

OBITUARIES

Michael Anthony Banks

Hermiston
March 12, 1968 - March 13, 2018

Michael Anthony Banks was born March 12, 1968, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Joseph and Mary (Datsun) Banks. He died at his home in Hermiston on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at the age of 50.

Michael lived in the Chicago area throughout his childhood and into his early adult life. He moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in 1995 where he has reside since.

He worked for Sanitary Disposal near Hermiston for 22 years where he worked as a baler operator.

Michael enjoyed working

on and repairing computers, flying drones and spending time with his friends. He was always willing to offer a helping hand to those in need.

He is survived by close friends Marcquis Daniels and Joanna Gust, and many other close friends and co-workers.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018, at the Hermiston Cemetery.

To leave an online condolence for his friends go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Banks

Arvin L. Hunsaker

Hermiston
August 24, 1936 - March 20, 2018

Arvin L. Hunsaker, 81, of Hermiston died March 20, 2018, in Walla Walla, Wash. His ashes will be interred at a graveside service to be held on June 23, 2018, at Grove City Cemetery in Blackfoot, Idaho. Arrangements are by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.

Arvin was born in Rigby, Idaho, to Ethel Agnes Butler and Lars Pearl Hunsaker on August 24, 1936. He went to school at Rigby High School. He married Idona Mae Sims on August 8, 1959, in Blackfoot, Idaho. Arvin and Idona were the parents of four children. They moved to Oregon from Idaho in 1976.

He worked as a farm laborer for Mikami Brothers Farm for 24 years. He was a supporter of Umatilla High School sports and was known as their number one fan for many years. Arvin served as a greeter in the Umatilla Ward of the Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed watching westerns, classic television and time spent visiting with friends and family.

Arvin is preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Elva, Melva, Norma, Eleanor, Verenna, Ina, Josephine and Delia, and his wife Idona Mae.

Arvin is survived by his children Carma Mae Williams (Ted), Bobette Hilburn (Ken), Arvin Grant Hunsaker (Nataly), and Trevor Leon Hunsaker (Deborah); his sister Velma Dinsdale (Donald); 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Condolences can be sent to Bobette Hilburn at 28296 Highway 730, Umatilla, OR 97882. The family of Arvin wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the staff of Brookdale Senior Living Center of Hermiston, Ore., and St. Mary's Hospital of Walla Walla, Wash.



Hunsaker

Margaret R. Thorpe

Hermiston
July 10, 1916 - March 22, 2018

Margaret R. Thorpe was born on July 10, 1916, in Gloyd, Washington, to parents Paul and Elise "Lizzie" Depner Smith. She died on March 22, 2018, at her home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 101 years.

Margaret was united in marriage to Nathan Thorpe on October 12, 1935, in Boardman, Oregon. She was an active member of the Grange for over 85 years and active in the Hermiston Senior Center for many years. Margaret enjoyed sewing, quilting, painting, gardening and family get-togethers.

She is survived by her son: Larry Thorpe (Carol), Hermiston, Ore.; daughters Sandra Boothman (Ed), Oliver, B.C., and Teresa Long (Tom), Hermiston, Ore.; daughters-in-law Bobbie Thorpe, Dallas, Ga., and Teresa Thorpe, St. Helens, Ore.; 16 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren; and

numerous great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan Thorpe, sons Jim and Bill Thorpe; brothers Charles, Robert and Lawrence Smith; and a sister, Pauline Sullivan.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery, Boardman, Oregon, and then everyone is invited to the Columbia Grange in Hermiston for a time of fellowship.

Those who wish may make contribution's in Margaret's memory to the Hermiston Senior Center.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



Thorpe

Mescal Paine

Hermiston
July 13, 1926 - March 21, 2018

Mescal Paine (P.A.I.N.E.) of Hermiston, Oregon, was born Mescal Payne (P.A.Y.N.E) on July 13, 1926, in Wallowa County to Edward T. Payne and Gladys V. (Conrad) Payne. She died on March 21, 2018, in Hermiston, at the age of 91.

Mescal was raised in Union where she graduated from Union High in 1945 (Go Bobcats). Mescal then went to Springfield, Missouri, and attended Central Bible College for three years, and then to Eastern Oregon College in La Grande where she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education.

In December of 1951, when Mescal was returning to Wasco, where she was teaching, God planted Sergeant Burton Paine on a Greyhound bus seat next to her. This was the beginning of their long-distance courtship and after six months they were married on June 2, 1952, in Daly City, California. This union would last for 62 years, until Burt's passing in 2015.

After their wedding, Burt and Mescal lived in San Francisco where he was currently stationed. Burt was then transferred to Germany, and after the birth of their first child Corinne, they would join him. At the completion of his military service they returned to Umatilla County where Burt would try his hand at farming and Mescal would return to her teaching career.

Mescal taught school in Umatilla for three years when their second child, Douglas, was born. Mescal then transferred to the Hermiston School District, teaching second grade at West Park Elementary

School. She would then transfer to the new Rocky Heights Elementary School where she would teach first grade for the remainder of her 31 years in teaching. Mescal retired in June 1984 after teaching in excess of 1,000 kids. Mescal would often laugh and say "I've been in school for 47 years and I've never made it out of the first grade."

Mescal was a member of the Hermiston Christian Center and the Happy Ramblers Travel Club. When Burt retired in 1988 they would spend their winters snow-birding in Arizona. Mescal enjoyed sewing, reading, camping, traveling and spending time with family and friends. Mescal also taught children in her church for many years.

She is survived by her daughter Corinne Peacock and husband Terrence of Sherwood; son Douglas Paine and wife Tia of Hermiston; five grandchildren: Dawn, Ty, Kurtis, Andrea and Ashli; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mescal was preceded in death by her husband Burt, parents Ed and Gladys, sister Sybil and brother David.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018, at 9 a.m. at the Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions in Mescal's memory to a charity of your choice.

