

OBITUARIES

Alice Elizabeth (Beth) Whyte Ferguson

Springfield
May 9, 1922 — March 1, 2019

Beth passed away peacefully on March 1, 2019, in Springfield, Oregon. Born in Gilliam County, she was the fourth of five children born to George Whyte (son of Joseph Whyte, a Canadian immigrant from Scotland, and Isabelle Hardie from Gilliam County) and Alice Adlard, daughter of Fred and Catherine Adlard from Ajax, Oregon. The Whytes lived on 30 Mile Creek for several years before moving to a ranch on Rock Creek.



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After graduating from high school Beth attended St. Anthony Nursing School in Pendleton. While in Pendleton she met Roger Ferguson from Springfield, Illinois, a radio operator with the Army Air Corps on temporary duty in Pendleton with the Civilian Air Patrol. They were married in Boise on November 23, 1943, and had four children: Doug, born in Pendleton; Fred, born Shreveport, La.; and Suzanne, born in St. Johns, Newfoundland.

The family moved many times while Roger served in the Air Force, providing an opportunity to see most of the continental USA. Beth was both a homemaker and worked as a registered nurse through their many moves, working primarily in obstetrics.

Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1961, Roger worked as an executive for the Boy Scouts of America and the family lived in Wallace, Idaho, and then moved to Eugene in 1965. They returned to north Idaho in 1972, building and operating a KOA campground in Pinehurst while Beth continued with

her nursing career. After selling the campground, they became inspectors and consultants for KOA, traveling the entire country offering assistance to other KOA owners, eventually settling again in Eugene.

Beth and Roger celebrated 50 years together before his passing in 1994.

When she retired from her nursing career, Beth worked as the volunteer coordinator for Sacred Heart Hospice for many years. Her volunteer work earned her recognition as a Volunteer of the Year in 1995, and the honor of carrying the Olympic torch as it passed through Eugene in 1996.

Throughout her life, Beth maintained the values she learned growing up on a ranch in Eastern Oregon: focus on her family, caring for others, and working hard. She enjoyed baking, preserving and canning, and working in her gardens. She grew vegetables but her passion was her flowers. She was especially proud of her prolific African violets, which she would start from seed. Beth also loved to sew; she made many of her children's clothes and made countless baby quilts in her later years. She spent hours reading, but found her greatest pleasure spending time with her family. She could have a no-nonsense attitude, but that was always tempered by her sense of humor.

She is survived by her four children, grandchildren Brian, Heather and Brandon, and two great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held later in the spring. The family suggests donation to Sacred Heart Hospice in Beth's memory.

Ronita Mae 'Nita' Robertson (Price) Jones

Hermiston
July 22, 1933 — March 7, 2019

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free! I am following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all. My life's been full, I savored much; good children, good friends, good times and a loved one's touch. Lift up your hearts and share with me, God wanted me now, He has set me FREE!

Ronita was born July 22, 1933, in Toppenish, Wash., to Charles R. and Helen (Brisbois) M. Robertson. She went to be with the Lord on March 7, 2019, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 85 years.

She joined half-sister and -brother Theda and Theodore "Barney" Ashue Robertson, sisters Cleo Thomas and Colleen Kenyon, and later little brother Charles "Shorty" Robertson. Growing up until an adult she was her beloved father's right hand man on the farm and an avid horse rider.

She married Maurice "Morey" Price on May 13, 1956, and became a stepmother to his son, Lonnie. They had four daughters together, Gail Phoenix of Phoenix, Ariz., Dawn (Rod) Barker of Othello, Wash., Robin (David) Howell of Kuna, Idaho, and Jill (Randy) Bullard of Queen Creek, Ariz. The marriage ended in 1968 and Ronita raised her daughters by herself for 10 years, encouraging each in music abilities, attending band concerts and chaperoning band trips. On April 15, 1978, she married the love of her life, Archie E. Jones, but he was suddenly taken from her in 1986 by a heart attack after only eight wonderful years together.

Ronita worked for over 30 years at the Good Samaritan Center and retired in 2001. She worked her way up to the laundry/housekeeping supervisor, but spent a lot of time giving personal care and attention outside of her job to many residents there.

After retiring, she loved reading, going to movies,

attending local concerts and shows. (She was the lady in the crowd who always clapped or laughed the loudest!) Ronita volunteered at the senior center, preparing meals, cleaning up, decorating tables and making peanut clusters for all. Later she was on the board and helped with organizing fundraisers and plans to build a new center. Unfortunately, with a fast decline in health she was unable to attend the ribbon cutting for the new Harkensrider Senior Center this summer. In May of 2018 she was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Red Cross for faithfully donating over 26 gallons of blood over many years.

