

## OBITUARIES

**Leslie T. 'Tom' Harper**

Hermiston

August 31, 1922 — June 10, 2019

Leslie T. "Tom" Harper of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on August 31, 1922, in Emporia, Kansas, to parents Leslie Hagar Harper and Barbara Lorraine Burns Harper. He died on June 10, 2019, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 96.

Tom grew up and attended school in Emporia, Kansas. When he was 17 years of age the family moved to Hutchinson, Kansas, where he graduated from high school. After high school he entered Hutchinson Junior College. He attended there until the start of World War II. Prior to that he was a civil engineer with the Kansas Highway Division and also a registered land surveyor in the state of Kansas.

At the onset of WWII every male at the junior college enlisted in the service, as did Tom. However, he had a physical defect that prevented him from enlisting in any of the branches of service. In 1942 he was drafted by the Army and served in the Pacific Campaign as a forward observer for the 96th Infantry's artillery division. During his time of service he participated in the invasion of Leyte in the Philippine Islands and also the invasion of Okinawa, which was held by Japan.

He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1946. He went back to Kansas and attended the University of Kansas in Manhattan, Kansas, and graduated as an industrial physicist in 1950. He went home to Hutchinson and started working for the city of Hutchinson.

On January 7, 1952, he married Betty Jeane Glover in Hutchinson, Kansas, and the couple honeymooned in Old Mexico. Tom and Betty had two children, a daughter Nancy Gail and a son Michael Thomas.

In the spring of 1961 Tom and Betty moved their family to Hermiston, Oregon, to build a city. Tom became Hermiston's first city manager. He served in that capacity for over 25 years. At the time of his retirement in 1987 at the age of 64, he was the only city manager in the state of Oregon to serve one city for a period longer than 25 years.

During Tom's tenure as city manager the city built a library, public works building, wastewater treatment plant, opened a new city hall

and built the public safety building that houses the police and fire departments. Many miles of roads were paved, the city purchased

the land where the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center and new fairgrounds stand today, created the Hermiston Cemetery District and put together a plan for the Hermiston Municipal Airport in which the terminal building was named in his honor. Tom was an original member of the Hermiston Development Corporation, the first non-profit development corporation in the state of Oregon. This group was instrumental in recruiting some of the city's largest employers: Lamb Weston, Hermiston Foods, and the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

A plaque and picture hangs in city hall to honor Tom for his service and dedication to the city of Hermiston and its citizens.

Tom was a member of the Elks, Eagles and Moose lodges, the VFW and the Rotary Club.

During retirement Tom enjoyed outdoor sports, hunting, fishing, and golfing. He especially enjoyed nearly 40 years of trips to Hawaii with Betty and many of their friends and family.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, wife Betty, a beloved nephew Thomas R. Strand and son-in-law H. Tim Novak. He is survived by his sister, Barbara E. Owens, age 99, of Springfield, Mo.; daughter Nancy G. Novak (Clint Fordice) of Hermiston, Ore.; son Michael T. Harper (Jake) of Hermiston, Ore.; a niece, Mauna Loa Strand of Springfield, Mo.; three grandsons, Tony Horn (Jackie) of Kennewick, Wash., Brian Horn (Christine) of Blackstone, Mass., and Nathan Harper of Hermiston, Ore.; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebration of life service will be held Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. A reception and gathering will be at the Hermiston Elks Lodge following the service.

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

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.



Harper

**Robert "Bob" Earl Smith**

Union

Nov. 9, 1935 — June 19, 2019

Robert "Bob" Earl Smith, 83, of Union passed away on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at his residence. A graveside service will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery on Friday, June 28, 2019, at 10 a.m. Following the graveside service, a reception will be held at the Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield, Oregon.

Bob was born on November 9, 1935, in Hereford, Texas, to Claude and Alline Smith. He resided in Dimmitt, Texas, Weed, California, Sutherlin, Oregon, Twickenham, Oregon, Stanfield, Oregon, and Union, Oregon. He attended schools in Weed, California, Sutherlin, Oregon, and graduated from Mitchell High School in 1955. Robert served our country while in the United States Navy. He married Janice Bain on September 17, 1957, in Pendleton, Oregon.

Bob was employed with his family logging until November 1959, when he hired on with the Union Pacific Railroad as a carman helper. From 1972-1977, he was also a derrick operator and then became the car foreman in 1977. He was with the railroad

for 38 years and retired in 1998. Robert was a volunteer for the Stanfield Volunteer Fire Department from 1964-1977, with nine years of being the chief. Bob and Jan were snowbirds going to Winterhaven, California, for 21 years. He was a life member of the Union County Museum, where he was an enthusiastic volunteer, many an idea was realized through his handyman abilities.

