

OBITUARIES

Paul Ables

Hermiston
September 1, 1934 - June 18, 2018

Paul Wayne Ables, 83, passed away on June 18, 2018, in Hermiston, Oregon, after many years of living in Umatilla County. He was well known for riding his scooter, shopping at thrift stores, singing for those willing to listen, dancing a jig, fishing, watching birds, dogs, and for his love of family.



Ables

He often told his family that he loved them. He was endeared by many caretakers who assisted him during his years of chronic illness. He was a long term resident of Pilot Rock, Oregon, and much of his career was spent working in sawmills. He was also a property manager.

Paul was proud of his Arkansas roots and was quick to befriend other people who had lived or traveled there. His love of music and devotion to his state of birth was exemplified by sharing his love of singer Johnny Cash with his belated grandson. Paul had an extensive record collection and eagerly attended local music events. He was familiar with countless songs. One of his favorite games was to ask someone to cue him with one word and he would respond by singing a lyric to a song that

contained the word. He loved sweet treats, conversing with people, singing, country and gospel music, trees and plants such as rhubarb and tomatoes. He was a pretty good historian until the end of his days and could name all the counties in Arkansas by memory.

Paul was born on Sept. 1, 1934, in Leola, Arkansas, to Joseph and Leita Ables. Paul is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Ables; his mother, Leita Ables; his brothers, Baby Ables, Joe Ables and J.C. Ables; his sister, Francis Scheel; and his grandson, Tyler Bischke. He is survived by his daughter, Beth Petz (Mark) and his granddaughter, Julie Brzozowski (Drew); his son, Roger Ables (Kim) and grandchildren, Derek Ables, Travis Ables and Brooke Ables; and his daughter, Bonnie Bischke (Arlen) and granddaughters Jennifer Bischke and Andrea Walters; and an ex-wife, Louise Ables.

A graveside funeral was held at Olney Cemetery June 21, 2018. Celebration of Life to be held at Sun Terrace, 1550 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, Oregon, Friday, June 29, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Carla Annette (Miles) Morter

Heppner
February 16, 1966 - June 21, 2018

Carla A. Morter, 52, of Heppner, Ore., passed away at home Thursday, June 21, 2018, after a battle with cancer. A celebration of life service will be held on Monday, July 2 at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston, Ore.



Morter

She was born February 16, 1966, the third of five children to Dexter and Corinne (Sigelkew) Miles of Heppner. The family moved several times between Montana and Oregon, but eventually returned to Heppner, where Carla attended Heppner schools and graduated from Heppner High School in 1984. After graduation, she attended Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore.

On Sept. 7, 1985, she married Roger Morter of Heppner. The couple settled on a family farm on Sand Hollow and raised six children along with wheat and cattle. Eventually they added a farm on the Kootenai River in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, dividing their time between the two communities.

Carla lived a life of faith and was active in her church, Hermiston Christian Center, as well as in her children's Christian school.

She is remembered as an avid quilter and crafter, gardener, and a good cook, but mostly for her gener-

ous and welcoming nature. She was eternally thoughtful, sending cards and gifts on occasions others forgot. She opened her home to family and friends, neighbors and work crews with a spirit of warmth and laughter and, of course, plenty of homemade food.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Roger Morter of Heppner; children Julie Myers and husband Matt of Big Sandy, Mont., Brian Morter and wife Courtney of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Chelsie Guardado and husband Chris of Park City, Utah, Kailey Morter, also of Park City, Preston Morter of Lakeland, Fla., and Carson Morter of Heppner; parents Dexter and Corinne Miles of Heppner; grandchildren Landon Myers of Big Sandy and Hadley, Hailey, Harlow, Henry and Heidi Morter of Bonners Ferry; siblings Darrell Miles of Finley, Wash., Craig Miles of Heppner and Andrea Di Salvo of Lexington, Ore.; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and by a sister, Michele Riehl.

Please sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

ANNIVERSARY



The Campbells in 2017

Larry and Shari Campbell

Sixty-one years ago, Larry Campbell and Sharon (Shari) Price met at the University of Oregon on August 9, 1958. Larry graduated from Echo High School and is the son of now-deceased Roberta and H. Glenn Campbell, who farmed on Butter Creek for over 30 years. Shari graduated from Rancho High School in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is the daughter of now-deceased Hilda Viestenz of Bracketville, Texas, and Elwood Price of Siletz, Oregon.



Larry and Shari Campbell in 1958.

Their first home was a manufactured home next to his parents' house at Campbell Ranch near Butter Creek, a short distance from Hermiston. Their daughter, Shannon, was born the following year. After moving to a house on a nearby farm, their first son, Darren, was born. A couple years later, Larry and Shari settled in Hermiston, where they resided for 18 years.

Larry owned and operated Campbell Equipment on Highway 395. Three more sons, Devin and twins Andrew and Alex, joined the family during that time. Shannon and Darren are alumni of Hermiston High School. The Campbells' younger sons graduated from Sprague High School in Salem, Oregon.

