27 p.m. — A caller reported thousands of honey bees in trees at Riverfront Park, on Southwest 23rd Street, Hermiston.

7:37 p.m. — Shots fired reported at Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

10:10 p.m. — Shots fired reported at Southwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

6:19 a.m. — An assault was reported at Southwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

7:25 a.m. — A man was laying in the alley at North First Street, Hermiston.

10:15 a.m. — A man was reported laying half on the sidewalk and half in the road at Northeast Fourth Street and East Jennie Avenue, Hermiston.

10:43 p.m. — A man reported that his daughter is having mental episodes, and may be a danger to herself and others. He hasn't had contact with her in more than a year and a half, but he wanted the police to be aware of her mental illness.

George John Luciani

Echo

October 2, 1925 — June 23, 2017

George John Luciani, 91, of Echo, Oregon, passed away peacefully at his home on Butter Creek surrounded by his family on June 23, 2017.

George was born in Echo, Oregon, in a Union Pacific section house on October 2, 1925, to Giovanni "John" Luciani and Rosina Dimico Luciani. George was raised and attended school in Echo where he excelled at basketball. He graduated from Echo High School in 1943, and a year later he enlisted in the United States Army.

During that time George met the love of his life, Beatrice Haugen, a sweet Norwegian girl from South Dakota whom he was introduced to by his sister Carmelita and her husband Fiore Borghese. After basic training at Camp Roberts, he and Beatrice were married February 4, 1945, in Pendleton, Oregon. He served in The Philippines at an Army hospital and later was sent to Japan where he achieved the rank of staff sergeant. Shortly after he was honorably discharged and returned to Echo.

George's love of farming started 70 years ago working for local farmers. A lease partnership was formed with Leo Ashbeck at Pine City until he purchased his own farm in 1965, which is still located on Butter Creek.

Committed to the community, George was active in many activities and organizations over the years including Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Board where George was honored as grand marshal in 1990. George was involved in various community activities including: member of the Echo School Board, an Echo Quarterback Club founding member, life member of the VFW and Heppner Elks Lodge, Ore-

gon Wheat Growers Association, Morrow County Grain Growers, McNary Yacht Club charter member and longtime member of the Lutheran Church.

His hobbies included being a rock hound, and he enjoyed motorcycles, fishing, hunting and boating. George lit up whenever friends and family would visit, the hospitality was abounding no matter who walked into the room. He absolutely cherished time with his family and supported the numerous activities of his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 72 years, Beatrice "Bea" Luciani, Echo, Oregon; daughters Karla Anderson (Doug), Sheila Cozad (Bob) and Patty Matheny, and son John H. Luciani (Karen); 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren with one more to come any day; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Carmelita Borghese, Dorothy Brown and Marion Hibbard; beloved niece Pam Haugen Fishman; and son-in-law David Matheny.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. Burial with military honors will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in George's memory to the Echo Historical Society or Vange John Hospice Veterans Honor Program c/o Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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

COURT REPORT

SENTENCES

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

• Jeremy Wayne Smith, 40, of Irrigon, pleaded guilty to second-degree burglary; sentenced to 30 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections.

• Oscar Miguel Mejia, 31, of Hermiston, pleaded guilty to felon in possession of a firearm; sentenced to 30 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections, two years post-prison supervision, \$200 in fines and fees.

MISDEMEANOR

• James Ralph Dave Jr., 41, of Pendleton, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants; sentenced to 60 days in Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, three years of probation, one year suspension of driver's license, 160 hours of community service work, \$1,750 in fines and fees, and other restrictions.

• Justin Lee Dean, 28, of Pendleton, pleaded no contest to strangulation and guilty to second-degree failure to appear; sentenced to two years of probation, 20 hours of community service work, \$3,200 in fines and fees, loss of firearm rights, and other restrictions.

SUITS FILED

The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts:vw

• JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association vs. Jeff G. and Trina Porter and parties in possession; seeks \$223,105.03 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Dan Sharon and Weitzel of Hermiston; seeks \$4,394.61 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Nadia Monroy and Francisco Monroy-Monrongo, both of Hermiston; seeks \$626.60 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Cory W. Cedar of Irrigon; seeks

\$1,480.88 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Susan Jean Jones of Pendleton vs. L. Ann Robbins of Hermiston; seeks \$49,500 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Accounts Receivable Inc. of Vancouver, Washington, vs. Richard Stanley of Umatilla; seeks \$5,904 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Quick Collect Inc. of Portland vs. Sarah E. Wagoner of Hermiston; seeks \$447.77 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Freddy D. Guizar of Hermiston; seeks \$4,614.65 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Amanda Scott of Umatilla; seeks \$6,898.06 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Dustin and Karen A. Padberg of Ione; seeks \$7,029.06 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Yadir Prado, now known as Yadir Weine, of Hermiston; seeks \$7,158.29 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Jennifer S. Sims, also known as Jennifer Bush; seeks \$5,476.90 plus interest, costs and fees.

• Credits Inc. of Hermiston vs. Salvador Guzman, also known as Salvador Guzman Alfonso, of Boardman; seeks \$722.58 plus interest, costs and fees.



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