

## OBITUARIES

**Marjorie E. Babcock**

Hermiston

June 24, 1920 — February 14, 2019

Marjorie E. Babcock passed away at the age of 98 on February 14 with family and friends. Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and we can imagine the love Jesus, her beloved husband, Art, and family and friends showed her when she arrived.

She was born in Yuma, Arizona, on June 24, 1920, the fifth of nine children born to Jim and Annie Gifford. She lived in the Yuma Valley with her family until graduation from high school in 1938. In February 1939 she enrolled in Mercy College of Nursing in San Diego, Calif., and graduated as an RN in January 1942.

She married Arthur Babcock, the love of her life, on February 11, 1942. They always said their marriage was one made in heaven. They were married for 43 years, Art passing in 1985.

After marrying Art, she worked as an office and surgical nurse for Dr. Bond, an ophthalmologist in San Diego, Calif. During World War II, Art enlisted in the Army in April 1942 and she spent six months in Manhattan, Kan., while he trained at Camp Riley. Nurses were in high demand, so she agreed to work days while Art was training. She then returned to San Diego, Calif., and again worked for Dr. Bond.

After their son, Stanley, was born in 1944, she moved to DeRidder, La., so she could be with Art until he went overseas. While Art was away, she continued nursing by taking care of family members and friends.

After the war, Art and Marjorie made their home in San Diego, Calif., where Art worked as a fireman for the San Diego Fire Dept. In 1951, Art decided to change occupations and they moved to Mobridge, S.D., where they had a feedlot and raised cattle along the Missouri River for eight years. Art was offered a job in Oregon by his best friend, Al Conforth, and Marjorie was elated since she was not

a fan of the South Dakota winters. Art and crew built the Broken Circle Ranch where he was foreman until he retired. The Babcocks moved to McNary in 1958 and to Hermiston in 1973.

Marjorie worked at home, staying very busy with her family, including volunteering for the PTA, room mother, Campfire leader and caring for family and friends. In 1970, she decided to return to nursing, so she took a refresher course and started working at Umatilla Hospital until it closed in 1982. She then worked at Good Shepherd until she retired in June of 1984. Nursing was very rewarding to her and she felt privileged to serve her community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art, six siblings and her bright young great-grandson, Eric.

She is survived by a sisters Mildred Tanner of Newhall, Calif., and Maxine Gallagher of Rio Vista, Calif.; four children, Stanley Babcock of Hermiston, Marilyn Salsbery of Oregon City, Janice Babcock of Umatilla and Sharon Babcock of Washougal, Wash.; grandchildren Ty, Tawna and Mindee; and great-grandchildren Zachary, Kaitlynn, Eric, Brittney, Hayden and Arynna.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 2019, at the Hermiston Nazarene Church, 1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838. Burial will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Umatilla. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary.

Memorial donations can be made to Community Hospice, 3102 N.E. 134th St., Vancouver, WA 98686 or Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Suite 300, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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



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**Kelly Lynn Ball**

Everett, Washington

April 3, 1957 — Feb. 9, 2019

Kelly Lynn Ball passed away on Feb. 9, 2019, at Evergreen Hospice in Kirkland, Washington, after a long, hard-fought battle against metastatic breast cancer.

She was born on April 3, 1957, in Seattle, Washington, to James and Colleen (O'Brien) Hoiien (both of whom she is survived by). Kelly was the oldest of four children. She was preceded in death by her sister, Robin Hoiien, and is survived by brother Scott (Sophana) Connelly, and sister Pandi (Troy) Bartley.

Kelly graduated from Lincoln High School in Seattle, Washington, in 1975. During her teenage years she volunteered as a candy stripper at Ballard Hospital, she delivered newspapers in her neighborhood, worked at McDonald's and, after graduation, worked at a nursing home in Seattle, as a caregiver — a job she loved very much and always remembered fondly. She then began a career in banking, at Rainier Bank, in Seattle, before starting a family and her ultimate career as a wife, mother, homemaker, and DIY craft genius extraordinaire!

On July 9, 1977, just weeks after meeting Kenneth Ball, Kelly married him ... her soulmate ... and the two remain deeply in love. She passed away on their 41-year, 7-month anniversary, with him at her side.

