

## OBITUARIES

**Tamra Jean Giles**

Hermiston

Dec. 3, 1940 — Feb. 4, 2019

Tamra Jean Giles (nee Hobbs), age 78, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 4, 2019, in her home in Hermiston, Oregon. Tamra was born on December 3, 1940, in Preston, Idaho to Douglas Parkinson Hobbs and Valeta Nelda Hodges.

A dynamic redhead, Tamra embraced opportunities and worked to beautify her surroundings. As a young adult, she served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the North Central States Mission, proclaiming the gospel that she dearly loved. While on her mission, she met another missionary, A. Ray Giles. After their missions, they dated and married on April 8, 1964. The two of them began their little family in the military, moving to multiple places in the United States and Canada: Cape Charles, Virginia; Boise, Idaho; and Newfoundland, Canada.

Tamra always had a desire to be a mother and she applied her educational studies, hard work, and frugality to raise her family. They made Medford, Oregon, their home and Tamra supported Ray in the family grocery business as the bookkeeper. With remarkable determination she mastered many skills, including gardening, sewing, cooking, and researching genealogy. Her journey in life was spent serving others. Tamra was particularly involved in the lives of her children and grandchildren.

She lived life to its fullest. She nurtured an abiding testimony of her Savior and sought to follow Him each day of her life.

Tamra is survived by her beloved husband, A. Ray Giles, her seven children, Tadd (Elizabeth) Giles (Orem, Utah), Tara Giles (Central Point, Oregon), Troy (Susan) Giles (Sandy, Utah), TeAnn (Shane) Pratt (Meridian, Idaho), Tina (Joseph) Sullivan (Vancouver, Washington), Tony (Amanda) Giles (Beaverton, Oregon) and A. Ray Giles II (Moreno Valley, California), 27 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Kayle (Gayle) Hobbs, Charlene (Gary) Johnson and Nicholas (Janet) Hobbs as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Clarice Lee McElroy, and her sister-in-law, Marlene Link Hobbs.

There will be a public viewing at Burns Mortuary (685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Oregon) at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Memorial services will follow at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1035 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston, Oregon, at 1 p.m.

Please share online condolences with Tamra's family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

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



Giles

**Natalya Marie 'Tally' Martinez**

Hermiston

August 8, 2002 — February 2, 2019

Viewing for Natalya Marie "Tally" Martinez was held Thursday, February 7, 2019, at 3 p.m. with recitation of the rosary following at 7 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Funeral mass was held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 8 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston, with burial following at Hermiston Cemetery.

A beloved daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, cousin and friend, Natalya Marie Martinez left this world unexpectedly at the age of 16 on February 2, 2019. She was born in Hermiston, Oregon, on August 8, 2002, to Dianna Navejar and Michael Martinez Sr. and was eagerly awaited by her sister Marissa and brother Jordan.

Natalya grew up in the Hermiston and Stanfield area where she attended Stanfield Elementary School, Armand Larive Middle School and was currently attending Hermiston High School as a junior. Natalya was a lover of pets and fashion, and enjoyed dancing and listening to music. She was funny, outgoing and vivacious, but also introverted and introspective. She was a symbol of power, beauty and grace. She always showed a fierce loyalty to her family and friends. We will always remember her infectious smile, piercing eyes and loving personality. Her presence in our lives will be greatly missed.

When you think of Nata-

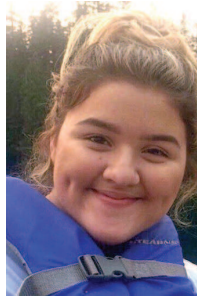
lya, celebrate the good memories you have of her. Remember that life is fragile and short and should always be lived to the fullest.

Natalya is preceded in death by her great-grandparents Cruz and Juanita Correa, great-grandmother Santana Mariana Navejar, and great-grandparents Isidro F. Martinez and Francisca Salinas Martinez; great-uncles Porfirio and Reymundo Correa and Paul Pastora; and great-aunts Petra Hines, Luisa Rodriguez and Toni Hamilton.

