

OBITUARIES

Richard L. Layton

Hermiston
January 21, 1951 - July 2, 2017

Richard L. Layton, 66, of Hermiston passed away on Sunday, July 2, 2017, near Hermiston.



Layton

Richard was born January 21, 1951, in Pioche, Nevada, the son of Earl and Anna (Shipman) Layton. He grew up and attended school in Blue Diamond, Nevada, graduating from Las Vegas High School in the class of 1969. After high school, he and his brother Ronald served together in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the USS Mars.

After his honorable discharge, he moved back to Nevada where he resided until moving to Corvallis, Oregon, in the early 1990s. He moved from Corvallis to Hermiston in the late 1990s where he has resided since.

Richard was an avid fisherman and hunter and shared his love for the outdoors with his children

and grandchildren. He was also very artistic and created many unique pieces of artwork giving many pieces away to family and friends.

Richard married Laurie Thorsheim on April 1, 1973, in Las Vegas. The couple divorced many years later.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Ronald.

He is survived by his son Bill and his wife Tina Layton of Albany; daughter Malissa Layton of Echo; sister Connie Ohlandt of Las Vegas, Nevada; brother Don Layton of Blue Diamond, Nevada; and grandchildren Derrik, Dustin, Bradley, Maleena and Makhi.

A private family gathering will be held.

To send an online condolence to the family go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Carl E. Kelso

Hermiston
December 3, 1940 - June 29, 2017

Carl E. Kelso, 76, of Hermiston (formerly of Meacham) died on Thursday, June 29, 2017.

Carl was born Dec. 3, 1940, in Webb City, Missouri, the son of Raymond and Beulah (Lewis) Kelso. At the age of 5, he moved to Pendleton where he attended school and graduated from Pendleton High School in the late 1950s. He lived in the Meacham area for over 30 years until moving to Hermiston three years ago.



Kelso

Carl worked for Marlette Homes for many years. He then worked for the State Highway Department doing road maintenance until retiring.

He was a talented woodworker and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Hermiston where he was past president and

also was State Father.

Carl married Virginia Burton in Pendleton on February 23, 1985.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Virginia of Hermiston; six stepchildren; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Penny Burton; a son, Dan Burton; and grandchildren Brandon and Wesley.

At his request, no services are planned. A private family interment will be near Meacham.

Memorial contributions can be sent to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 1050 W. Elm Ave., Suite 220, Hermiston, OR 97838

To leave an online condolence for Carl's family go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

DEATHS

Patricia J. 'Pat' Ross

Hermiston
Jan. 12, 1925 - July 8, 2017

Patricia J. "Pat" Ross, 92, of Hermiston died Saturday, July 8, 2017, in Hermiston. She was born Jan. 12, 1925, in Yakima, Washington. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Hazel Marie Westfall

Hermiston
Feb. 27, 1927 - July 7, 2017

Hazel Marie Westfall, 90, of Hermiston died Friday, July 7, 2017, in Hermiston. She was born Feb. 27, 1927, in Choteau, Montana. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, July 12, at 10 a.m. at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irri- gon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Jabudah Louise Grossmiller

Hermiston
March 14, 1923 - July 3, 2017

Jabudah Louise Grossmiller, 94, of Hermiston died Monday, July 3, 2017, in Hermiston. She was born March 14, 1923, in Seattle. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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Richard J. 'Rick' Mills

Hermiston
July 25, 1954-July 3, 2017

Richard J. "Rick" Mills, 62, of Hermiston died Monday, July 3, 2017, in Hermiston. He was born July 25, 1954, in Hermiston. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Rafael Garza III

Irrigon
Dec. 17, 1993 - June 29, 2017

Rafael Garza III ("Third"), 23, of Irrigon died Thursday, June 29, 2017. He was born Dec. 17, 1993, in Sunnyside, Washington. Funeral mass was held Thursday, July 6, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. Burial followed at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Lou Mae Fricke

Hermiston
April 9, 1936 - June 29, 2017

Lou Mae Fricke, 81, a longtime Hermiston resident, passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2017, in Hermiston.

Lou was born April 9, 1936, in Nassau, Minnesota, the daughter of Herman and Sorena (Ehlebach) Block. She moved to San Jose, California, in her early 20s where she worked for Hewlett Packard. She was dating her boss, Carl J. Fricke, whom she married in May of 1961 so she could become the boss. The couple relocated to Hermiston, Oregon, in 1967 where she has resided since.

