

OBITUARIES

Carolyn LaVonne Mader

Echo

March 16, 1934 — May 11, 2019

Caroline LaVonne Mader, 85, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed May 11, 2019.

LaVonne was the ninth of 10 children born to William and Mary Kate Hall Willson. She was born March 16, 1934, in the house she was brought up in near Colfax, Wash. She attended Step-toe Grade School and graduated from Colfax High School in 1952. LaVonne attended the University of Idaho and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She graduated in 1957 with a major in music and minors in physical and elementary education.

She taught school one year and substituted many years. In August 1955 she married Frank Mader in Colfax. They lived in Texas and Louisiana while Frank was in the Army. They worked and saved to buy their first cattle ranch near Jordan Valley, Oregon, and raised their two children, Shannon and Kirk, there. With the nearest church being 30 miles away and God being extremely important to her, LaVonne started an American Missionary Fellowship Sunday School & Bible Study that met two times a month in homes on Succor Creek. She also taught music at the country school her kids attended. In 1977 they moved to Ruby Valley, Nev., and then in 1979 moved to the Butter Creek farm near Echo, Oregon, where they lived for almost 40 years.

LaVonne is survived by daughter Shannon (Tim) Rust, Echo, Ore.; son Kirk

(Donna) Mader, Orovada, Nev.; five grandchildren: Brian Rust (Jordan), Brooke Carnine (Randy), Brynna Rust, Quinn Briggs (Chase), and Kade Mader; and three great-grandchildren: Karsten and Rhett Carnine, and Andy Rust. LaVonne had numerous nieces and nephews who were very special to her.

LaVonne was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, L. Frank Mader, and all of her siblings.

LaVonne's greatest joys were being a mom and grandmother and investing in her friendships. Sewing, yard work, music and helping Frank achieve his goals were an important part of her life. She was a member of Hermiston First Christian Church and sang in the choir. She belonged to the Pine City Extension Study Group, Oregon Cattlemen's Association and Oregon Wheat Grower's League. LaVonne was extremely devoted to family, whether it was her siblings or her children and grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Sharing Alongside, P.O. Box 33663, Seattle, WA 98133 (Gary and Miriam Mader Barckert) or First Christian Church Memorial Fund, 775 W. Highland Ave. Hermiston, OR 97838.

Services will be held at the First Christian Church on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 1 p.m. with a luncheon to follow. A graveside service will be in Colfax, Wash., at Colfax Cemetery, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 11 a.m.



Mader

Jeanne Marie (Johnson) Oss

Hermiston

March 31, 1928 — April 26, 2019

Jeanne Marie (Johnson) Oss, 91, passed to her rest on April 26, 2019, at Guardian Angel Homes in Hermiston, Oregon. Jeanne was born March 31, 1928, in Colville, Washington, the fourth and last child of parents Obed Samuel and Jennie Heth (Huseland) Johnson of Northport.

Shortly after Jeanne's birth, the Johnson family moved to Colville, where Jeanne spent her childhood and attended local schools.

She graduated from Colville High School in 1945. During her freshman year at Walla Walla College, 17-year-old Jeanne was urgently summoned to Beacon Jr. Academy, a Christian school in Lewiston, Idaho. Two teachers had walked off the job in close succession earlier that fall, and Jeanne began 1946 as the third teacher of the school year for 16 students in grades 1-8. The older boys all developed a crush on her that first week, and the love-struck mischief makers who had made life so difficult for earlier educators were now clamoring to be helpful in the classroom. More than 70 years later, several of those students have continued to visit and correspond with Jeanne.

She always felt that God brought her to Lewiston; for it was there that she met the future husband of her dreams, Paul Oss, son of the local pastor. Subsequent years found Jeanne working as registrar at Loma Linda Academy and as secretary to the dean of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California.

