

OBITUARIES

Matthew Dwayne ‘Matt’ Carroll
Hermiston/Irrigon
June 13, 1990 - August 17, 2018

Matthew Dwayne “Matt” Carroll of Hermiston/Irrigon was born on June 13, 1990, in Richland, Washington, to parents Larry and Vickee Carroll. He died on August 17, 2018, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 28 years.

Matt attended schools in Irrigon, graduating from Irrigon High School in the class of 2008. He then attended Oregon State University. Matt lived in Portland for a few years where he enjoyed all of the interesting and diverse people. He then returned to Hermiston and worked on the family farm, Holzapfel Ranch, for several years.

Matt was very much into computers, gaming, video games, anime, and continuously researching

information.

He is survived by his parents, Larry and Vickee Carroll, Hermiston, Ore.; brother Tyler Carroll, Hermiston, Ore.; grandparents Janet Cooley, Irrigon, Ore., and Dwayne and Gerry Carroll, Hermiston, Ore.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Matt was preceded in death by his grandfather, William “Bill” Cooley.

A festival of life for Matthew will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018, at 4 p.m. at his grandmother’s home, 280 N.E. Washington Ave., Irrigon, Oregon.

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DEATHS

Murriena R. ‘Murrie’ Barreras
Hermiston
Oct. 6, 1949 - Aug. 9, 2018

Murriena R. “Murrie” Barreras, 68, of Hermiston died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at her home. She was born Oct. 6, 1949, in San Jose, California. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

John I. ‘Jack’ Bozarth
Boardman
April 20, 1941 - Aug. 19, 2018

John I. “Jack” Bozarth, 77, of Boardman died Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, at his home. He was born April 20, 1941, in Woodland, Washington. A private family burial will be held at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Randy E. Brangham
Hermiston
Aug. 29, 1952 - Aug. 6, 2018

Randy E. Brangham, 65, of Hermiston died Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, at his home. He was born Aug. 29, 1952, in Evanston, Wyoming. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Public Library conference room (downstairs). Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

James ‘Odie’ Wilcox
Hermiston
April 23, 1935 - Aug. 16, 2018

James “Odie” Wilcox, 83, of Hermiston died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, in Hermiston. He was born April 23, 1935, in Heppner. A family gathering will be held. Private burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 7:07 a.m. — A missing person was reported at Northeast Quail Court. 8:19 a.m. — An assault was reported at Southwest Eighth Street. 9:51 a.m. — A male ran away from Northeast Quail Court. 7:06 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported at South First Place.	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 9:44 a.m. — Someone may have put super glue in the caller’s locks on East Main Street. 2:47 p.m. — There was a fight between two people at a gas pump on West Highland Avenue.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16 11:31 p.m. — A man was drinking Modelo beer and swerving all over the road on North First Street while driving a silver or grey Toyota Tacoma.	FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 10:58 p.m. — There was a noise complaint that turned into harassment, on Northeast Sixth Street.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 9:32 p.m. — Shots fired were reported on West Orchard Avenue — two shots, four shots one time, then five shots. 9:44 p.m. — Two men were reported driving drunk on West Hermiston Avenue.	SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 12:03 p.m. — Possible child abuse or neglect was reported at Northeast Quail Court. 8:03 p.m. — Shots fired were reported at Southwest Butte Drive. 10:47 p.m. — A drunk driver was reported at North First Street.
MONDAY, AUGUST 20 5:06 a.m. — Police conducted a death investigation at West Laird Avenue. 12:02 p.m. — An employee found three sets of keys in the garbage at Desert Rose, on East Main Street. 3:15 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported on West Division Avenue. <i>All addresses are in Hermiston unless otherwise noted.</i>	

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Norma Vale Reeves Busler
Umatilla
January 25, 1933 - August 18, 2018

Norma Vale Reeves Busler, 85, lifelong resident of Umatilla, Ore., passed away peacefully August 18, 2018, in Spokane, Wash., with her family at her side.

Norma was born at home in Umatilla to Ernest T. and Florence Rachel Reeves on January 25, 1933. Norma grew up with her five siblings on the family farm. She was extremely close to her brothers and sisters, taking care of all of them at one time or another as they aged and needed assistance.