Bob is survived by his children, Valerie Stockhoff (Hank) of Union, Oregon, and Robbin Swales of Lodi, California; brothers, Raymond Smith (Jo) and James Smith, both of Pendleton, Oregon; sister, Nancy Jeanes of Spokane, Washington; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and 16 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice; daughter, Carrie Smith; parents, Claude and Alline, and stepmother, Opal Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Union County Museum, 331 S. Main Street, Union, OR 97883.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).



Smith

**Ellen M. Minardi**

Hermiston

February 6, 1933 — June 17, 2019

Ellen M. Minardi of Hermiston was born February 6, 1933, in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of John and Ellen (Spisak) Schneider. She passed away in Hermiston on June 17, 2019, at the age of 86.

Ellen lived in Cleveland throughout her childhood where she attended elementary school and graduated from high school. After high school, she attended nursing school in Cleveland. After completing her nursing degree she worked as a nurse in Cleveland area for several years.

Ellen moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in 1968 where she has resided since. She worked as a nurse for Dr. Rasmussen for several years. She later worked as a nurse for Marlette Homes and then as a public health nurse for Umatilla County.

Her last job was as a fish counter at McNary Dam, where she eventually retired.

Ellen enjoyed reading. She was a volunteer for several Hermiston Police Dept. programs, such as D.A.R.E. Program, Community Watch, National Night Out and Landlord-Tenant Program. She loved being part of the activity and volunteered for many, many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Billy and Johnnie.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan of Klamath Falls, Ore.

At her request, no services will be held.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon. To leave an online condolence for the family please go to [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com)



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## DEATH NOTICES

**Richard "Rick" D. Marshall**

Hermiston

Aug. 17, 1952 — June 19, 2019

Richard "Rick" D. Marshall, 66, of Hermiston, a longtime Portland resident, died June 19, 2019, in Richland, Washington. He was born Aug. 17, 1952 in Portland. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with his family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Janice Mary Arsenault**

Umatilla

July 25, 1974 — June 17, 2019

Janice Mary Arsenault, 44, of Umatilla died Monday, June 17, 2019, as the result of a boating accident in Hermiston. She was born July 25, 1974, on Prince Edward Island, Canada. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 3 p.m. in the Hermiston High School Commons, 600 S. First St. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories of Janice with her family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Carol Ann Meredith Lawrence Dee 'Larry' Meredith**

Sacramento, Calif.

December 10, 2009 / August 23, 2018

Former Echo resident Carol Ann (Wiglesworth) Meredith died Dec. 10, 2009, in Sacramento, Calif. Husband Lawrence Dee 'Larry' Meredith died Aug. 23, 2018, also in Sacramento. Graveside burial of their ashes will be held Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the Echo Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston handled local arrangements.

## COURTS

## Sentences

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

## FELONY

•Juan Lucas Garcia Perez, 24, Boardman, pleaded no contest to Fleeing or Attempt to Elude Police Officer: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 90 days driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 60 days jail, 120 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$2,000 fine, \$4,250 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to a second count of DUII: sentenced to 60 days jail, 120 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,500 fine, \$4,750 fine-suspended and 3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

•Thomas Deangelo Warnsley, 23, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Delivery of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 25 months Oregon DOC, 3 years post-prison supervision and \$200 fine.

•Florencio Garcia Quezada, 29, Umatilla (TRCI), pleaded guilty to Identity Theft: sentenced to 26 months Oregon DOC, 1 year post-prison supervision and \$200 fine, plus restitution to be determined; pleaded guilty to three additional counts of Identity Theft: sentenced to 13 months Oregon DOC, 1 year post-prison supervision and \$200 fine for each count, plus restitution to be determined.

## Suits Filed

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

•Ashley Pitts of Portland vs. Good Shepherd Health Care System dba Good Shepherd Medical Center, Good Shepherd Medical Group and Good Shepherd Surgical Specialists, and Nurses 1-10: seeks \$750,000.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Casey Hinkley of Hermiston: seeks \$990.83.

•Bank of America N.A. vs. Katherine Harris of Hermiston: seeks \$2,874.66.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Becky Eakin of Hermiston: seeks \$8,374.57.

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Katrina N. Capote: seeks \$6,443.38.

•Credits Inc. vs. Robert L. Delcurto of Stanfield: seeks \$5,614.30.

•Credits Inc. vs. Richard B. Kelly of Hermiston: seeks \$7,101.04.

•Credits Inc. vs. Julian G. Lopez of Irrigon: seeks \$553.92.