Following Jeanne's marriage to Paul in 1950, the couple moved to Spokane where they lived until their retirement. Three daughters and a son were born during the early years of their marriage. Jeanne artfully juggled all the needs of her busy family with a demanding work schedule. She was employed as bookkeeper and office manager in the Spokane offices of Drs. Edward Bond, Clide Omstead, Hi and Sun Lee for nearly 40 years.

Jeanne was a life-long and active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she sang in the choir and served as pianist, organist, and clerk through the years. Ever a musician herself, Jeanne instilled her passion for this art in each of her children. Many were the hours spent in practicing with them, sitting with them through music lessons, and sacrificing to take them to fine concerts (perhaps with the extra incentive of a large box of theater candy of their choice during intermission). Following her example, all four of her children are actively involved as church musicians.

Other favorite hobbies included sewing, stitchery, quilting, ceramics, china painting, reading, and travel. Most memorable was Paul and Jeanne's family mission trip to India with several of their children and grandchildren in 2004.

There they built two churches in remote villages and were blessed to spend a night at Lasalgoan Mission School, where Paul's missionary parents had served as principal and dean of Women/Nurse during his childhood years. Jeanne found much enjoyment in editing the monthly Rose Arbor Ramblings, bringing countless chuckles and moments of reflection to the residents of her daughters' assisted living community in Hermiston.

Jeanne was "Grammy" to nine beloved grandchildren (Victoria, Andrew and Traci Carroll; Patricia (Carroll) Libby; Nicole and Jennifer Denmark; Joshua, Jacob and Jonas Oltman) and 12 great-grandchildren (Grayson and Lyla Libby; Emma, Bjorn, Kingston, Paxton, Sophia, Anders, Eleanor, Boden, Killian and Espen Oltman). She often paired the grandchildren up with a cousin for a week each summer at Grampy and Grammy's retirement home on Hayden Lake. Games of dominos, swimming across the lake to Honeysuckle Beach, and sipping blackberry milkshakes from Paul Bunyan's Drive-In are treasured memories. Grammy's walnut patties, noodle casserole, cheesy potatoes, and chili noodle soup could never be beat in her grandchildren's eyes.

Jeanne is survived by her husband of 68 years, Paul M. Oss of Hermiston; children Paula and Guy Oltman, and Patricia Carroll of Hermiston; Karen and Steven Denmark of Salinas, Calif.; and John Oss and Greg Nagy of Spokane. In addition to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she leaves behind four nephews and nieces: Ronald and Kelly Oss, Muriel Sar, and Kay Wilson. She was preceded in death by her parents, three older siblings (Albert Johnson, Muriel Shaffer, and Dorothy Mae Grow); and a darling granddaughter, Jennifer Denmark.

Jeanne is particularly remembered for her kindness, helpfulness, generosity, hospitality, loyalty, and undying love for God and family. Her family eagerly await that day when their dearest wife, mother and Grammy will arise from the grave to see Her Savior coming in the clouds. He will welcome her into the heavenly home He has prepared with these words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant ... Enter into the joy of your Lord."



Oss

Jean Musselman

Irrigon

June 4, 1950 — May 5, 2019

Jean Musselman of Irrigon was born Mary Jean Pratt June 4, 1950, in Snowville, Utah, the daughter of Ed and Ada (Neal) Pratt. She passed away in Kennewick, Wash., on May 5, 2019, at the age of 68.

Jean grew up and attended school first in Snowville, Utah, then in Ogden, Utah, where she graduated from Ben Lomand High School in 1968.

After spending several years in Boise, Idaho, she moved to the Irrigon area in the early 1990s where she has lived and worked since. She worked as an office manager or secretary throughout her career in various industries.

Jean was an active member of the Boardman Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served on the church board and loved teaching music to primary age children for many years. Children were drawn to her love, positive spirit and sense of humor. The family would like to thank the Boardman Ward for their love, help and support throughout the years.

