

## OBITUARIES

## Larry Dale Keimig

Hermiston

February 3, 1938 — January 18, 2019

Larry Dale Keimig of Hermiston was born February 3, 1938, in Nashville, Kansas, the son of Edmund and Frida (Schindler) Keimig. He passed away on Friday, January 18, 2019, in Pasco, Wash., at the age of 80.

Larry grew up in the Central Oregon and Fossil areas, graduating from Fossil High School. After high school, he served in the U.S. Army for two years. He moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in the early 1960s where he has resided since. In Hermiston, he owned and operated Keimig Floor Coverings for 25 years, retiring in the late 1990s.

Larry enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to the mountains, spending time at his Starkey cabin, mushroom picking and deep sea fishing. He joined Scottish Rite in Baker City, Ore., on May 4, 1995. He was affiliated into Lodge of Perfection, Pendleton Valley Scottish Rite on March 17, 1996. He was elected Venerable Master for Pendleton Valley for 2000-2001. He was appointed to the position of secretary on January 1, 2002, and held that position until September 23, 2010. Larry received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on November 8, 2003. He was appointed to the position of Personal Representative of



Keimig

Lodge of Perfection of Pendleton in 2005. Larry was voted to become a 33 degree Inspector General Honorary on September 8, 2007.

He participated in many degrees at the semiannual reunions in Baker City from 1996 until 2014. He resigned from the position of Personal Representative of Lodge of Perfection in Pendleton on March 13, 2015, to care for his wife.

Larry married Marilyn Marie Brabant in Hermiston on December 14, 1973. She preceded him in death in 2003. He married Peggy Carver in 2009 in Hermiston.

He is survived by his wife Peggy; son Andrew; stepchildren Penny Hamm, Linda Mitchell, Melanie Hall and Rebecca Rayner; brothers Duane (Patsy) Keimig and David Keimig; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at the Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of final arrangements.

Family suggest memorial contributions to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

To leave an online condolence for the family go to [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Nita C. Mills

Stanfield

April 8, 1929 — January 13, 2019

Nita C. Mills of Stanfield, Oregon, was born on April 8, 1929, in Portland, Oregon, to parents Ivan and Helen Finney Kerr. She died on January 13, 2019, in Yuma, Arizona, at the age of 89 years.

Nita was raised and attended schools across the United States. She never spent more than one school year at any location until her sophomore year of high school. Nita graduated as the Columbia High School valedictorian for the class of 1947.

She then went to work for General Electric at Hanford in the engineering department. Nita was united in marriage to Don Mills on August 8, 1948, in Pasco, Washington. They lived in Wallula, Washington, before they moved to Stanfield, Oregon, in 1950 where she cooked on a wood stove.

There were no bridges at that time so she quit her job at Hanford and worked on the farm. She raised bumper lambs, ran the hoeing crew for both the mint and sugar beet fields, banded cement pipe, and held a CDL — driving truck during the mint and sugar beet harvest. Nita also made lunch for two crews every day during harvest, was the farm bookkeeper (balanced to the penny) and somehow made time to sing at many weddings and funerals over the years.

They retired in 1992 and have enjoyed snow-birding in Yuma, Arizona, since. She was an avid reader,

enjoyed watching musicals and movies, and going to sales, as well as dancing and listening to music. Nita loved to travel all over the world and never experienced jet lag, always ready and raring to go. She was a long-time member of the Hope Presbyterian Church in Stanfield, Ore.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Don Mills, Stanfield, Ore.; sons Monte (Jan) Mills, Stanfield, Ore., Dan (June) Mills, Echo, Ore., and Marvin (Kim) Mills, Stanfield, Ore.; daughter Marla (Steve) Wilkie, Rainier, Ore.; sister Margo (Mike) McGuire, Moxee, Wash.; grandchildren John, Erin, Tracy, Chrissy, Clint, Kyle, Marcus, Nicole, Levi, Heather and Zach; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

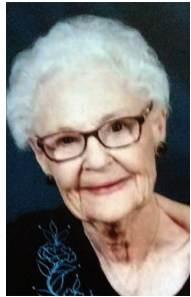
Nita was preceded in death by her parents, and an infant brother.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at 10 a.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1005 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions in Nita's memory to the Stanfield FFA Alumni or the Stanfield Library, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please leave online condolences for Nita's family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

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



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## Donald Stephen Taylor

Hermiston

February 6, 1940 — January 31, 2019

Donald Stephen Taylor of Hermiston was born February 6, 1940, in Yakima, Washington, the son of E. Lee and Irene (Dufault) Taylor. He passed away surrounded by loved ones in Hermiston on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at the age of 78.