•Credits Inc. vs. Marc Mathew McWilliams of Hermiston: seeks \$1,812.59.

•Credits Inc. vs. Raul Mendiola (III) of Hermiston: seeks \$1,209.34.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jesus Soto of Hermiston: seeks \$486.30.

•Credits Inc. vs. Juanita Trujillo of Umatilla: seeks \$493.69.

•Discover Bank vs. Brian Frost of Hermiston: seeks \$5,368.92.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Amber Westfall: seeks \$763.60.

•Merchants Acceptance Corp. vs. Isidro Diaz and Rosa Zavala of Hermiston: seeks \$2,063.58.

•Merchants Acceptance Corp. vs. Ryan and Amy Flores of Stanfield: seeks \$2,056.46.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Terese C. Longoria of Hermiston: seeks \$282.87.

## Judgments

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

•Discover Bank vs. Tandy Schweigart of Echo: judgment for \$3,121.99.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Daniel Valdovino of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,402.82.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Robert W. Fennimore of Umatilla: judgment for \$3,713.30.

•OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Vernon C. and Brenda M. Wildt: judgment for \$3,850.20.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Kathy Bellamy of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,915.34.

•Credits Inc. vs. Denise Sevilla of Hermiston: judgment for \$691.35.

•Capital One Bank vs. Evelyn M. Keller of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,742.50.

•Bank of America N.A. vs. Shawn Thomas White of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,230.65.

•Bank of America N.A. vs. Rigoberto Ponce: judgment for \$5,029.94.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Jennifer Konrad: judgment for \$1,056.16.

•Nationwide Recovery Service vs. Don B. Collier of Hermiston: judgment for \$3,216.82.

•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Catalina Z. Rivera: judgment for \$1,563.64.

•Citibank vs. Ronald W. Wart of Hermiston: judgment for \$7,214.55.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Brianna Abbott of Hermiston: judgment for \$535.57.

•United Finance Co. vs. Delyne Trumbull of Irrigon: judgment for \$6,745.89.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Timothy and Mary Elizabeth Collett of Umatilla: judgment for \$769.70.

•Credits Inc. vs. Jesus Barajas Andrade of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,247.53.

•CSO Financial Inc. vs. Elizabeth Rose Roberts of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,460.63.

## Divorces

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

Serina Janette Wilson of Hermiston and Bryan Eugene Wilson of Stanfield; Wallace Gary Smith of Pendleton and Sherri L. Flanagan-Smith of Hermiston; Shawn Patrick Callahan of Umatilla and Roxanne Lynn Callahan of Hermiston.

**George Fox announces student achievements**

Several local students recently received diplomas from **George Fox University** this spring. They include:

**Makayla Mangione** of Boardman, a master of arts in teaching; and **Tavin Headings**, a bachelor of arts in journalism, and **Alyssa Poffenroth**, a master of education in special education, both of Hermiston.

In addition, the school announced those named to the dean's list — earning a 3.5 grade point average or

above on 12 or more hours of graded work. **Marlina Serratos**, a junior elementary education major from Irrigon, was recognized for the spring 2019 semester.

George Fox University is ranked by Forbes among the top Christian universities in the country. More than 4,000 students attend classes on the university's campus in Newberg and at teaching centers in Portland, Salem and Redmond. For more information, visit [www.georgefox.edu](http://www.georgefox.edu).

**Gail L. Horning**

Hermiston

October 6, 1950 — June 9, 2019

Gail L. Horning was born on October 6, 1950, in La Grande, Oregon, to parents Harold and Lillian Young Herrmann. She passed away on June 9, 2019, at her home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 68 years.

Gail was raised in La Grande, Oregon, graduating from La Grande High School in the class of 1968.

She then earned her bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Oregon University in 1972. She began her teaching career in Lone, Oregon for two years before going to A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon, Oregon, in 1975. Gail taught second-grade students most of her career, retiring in 2013.

She was united in marriage to Pius Horning on May 16, 1981, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Gail enjoyed fishing, camping, cooking, writing poetry and songs and cherished spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Pius Horning, Hermiston, Ore.;

sons Donnie Horning and his wife Joleen, and Rich Horning, all of Hermiston, Ore., and Cade Horning, Payette,

Idaho; daughter Natalie Schwartz and her husband Tim, Hermiston, Ore.; brother Tom Herrmann and his wife Swanee, La Grande, Ore.; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and

nephews.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother, Bruce.

Those who wish may make contributions in Gail's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2019, at 1 p.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, Irrigon, Oregon.

Please share memories of Gail with her family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.



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