

**OBITUARIES**

**Milton A. 'Milt' Barron**

Hermiston

March 2, 1929 - March 9, 2018

Milton A. "Milt" Barron was born on March 2, 1929, in Dansville, New York, to parents Arthur Isaac and Mildred Somers Barron. He died on March 8, 2018, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 89 years.



Barron

Milt was raised on Maple Grove Farm near Nunda, New York. He graduated from Nunda High School in 1948 and served in the United States Army, stationed in Germany until his honorable discharge in 1952.



Barron

Milt moved west and worked on the construction of Brownlee Dam where he met Shirley Marie Blank. They were united in marriage on August 17, 1957, in Reno, Nevada. Milt worked for Roger's Construction building freeway from California to Idaho, including the construction of Interstate 84. They settled in Hermiston, Oregon, in 1965 and built their home in 1968. In 1980 they founded Bare-Wite Construction; their family operated the paving and excavating business until retiring in 2001.



Milt was an avid hunter and reader who enjoyed fishing, farming, his farm animals, riding his ATV and

above all, cherished time with his family.

He is survived by his children: Keith (Teresa) Howard of Florida, Gregory (Carma) Barron of Irrigon, Kathleen (Mark) Wilkerson of Pendleton, Tami (Mark) Watson of Umatilla, Joan (Tim) Reese of Ritter, Kipp Barron of Umatilla, Anita (David) Baumgart of Irrigon, and Jason (Mindy) Barron of Hermiston; 27 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; sister Alida (Bob) LaDelfa, Mt. Morris, N.Y.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Milt was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Shirley Marie Barron; his parents; his parents-in-law; daughter-in-law Kimberly Barron; grandson Matthew Jason Barron; and sisters Mary, Athrena and Evelyn.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial with military honors will follow at the Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla, Oregon.

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

**Donna Joann York-Norman**

Winterhaven, Calif.

March 14, 1942 - January 15, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Donna Joann York-Norman announces her sudden passing, on January 15, 2018, at the age of 75.



York-Norman

Donna was born on March 14, 1942, in Klamath Falls, Ore., to Donavon and Lorraine York-Norman. They moved to Vale, Ore., at an early age, but she was afforded the opportunity to travel throughout her youth, which drove her desire to continually be on the move enjoying new adventures. She loved taking road trips, preparing homemade travel snacks and simply singing along to the radio. Her passion was spending time with family and friends, reading, playing card games, sharing stories and relaxing.

Her life journey brought her to Hermiston, Ore., in the early '90s, where she and her husband opened Rogers Appliance and were proud business owners for over 20 years. She retired in 2014 and enjoyed spending her winters in Yuma, Ariz., as a fun-loving "snowbirder."

Donna was a beloved daughter, sister, mother and wife, touching numerous others with her kindness and ability to see the good in all people. Her positive outlook on life was an inspiration to everyone she knew and called friend.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Donavon Hall and Lorraine Palmer, and her big brother Perry Dwayne Galloway.

Donna is lovingly remembered by her husband and best friend of 28 years, Roger Norman; sisters Janice Hamner and Linda Glen; brothers Bob Hall and Edward Palmer; four children, Robert (Bob) Rumsey from her first marriage to Ron Woodie, Candace (Candy) Woodruff and Nick Rumsey from her second marriage to Bob Rumsey, and William (Don) York from her third marriage to John York; three stepchildren; six grandchildren, Amber Rumsey, Megan Rumsey, Charles Brazeau, Courtney Rumsey, Elizabeth York and Carleen Breece; 13 stepgrandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; long-time friends Annette, Jeff and Elisha Adkins; and countless others that she touched along the way.

A Celebration of Donna's life will be held in Seaside, Oregon, on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at the Best Western Inn, 414 N. Prom, Seaside, OR 97138 at 11:30 a.m. Oceanside services will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Donna may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

FEB. 17, 2018

HANSEN — Amber C. Hansen and Daryl A. Hansen of Hermiston: a girl, Aria Jean Hansen.

FEB. 28, 2018

OUGH — Marissa Brundage and Jeff Ough of Hermiston: a boy, Dawson Ray Ough.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**

FEB. 24, 2018

RODRIGUEZ — Isela Rodriguez and Fernando Rodriguez of Boardman: a girl, Ruby Rodriguez.

MARCH 4, 2018

SALLEE — Shanna K. Sallee and Michael J. Sallee of Hermiston: a girl, Makenna Kay Sallee.