While growing up Norma was active in Umatilla High School events. She played sports, played in the band, was a cheerleader and was valedictorian of her graduating class. She was also a member of the Umatilla High School alumni association for many years.

In 1952 Norma married Donald A. Andersen. They had two children, David Andersen of Portland, Ore., and Dawn Andersen Watts of Spokane, Wash. Don and Norma later divorced.

She returned to her birthplace and went to work at the Umatilla Army Depot where she eventually worked her way up to become a supervisor supply clerk. She retired from the Army Depot after 33 years of rising at 4:30 a.m. so she could carpool to work. Norma’s children were her pride and joy and she worked tirelessly to provide for them with the assistance of her mother, sisters and brothers.

Norma dearly loved the Lord, her church, and her church family. She became a member of the Umatilla Community Presbyterian Church in the 1960s and was a lifetime member. She held many positions at the church, serving as Sunday school teacher, session member and choir director, to name a few. Her grandchildren all thought she “owned the church.” Until her recent illness, she was the “go-to” person for said church.

Norma attended all of her children’s events when they were growing up. She did the same for all of her grandchildren, at least as much as her schedule would allow. All her grandchildren’s friends knew her as Grandma Norma, the grandma with the “purple hair” and pink umbrella. Over the years, Norma traveled thousands of miles between Portland and Colfax, Wash., to see her children and grandchildren. She also spearheaded several trips to Illinois to visit extended family. Those trips with her sisters, nieces and daughter were very special to her.

Family was very important to Norma, so were her friends. She not only had



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friends her own age, but also had friends that her children introduced to her. Some of the best times Norma experienced late in life were visits from her family friends, her pastor, her nieces and her sister, Jeannie (Reeves) Creamer. Sister Jeannie was a constant support and companion when her time allowed. The two would often sit and do crossword puzzles, play Yahtzee, or read books.

Norma enjoyed good health most of her life until the winter of 2016, when she was diagnosed with cancer. Even after several surgeries, radiation and treatments, Norma remained at peace with her circumstances and her faith and family carried her through the rough spots. Following her diagnosis, Norma moved to Spokane to live with her daughter and son-in-law. They were joined by her grandson, Tim, and his wife, Alexandra, a few months later as they began the process of building their home. Her great-granddaughter, Mazie, represented the fourth generation in the household and knew her simply as G.G. (Great-Grandma).

Norma was a wonderful mother, daughter, grandmother, sister, friend, and believer. She always gave of her time and never expected anything in return. She had a servant’s heart and always found a way to help someone in need. She will be missed on this earth, but we know she will be with all those she loved who have passed before her.

Norma is survived by her son, Dave Andersen of Portland, Ore., and her daughter Dawn (Andersen) Watts of Spokane, Wash. She is also survived by one sister, Jeannie Creamer, four grandchildren (Keith, Tim, Kristin and Drew), and one great-grandchild (Mazie). She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Florence and Ernest Reeves; two brothers, Harold and Bennie Reeves; and two sisters, Dottie (Reeves) Stephens and Patsy (Reeves) Hutchinson.

If you wish to honor Norma with a memorial donation, you may contribute to the Umatilla Community Presbyterian Church, Umatilla Alumni association or the American Cancer Society.

A celebration of life for Norma will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2018, at the Umatilla Community Presbyterian, at 14 Martin Drive. A private family burial will be at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Umatilla, Oregon.

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BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
AUG. 8, 2018
RULE — Barbra J. Kessler and Shawn I. Rule of Heppner: a girl, Kara Renee Rule.

AUG. 11, 2018
FISHER — Rachael L. Fisher and Kristopher T. Fisher of Stanfield: a girl, McKenna Lynn Fisher.

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James S. ‘Sam’ Esterbloom
Irrigon
October 13, 1927 - August 15, 2018

Sam Esterbloom passed away peacefully in his sleep and went home to be with Jesus his savior on August 15th in Boardman, Oregon, at the age of 90 years.