Lou enjoyed gardening, trips to the ocean to go crabbing, hunting, yard sales and going to the family cabin.

Lou was preceded in death by her husband, Carl,

in 2014; a son, Joel; brothers Jimmy and Potts; and sisters Joey and Joani.

She is survived by sons Mark (Diane) Fricke of Hermiston and Ken (Mary) Fricke of Hermiston; daughter-in-law Debra Fricke of Hermiston; four grandchildren: Kevin, Brian, Jarod and Jessica; and six great-grandchildren: Madison, Gage, Conner, Ava, Cienna and Liam.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday July 22, 2017, at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Family suggest memorial donations to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 1050 W. Elm Ave., Suite 220, Hermiston, OR 97838.

To send an online condolence to the family go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Fricke

Patrick William O'Gorman

Prineville
February 8, 1968 - July 6, 2017

Patrick William O'Gorman died Thursday, July 6, 2017, at his home in Prineville, Oregon, following a four-year battle with brain cancer. He was 49.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at Eastside Church in Prineville, with a gathering to follow at Prineville Golf Club.

Pat was born Feb. 8, 1968, to Dave and Marilyn O'Gorman in Pendleton. He graduated from Hermiston High School in 1986. He earned an associate's degree from Columbia Basin Community College and then studied golf course management at New Mexico State University. An expert golfer and lover of the game, he played on the golf teams for both colleges.

Pat met his wife, Jennifer (Merritt) O'Gorman, while coaching the golf team for Hermiston High School. She was coaching the Crook County High School golf team when their teams conspired for them to meet at the district tournament. They were married on July 24, 2004, in Prineville. The couple made their home in Prineville, with their daughter, Merritt, age 11, and son, Graeme, 9.

Pat started his career in the golf industry during high school and college, working at Umatilla Golf Course. After college he moved to Phoenix and attempted to play in the Nike Pro Golf Tour while working as assistant irrigation manager at Karsten Golf Course at Arizona State University. He worked at Manito Country Club in Spokane, Washington, and served as the construction superintendent at Deer Park Golf Course in Deer Park, Washington. He moved to Montana and worked in

golf course design and construction in Havre, Montana, and also managed the Havre Ice Dome. After meeting his wife, he moved to Central Oregon, where he worked at Pronghorn, Brasada and Meadow Lakes golf courses. He served as the superintendent at Prineville Golf and Country Club and also owned and operated J & P Green Keepers Lawn Care Business.

Pat was a three-time Eastern Oregon Amateur Golf champion and also the Pasco Amateur Golf champion. He enjoyed sports and was named the Scholar Athlete of the Year at Hermiston High School, lettering in golf, cross country and basketball. He traveled to Canton, China, on an International Sports Exchange for cross country running. He enjoyed playing ice hockey and served as a referee and goal judge while living in Montana. He also loved fishing with his kids and spending time with his family.

Throughout his fight with brain cancer, Pat made it his mission to touch one person each day by telling his story and talking about his faith. He truly believed that God was using him to spread His message.

Pat is survived by his parents, Dave and Marilyn O'Gorman of Hermiston; wife Jennifer O'Gorman; and daughter Merritt Grace O'Gorman and son Graeme Patrick O'Gorman of Prineville. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Kay O'Gorman and Paul Sumner and Emma Overly, and aunts Verla O'Gorman and Pauline Stuber.

Memorial contributions may be made to Inheritance of Hope, P.O. Box 90, Pisgah, N.C. 28768.



O'Gorman

Valadia Marie 'Dea' Hunt

Hermiston
September 8, 1963 - July 1, 2017

Valadia "Dea" Marie Hunt, 53, of Hermiston passed away at her home on Saturday July 1, 2017.

Dea was born September 8, 1963, in Denver, Colorado, to Dawn and Clay Price. As a young girl, she was adopted by Mary and Casey Denny and lived in Pilot Rock throughout her childhood where she graduated high school. She lived in Pendleton before moving to Hermiston, where she resided her remaining 25 years.