She leaves behind her parents Dianna Navejar and Michael Martinez; sister Marissa Navejar (Cody); brothers Jordan Serrato (Jasmine) and Michael Martinez; grandparents Josie Correa and Tony Navejar (Irasema); uncles David Navejar and Danny Navejar (Chela); aunt Sonia Nash (Cory); cousins Brecella Nash, Brennin Nash, Aviana Navejar and Jacoby Navejar; grandmother Carol Chavez and grandfather Jose Mario Martinez; uncles Raymond and Anthony Hughes, Troy Pastora, and Albino and Jose Mario Jr. Martinez; aunts Jody Kipp and Melissa Martinez Benavidez; and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

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Martinez

**John Wayne Jambura**

Eugene

June 20, 1931 — February 2, 2019

Col. John Wayne Jambura, Ph.D., died February 2, 2019, at the age of 87 in Eugene, Oregon, with family by his side.

John was born on June 20, 1931, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, to Earl and Florence (Strauman) Jambura. John grew up in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. He married Phyllis Walnum in Pendleton, Oregon, in 1952. Phyllis passed in 1983 and in 2011 he married Karen Turner, a special friend of 25 years.

Dr. Jambura earned degrees from University of Wisconsin (Madison) and Eastern Oregon University, and his doctorate from Washington State University. John taught for five years at Pendleton High School before transitioning to a professor at Eastern Oregon State College. He retired from Eastern Oregon as a full professor after 25 years.

Colonel Jambura served in the U.S. Army Reserve and retired in 1983 after 30 years. John served in the occupation of Germany in the 1950s.

Survivors include his

wife Karen; his son Dr. John P. Jambura of Boise, Idaho; his stepdaughter Jill Jones of Eugene and stepson Marcus Turner of Austin, Texas; his brothers Don Jambura (Wisconsin) and Earl (Hawaii); his granddaughters Jennifer Shelby of Colorado, Catherine Jambura of Idaho, Amy and Abigail Jones, and Kennedy and Addison Turner; and great-grandsons Dylan Waugh and William Bernard.

Spending time with John was a learning experience to be treasured. His undying concern for the education of our youth and for our state and country should be emulated by all caring citizens.

Once a teacher always a teacher.

A private celebration of life is scheduled. John will be buried at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. John will receive full military honors.

West Lawn Memorial is in charge of arrangements: 225 South Danebo Ave., Eugene, OR 97402, 541-342-8281, [www.musgroves.com](http://www.musgroves.com).



Jambura

**Nancy L. Storms**

Hermiston

July 18, 1945 — February 3, 2019

Nancy L. Storms of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on July 18, 1945, in Tekoa, Washington, to parents James and Nellie Chilstrom Round. She died on February 3, 2019, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 73 years.

Nancy was united in marriage to Duane Storms Sr. on November 16, 1965, in Norview, Virginia. They lived in the Spokane, Washington, area from the late 1960s until 1985. They moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in 1986 where they have lived since.

Nancy worked for over 15 years as a teacher's aide, mainly at McNary Elementary in Umatilla, Oregon. She loved playing bingo and enjoyed traveling, especially to visit family. Nancy was a member of the Hermiston VFW Post #4750 Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Duane Storms Sr., Hermiston, Ore.;

son Duane Storms Jr. and his wife Carol, Laramie, Wyo.; daughter Dana Tassie and her husband Rick, Hermiston, Ore.; brother James C.

Round and his wife Connie, Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren Brody Storms, Delaney Storms and Nicole Graham and her husband Blake; and several nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Janice Fulks.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date.

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

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Storms

## DEATH NOTICES

**Kelly L. Ball**

Everett, Washington

April 3, 1957 — Feb. 9, 2019

Kelly L. Ball, 62, of Everett, Washington, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, in Kirkland, Washington. She was born April 3, 1957, in Seattle. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share online condolences at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Glenn W. "George" Miller**

Hermiston

May 20, 1936 — Feb. 10, 2019

Glenn W. "George" Miller, 82, of Hermiston died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born May 20, 1936, in La Grande. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share online condolences at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Susan I. Walchli-Hunter**

Hermiston

Feb. 11, 1960 — Feb. 6, 2019

Susan I. Walchli-Hunter, 58, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019, in Portland. She was born Feb. 11, 1960, in Hermiston. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at 5 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share online condolences at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Evelyn "Ruth" Reisch**

Hermiston

February 2, 1929 — Feb. 9, 2019

Evelyn "Ruth" Reisch, 90, of Hermiston died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 at her home. She was born Feb. 2, 1929, in Wichita, Kansas. A private family burial will be held at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Estacada, Oregon. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave online condolences at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Larry Dale Keimig**

