

OBITUARIES

Laurel Joyce Madsen

La Grande

August 22, 1931 — February 15, 2019

Laurel Joyce Madsen, longtime Hermiston resident, was born August 22, 1931, in Thayne, Wyoming, to parents Franklin James and Blanche Idell Haderlie Sibbett. She passed away on February 15, 2019, in La Grande at the age of 87 years.

Known by Joyce, she was raised and attended school in Star Valley, Wyoming, and later in Layton, Utah. She attended Davis High School in Bountiful where she was a member of the Pro Schola club and participated in other social activities. While attending Davis High she met the love of her life, Donald B. Madsen, and they were united in marriage on June 30, 1950, in the Salt Lake City Temple.

She worked a variety of jobs over the next couple of years, including being a telephone operator, while Don pursued his education in Ogden, Utah, and later in Caldwell, Idaho. While in Caldwell Joyce gave birth to their first son, Michael. They moved several more times living in Parma, Idaho, and Dayville, Ore., before settling in Hermiston in 1956. In Hermiston she gave birth to their second son, Mark.

It was there that Joyce decided to return to college to become a teacher. She commuted to Pendleton for two years and then later to La Grande for two years in pursuit of her degree. She went on to teach at Sunset Elementary in Hermiston for the next 25 years. Joyce retired in 1995, but still loved the students in the classroom and enjoyed substituting for several more years.

She had many hobbies including cooking, baking, scrapbooking and gardening. For each of these activities she had her favorite tools: butter, endless photos and Miracle-Gro. While she enjoyed these activities, nothing compared to the joy of being around her

family. She relished gatherings and traditional holidays with family and friends. In addition to her children she mothered ball players of all ages. She was the faithful coach's wife, logging hundreds of hours on benches around the state and preparing countless team meals at their home. Joyce and Don helped instill knowledge, values and character in so many young children and adults through parenting, teaching and coaching with compassion and love.

Joyce was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in many callings including a stake mission with Don to the Willow Creek Branch for two years.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Madsen, Hermiston, Ore., and Mark Madsen and his wife JoAnna, La Grande, Ore.; siblings Jay Sibbett, Las Vegas, Nev., and Cheryl Humphrey and her husband Wayne, Maple Valley, Wash.; grandchildren Ashley (Greg), Allison, Steven (Danielle), Anne (Jake), Soren (Lacey), Seth and Sophia; great-grandchildren Kole, Emery, Tyler, Elizabeth, Angel, Charlotte, Sawyer and Reese; many loved precious nieces and nephews; and countless ball players and students.

She was preceded in death by her husband Don of 66 years, her parents, and a brother, Kent Sibbett.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 10:30 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 share memories of Joyce with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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



Madsen

Katherine 'Kay' Bentley Stefanides

Phoenix, Arizona

November 6, 1932 — February 4, 2019

Katherine Bentley Stefanides (Kay) passed in her sleep in Phoenix, Arizona, on Feb. 4, 2019. She was born to Walter J. Bentley and Verda Bentley on Nov. 6, 1932. She grew up in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she was involved in snow skiing and theater, and developed her love of art and drawing.

After graduating from Santa Fe High School, she earned an associate's degree at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. While there she met Norden Stefanides, a veterinary student and football player at the University of Missouri. They were married June 19, 1954, and moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where Norden practiced veterinary medicine.

Kay and Norden raised three daughters, Ann, Holly and Lynn. Favorite family memories include summer vacations to the Oregon coast and New Mexico, swim meets, horseback riding and shows, ballet lessons and recitals, and family ski trips to Anthony Lakes.

After Norden retired they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to be near her mother, and Lynn and her family. She hiked with a local hiking group, spent many hours painting and was a very involved grandmother.

As family transitioned Norden and Kay moved to Bend, Oregon, where Kay continued with her love of hiking and belonged to the Sagebrusher's Art Club. Her faith was an integral and important part of her life. She loved serving in women's ministries in many capacities where ever she lived.

Kay will be remembered for her grace, hospitality, kind smile and interest in others. She was a great example to her children and grandchildren of loving and serving others.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, brothers Fred and Daniel Bentley, daughters Ann Jernstedt (Jeff), Holly Howerton and Lynn Kondryszyn (Miro), eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Stefanides

John Robert 'Woody' Woods

Spokane Valley, Wash.

September 12, 1945 — February 9, 2019

John Robert "Woody" Woods, 73, of Spokane Valley, Wash., passed away on Feb. 9, 2019, after a brief battle with cancer.

John was born in Ava, Mo., on Sept. 12, 1945, to John and Olive (Burris) Woods. The family relocated to Stanfield, Ore., when John was 5 years old. He lived there until he graduated from high school. John served for six years in the Oregon Army National Guard.

He always loved music and was a member of the "Jiven 5" quintet in Stanfield, Ore., and in Walla Walla, Wash. He was a member of "In the Mood" big band. His love of music was passed on to his son Kevin, who is currently the Director of Jazz Studies at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington.

John's favorite hobbies were golf and tennis. He most recently was a marshal at Meadowood Golf Course in Liberty Lake, Wash.

