

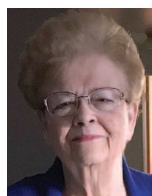
## OBITUARIES

**Melva 'Jean' Ruhl**

Hermiston

August 17, 1936 — February 26, 2019

Melva "Jean" Ruhl of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on August 17, 1936, in Milford, Nebraska, to parents Harry and Wilma (Gifford) Stahly. She passed away on February 26, 2019, at the Tri-City Chaplaincy Hospice House in Kennewick, Washington, at the age of 82.



Ruhl

Following her high school graduation, Jean attended the University of Nebraska and went on to graduate from St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1957.

Jean was united in marriage to Otto "Skip" Ruhl on May 21, 1964, in Heppner, Oregon. They made their home in Hermiston, Oregon, where they raised their three daughters.

Jean worked for many years in various hospitals, including Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Good Shepherd Hospital. She worked as a nurse for the Hermiston School District for 12 years and later worked for the state of Oregon as a nurse at EOCI in Pendleton, Oregon. Jean retired from nursing after 40 years of service.

Jean was an active member of the Lutheran Church (ELCA) where she sang in the choir for many years; a member of Emblem Club #215; a member of Altrusa International of Hermiston for over 25 years; and served a total of five terms at Good Shepherd Community Hospital (nine years on the Board of Trustees and 10 years on the GSH Foundation Board).

Jean enjoyed reading, traveling, playing cards, crossword puzzles, cooking

big holiday dinners for her family, playing the piano and all other music. Through the years Jean's giving heart motivated her to volunteer in several organizations such as teaching first aid and CPR for the Red Cross, devoting time to the Agape House, and participating in the SMART program reading with elementary students.

She is survived by her daughters Cynthia Ruhl, Hermiston, Ore., Laurie Ross and husband Rick, Hermiston, Ore., and Tracey Pollock and husband Sam, Hermiston, Ore.; grandsons Joshua Ross, Ryan Ross, Bryce Pollock and wife Madison, and Hayden Pollock, all of Hermiston, Ore.; great-granddaughter Clarabell Pollock, Hermiston, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband Skip Ruhl; her parents; four sisters, Madeline June, Vivian Maxine, Willa Mae and Phyllis Ruth; and two brothers, Donald Fredrick and baby boy Stahly.

There will be a funeral service on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Contributions in Jean's memory may be made to Grace & Mercy Lutheran Church or to the Tri-City Chaplaincy Hospice House in Kennewick, Wash.

Please share memories of Jean and her family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

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

**Billie Chapman**

Bakersfield, Calif.

May 24, 1931 — February 15, 2019

Darlene Anne Chapman, fondly known all her life as Billie, was born to Bill and Melba (Dunbar) Chapman on May 24, 1931. She passed away peacefully on February 15, 2019, in Bakersfield, Calif., at the age of 87. Billie is now in the loving arms of Jesus and surrounded by loved ones she has dearly missed.



Ruhl

It was always extremely special to her that she was born in her grandparents' home in Yakima, Washington. Her early years were spent in eastern Washington, moving with her parents and sister, Dolores, as opportunities for work arose for her dad. These opportunities led to great adventures for her. At one point, her family lived in a tent where her dad was working to build Grand Coulee Dam. Later, her father worked with the CCC boys, which then led to a move to Sunnyside, Wash. This was a delightful time, meeting people from all corners of the U.S. and living on a small farm.

At 10 years old, after Pearl Harbor was attacked and the CCC disbanded, she moved with her family to Big Pasco (a military base) in Pasco, Wash., where her dad worked with the Italian POWs as a crane foreman. Now she was exposed to people from another country, where she learned that the POWs were not enemies but lifelong friends. Around her family's kitchen table they were invited many times. Once, even through language barriers, they made the first pizza she ever tasted!

As she grew, the tomboy turned into a young lady, thoroughly enjoying her involvement and many activities at Pasco High School. Bit by the "acting bug," she was the lead in many plays and president of the Thespian Club, where she flourished. She was an active member of ASB, the school newspaper, and selected to go to Girl's State. Her yearbooks are filled with evidence of her enjoyment of these memorable years. She was also involved with Rainbow Girls, achieving the chair of Worthy Advisor. Somehow she even managed to work part-time at Diamond's Five and Dime.

In 1949 she married Don Loomis. This union blessed her with four children. During this time she worked as a telephone operator and at Sherwood & Roberts Finance Loan & Title Company.