Don grew up in and graduated high school in White Swan, Washington. He served six years in the Coast Guard and went to college for a year "before he ran out of money," he jokes, and went to work to build up the farm with his dad.

He met the woman who swept him off his feet, Sami Rae Wilson, in 1972. The couple was united in marriage on January 23, 1973, in Yakima, Wash. They began their journey together in Wapato, Wash., where Sami joined in on the work on the ranch. In 1976, the couple moved to Hermiston where they built, owned and operated Frasu's Restaurant until 1991. It was considered the premier watering hole and place to enjoy a good meal across the region and afforded Don and Sami ample opportunities to enrich the community with acts of service and fundraising. In 1990, they opened Marti's restaurant in Yakima, Wash., which they operated for several years. Don then returned to his passion of ranching, and the couple ran a cattle ranch in Starkey and a wheat ranch near Cayuse for several years.

When the couple retired, they enjoyed many trips to Alaska, Canada, Nevada, the Blue Mountains and

the Oregon coast. They frequented the casinos together where Don notoriously ran out of gambling money first and went to get more from Sami, who was the firm community chest. They were also known for their fervent love of football and enjoyed a tradition of watching weekly games, each betting exactly \$1 on the opposing team, and cheering their heads off for their respective choice.

Don and Sami created a beautiful life of 46 years together, and each cherished the other. Sami passed on January 3, 2019, and Don followed her just 28 days later, a testament to the power of love. May each of us be so blessed to find a love we simply can't live without.

He is survived by his children Stephen (Shawna) Taylor of Hermiston, Jamie (Simon) Meacham of Washington, D.C., Angie Lane of Spokane, Wash., and Alise Cortez of Dallas, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, in the Burns Mortuary chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Ore. To leave an online condolence for the family please go to [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Arrangements by Burns Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, family suggest memorial donations be made in Don's name to any charity of their choice, or as Dad would lean, "Go ahead and donate it toward Trump's wall."



Taylor

## DEATH NOTICES

## Lyle R. Aylett

Hermiston

Sept. 23, 1959 — Jan. 27, 2019

Lyle R. Aylett, 59, of Hermiston, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019, in Portland. He was born Sept. 23, 1959, in Portland. A celebration of life service will be held Friday, Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. in the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Leave online condolences for the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Ruby E. Davis

Hermiston

July 26, 1932 — Jan. 30, 2019

Ruby E. Davis, 86, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019, at her home. She was born July 26, 1932, in Hot Springs, South Dakota. A memorial service will be held Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 700 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. View the full obituary or leave an online condolence for the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Betty Lou Curnutt

Hermiston

Nov. 20, 1930 — Jan. 30, 2019

Former Heppner resident Betty Lou Curnutt, 88, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019, in Richland, Wash. She was born Nov. 20, 1930, in Fairfax, Oklahoma. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

## Jimmie D. Himes

Hermiston

May 21, 1946 — Jan. 28, 2019

Jimmie D. Himes, 72, of Hermiston, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born May 21, 1946, in Yakima, Wash. No services are planned. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of final arrangements. View the full obituary or leave an online condolence for the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Donald A. 'Don' Lancaster

Umatilla

July 27, 1929 — Feb. 4, 2019

Former Hermiston resident Donald A. "Don" Lancaster, 89, of Umatilla, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born July 27, 1929, in Daytona Beach, Florida. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave online condolences for the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Gregorio 'Don Goyo' Martinez

Stanfield

March 12, 1941 — Jan. 31, 2019

Gregorio "Don Goyo" Martinez, 77, of Stanfield, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019, in Newberg, Ore. He was born March 12, 1941, in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Recitation of the rosary will be held Saturday, Feb. 9 at noon at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston, with Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 12:30 p.m. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Leave condolences for the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## Nancy L. Storms

Hermiston

July 18, 1945 — Feb. 3, 2019

Nancy L. Storms, 73, of Hermiston, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Portland. She was born July 18, 1945, in Tekoa, Washington. A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Leave online condolences for the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## LaRee Treadwell

Hermiston

April 19, 1940 — January 31, 2019

On Thursday, January 31, 2019, LaRee Treadwell of Hermiston, Oregon, a loving wife and mother of two children, passed away in Walla Walla, Washington, at the age of 78 years.