Hermiston

Feb. 3, 1938 — Jan. 18, 2019

Larry Dale Keimig, 80, of Hermiston, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, in Pasco. He was born Feb. 3, 1938, in Nashville, Kansas. A celebration of life service with military honors has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hermiston Christian Center. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave online condolences at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Charles I. Thomas**

Hermiston

June 3, 1952 — Feb. 10, 2019

Charles I. Thomas, 66, of Hermiston died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019, in Richland. He was born June 3, 1952, in Fossil. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share online condolences at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

JAN. 29, 2019

**SALINAS** — Crista Sanchez Villagomes and Humberto Salinas Jr. of Hermiston: a girl, Arya Crista Salinas.

JAN. 30, 2019

**BENNINGFIELD** — Erica R. Benningfield and James D. Benningfield of Hermiston: a girl, Desirae Rose Benningfield.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**

FEB. 2, 2019

**PIERSON** — Abigail L. Pierson and Kevin R. Pierson of Hermiston: a boy, Derek Fox Pierson.

# Truck drivers deal with snowy roads, chain restrictions

By KATHY ANEY  
STAFF WRITER

Driving a car in the ice and snow can be nerve-wracking, so imagine driving an 18-wheeler in the stuff.

Dozens of truck drivers hanging out at the Arrowhead Travel Plaza on Monday morning didn't have to imagine. Some had just come down Cabbage Hill. Others prepared to ascend the steep, curvy stretch of mountain highway on their way east.

Long-haul trucker Dan MacIntyre chatted with four other drivers on the way from the parking lot to main building near Interstate 84's exit 216. Big, wet flakes swirled around the men as they shared information about chain restrictions and weather forecasts. MacIntyre, a Canadian from Toronto, had steered

his 18-wheeler filled with instrumental equipment down Cabbage on Sunday night and needed to get to Portland.

"They were telling me the roads were insane. You have to put your chains on," he said, after leaving the knot of other drivers. "I don't expect I'm going anywhere."

At the moment, a chain restriction for trucks was in effect both directions. MacIntyre prepared to settle in for the day. The 27-year veteran said if conditions require chains, then you shouldn't be driving. He owns a set, but they sit inside his truck, clean and unused in the original box.

MacIntyre lives in his truck and logs between 15,000 and 17,000 miles each month. The former truck driver trainer ticked off some principles he drilled into his students.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris/East Oregonian

**Charles Nulph of Burley, Idaho, reaches between tires while putting chains on the wheels of his trailer while hauling a load of frozen French fries on Monday at the Arrowhead Travel Plaza in Mission.**

"The speed limit is not the number posted on the sign," he said. "It is the speed you can safely go down the highway and not lose your load. Drive to the conditions."

He urged his students to check mirrors often, learn to read the roads, refrain from

rushing, rest when tired and to be wary in snow, ice, fog and high winds.

MacIntyre's phone has dozens of photos of truck accidents the trucker has come upon or seen happen right in front of him. He looks at the pictures to remind him-

self to take it slow and easy. One shot shows the aftermath of an 18-wheeler gone airborne over the edge of an overpass and landing on the freeway below.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 4,761 people died in collisions involving large trucks in 2017 (the latest year reported). About 1,300 of the deaths were truckers, while the remaining victims died in other vehicles or were pedestrians.

So far, MacIntyre has only had one minor accident himself. It happened when he hydroplaned into the back of a car after hitting his brakes. He aims to make that his last and only.

Many of the truckers at Arrowhead on Monday rested up for the trek ahead. In the truck parking area, Yakima driver Travis Mosley waited it out in the cab

of his 18-wheeler. During his drive from Tacoma, he'd encountered blowing snow, but hadn't been required to don chains until Pendleton. He had decided to take a pause to see if that changed before hauling his load of Polaris side by sides east to Baker City, and then to John Day.

He listened carefully to his CB as a fellow trucker gave an update. Chaining restrictions had been lifted going to the west, he reported. Restrictions remained for eastbound truckers like Mosley.

"That's all we're doing right now is listening," Mosley said. "I'm going to wait it out for a couple of hours to see if it gets better."

Mosley has learned to be patient.

"I watch TV and YouTube," he said. "I catch up on my sleep."