She and her children moved to Hermiston after "they" married Jack Chapman on December 26, 1964. Not long after, they welcomed their fifth child. The Hermiston community was her beloved home for over 50 years where she was an active member (and Sunday School teacher) at St. John's Episcopal Church, Christian Women's Fellowship, and worked for the Hermiston School District and Blue Mountain Community College. All of her involvements were very important to her, however, her most cherished achievements were the relationships and moments shared with family, friends and those the Lord brought into her path ... because she never knew a stranger. She will be remembered always for her gracious hospitality, humor, generosity, compassion and love for her Lord and Savior.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sister and brother-in-law Dolores and John Shumate, and husband Jack Chapman. She is survived by her five children: Bill Loomis (Susan) Eugene, Ore., Greg Loomis, Las Vegas, Nev., Susan D'Avanzo (Dave) Eugene, Ore., Kevin Loomis (Alice) Kennewick, Wash., and Jill Crow (Andy) Bakersfield, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two nieces and their families; several cousins; and many special lifelong friends.

A service celebrating her life will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave. in Hermiston, on Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. Burial at the Hermiston Cemetery will be followed by a reception back at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hermiston FCA or to the charity of your choice.

Please share memories of Billie with her family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

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

## COURTS

## Sentences

**PENDLETON — The following sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:**

## FELONY

•Jerry Ray Phillips, 60, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Strangulation: sentenced to 25 months Oregon DOC and 2 years post-prison supervision.

•Taylor Robert Parks, 26, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$2,000 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

## Suits Filed

**PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Barbara Davis: seeks \$2,642.78.

•Cach LLC vs. Rhonda M. Scott: seeks \$3,919.45.

•Cach LLC vs. Kathleen Peterson: seeks \$4,135.11.

•Credits Inc. vs. Weston and Reva Ferguson of Hermiston: seeks \$775.45.

•Credits Inc. vs. Vicki and Steven Littrell of Hermiston: seeks \$2,024.95.

•Credits Inc. vs. Thomas Way and Tara Fredrickson Way of Boardman: seeks \$1,036.75.

•Nationwide Recovery Service Inc. vs. Axel Barrera of Hermiston: seeks \$7,287.41.

•Credits Inc. vs. Glenn Purcell of Stanfield: seeks \$644.66.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Saul Solorzano of Hermiston: seeks \$1,411.51.

•TD Bank USA vs. Connie Shelton of Hermiston: seeks \$2,484.76.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Teonna D. Raymond of Hermiston: seeks \$1,363.15.

•Ray Klein Inc. dba Professional Credit Service vs. Rena L. Blouin: seeks \$3,887.65.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Rinaldo A. Rodriguez of Hermiston: seeks \$422.81.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Tara and Thomas Way of Hermiston: seeks \$281.01.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Lisbet Gutierrez of Hermiston: seeks \$761.99.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Sheri L. Harper of Stanfield: seeks \$1,137.73.

•Credits Inc. vs. Blema Fangamou and Fatoumatou Diallo of Boardman: seeks \$5,709.26.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jaime A. Morales Martinez and Victor H. M. Martinez (Octavio Morales Martinez) of Hermiston: seeks \$1,861.15.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Brenda M. Drenon of Boardman: seeks \$7,284.18.

## Judgments

**PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Luke Clark of Hermiston: judgment for \$846.01.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Angel Sanchez of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,251.95.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Carloe Pinto Garay and Elva Pinto of Hermiston: judgment for \$608.67.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Stacie Bates of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,964.02.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Tamara Bacon (Guzzetta) of Hermiston and Andrew Bacon of Sterling, Colo.: judgment for \$435.40.

•Evergreen Financial Services Inc. vs. Felipe Resendiz of Umatilla: judgment for \$893.92.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Joylynn M. Love of Umatilla: judgment for \$3,832.51.

•Umpqua Bank vs. Jaime Villarreal of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,014.25.

•Joshua L. Reddick of Hermiston vs. Ali's Pilot Service of Irrigon: judgment for \$2,340.59.

•Credits Inc. vs. Eduardo Torres of Stanfield: judgment for \$5,332.82.

•Credits Inc. vs. Wesley T. Thomas of Umatilla: judgment for \$2,809.55.

•Credits Inc. vs. Paola Arciniega of Hermiston: judgment for \$551.57.