After leaving Hermiston, Shari and Larry lived

in Salem, Bend, Portland and Tualatin. They now reside in Vancouver, Washington, near the homes of three of their children, Shannon, Darren, and Alex. Larry is employed part time at Lowe's Home Improvement and also specializes in crafting custom woodworking projects in his shop at home. Shari enjoys retirement after many years of working as a bank clerk, real estate agent, and bookkeeper at businesses outside the home. She also helped Larry with his businesses during the times he was self-employed.

The five children they raised have grown into five families, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, with another expected soon.

Larry and Shari's 60th wedding anniversary celebration is being held at the home of their daughter, Shannon, and son-in-law, Bill Savela, in Vancouver, Wash.

Sharon "Shari" K. Gritz

Hermiston
Nov. 12, 1949 - June 20, 2018

Sharon "Shari" K. Gritz, 68, of Hermiston was born Nov. 12, 1949, in The Dalles, Oregon, the daughter of Gerald and Georgia "Aileen" (Scott) Nisbet. She passed away on Wednesday June 20, 2018, at her home.



Gritz

Shari grew up and attended school in Wasco, Oregon, where she graduated from Sherman County High School in the class of 1967. After high school, she attended beauty school in Pendleton. She worked as a beautician and taught cosmetology, beauty and barbering throughout her career. She worked for Freddy's Beauty Salon for many years then owned and operated the Oregon College of Beauty and Barbering until retiring in 2003.

Shari loved her family dearly and enjoyed spending her time with them, especially her two grandsons and extended grandchildren. She also enjoyed crafting, rubber stamping and cardmak-

ing and time with her many cardmaking friends. She enjoyed watching and supporting youth baseball programs in Hermiston.

Shari married George D. Gritz in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on April 8, 1973.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, George; son, Jeff (Jana) Gritz; sister, Ellen (Gary) Fisher; brothers, Bill (Joanne) Nisbet and Bob Nisbet; grandsons, Nychal and Slade Gritz; and many nieces, nephews and extended friends and family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday June 30, 2018, at the Burns Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in Hermiston Cemetery. A gathering for family and friends will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Pheasant Café, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Clinton 'Pa' Jackson

Hermiston
March 12, 1925 - June 24, 2018

Clinton "Pa" Jackson was born March 12, 1925, in Waynesville, North Carolina, the son of Fred and Nora (Norman) Jackson. He died on Sunday, June 24, 2018, in Hermiston at the age of 93.

Clinton grew up and attended school in Waynesville, N.C. He married Mattie Lee Mull in Clayton, Georgia, on November 10, 1945. The couple moved to Irrigon, Oregon, in the early 1950s and have resided in Irrigon and Hermiston since.

Clinton enjoyed being in the outdoors, hunting, fishing and camping with his family at their favorite spot near the Middle Fork of the John Day. He was an avid gardener who took pride in his roses and tomatoes.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mattie in 2000;

son-in-law Greg Loftus; two brothers, and two sisters.

He is survived by a son, Steve (Ninette) Jackson; daughters Janis (Scott) Barton and Lela Loftus; grandchildren Lori, Joseph, Jill and Amanda; and great-grandchildren Spencer, Jakeob, Hunter, Andrew, Grace, Carter, Jackson, Faith and Dylan. Pa often joked, "And I kinda like em all!"

A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon. A dinner will follow the service at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 Opal Place, Irrigon, OR 97844.

To leave an online condolence for the family, go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Farm bureau awards scholarships

PENDLETON — The Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee recently awarded scholarships totaling \$1,000 to three deserving 2018 high school graduates. The three award winners were selected from a field of 16 excellent candidates.

Holly Espinoza, a graduate of Hermiston High School, received a \$500 scholarship. She is the daughter of Joe and Roberta

Espinoza of Hermiston, and will be attending Eastern Oregon University where she will major in nursing.

Christopher Lee Weinke is a graduate of Pilot Rock High School, and received a \$250 scholarship.

Coby Mac Dougherty received a \$250 award. He is a graduate of Heppner High School and the son of Clifford and Dawna Dougherty. Coby will be attending Blue Mountain Community College.

DEATH

Marianne Cecelia (Bantle) Schwartz

Hermiston
Dec. 13, 1928 - June 21, 2018

Marianne Cecelia (Bantle) Schwartz, 89, of Hermiston died Thursday, June 21, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born Dec. 13, 1928, in Sheridan, Wyoming. Mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, June 25, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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PALMER — Kendra Ann Kordosky and Joseph William Palmer Jr of Echo: a boy, Jaedyn Noel Palmer.

CAIN — Marie Cain and Jacob Cain of Boardman: a boy, Warren Ferguson Cain.

JUNE 15, 2018

CHAVEZ — Raylene Devine Diaz and Edgar Adrian Chavez of Hermiston: a girl, Kehlani Amaya Chavez.

JUNE 18, 2018

VELASCO — Jasmine Puerta and Elias Velasco of Hermiston: a girl, Sofia Isabella Velasco.

JUNE 19, 2018

CHOREY — Mikayla Raye Marks and Daniel Jesse Chorey of Hermiston: a girl, Evelyn Maraye Chorey.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
JUNE 15, 2018

BERGSTROM — Chelsea Bergstrom and Matt Bergstrom of Hermiston: a boy, Brooks Jameson Bergstrom.

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