Ronita was preceded in death by her parents and half siblings; sister Colleen and her husband Gordon, and brother Charles and his wife Rachel; ex-husband Morey and stepson Lonnie; beloved husband Archie; brothers-in-law Phillip and Andrew Jones; sisters-in-law Essie Zerba, Esther Denny, and a special one, Etta "Kitty" Jones.

She is survived by one sister, Cleo Thomas; her four daughters; 19 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her nieces Charleen, Monique and Yvette, and nephews Dale, John, Jeff, Kim, Marc and Charles, who she faithfully sent birthday cards to.

Donations in her name may be sent to the Harkensrider Senior Center, the Landmark Baptist Church or, best of all, she would love to know you donated blood to the Red Cross!

She will be laid to rest next to her husband Archie at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman, Oregon. A graveside services will be held on Friday, March 15, 2019, at 1 p.m.

Please share memories of Ronita with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.



Jones

Peggy Dean Compton

Hermiston
May 25, 1926 — March 2, 2019

Peggy Dean Compton of Hermiston was born May 25, 1926, in Littlefield, Texas, the daughter of Virgil and Ora (Moulton) Reed. She passed away in Hermiston on Saturday March 2, 2019, at the age of 92.

Peggy grew up and attended her schooling in Texas and Oklahoma. She lived in Kansas and the Midwest throughout much of her adult life. She moved to Hermiston in the early 1990s where she has resided since.

Peggy enjoyed square dancing and round dancing and was an excellent cook. She loved decorating for Christmas and sharing her joy through open houses for family and friends.

She was a member of the Hermiston Nazarene Church. She loved her family dearly and enjoyed time with family, especially the grandchildren and

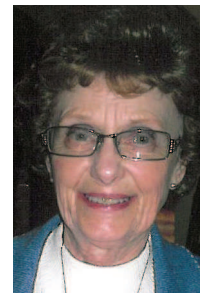
great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband Spencer.

She is survived by a son, Roy (Hedy) Williams of Arizona; daughters Roxanna (Tom) Kiefer of Hermiston, Vickie (Kelly) Radford of Kansas, and Shirley (Bill) Kaska of Enterprise; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

A private family gathering was held. Burial will be in Great Bend Cemetery in Great Bend, Kansas.

Family suggest memorial donations be made to Pet Rescue Humane Society of Eastern Oregon or to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838.

To leave a condolence please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Compton

DEATH NOTICES

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, Calif. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, March 27 at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

James 'Jim' Irwin

Hermiston
April 26, 1960 — March 2, 2019

James "Jim" Irwin, 58, of Hermiston, died Saturday, March 2, 2019, in Richland, Wash. He was born April 26, 1960, in Springfield. A celebration of life will held Sunday, March 17 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at 201 Seventh St., Umatilla (former Umatilla Senior Center). Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Duane E. Dyer

Hermiston
Oct. 2, 1982 — March 7, 2019

Duane E. Dyer, 36, of Hermiston, died Thursday, March 7, 2019, at his home. He was born Oct. 2, 1982, in Pendleton. A memorial service will be held Friday, March 15 at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Randy A. Chandler

Hermiston
Feb. 11, 1949 — March 3, 2019

Randy A. Chandler, 70, of Hermiston, died Sunday, March 3, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born Feb. 11, 1949, in Ellensburg, Wash. A celebration of life gathering with military honors will be held Saturday, April 20 at noon at the Country Church, 32742 Diagonal Road, Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
FEB. 28, 2019**

ARSTEIN — Jennifer A. Arstein and Casey A. Arstein of Hermiston: a girl, Aliyah Ashley Arstein.

MARCH 1, 2019

MONKUS — Kimberlie A. Monkus and Derek S. Monkus of Stanfield: a girl, Molly Rae Monkus.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
FEB. 28, 2019**

YAP — Angelica R. Martinez and Kristian-Allan L. Yap of Hermiston: a boy, Angel Lewis-Allan Yap.

