

## OBITUARIES

**D. LaVern Partlow**

Condon

**October 18, 1920 — October 13, 2019**

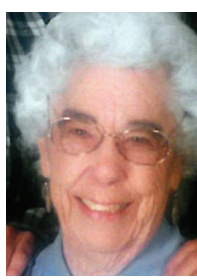
D. LaVern Partlow, longtime Boardman, Oregon, resident, was born on October 18, 1920, in La Grande, Oregon, to parents William and Adeline Gent Baker. She died on October 13, 2019, in Condon, Oregon, at the age of 98 years.

LaVern was raised and attended school in Boardman, Oregon. She then attended Eastern Oregon College where she earned her teaching degree. LaVern taught school for a year in a one-room school house in Vale, Oregon, before getting a teaching position in her hometown of Boardman. She continued to teach in Boardman and Irrigon for 38 years.

LaVern retired in 1979, although she did not slow down. She was always very active in the many projects and events happening in Boardman. LaVern was instrumental in the planning and raising the money needed for the building of the Boardman Senior Center, relocating the Lutheran Church after the building of the John Day Dam, and countless community events to support any cause to benefit others.

She loved playing the piano, was an avid Trailblazer fan, watching sports, and supporting her grandchildren play-

ing sports, participating in rodeo, school activities or any activity they chose.



Partlow

LaVern was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church where she had served on the board and served on the board of the Boardman Senior Center for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan McLachlan, and sons Johnny and Stephen Partlow, all of Boardman, Ore.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

LaVern was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Aaron Partlow; and her brothers Willard and Harold Baker.

A graveside funeral service was held on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in LaVern's memory may be made to the Boardman Senior Center.

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

**Nancy S. Leroux Bickler**

Hermiston

**August 2, 1928 — October 16, 2019**

Nancy passed away peacefully in a respite home in Hermiston, Oregon, on October 16, 2019, with her son and his wife nearby. It was the end of a short, but hard, battle lost to cancer.

Nancy Margaret Smith was born on August 2, 1928, in Portland, Oregon, the only child of Marjory (McFarlane) and Harrison Standish Smith in Portland, Oregon.

Nancy graduated from Grant High School and went on to attend the University of Oregon, where she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees (ZTA sorority member).

Nancy's teaching career began in 1951 in Philomath High School, where she taught math and English. She then taught at Oakridge High School then back to Portland where she taught at Grant High School. In 1959 she married Lester A. Leroux (originally from Walla Walla, Wash.) and they moved to Boardman, Ore., where they both taught at Riverside High School. While teaching in Boardman, she was the recipient of the Golden Apple Award. Nancy and Lester had two children, Leonille Ann (Leanne) and Michael Julien Leroux. Lester died 1984. Nancy continued teaching mathematics in Boardman until her retirement in 1993, a total of 42 years teaching. She was a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution and the Gen-

eral Society of Mayflower descendants.

Nancy and Lester enjoyed traveling through Europe, Asia, and the U.S. She continued traveling after her retirement. In 1997 Nancy married Gordon V. Bickler DMD and moved to Salem, Ore. They spent 19 happy years together traveling the world.

They visited China, Russia, and several African countries, and they also went to Dutch Harbor in Alaska where Gordon was stationed during WWII. They shared many great trips through the years until health issues grounded them. Gordon died in 2015, at the age of 94. She lamented — no more travels, but wonderful memories. Nancy decided to move closer to family and once again found herself in Eastern Oregon, living in Hermiston.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents Harrison and Marjory Smith, first husband Lester Leroux, and husband Gordon Bickler. She is survived by her daughter Leanne, son Michael (wife Laurie) and one grandson, Julien R. Leroux.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston, Oregon, on October 25, 2019, at 1 p.m. with a graveside service to follow.

Please share memories of Nancy with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements by Burn Mortuary.



Bickler

**Curtis Jacob Ottmar**

Hermiston

**December 22, 1943 — October 15, 2019**

Curtis Jacob Ottmar of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on December 22, 1943, in Spokane, Wash-

ington, to parents Jacob F. and Helen L. (Gerlack) Ottmar, whose parents and siblings immigrated to the United States through Ellis Island, New York. He died on October 15, 2019, in Richland, Washington, at the age of 75 years.

Curt was raised on the family farms in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. He participated in sports and graduated from Colfax High School in the class of 1962. Curt attended Washington State University before returning to farming. He married Carol Van Schoiack and they moved to their farm on Buttercreek in 1966 and have lived in Hermiston since. They purchased Shelco Electric in 1984 and have expanded the business over the years, working in Northeast Oregon and Southeastern Washington.

Curt was a member of the Masonic Lodge, York Rite, Shriners, and had been a member of the First Christian Church. He enjoyed woodworking, making cabinetry, water-skiing, scuba diving, was an avid Trail Blazer fan,

enjoyed spending time in the mountains and most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Curtis loved his family and was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Carol Ottmar, Hermiston, Ore.;

sons Timothy Ottmar, and Brent Ottmar and his wife Heather, all of Hermiston, Ore.; sister JoAnn (Ray) Story of Pullman, Wash.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Curt was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service will be held on Monday, October 28, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. A private family burial will be held at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions to Curt's memory to the Shriners Hospital, www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org/portland/ways-to-give.