•Credits Inc. vs. Claudia Carrera Cisneros of Hermiston: judgment for \$908.35.

•Credits Inc. vs. Budd E. Richards of Hermiston: judgment for \$9,854.52.

## Divorces

**PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:**

Andrew James Hamilton and Sharon Elaine Hamilton of Hermiston.

## DEATHS

**James L. Irwin**

Hermiston

April 26, 1960 — March 2, 2019

James L. Irwin, 58, of Hermiston, died Saturday, March 2, 2019, in Richland, Wash. He was born April 26, 1960, in Springfield. Arrangements are pending. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

**Lawrence I. Hendry**

Hermiston

Aug. 9, 1929 — Feb. 27, 2019

Lawrence I. Hendry, 89, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born Aug. 9, 1929, in Villisca, Iowa. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Sue Diane 'Susy' Stibor**

Hermiston

July 4, 1942 — Feb. 20, 2019

Sue Diane "Susy" Stibor, 76, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, in Hermiston. She was born July 4, 1942, in Spokane, Washington. A funeral service will be held Friday, March 8 at 2 p.m. at the Irrigon Seventh-day Adventist Church. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Charles C. 'Chuck' Burton**

Hermiston

Oct. 23, 1938 — Feb. 27, 2019

Charles C. "Chuck" Burton, 80, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born Oct. 23, 1938, in Collbran, Colorado. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Donald A. 'Don' Hansen Jr.**

Hermiston

Feb. 7, 1950 — Feb. 7, 2019

Donald A. "Don" Hansen Jr., 69, of Hermiston, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born Feb. 7, 1950, in San Francisco, California. Services are to be announced. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family 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. A graveside service with military honors will be held Saturday, March 23 at 3 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share online condolences with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

## POLICE LOG

## Tuesday, Feb. 26

9:02 a.m. — A woman at West Ridgeway Avenue was hit in the mouth by her husband.

## Wednesday, Feb. 27

8:28 a.m. — A caller who was dropping his child off at Rocky Heights reported that a man driving a gold Toyota 4-runner near the school was getting angry, revving the engine and displaying road rage tendencies.

## Thursday, Feb. 28

12:18 p.m. — There was an assault on West Fulton Avenue.

3:13 p.m. — A caller reported that he was following a stolen trailer, which belongs to him, headed to town.

## Friday, March 1

9:33 a.m. — A caller on North First Street said this morning, she was in the McDonald's drive thru,

and a male in a black Nissan Altima followed her all the way to Kennewick. He was tailgating her, and taking pictures of her while she was driving. The caller was unable to get a plate. She reported to Kennewick Police as well.

## Saturday, March 2

10:47 p.m. — On West Highland Avenue, a nozzle was stuck and fuel was gushing everywhere.

## Sunday, March 3

6:13 p.m. — On North First Street there was a domestic disturbance.

10:15 p.m. — There was a runaway on West Moore Avenue.

## Monday, March 4

12:47 p.m. — There was a drunk driver on South Highway 395.

7:10 p.m. — There was a stalking complaint on South Highway 395.

## BIRTHS

## Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

FEB. 20, 2019

**HARRIS** — Brionna Baker and Zachary Harris of Irrigon: a boy, Ethan Floyd Harris.

FEB. 24, 2019

**RAMIREZ** — Angelica Ramirez and Amador O. Ramirez of Hermiston: a girl, Jaelynn Elidia Ramirez.

## BPA asks consumers to conserve 'tight' energy supply

## By HERMISTON HERALD

Pacific Northwest residents are being asked to conserve energy as the Bonneville Power Administration reports cold weather and other factors are putting pressure on the electrical system.

A news release by BPA blames "unseasonably cold temperatures, low stream flows for hydro-power production, transmission import constraints and high natural gas constraints" for putting stress on the energy supply and asks people to lower their energy usage where possible to "keep the federal power system operating smoothly and support regional reliability."

"It's always a good idea to use electricity wisely, and it's even more

important when supplies are tight," Elliot Mainzer, BPA administrator, said in a statement.

Temperatures in Umatilla County plunged this weekend, continuing the region's record-setting weather. On Monday night Hermiston reached 2 degrees, down from the date's previous record of 15 degrees.

BPA asks that customers open their blinds to take advantage of the warming powers of natural light, lower their thermostat when possible and take other energy-saving measures.

BPA provides wholesale power to Hermiston Energy Services, Umatilla Electric Company, Pacific Power and other area utilities.

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