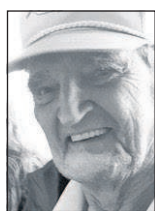


OBITUARIES

**Keith LaVerne Collins**

**Hermiston**  
October 26, 1927 - August 25, 2017

Keith LaVerne Collins went peacefully to his Lord on August 25, 2017, in Kennewick, Washington. He was born October 26, 1927, in Burr Oak, Kansas, to Wanda and Wilford Collins as their first born of seven children.



Collins

Keith and Florence were youngsters as they married in Philipsburg, Kansas, on May 17, 1947. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years Florence Belle Collins, and two daughters, Cynthia Johnstone (Wayne) and Tanya McNeil (Larry). His grandchildren will miss him greatly: Curtis Johnstone (Carla), Shauna Johnstone, Trenton McNeil (Diana), David Johnstone (Shari) and Tauna Soller (Lane). Keith's great-grandchildren number 15, with one great-great-grandson.

Keith is the oldest of seven children, survived by his sisters Pat Bartlett (Bud, deceased) and Trudy Ward (Mike). His other siblings preceded him in death: Jerry Wayne, Jackie Dean, Willa and Willard. Keith is survived by sisters-in-law on Florence's side of the family: Virginia Bias, Naomi Day and Alice Day. Keith has many friends, nieces, nephews, cousins, who will miss his great laugh and smile.

Keith was raised in Nebraska and Kansas until he and Florence were married. He then took his wife and daughters to the Pacific Northwest. Prior to that, Keith served in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46 on USS Charles R Ware, destroyer. He is a WWII veteran.

In his early years Keith worked on the railroad, in grain elevators and whatever would take care of

his family. After moving out west he worked as a concrete inspector on a variety of dams. On some of the dams, Keith had to face his greatest fear - snakes! Rattlesnakes were very common and numerous as they would scoop out a load of dirt, dangling with snakes! He handled it pretty well, but would scoot out of the way. Keith began working for the Army Corps of Engineers in 1961 and retired in 1985. At this point he began his golfing career in earnest!

Keith's family was his first love, but golf came in a close second! He shared golfing with his family and friends mostly on the Echo golf course where he got his "hole-in-one"! Keith and Florence loved to travel in their motor home even as far as Georgia to see their kids and grandkids.

Keith and Florence were long time members of the Hermiston Methodist Church. Keith served in the church and they were both very active throughout their years in Hermiston.

Graveside services will be held for Keith at the Hermiston Cemetery with his family. Military honors will be given, family prayers and dedication.

His Journey's Just Begun "... And think of him as living

in the hearts of those he touched ...

for nothing loved is ever lost

and he was loved so much."

— by Ellen Brenneman

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

**Kenneth Russell Nichols**

**Hermiston**  
August 22, 1972 - August 25, 2017

Kenneth Russell Nichols of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on August 22, 1972, in Hermiston, Oregon, to parents Bonnie (Schmidt) Cleaver and Russell Nichols. He returned to our Savior on August 25, 2017, in Kennewick, Washington, as the result of an automobile accident at the age of 45 years.



Nichols

Kenny was raised in Hermiston, a town he loved, filled with people he loved. He had a wonderful childhood filled with family, sports and the outdoors. His motto has always been "There is no such thing as a stranger, only a friend I haven't met yet"; no matter where he was in the world that is how he lived his life.

Kenny graduated from Hermiston High School in 1990 and enlisted in the United States Air Force; he was very proud of his service. While in the military he met Dawn Young, who he married in 1995. They welcomed a son, Garrett Michael, in 1996 followed by a daughter, Madison Renee, in 2000. After his honorable discharge, Kenny returned home where he continued to raise his family. He married Shannon Prewitt Fields in September of 2012, adding Austin, Justin and Laiklyn to his family.

Kenny worked for Cleaver Farms for many years as a mechanic. Throughout his life Kenny was known to bring home kids needing a place to stay or animals needing a home. His heart was enormous and everyone around him felt it. He loved his family, his friends and his life. Kenny was known for his "fashion sense" and surprised everyone with his antics, loving nothing more than laughing, singing and dancing while entertaining anyone around him. He was a diehard Steelers fan and was known to incorporate any Steelers article of clothing into any outfit: shoes, hats, jackets, towels

and a flashing light sweater. Kenny enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, softball, off-roading, being outdoors, snowmobiling, amateur pyrotechnics, playing guitar, shooting, vehicle rebuilding and cherished time with his family.