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Ottmar

**Douglas Burton 'Doug' Paine**

Hermiston

**March 15, 1957 — October 13, 2019**

Douglas Burton 'Doug' Paine was born March 15, 1957, in Hermiston, to Burton and Mescal Paine. On October 13, 2019, his battle with Cholangiocarcinoma came to an end, at the age of 62, at home, surrounded by family and friends.

Doug graduated from Hermiston High School and then received a technical degree from Phoenix Institute of Technology, as well as many professional certifications. On June 7, 1977, he married his high school sweetheart, Tia Jean McDaniel, and they raised two children over their 42 years.

He began working at Good Shepherd Hospital October 1, 1979, and celebrated 40 years of service on September 26, 2019.

Doug was a family man and very involved in the lives of his children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. He spent time with his family by volunteering both time and talents to the various groups and activities they participated in.

As the family grew and evolved, so did he. It was the everyday routines that showed his family how much he loved and cared for them.

Doug had many hobbies and projects that kept him involved in the community of Hermiston. He volunteered his time and talents to the Assembly of God church where he worked with the Missionettes, Royal Rangers, youth and adult church choirs. There, he helped develop and ran the sound system and acquired his CDL to drive bus for the youth choir.

Doug also devoted many hours to the Hermiston School District; he facilitated an audio engineering class, assisted the Hermiston Band Boosters, ran the sound system for numerous music programs, helped build props for the marching band,

and chaperoned trips. With the help of his friend David, the two formed "D & D Productions" and spent many hours providing sound and lighting for the Desert Arts Council, Brass Fire Band, Inland Northwest Musicians and many other events throughout the community.

At the end of busy days he still found time to do things for his own pleasure. He enjoyed the art of woodworking, and whittling small wooden objects. He was fascinated by older hand tools and leather work.

For many years, Doug had been a licensed HAM radio operator and participated with the local club and field days.

Doug was known for his kind heart, infectious smile, and his generosity. His desire to learn, grow, and share was seen and enjoyed by all who knew him.

He is survived by wife of 42 years, Tia; two children, son Kurtis of Hermiston, and daughter Andrea Hubbard and husband Shawn of Tucson, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Kaylin and Kemper Paine; sister Corinne Peacock and husband Terry of Sherwood, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews. Doug was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at the Hermiston Christian Center, 1850 W. Highland, Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made and all proceeds will go to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation in memory of Douglas Paine.

Please share memories of Doug with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.



Paine

**Jimmy Lee 'Jim' James**

Umatilla

**February 24, 1940 — October 17, 2019**

Jimmy Lee "Jim" James of Umatilla, Oregon, was born on February 24, 1940, in Payette, Idaho, to parents Charlie and Ruth James. He died on October 17, 2019, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 79 years.

Jim was raised and graduated at Huntington, Oregon. He went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad, working his way up to carmen inspector, and later in life he worked in building maintenance. He has lived throughout the Northwest.

Jim loved to travel, fish, hunt, golf and go bowling.

Jim is survived by his brothers Leo and Donnie; sisters Betty and Rosie; his

two children from a previous marriage, Clinton and Sherri; grandchildren Buddy, Joseph and Deserie; eight great-grandchildren; his wife of 36 years, Kay James; stepchildren Cindy and Darrell; stepgrandchildren Melissa, Casey, Emily, Jeffery, Kaylee, Dakata and Wyatt; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

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

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.



James

**Kathleen Marie Martindale**

Hermiston

**November 28, 1947 — October 17, 2019**

Kathleen Marie Martindale, age 71, passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2019, in Richland, Wash. She was the wife of Dan Martindale Jr. They shared over 22 years of marriage together.

Kathleen was born on November 28, 1947, in Port Angeles, Wash. She was the daughter of James and Mabel Monds. Kathleen attended high school in Port Angeles, Wash. She enjoyed a long successful career with the state of Oregon, Employment Department.

Kathleen was a beloved member of the Westside Church of Christ. She enjoyed gardening, a good yard sale, her kitties, and her daily vanilla latte. Most of all, she loved her family. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, her ability to light up every room she entered and the kindness she shared with everyone she met.

Kathleen is survived by

her husband, Dan Martindale Jr.; her son and his wife, Mike and Donna Irons; her daughters, Kimberly and Sheri Irons; her four amazing grandchildren: Adrian Baker, Sam Irons, Zack Irons and Deehan Brumer; and her sister, Helen Swegle. Kathleen was predeceased by her father and mother, James and Mabel Monds, brothers James Jr. and Kenneth Monds, and sister Karen Monds.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the Westside Church of Christ, 2185 W. Orchard Ave. Hermiston, OR 97838.

Memorial donations may be made to cancer research or your local pet rescue organization.

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



Martindale

## DEATHS

**Marie A. Issel**

Hermiston

**Feb. 6, 1928 — Oct. 14, 2019**

Marie A. Issel, 91, of Hermiston, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2019, in Hermiston. She was born Feb. 6, 1928.

Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Edna J. Lowrance**

Hermiston

**March 14, 1931 — Oct. 14, 2019**

Edna J. Lowrance, 88, of Hermiston, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2019, at her home. She was born March 14, 1931, in Campo, Colorado.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech St., Hermiston.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Kevin M. Chapman**

Boardman

**March 1, 1975 — Oct. 12, 2019**

Kevin M. Chapman, 44, of Boardman, died Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, in Richland, Wash. He was born March 1, 1975, in Hamilton, Montana.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



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