She gave birth to, and loved dearly, three children: Valeen, Trenton and Alen. Dea married Greg Hunt on Sunday, October 13, 2002. They lived as husband and wife and best friends until her passing. Everyone knew her heart beat for her grandchildren Nolan, Sophia, Gracy, Justice, Ember, Emma Lucas and Emmett.

Dea loved to create. She often expressed herself through glass etching, jewelry-making, penmanship, and woodworking. Dea and Greg thrived in the outdoors together; often packing up at a moment's notice and heading for an unknown destination to spend time together with nature under the stars.

She had a whimsical spirit and loved anything black. She found comfort in things considered "weird," was as serious about Halloween as most are Christmas and LOVED scaring people. She

saw every horror movie produced and watched so much true crime, she had the mas- termind to pull off anything. She adored all things minia- ture, missed the '70's, loved rock and roll and couldn't wait for the remake of Steven King's "It." She cherished all critters and was as gentle with a spider as most are with babies.

She had tender- ness like no other. This was said for any person or thing that needed it, but especially true for those misunderstood, unappreciated, sad or lonely. Her heart was always wide open for anyone who wanted in and she felt everything as deeply as the cumulative depth of the souls she touched. Dea measured her life by the people she loved and loved her in return.

Dea is loved and sur- vived by her husband, Greg; daughters Valeen Madden and Becky Pettey; sons Trenton Storm and Alen Storm; sisters Linda Surber and Melanie Kay Gregory; brother Sean Price; and grandchildren Nolan and Sophia Madden, Gracy, Justice and Ember Storm, Emma Naylor and Lucas and Emmett Pettey.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Spillway Park, Chinook Shelter in Umatilla, Friday July 28, 2017, at 1 p.m.

To leave a condolence for the family visit www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

George Fox honors local graduate, honor student

George Fox University recently celebrated its spring commencement exercises, awarding bachelor's degrees to 458 students and graduate-level degrees to another 382 students. Echo native **Christopher Zita** was among the spring graduates, earning a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

A local student was also were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester. **Tavin Headings**, a junior journalism major from Hermiston, was named to the list of honor students, earning a minimum 3.5 GPA while carrying 12 or more hours of graded work for the semester.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

MONDAY, JULY 10
7:51 p.m. — A caller reported someone driving with a child on the passenger's lap in the front seat, on North 1st Street, Hermiston.
9:31 p.m. — Elder abuse and neglect reported at South Highway 395, Hermiston.
11:29 p.m. — Two men were reported fist fighting in the middle of the road at East Main Street, Hermiston.

SUNDAY, JULY 9
2:02 a.m. — A caller reported a fight at West Hartley Avenue, Hermiston.

SATURDAY, JULY 8
8:03 a.m. — A drunk driver was reported at Rocket Mart on North First Street, Hermiston.
9:34 p.m. — There was a report of a female screaming at South Highway 395, Hermiston.
11:24 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported at Southwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

FRIDAY, JULY 7
12:29 a.m. — A prowler was reported pounding on a caller's door and shining a light inside, at West Joseph Avenue, Hermiston.
6:39 p.m. — A person was reported being violent and refusing to leave, at East Cherry Avenue, Hermiston.
9:37 p.m. — A second hand account of domestic violence was reported at Southwest 11th Street, a male assaulting a female.

THURSDAY, JULY 6
3:33 a.m. — A caller reported

that a male subject broke the windshield of their car, at Northeast 10th Street, Hermiston.

7:10 a.m. — A missing person was reported at West Hermiston Avenue, Hermiston.

1:01 p.m. — A caller reported two dogs in the back of a pickup truck, and the caller believed it was too hot for the dogs, on South Highway 395.

2:08 p.m. — A missing person was reported at Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

5:33 p.m. — A dog was in a car on North First Street with the windows barely cracked.

6:38 p.m. — A dog was reported left in a car at South Highway 395, Hermiston.

11:09 p.m. — Eight shots fired reported at Northeast Seventh Street, but officers said they couldn't locate the incident.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
11:57 a.m. — Report of a car keyed the previous night at Northwest Third Street, Hermiston.
8:31 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported at West Locust Avenue, a male hurting a female.

TUESDAY, JULY 4
2:42 p.m. — Intoxicated driver at Southwest 11th Street and West Orchard Avenue, Hermiston.
10:58 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported at North First Street and East Main Street, which nearly struck another vehicle. The vehicle was headed southbound on First Street.

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