Sam was born in Bonita, California on a farm. His parents were some of the founding settlers in the area. He grew up with a love of sports and farming that stayed with him his whole life. He became a Christian in 1951.

He entered the Army in 1952 and served two years in Alaska as a medic. He and some other men formed an outreach group called the Christian Servicemen of the Northern Lights. They started a Youth for Christ chapter and many received Jesus into their hearts and lives.

He and his wife Jane moved his family to Falls City, Oregon, in 1976. Sam, Jane and their daughters enjoyed almost 20 years in Falls City and the fellowship of the Bridgeport Community Chapel congregation.

In 1992, Sam moved the family to Boardman, Oregon. He was one of the original employees of Boardman Foods and continued his employment there for over 20 years. He loved the team and supported them with prayers and frequent visits after his retirement. The family attended Boardman Community Church and New Hope Community Church and were blessed by the love for the Lord and the commitment to the people in the area.

His love of gardening was apparent to all who knew him. He gardened avidly and loved to share the abundance with the communities he lived in. Raspberries, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, peppers and melons were among his favorites.



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He grew Sweet Peas for his wife Jane and shared hundreds of bouquets throughout the Boardman community.

He was dedicated to his Christian beliefs and spent his adult life sharing the gospel with others. For many years, Sam developed a prayer book. He prayed for hundreds of people every day. If you knew Sam Esterbloom, or he knew you, you were most likely included in his daily prayer book. He loved being able to continue this after he became bedridden. He gave many of us a love of gardening and a love of the Lord that will be with us forever.

He is survived by his wife Jane; seven daughters: Sandee Relph, Joy McCaslin, Debbie Radie (Dave Radie), Deanna Camp (Mike Camp), Dana Fetter (Larry Fetter), Donna Boackle (Gary Boackle) and Darla Irwin (Kevin Irwin); son Mike Esterbloom; 28 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Thank you for all your love and support. — Jane Esterbloom and family
“Jesus and me, Praise the Lord” — Sam Esterbloom
In lieu of flowers, please give to New Hope Community Church, American Missionary Fellowship of Hermiston or American Missionary Fellowship of Falls City, Oregon.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, August 26 at 2:00 p.m. at New Hope Community Church in Hermiston, Oregon. Private burial will be at Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon.

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Billie ‘Sue’ Tolan
Hermiston
August 31, 1940 - August 16, 2018

Billie “Sue” Tolan of Hermiston was born August 31, 1940, in Spencerville, Oklahoma, the daughter of Wallace and Jessie (Noel) Ammons. She passed away in Hermiston on August 16, 2018, at the age of 77.

As a young child, Sue moved with her family to the community of Mayville, Oregon. She lived in Mayville throughout her childhood, attending grade school in Mayville and high school in Condon. She has resided in Hermiston for many years.

Sue worked in various fields throughout her career, the most recent being a special educational assistant at Hermiston High School.

Sue enjoyed gardening and taking trips to the beach and to the family cabin in Starkey with her family. She was a longtime member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church and actively involved with the Catholic Daughters.

Sue married James Tolan in Hermiston, Oregon. She was preceded in death by husband, James; her parents; sister Helen Audette Owens; infant granddaughter Claire Michelle; and infant grandson Charles Gaston Lilly.

She is survived by son John (Debra) Tolan of La Grande; daughter Debra Rene’ (Dr. Michael) Harris of Bend; daughter Colleen

(Robert) LaFrance of Phoenix, Ariz.; son Scott Lee Owens of Riggins, Idaho; daughter Lori Shaw of Lake Stevens, Wash.; daughter



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Lisa (Kevin) Lilly of St. Joseph, Mo.; son Casey Tolan of Hermiston; daughter Karla (Trevor) Wenning of Keizer; brothers Harold Glen Ammons of Condon and Jimmy Lee Ammons of Summerville; sister

Patsy Ann Moffit of Pendleton; 22 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Recitation of the rosary will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, followed by a Memorial Mass beginning at 11:00 a.m., also at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Avenue, Hermiston, OR 97838. A private family interment will be in the Mayville Cemetery in Mayville, Oregon.

Family suggest memorial donations in Sue’s memory be made to Catholic Daughters at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church.

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