Kenny is survived by his wife Shannon, Hermiston, Ore.; children Garrett (Kylie), Misawa, Japan, and Madison, Austin, Justin and Laiklyn, all of Hermiston, Ore.; mother Bonnie (Alan) Cleaver, Hermiston, Ore.; father Russ (Sue) Nichols, Hermiston, Ore.; brother Jason (Tandy) Cleaver, Tigard, Ore.; sisters Addie (Richard) Cole, Irrigon, Ore., and Katie (Kyle) Fetterhoff, Hermiston, Ore.; grandma Donna (Joe) Marshall, Hermiston, Ore., grandma Lene (Ken) Ray, Hermiston, Ore.; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, out-laws, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandpa, Fred Nichols, uncle Kenny Nichols, and brother Robbie Nichols.

If he would have left us all with one wish it would have been to Love Each Other, Live A Good Life filled with Laughter, Pranks, Hugs and Good Deeds. Find that Stranger and make him a Friend. See the Good in All and above all else SUPPORT THOSE STEELERS.

A celebration of life service with military honors will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. at Purswell's Barn, 465 Christians Loop, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Kenny's memory to BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) or Pet Rescue.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Barbara A. Ferguson**

**Hermiston**  
Dec. 17, 1927 - Aug. 16, 2017

Barbara A. Ferguson, 89, of Hermiston died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017, at her home. She was born Dec. 17, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio. A celebration of life service will be held Thursday, Aug. 31, at 4 p.m. in the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. A gathering will follow at the Cozy Corner Tavern in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com),

**Roberta Anne Chivington**

**Boardman**  
Aug. 15, 1949 - Aug. 25, 2017

Roberta Anne Chivington, 68, of Boardman died Friday, Aug. 25, 2017, in Kennewick, Washington. She was born Aug. 15, 1949, in Kadoka, S.D. A private burial will be held at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon. Burns Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Beulah May Bloom Otzenberger**

**Hermiston**  
June 22, 1929 - Aug. 26, 2017

Beulah May Bloom Otzenberger, 88, of Hermiston died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, in Hermiston. She was born June 22, 1929, in Haines, Ore. A private family graveside service will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Sheryl Beth Tomlinson**

**Hermiston**  
Sept. 16, 1947 - Aug. 23, 2017

Sheryl Beth Tomlinson, 69, of Hermiston died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, in Spokane, Wash. She was born Sept. 16, 1947, in Tillamook. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com),

BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
AUG. 16, 2017

**BROWN** — Katrina Brown and Devin Brown of Hermiston: a boy, Winston Duke Brown.

AUG. 17, 2017

**KESSELL** — Emmy J. Adkins and Troy J. Kessell of Hermiston: a boy, Theo Parker Kessell.

AUG. 18, 2017

**NAVA-GARCIA** — Adelina V. Garcia and Esteban Nava of Umatilla: a boy, Elijah Angel Nava-Garcia.

**PANKEY** — Sara M. Rodgers and Kasey S. Pankey of Umatilla: a girl, Penelope Louise Pankey.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**  
AUG. 16, 2017

**OSORIO** — Kaeli L. Osorio Garcia and Delfino Osorio Garcia of Umatilla: a boy, Kannon Albis Osorio.

COURT REPORT

SENTENCES

The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:

FELONY

• Jackie Uniqua Gooden, 25, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Criminal Mistreatment I (elder abuse): sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service and \$1,000 fine-suspended.

SUITS FILED

The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

- Sarah Robins (fka Sarah Baller) vs. Victoria Quillayne Campbell and Mid-Columbia Bus Co. Inc.: seeks \$609,343.27 plus costs and fees.
- Credits Inc. vs. Wade and Jenny Thomas of Echo: seeks \$1,377.73.
- Credits Inc. vs. Alaina Wright (Schwertfeger) of Hermiston: seeks \$479.94.
- Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Nahid Rodgar of Hermiston: seeks \$501.37.
- Credits Inc. vs. Raymond D. Sinclair of Hermiston: seeks \$8,035.14.
- Credits Inc. vs. Angelica and Alfonso Aguilar of Hermiston: seeks \$2,860.19.
- Credits Inc. vs. Sherri L. Peck of Hermiston: seeks \$954.57.
- Credits Inc. vs. Christina Wright of Hermiston: seeks \$2,397.35.
- Blanca Chavez Chavez of Hermiston vs. Jose Omar Garcia Garcia of Hermiston: seeks \$9,653.36.
- Midland Funding LLC vs. Carol Danford: seeks \$891.01.
- Credits Inc. vs. Brittny Medellin (Eickstaedt) and Michael Eickstaedt of Stanfield: seeks \$1,117.71.
- Credits Inc. vs. Joann M. Curtis and Billy Curtis Sr. of Hermiston: seeks \$3,832.39.