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Paine

Jean Alberta McCutchen

Hermiston
July 22, 1927 - March 21, 2018

Jean Alberta McCutchen was born July 22, 1927, in Hollenberg, Kansas, the daughter of Albert and Amy (Walburn) Pelsler. She passed away near Hermiston on March 21, 2018, at the age of 90.

As a child, Jean lived near Walla Walla, Wash., attended school in Milton-Freewater High School in the class of 1945.

She moved to Chehalis, Wash., in the mid 1950s where she worked as a secretary for Darigold. She moved to Hermiston in the mid 1960s where she has resided since. She worked as a secretary for the city of Hermiston and Good Shepherd Hospital.

Jean enjoyed dancing, fishing, camping and spending time with her family and friends.

She married Wayne Edward McCutchen in 1968 in Hermiston. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, and her parents.

She is survived by daughters Patricia (Randy) Moulton and Janet (Rob) Merrill; son Jim (Jean) Laufer; grandchildren Jeff Gallon, Dhru Merrill and Nick

Merrill; and great-grandchildren MacKenna and Liam Gallon.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the Burns Mortuary chapel.

Family suggests memorial donations to Alzheimers Research Foundation, 3152 Little Road, Suite 146, Trinity, FL 34655.

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McCutchen

Phyllis Jean De Long Chess

Island City
May 25, 1933 - March 19, 2018

Phyllis Jean De Long Chess passed away on March 19 at her home in Island City at the age of 84.

Family members will be available to receive guests on Thursday, March 29 from 2 to 4 at Daniels-Knopp Funeral & Cremation Center, 1502 Seventh St., La Grande for visitation and viewing. A funeral will be held on Friday, March 30 beginning at 11 a.m. at the La Grande First Christian Church, 901 Penn Avenue. Committal and interment will follow at the Hillcrest East Cemetery.

Phyllis was born on May 25, 1933, to Lois Conley De Long and Vernon De Long in La Grande. She was very proud of her heritage; which included Conleys, Goldens, Gekelers and De Longs; all pioneers, who settled in our valley. Her great-great-grandfather, Ben Brown, was the first man to build a permanent home and move his family to La Grande. Phyllis spent all her growing up years on a farm, which her brother and his wife still own and occupy. She always said she didn't like living on a farm, but she treasured these years!

The first four years of her schooling she attended a one-room school, the Liberty School on Gekeler Lane, where it now sits next to the Blue Mtn. Grange. The school was closed when she was ready for the fifth grade, and she and her brothers rode the bus to Willow School. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1951.

On Dec. 27, 1952, she

and her high school sweetheart, John Chess, were married. They had four children. He died on Oct. 23, 1982.

She married Adrion Rimbe, a former high school classmate, on June 28, 1987. He was a barber in Hermiston, so she moved to Hermiston where she lived for 26 years. While living in Hermiston she attended the First Christian Church and was active in the Good Shepherd Hospital Auxiliary.

In Dec. of 2014 she and Adrion moved "back home" where they had purchased a home in Island City. Four months later Adrion was killed in an accident involving his ATV. She lived in the home until her death.

She was a life-long member of the La Grande First Christian Church and a member of the Grande Ronde Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Cheryl and Tom Van Handel of Redmond, Jack and Tammy Chess of La Grande, Roger Chess of La Grande and Larry and Sandy Chess of Boise; two brothers and their wives, Dale and Jackie De Long of Island City and Cecil and Linda De Long of La Grande; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands.

Contributions in memory of Phyllis may be made to the La Grande First Christian Church Memorial Fund.

Online condolences may be made through danielsknopp.com.

Evan E. Davis

Nyssa
April 2, 1951 - March 14, 2018

Evan E. Davis was born April 2, 1951, in The Dalles, Oregon, the son of Homer and Lola Davis. He died on March 14, 2018, in an assisted living facility in Nyssa, Oregon, at the age of 66 with family at his side.

Evan attended school in Lonerock and Condon, Oregon. After high school Evan owned his own general contracting business, building and renovating many homes in Eastern Oregon. After retiring from contracting he started his own Columbia River Guide Service.

Evan was an avid hunter, fisherman and leather craftsman.

He is survived by his brother Cris Davis of Hermiston, Oregon, and sisters Carolyn Holt of New Plymouth, Idaho, and Hildred Ells of Arlington, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Lola Davis, and brother Roger Davis.

A celebration of life will be held March 28, 2018, at 1 p.m. Mountain Time at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Parma, Idaho, where he was a member. Lunch will follow directly after the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice or any animal shelter.

DEATH

Mary Lou Lyon

Hermiston
March 7, 2018

Mary Lou Lyon, 79, of Hermiston died March 7, 2018, in Springfield, Ore. Graveside service will be held Tuesday, April 3 at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Veterans, Spouses and Seniors PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, April 4th
Irrigon Library (490 NE Main, Irrigon, OR)

9:30am - Senior Tax Deferral & Veteran Tax Exemption
Morrow County Tax Assessors Office

10:00am - Willamette National Cemetery
Traci Logan - Presentation Veteran/Family Burial Benefits

10:45am - Oregon Veterans Home - The Dalles
Are you a veteran, spouse of a veteran, surviving spouse, or caring for parents who have served in the military? Are you worried that you can't afford skilled nursing care? If so, this presentation may be able to help you. Michael Springston, Program Director of the Oregon Veteran's Home in The Dalles, will present information on the facility and answer questions. The presentation will cover admission, types of units available (including memory care) and the cost of care.

11:15am - Senior Scams - Don't be a victim!
Sergeant Bryan Mass

And...if there is time...VA Healthcare Tips - Morrow County Veteran's Services

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