She married Virgil Butler and from this union two children, Christena and Andrew, were born. The couple later divorced. She later married Gordon Musselman who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Noel; a sister, Eileen; and a grandson, David Young.

She is survived by a daughter, Christena (Ammon) Young of Benton City, Wash.; a son, Andrew Butler of Newport News, Va.; four grandchildren; sisters Annie (Brian) Hamrick and Marie (Norman) Hegland; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18, 2019, at the Boardman L.D.S. Church, 500 Wilson Road S.W. Boardman, Ore. Burial will follow in Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.



Musselman

DEATH NOTICES

Charlene K. Henry

Umatilla

July 22, 1959 — April 3, 2019

Charlene K. Henry, 59, of Umatilla, died Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at her home. She was born July 22, 1959, in Greenville, Michigan. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 18 at 3 p.m. at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

William J. 'Bill' Brace

Hermiston

March 18, 1925 — May 13, 2019

William J. "Bill" Brace, 94, of Hermiston, died Monday, May 13, 2019, at his home. He was born March 18, 1925, in Weston. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Kenneth J. Cromer

Hermiston

Nov. 16, 1946 — May 12, 2019

Kenneth J. Cromer, 72, of Hermiston, died Sunday, May 12, 2019, in Hermiston. He was born Nov. 16, 1946, in Walla Walla. A celebration of life service will be held Friday, May 17 at 10 a.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.

Gary E. Myers

Hermiston

May 6, 1962 — May 12, 2019

Gary E. Myers, 57, of Hermiston died Sunday, May 12, 2019, at his home. He was born May 6, 1962, in San Jose, California. A celebration of life service will be held Monday, May 20 at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Ronda Frazier

Hermiston

June 3, 1958 — May 10, 2019

Ronda S. Frazier, 60, of Hermiston, died Friday, May 10, 2019, near Hermiston. She was born June 3, 1958, in Walla Walla. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Francis A. "Frank" Lowe

Hermiston

May 14, 1939 — April 27, 2019

Francis A. "Frank" Lowe, 79, of Hermiston, died Saturday, April 27, 2019, in Richland, Washington. He was born May 14, 1939, in Crawfordsville, Oregon. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. A private burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

SCHOLARSHIP

Hospital auxiliary announces scholarship winners

Area students who are pursuing higher education in the field of medicine were recently awarded \$2,000 scholarships from the Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary.

Eligible applicants must have already successfully completed at least one year of study and their home residence must be within the areas served by the Good Shepherd Health Care System.

Recipients from Hermiston, including their field of study, are: **Amanda McGloin**, BMCC Nursing Program, graduating June 2020; **Cori Briscoe**, OHSU Nursing Program at

La Grande, completed two years; **Kyler Mikami**, BYU biophysics/chemistry, pre-med; and **Megan Gering**, BMCC Nursing Program, currently employed as CNA in the GSHCS rehab center. Also receiving a scholarship was Stanfield's **Elizabeth Sperr**, OHSU Masters Program, healthcare systems and organization leadership, third term of the seven-term program.

For more information about the auxiliary, call the Director of Volunteer Services at 541-667-3690 or stop by the gift shop at Good Shepherd Hospital, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MAY 1, 2019

GARCIA CUEVAS — Fabiola Cuevas Cardenas and Denis M. Garcia Velasco of Boardman: a girl, Alexa Sofia Garcia Cuevas.

MAY 3, 2019

CAMPOS — Jamie L. Booker and Andres Campos of Irrigon: a girl, Myah Rose Campos.

MAY 5, 2019

COOKE — Crystal Y. Cooke and Trevor E. Cooke Sr. of Hermiston: a girl, Sandra Eliena Cooke.

CORNEJO — Feliciano Cornejo and Raul J. Cornejo of Hermiston: a boy, Cristian Ariel Cornejo.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

MAY 2, 2019

VILLEGAS — Teiko Szasz of Boardman and Gerardo Villegas: a girl, Alecia Kay Villegas.



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