He had a 20-year career with Sears beginning in Walla Walla, Wash., then transferring to San Rafael, Calif., and then to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

John is survived by his son Kevin John Woods, wife Gail and granddaughter Nora Olivia of Bellingham, Wash.; his daughter Kyla Jo,

husband Marty Lee Moses and grandchildren Marty Lee Moses III (Tre), Tyra Michelle, Michael Andrew, and Matthew James Moses of Spokane Valley, Wash.; his daughter Kimberly June Howard of Santa Rosa, Calif.; his sister Beverly Marker of Liberty Lake, Wash.; his ex-wife Wilma "Willie" Woods of Spokane Valley, Wash.; three nieces and five nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, John Woods; his mother, Olive Woods; sisters Janet Woods and Venita Green; and brother Melvin Woods.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Bell Tower Funeral Home, 3398 E. Jenalan Ave., Post Falls, Idaho, which has been entrusted with arrangements. Please visit John's online memorial at www.belltower-funeralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Spokane North, P.O. Box 2215, Spokane, WA 99210.



Woods

Denise Marie Rodda Bensel

Gilbert, Ariz.

September 11, 1964 — February 15, 2019

Denise Marie Rodda Bensel passed away in Gilbert, Arizona, on Friday, February 15 after a brief illness discovered to be Good-pasture syndrome, an autoimmune disease.

Denise was born on September 11, 1964, in Hermiston, Oregon. Her parents are Gene and Dorothy Rodda.

She graduated from Hermiston High School in 1982. After working at Wilcox Furniture in the 1980s, she worked in the mortgage industry for almost 30 years. She most recently had been employed as a senior underwriter for Freedom Mortgage, one of the nation's largest mortgage companies.

Denise married Dean Bensel in Hood River, Oregon, on May 7, 1989. They welcomed a daughter, Whitney, in 1989 and also raised Dean's daughter, Amy. They

lived in Hermiston, Portland, Spokane and Denver, and Denise most recently settled in the Phoenix area after they divorced. They remained close.

Denise is survived by daughters Whitney and Amy, grandson Drew, her parents Dorothy and Gene, brothers Bill and Brent, and sister Kathy. She is also survived by her four rescue dogs Sadie, Timmy, Zoie and Stacey.

Denise will be remembered as a selfless person with a big heart who would do anything for others. She was determined, smart, hard-working and a great mother. She was a very independent soul who inspired all who knew her.

The family had a private get-together at Denise's home in Gilbert, Arizona. Cards to the family can be sent to 3560 East Merlot Street, Gilbert, AZ 85298.



Bensel

DEATHS

Pablo Lopez Espinoza

Boardman

Jan. 15, 1946 — Feb. 21, 2019

Pablo Lopez Espinoza, 73, of Boardman died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, at his home. He was born Jan. 15, 1946, in Jalisco, Mexico. Viewing will be held Sunday, Feb. 24 from 3-7 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Rosary will be held Monday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Burns Mortuary chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Boardman. Burial will follow at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.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. A celebration of life service with military honors will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.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. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share online condolences at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Gloria J. Lane

Hermiston

July 7, 1946 — Feb. 18, 2019

Gloria J. Lane, 72, of Hermiston, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, in Hermiston. She was born July 7, 1946, in La Grande. A private burial will be held at Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane, Washington. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Patricia J. 'Pat' Otis

Hermiston

April 29, 1931 — Feb. 18, 2019

Patricia J. "Pat" Otis, 87, of Hermiston, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, in Richland, Wash. She was born April 29, 1931, in Huntley, Montana. A memorial service will be held Friday, March 1 at 1 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

David John Van Schoiack Jr.

Hermiston

Jan. 12, 1970 — Feb. 16, 2019

David John Van Schoiack Jr., 49, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, near Boardman. He was born Jan. 12, 1970, in Pendleton. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. A potluck will follow the service in the church fellowship hall. 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.

Hermiston man arrested for vehicle theft, hindering prosecution

By HERMISTON HERALD

A Hermiston man is in jail for possessing stolen property, and assisting with covering up a theft of several vehicles and tools last summer.

Scot Echols, 60, is charged with nine total counts: unauthorized use of a vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, aggravated theft, criminal conspiracy and hindering prosecution, all felony charges, and tampering with physical evidence, a misdemeanor charge.

According to court documents, Echols stole and operated a John Deere Wheel Loader, which is valued at \$10,000 or more, without the consent of the owner, McFarlane's Bark, Inc.

Echols is also charged with several counts of assisting Zachary Bartz, who was arrested in August for theft of several vehicles. Some of the stolen vehicles were found at a property on Echols Road, where Echols lives. Echols was also charged with helping conceal or harbor Bartz, and for concealing or removing physical evidence including stolen vehicles and tools.

IN UNIFORM

U.S. Navy Sailor **Daniel Brodie Kahmann** graduated from the U.S. Navy

Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois, this past September 7, 2018. He completed an intensive 8-week program consisting of disciplined training, schooling, physical fitness, and being instilled with the Navy's highest standards of honor, courage and commitment.

He then moved on to the next step and has recently graduated from technical

"A" School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC) in Pensacola, Florida, with the rate of Aviation Electronics Mate (AE). He is now at his first duty station in San Diego, California, and attending additional technical school there as well.

Brodie is the son of Celeste Lish of Boise, Idaho, and Daniel Kahmann of Belton, Mo. He is a 2012 graduate of Hermiston High School.



Kahmann

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