Together, they have three children and four grandchildren: daughter Shauna (Chris) Plante, and their children, Clara and Diego; daughter, Jeana Ball, and her daughter, Gabriella; and son, Brian (Jennifer) Ball, and their son, Adrian.

Kelly and Kenny were amazing, loving foster parents to many children from a variety of backgrounds and with various learning, mental and mobility disabilities. And, as their fostering years came to an end, Kelly returned to school to become a doula to continue her love of caregiving; she assisted many women in delivering their babies in safe, warm, and loving environments. She even became an ordained minister and has officiated the weddings that precede those births!

Also on her "caregiving resume" is much time spent volunteering for the Red



Ball

Cross, leading the youth volunteer group, and deploying to disasters to help those in need, including a 3-week mission to New York after 9/11 — work that always remained very dear to her heart. She even led an adoption support group through her church, creating wonderful welcome home experiences for families who had just adopted a child.

Kelly had the talent, vision, and drive to start businesses before they became popular or known to the rest of the world. She was Martha before Martha was known — she could plan a party, decorate a cake, arrange flowers and create anything the mind could imagine (although not without a few arguments with a sewing machine or two).

She opened three businesses with constant encouragement, support and assistance from Kenny. They opened a gift store in Kennewick, Washington, (Something Special) that included a year-round Christmas room, themed gift baskets, and rental booths for crafters to sell their creations to the public. When they moved to the Pacific Northwest, they opened a gift shop (My Secret Garden) in a rustic cabin next to a resort on the Hood Canal. Patrons could do a little shopping, grab an ice-cream cone and have an artist draw their portrait while they sat on the porch. She even started an online jewelry business in the earlier online days (Grandma's Attic), and did so well, she couldn't keep up with the demand.

Kelly was a soft spoken, patient, kind, loving, giving, and honest person with innumerable talents that she was always eager to share. Her presence is greatly missed and her absence leaves immense sorrow in the hearts of those who knew her.

A celebration of life service will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. A family burial will be at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon, Oregon.

Please share online condolences with Kelly's family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

**Alva Fay Caldwell**

Nampa, Idaho

Sept. 9, 1936 — Feb. 6, 2019

Alva Fay Caldwell went to meet his Lord and Savior surrounded by his loving family February 6, 2019.

Alva was born in Nampa, Idaho, to Clarence and Francis (Mitchell) Caldwell. Following graduation from Nampa High School, Alva worked on a ranch in Owyhee County and then moved back to Nampa. Alva met the love of his life Linda (Thomson) at a dance and married in Nampa raising three children. He owned the Skylark Lounge for three years, he was a manager for the Broadmore Country Club. Alva was a member of the Elks for approximately 60 years which he was once a manager, he then went on to manage processing plants in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

After retirement Alva built a woodshop and began building beautiful wood furnishings for his loving family that they will forever treasure. He took pride in having beautiful landscaping in all the homes they lived in. He loved horses, playing and watching golf, rodeos and reading about the history of



Caldwell

Owyhee County.

Alva passed away of a broken heart 11 days after his loving wife, Linda. Alva is also preceded in death by

his parents, son, Monte; sisters, Sylvia and Clarice. Alva is survived by his loving daughters, Ty (Monte) Hergert of Nampa, Idaho; Kelly (Guy) Belanger of Lovelock, Nevada; 12 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson, and numerous cousins and nieces and nephews.

"There's a man that people talk about. They say he's a man to look up to, that he's strong and steady, that deep down, he's a gentle soul, that he's always been there when he was needed and I smile and say, 'I know, he's my grandfather.'"

Memorial donations can be given to the Owyhee County Museum in Murphy, Idaho. Private family services will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel where an online guest book is available at [www.nampafuneral-home.com](http://www.nampafuneral-home.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

**Michael P. Newland**

Stanfield

July 7, 1953 — Feb. 17, 2019

Michael P. Newland, 65, of Stanfield, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019, in Stanfield. He was born July 7, 1953, in Parsons, Kansas. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

**David J. Van Schoiack Jr.**

Hermiston

Jan. 12, 1970 — Feb. 16, 2019

David J. Van Schoiack Jr., 49, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, near Boardman. He was born Jan. 12, 1970, in Pendleton. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave an online condolence for the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Randall J. 'Randy' Beehler**

Umatilla

May 18, 1954 — Feb. 17, 2019

Randall J. "Randy" Beehler, 64, of Umatilla, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019, at his home. He was born May 18, 1954 in Sturgis, South Dakota. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Laurel 'Joyce' Madsen**

La Grande

Aug. 22, 1931 — Feb. 15, 2019

Former Hermiston resident Laurel "Joyce" Madsen, 87, of La Grande, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, in La Grande. She was born Aug. 22, 1931. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Darlene A. 'Billie' Chapman**

Bakersfield, Calif.