**Legacy Emanuel Portland
MARCH 11, 2019**

NYCZ — Joshua and Tammy Nycz of Hermiston: two girls and a boy, Amilia Faith Nycz, Rylee Grace Nycz and Alexander David Nycz

Chester W. Thompson

Echo
September 29, 1978 — March 6, 2019

Chester W. Thompson was born on September 29, 1978, in Hermiston, Oregon, to parents Donald Gary Thompson and Loretta Schultze Thompson. He passed away on March 6, 2019, at his home in Echo, Oregon, at the age of 40 years.



Thompson

He was working at Napa Auto Parts in Boardman, Oregon, and previously had followed in his father's footsteps, working in farming at Double M Ranch.

Chester who was lovingly known as "CW," loved working on cars. He was a race enthusiast, whether it was NASCAR, dragsters or at the local race track. He often took his mud truck to Pilot Rock, where he competed in the mud bogs. Chester was a fierce protector of his family and close friends. He was taken far too soon and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his parents Gary and Loretta Thompson, Echo, Ore.; sister Lacey Wallis (Tory Simpson), Hermiston, Ore.;

girlfriend Becca Kimmel and her daughter Myracle Devries, Echo, Ore.; nieces Lily Wallis and Emma Simpson; nephew Ryder Simpson; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Chester was preceded in death by his grandparents Chester and Mary Thompson and William and Dorothy Schultze, and an aunt, Marge Paxton.

There will be a procession to honor CW, starting at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., going to the Hermiston Cemetery. Those who wish should gather at 1:30 P.M. at Burns Mortuary. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, at 2:00 P.M. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon. A gathering will follow at the Echo Ridge Cellars, 551 N. Thielson St., Echo, Oregon.

Please share memories of CW with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Evalena 'Eva' Griffin

Hermiston
October 11, 1942 — March 9, 2019

Evalena "Eva" Griffin of Hermiston was born October 11, 1942, in Stratford, Oklahoma, the daughter of Milton and Rosie (Ventura) McMillin. She passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2019, in Hermiston at the age of 76.

Eva moved to Eastern Oregon as a young child, attending Ukiah grade schools and graduating from Pendleton High School in the Class of 1961. She married William "Bill" Griffin Jr. December 6, 1961, in Durango, Colorado. The couple lived in many Eastern Oregon communities including Adams, Milton-Freewater, John Day and Hermiston.

Eva enjoyed watching NASCAR racing (big fan of Dale Earnhardt), camping, fishing, reading, doing puzzles and was a HAM radio operator. She had served as

a Bluebird leader for several years and was a member of the Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill in 2014; her parents; and two infant sons, Richard Lee and Edgar Ray.

She is survived by her children Raylene (Curt) Pullum, Kaylene (Jim) Dickmeier, Joe (Brijit Albee) Griffin and Marlene Griffin, 19 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, March 18, 2019, at Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Memorial contributions can be made to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston to defray final costs. To leave a condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Griffin

POLICE LOGS

Tuesday, March 5:

9:16 a.m. — There was a suicidal subject at the Hermiston Police Department.

1:13 p.m. — A person at Good Shepherd on Northwest 11th Street, became verbally aggressive, then left through the ambulance bay doors.

3:14 p.m. — A theft was in progress at West Hermiston Avenue, and the woman was still in the store.

7:48 p.m. — On North First Street, a Lifeways client broke from home and took all her 8 p.m. medications.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

12:19 p.m. — There were neglected dogs reported at Southwest Ninth Street and Orchard Avenue.

1:15 p.m. — A white four-door sedan with an elderly male inside was involved in an accident at South Highway 395, they were in the left-turn lane in front of Golden Palace restaurant.

Thursday, March 7

12:09 a.m. — There was a suicidal subject at Northeast 10th Street.

8:44 p.m. — There was an assault at North First Street.

Friday, March 8

11:29 a.m. — There was a missing person reported on South First Street.

5:09 p.m. — A suicidal subject was reported at South First Street, and about an hour later at Southwest 11th Street.

Saturday, March 9

12:55 a.m. — There was a burglary

reported at Southwest Fourth Street.

12:46 p.m. — There was a suicidal subject at East Newport Avenue.

8:52 p.m. — There was a runaway at West Moore Avenue.

Sunday, March 10

6:45 a.m. — There was a drunk driver at East Elm Avenue.

8:01 p.m. — Several people were fighting at North First Street, inside and outside.

Monday, March 11

9:49 a.m. — A 17 year-old male at Northwest 12th Street took a bottle of sleeping pills.

10:46 a.m. — A caller on Northwest 12th Street said she is being telephonically harassed by her ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend.

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