LaRee was born on April 19, 1940, in Preston, Idaho, to parents Cecil and Louise Monson Hendricks. She was raised and attended schools in Pasco, Washington. She graduated from Pasco High School in the class of 1958. LaRee married her high school sweetheart, Gordon L. Treadwell, on January 23, 1960, in Pasco, Washington, on a snowy icy day that they still laughed about 59 years later.

She and Gordon purchased Hermiston Glass and moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in 1975 where they raised their two daughters, and have called it home ever since.

LaRee was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Altrusa International of Hermiston. LaRee was a woman of faith and the heart of the Treadwell family.

Before LaRee's granddaughter got married she told her, "Remember love is what makes the world

go around and if you have love you have happiness."

LaRee lived by this phrase and demonstrated her love through her tireless and selfless service in her family, community, and church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Gordon Treadwell, Hermiston, Ore.; daughter Janet Miller and her husband John, Springfield, Mo.; and granddaughter Megan Miller Inouye and her husband Peter, Austin, Texas.

LaRee was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol LaRee Treadwell, in 2017, and by her parents Cecil and Louise Monson Hendricks.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Altrusa Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 794, Hermiston, OR 97838.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please leave online condolences for LaRee's family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Arrangements by Burns Mortuary.



Treadwell

## Leslie L. 'Les' Conboy

Hermiston

June 30, 1932 — January 29, 2019

Leslie L. "Les" Conboy of Hermiston, Ore., was born on June 30, 1932, in White Salmon, Wash., to parents Orrie and Mabel Wright Conboy. He died on January 29, 2019, in Hermiston, Ore., at the age of 86 years.

Les was raised and attended school Glenwood, Wash., and then Condon, Ore., graduating in the class of 1950. He played football and basketball while attending one year of college at Portland State University and a second year at Eastern in La Grande, Ore. Les joined the United States Army and served from 1953 until his honorable discharge in 1955. He was united in marriage to Lovella L. Bailey on April 23, 1955, in Arlington, Ore.

Les worked as a property disposal coordinator at the Umatilla Army Depot before retiring in the early 1980s.

He and Lovella owned and operated the McNary Motel in Umatilla for several years.

Les was very active in Little League and Babe Ruth, coaching for over 40 years. He was a member of the Eagles, Elks and the Lions Club through the years. Les enjoyed sports,

traveling, the coast, playing pool, his coffee crew, and having a farm with livestock.

He is survived by his sons Robin (Carol) Conboy, Vancouver, Wash., and David Conboy, Hermiston, Ore.; daughters Penny Logan, Payette, Idaho, and Heidi (Tom) Meier, Pendleton, Ore.; grandchildren Leslie (Auginne) Conboy and Matthew (Ashley) Conboy; eight great-grandchildren; special friend Karyl Meagley, Hermiston, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Les was preceded in death by his wife Lovella Conboy; his parents; brothers Bill and Dick Conboy; and sisters June Moeller and Lorraine Talbert.

A family burial will be held in the spring at the Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Ore.

Those who wish may make contributions in Les' memory to Little League in your community.

Please leave online condolences for the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.



Conboy

## Two Hermiston burglary suspects arrested

By HERMISTON HERALD

Two Hermiston residents were arrested Friday, and are suspects in four separate thefts in the past few months.

Chalen James Ottomar, 23, and Meliza Vega Flores, 25, were arrested in the 400 block of Northwest 11th Street. Both are believed to be involved in the thefts, and were lodged

in the Umatilla County Jail.

Hermiston Police officers had been notified of a commercial burglary on Southeast 10th Street on Dec. 6, 2018, and later learned of three packages being stolen off porches. Upon investigation, they believed the incidents were all related. They are still investigating the incident.

The family of

## CHARLES "BILL" BLOODSWORTH

would like to thank everyone for the support shown to us during our loss. The family truly appreciates all of the flowers, cards and memorial contributions made in his memory. A special thank you to Dennis Culp for a beautiful service, Ken Huber at Burns Mortuary for his compassion, Jose Salas (Bill's right hand man) and Virginia Blade, his caregiver.

Sincerely,  
Jeanie Bloodsworth & family