May 24, 1931 — Feb. 15, 2019

Longtime Hermiston resident Darlene A. "Billie" Chapman, 87, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2019, in Bakersfield, Calif. She was born May 24, 1931, in Yakima, Washington. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Gary L. Gray**

Hermiston

Aug. 10, 1948 — Feb. 16, 2019

Gary L. Gray, 70, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at his home. He was born Aug. 10, 1948. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Duane H. Noble**

Patras, Greece

Sept. 27, 1931 — Sept. 11, 2018

Former Hermiston resident Duane H. Noble, 86, died Sept. 11, 2018, in Patras, Greece. He was born Sept. 27, 1931, in Klamath Falls. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Hortensia Flores**

Umatilla

May 5, 1951 — Feb. 14, 2019

Hortensia Flores, 67, of Umatilla, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, at her home. She was born May 5, 1951, in El Salvador. Viewing was held Monday, Feb. 18 from noon to 9 p.m. with a service from 6-8 p.m. at Centro Cristiano Emanuel, 146 Columbia Blvd., Umatilla. A funeral service was held Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. at Centro Cristiano Emanuel. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Steven R. "Steve" Koester**

Hermiston

June 23, 1960 — Feb. 13, 2019

Steven R. "Steve" Koester, 58, of Hermiston died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019, in Kennewick. He was born June 23, 1960 in Fargo, North Dakota. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share online condolences at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Debra Ann "Debbie" DeChand**

Hermiston

May 21, 1967 — Feb. 10, 2019

Debra Ann "Debbie" DeChand, 51, of Hermiston died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019, at The Porter House in Hermiston. She was born May 21, 1967, in Pendleton. Services are pending. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share online condolences at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
FEB. 5, 2019

**RICE** — Sarah Michelle Ruloph and Randy Allen Rice of Pendleton: a boy, Graham Steven Rice.

FEB. 6, 2019

**PONCE** — Sierrah L R Berger and Isaac Ponce Sanchez of Hermiston: a girl, Krista Rose Ponce.

FEB. 7, 2019

**RAMOS CALMO** — Fidelina Calmo Mendoza and Santos Ramos Matias of Hermiston: a boy, Moises Iker Ramos Calmo.

**BOESCH** — Karlee Boesch and Justin Boesch of Hermiston: a girl, Willow Lynn Boesch.

FEB. 8, 2019

**MEIERS** — Carmelita Morrison and Ryan Meiers of Boardman: a boy, Gavin Matthew Meiers.

**BAKER** — Tia Flores and Derek Baker of Hermiston: a girl, Evelyn Luella Rose Baker.

FEB. 9, 2019

**BARRETO** — Serrera Jaime-Kennedy and Jaime Perez-Barreto of Hermiston: a boy, Jaime Justino Perez Barreto Jr.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**

FEB. 7, 2019

**BUTLER** — Dawna Lynn Clark and David P. Butler of Hermiston: a boy, Daemon Paul Butler.

## HONORS

**Hermiston alums named to Whitman honor roll**

WALLA WALLA — Two Hermiston High School alumni, **Sofia Gispert Tello** and **Madilyn Hofbauer**, earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College. This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits, passed all credits attempted, and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

**Tovey named to dean's list**

AZUSA, Calif. — Hermiston resident and Azusa Pacific University student **Sidney Tovey** made the academic Deans' List at APU.

A performance/violin major, Tovey is honored for a fall semester 2018 academic standing of 3.5 or better grade-point average. Tovey is joined by 1,976 other students receiving the same honor.

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A hundred years from now it will not matter what My bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the Life of a Child.