JUDGMENTS

The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):

- Credits Inc. vs. Daniela Y. Harrison of Stanfield: judgment for \$2,315.19.
- Credits Inc. vs. Katherine M. Kautz of Echo: judgment for \$5,629.68.
- Credits Inc. vs. Wyatt and Jamie Cleaver of Hermiston: judgment for \$9,917.55.
- Credits Inc. vs. Thomas and

Shanan Rohrman of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,011.55.

- Credits Inc. vs. Randy and Katie Neely of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,009.36.
- Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Carmen A. Arellano of Umatilla: judgment for \$5,225.90.
- Credits Inc. vs. Thomas and Hollie Vaughan of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,453.84.
- Credits Inc. vs. Rebecca Davison (Stitzel) of Irrigon: judgment for \$2,659.81.
- Credits Inc. vs. Noel Payne of Irrigon: judgment for \$490.95.
- Credits Inc. vs. Claudia Villa of Boardman: judgment for \$2,446.93.

DIVORCES

Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:

James William Parks III of Hermiston and Sandra Dorothy StremLaw of Gibsons, B.C., Canada; Danielle K. Dickason and Andrew C. Stone of Hermiston; Anthony Paul Hughes of Hermiston and Brenda Darling Hughes of Jackson, Miss.; Richard Allen Kirkendall of Hermiston and Elonka Kirkendall of Depoe Bay; Veronica Mejia of Umatilla and Eduardo Quintero of The Dalles; Deborah L. Schnell of Stanfield and Kent T. Schnell of Hermiston.

MARRIAGES

Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:

Raymond Cory Fields, 52, of Chemult, Oregon, and Delia Marie Wallis, 52, of Hermiston.

Jacob Keith Henry, 36, and Sabrina Leeann Vertrees, 38, both of Hermiston.

Faustino Mejia Ramos, 27, and Marta Garcia Domingo, 30, both of Hermiston.

James Allen Miley, 45, and Kellie Lea Ann Miley, 48, both of Hermiston.

Benjamin Lyle Wood, 25, and Maria Ochoa, 27, both of Hermiston.

**John D. Schuening**

**Echo**  
January 24, 1956 - August 27, 2017

John D. Schuening of Echo, Oregon, was born on January 24, 1956, in Dayton, Washington, to parents Fred and Mary "Willadeane" Greatorex Schuening. He passed away on August 27, 2017, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 61 years.



Schuening

John was raised and attended schools in Pilot Rock and later Stanfield, Oregon, where he graduated in the class of 1974. He and Donna Lang lived for several years in Turner, Oregon, before moving to Echo, Oregon, in 2014 where they have lived since.

John enjoyed fishing, the outdoors and collecting things.

He is survived by his son

Jason Schuening, Flagstaff, Arizona; longtime companion Donna Lang, Echo; sister Jana (Dan) Kenschol, Hermiston; brothers Ron (Nelda) Schuening, Palestine, Texas, Randy (Marion) Schuening, Pilot Rock, Jerry (Debbie) Schuening, Stanfield, and Kris (Julie) Schuening, Umatilla; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family gathering will be held.

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IN UNIFORM

Army Pvt. Zachary David Kirkpatrick of Hermiston graduated from Basic Combat Training in Fort Sill, Okla., on August 25, 2017.

Pvt. Kirkpatrick successfully completed an intensive, 10-week program that included tactical and survival skills, nuclear biological and chemical defense, land mine defense, marksmanship, rappelling, and physical and mental fitness, military customs and the Seven Core Army Values.

Pvt. Kirkpatrick is the son of Dave and Anne Kirkpatrick of Hermiston and Annette Greiner of Milton-Freewater. He has returned home to complete his senior year at Hermiston High School, where he is active in wrestling and choir.

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