**DEATHS**

**Jared Wayne Bowling**

Hermiston

May 1, 1984 - March 9, 2018

Jared Wayne Bowling, 33, of Hermiston died Friday, March 9, 2018, in Portland. He was born May 1, 1984, in Hermiston. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Daisy P. Burton**

Hermiston

Dec. 28, 1967 - March 9, 2018

Daisy P. Burton, 50, of Hermiston died Friday, March 9, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 28, 1967, in the Philippines. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, March 17 at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Kelly L. Ham**

Umatilla

Aug. 2, 1957 - March 10, 2018

Kelly L. Ham, 60, of Umatilla died Saturday, March 10, 2018, at his home. He was born Aug. 2, 1957, in La Grande. A celebration of life gathering will be announced. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Laura L. Mitchell Willow**

Hermiston

Feb. 26, 1929 - March 6, 2018

Laura L. Mitchell Willow, 89, of Hermiston died Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born Feb. 26, 1929, in Kelso, Wash. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Marvin Lee McKenzie Sr.**

Hermiston

May 14, 1926 - March 2, 2018

Marvin Lee McKenzie Sr. passed away on March 2, 2018, in Hermiston, Oregon, the same place he was born 91 years ago on May 14, 1926, to parents Charles and Jennie Trainer McKenzie.



McKenzie

However, this is not what his Honorable Discharge papers for the Seabees, the construction battalion of the Navy, stated.



Marvin was so determined to enlist that he stretched the truth about his age to make certain he was 18 years old instead of 17, which he was at the time he entered in 1943. Marvin was always proud of his service in the Seabees and attended many of the Seabee reunions over the years.

Marvin was number six of 10 children (Carol, Irene, Charles, Della, Donald, Marvin, Lawrence, Virginia, Kathleen and Hugh).

Marvin was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Patricia (Pat), his parents and also by all of his siblings except Hugh. Marvin is survived by his three sons: Marvin Jr. (and Cinda), Don (and Marcy), and Steve; and brother Hugh. Marvin and Pat had four grandchildren whom they were very proud of: Adam, Ashton, Taylor and Christina, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Throughout the years Marvin was an active participant in his sons' sports, especially baseball where he coached all his sons at various levels. He and Pat also had a passion for golf and enjoyed many rounds not only on Uma-

tilla and Morrow County courses but also on courses in Indonesia, Hawaii, Arizona, California and many courses in central Oregon.

Marvin's work as a construction manager took him to many places in the U.S.: Massachusetts, Kentucky, Montana, Wyoming, California, Washington and Oregon. He and Pat had the opportunity to explore many destinations before settling back in Irrigon, Oregon. They enjoyed countless friends from a multitude of places. Both old friends and new friends, they cherished these relationships and spoke often of the friendships.

A graveside service for both Marvin and Pat on April 28 at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

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Arrangements by Burns Mortuary.

**Anthony James 'AJ' Severns**

Mitchell, Neb.

November 20, 1963 - March 9, 2018

Anthony James "AJ" Severns of Mitchell, Nebraska, former Pendleton, Oregon, resident, was born on November 20, 1963, in San Francisco, California, to parents James J. Severns Jr. and Blanche Cecilia Faro Severns. He died on March 9, 2018, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 54 years.



Severns

AJ attended schools in Pendleton and then joined the United States Army where he trained to become an X-ray technician. After his honorable discharge he worked as an X-ray technician in Tacoma and Enumclaw, Washington. AJ then worked in medical coding and transcription for several years. He lived in Nebraska for the past nine years where he studied theology.

AJ was an active member of the Boys Scouts as a youth. He enjoyed making beaded jewelry and rosaries, traveling and sewing, as well as helping and working with others.

He is survived by his parents James Jr. and Blanche Severns; brothers Thomas Severns, Gerald (Tracy) Severns and William (Judy) Severns; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

AJ was preceded in death by his grandparents James Sr. and Effie Severns, and Louis and Frances Faro.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton, Oregon, with Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10:30 a.m. Burial with military honors will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in AJ's memory to the American Cancer Society.

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**Student arrested for threat**

The Hermiston Police Department arrested a middle school student Tuesday for first degree disorderly conduct after a classmate overheard him saying he was going to shoot somebody in the head.

According to Lt. Randy Studebaker, the unidentified male student was overheard at Armand Larive Middle School on Friday making a generalized threat of violence, though he didn't identify a target.

A student reported the threat to staff, who passed it on to Hermiston Police.

The suspected student and his family cooperated with the investigation and allowed police to search their property, and officers determined there was no evidence he was planning an act of violence. They suspect he made the threat for attention.

The student was lodged in the Umatilla County Juvenile Department.

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