

OBITUARIES

Douglas Verle Conner

Richland, Washington

July 12, 1952 — October 8, 2019

As the day began to dawn, Douglas Verle Conner passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, in Pasco, Washington, at the age of 67.

Doug was born on July 12, 1952, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Benjamin and Dovie Meier Conner. Doug married Sandy Carlson Conner on June 22, 2013, in Amberg, Wisconsin. They proudly called Richland, Washington, their home.

Doug spent his youth in Spray, Oregon, and Hermiston, Oregon. He graduated from Hermiston High School, Class of 1971, with a wrestling scholarship. Receiving the scholarship was one of his proudest accomplishments.

Doug was a longtime auto broker, restaurateur, and commercial truck driver. He was a hard worker and was never afraid to take on a difficult project. If ever you were in need, you could find his hand outstretched, willing and able to help.

Doug had a big heart and was very gentle by nature, which led people to gravitate towards him. He had a unique ability to understand others. Doug was fun, spontaneous, and enthusiastic. He had a knack for telling such wonderfully funny stories of his life. He loved sharing his memories. He always wore a smile, a Hawaiian shirt, and shorts. His well-being was quizzed if one was ever without the other.

Doug lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed sports, fishing, "chatting" with friends,

traveling in the RV, the occasional bowl of Captain Crunch Berries, and spending time with family.

Doug held his family and closest friends in the highest esteem. He was a spiritual man who had a deep and earnest relationship with God. Living his life through Christ was paramount.

Doug is survived by his wife Sandy Conner; children Heather Kandale, Michelle Williams and Benjamin Conner; stepchildren Nicole Hood and Kevin Hood; seven grandchildren and four step-grandchildren; brother Gregory (Lori) Conner; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Doug is now reunited with his parents, brother Barry Conner, sister Joan Hamman, and daughter Shelby Brinkley.

To respect Doug's wishes, there was no service. A private viewing for family was held on October 11, 2019. Burial will take place at a later date in Wisconsin. Arrangements and cremation by Muellers Tri-Cities Funeral Home.

Our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Pacific Steel for their thoughtful, kind, and heartfelt memorial; and to his Men's Bible Study Group at Calvary Chapel Tri-Cities for the delicious meal, words of comfort, and support.

Doug, we will forever remember the words you instilled in us: "God will always lead you to where you need to be. In His time, not yours. Just trust Him and believe." Amen.

Emery Carl Ashbeck

Hermiston

March 5, 1923 — November 12, 2019

Emery Carl Ashbeck of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on March 5, 1923, in Milladore, Wisconsin, to parents Frank and Catherine Oltman Ashbeck. He died on November 12, 2019, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 96 years.

Raised in Wisconsin on a dairy farm during the Depression, Emery learned the value of hard work at an early age. He quit school in the seventh grade to help on the family farm when illness struck his father. He said "they were fortunate because they always had a garden and all the cream they could ever want."

Emery caught a freight train out west at the age of 16 with his best friend, Whitey, and loved telling of the adventure and the folks he encountered along the way. Emery joined his brother Oscar and sought farm work in the Echo area. When WWII broke out he joined the United States Army and served in the Philippines and Japan.

After his honorable discharge, the handsome soldier returned to Echo, where he courted and won the heart of his beloved Dorothy "Dottie" Mudge. They were united in marriage on April 13, 1949, in Pasco, Washington. They built a home for their family, a daughter and two sons.

Emery went to work at the McNary Dam as a lock operator, where he loved his job and the many friends he made there. He retired in 1984, but continued his dedication to working hard and only looking for the good through the rest of his years.

After retiring, Emery and Dottie enjoyed traveling throughout the United States visiting family and friends. Together, they celebrated births of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, weddings and the lives of lots of precious friends. They instilled the love of "gath-

ering" in the hearts of all who knew them. Emery is cherished by his family for his deep wisdom, sense of humor and his deep respect for people, animals and his country.

He was a member of the Catholic Church, the Moose Lodge and a life member of the Elks and VFW. Emery enjoyed hunting, gardening, fishing and the mountains.

He is survived by his sons Bob Ashbeck and wife Kim, Portland, Ore., and John Ashbeck and wife Sherry, Hermiston, Ore.; daughter Toni Kay and husband Ron Holeman, Powell Butte, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many lifelong friends.

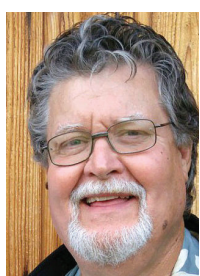
Emery was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Dottie Ashbeck, his parents, five brothers and six sisters.

A celebration of life service will be held Friday, November 22, 2019, from 2-4 p.m. at Maxwell Event Center, 145 N. First Place, Hermiston, Oregon. A private family burial was held at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon.

The Ashbeck family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to Good Shepherd Medical center and Vange John Memorial Hospice for their efficiency, compassion and kindness during Emery's illness. A sincere thank you to all the staff and friends at Guardian Angel Homes for many years of love and kindness. A special thank you to Doris Bryant, Emery's devoted companion of the last six years.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions in Emery's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund.

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



Conner

Anjelita Garcia

Madras

October 17, 2019

Anjelita Garcia passed away peacefully in her home in Madras, Oregon, on October 17, 2019. She was 58 years old. At the time of her passing, she was attended to by her longtime partner, Mike Hoyt, and her son, Matthew Middleton. The cause of death was a long-term illness.



Garcia

Anjelita was a fiercely independent person that would not hesitate to give you her opinion. At the same time, she had an abiding faith in God. In conversation, when anyone spoke about a stroke of good luck, she would say, "That was a blessing. God is looking out for you!"

She was so proud of her son, Matthew Middleton, as he grew from little boy into a man. Even though the two of them experienced issues through life, she felt good that he had his life together. She knew that, together with his devoted partner, Savannah, and their adorable daughter, Olivia, no obstacle could hold them back.

Anjelita loved to laugh. She would laugh at life by

taking situations and looking at them through a different lens. She would laugh at things that happened in her childhood and loved to reminisce. "Remember when ...," she would start. And, she could keep people in stitches with her storytelling, always adding her own flavor to the story.

She is survived by her parents, Aurelio and Maria Garcia of Hermiston, Oregon, who feel the sting of grief for a daughter they loved very much. Additionally, her siblings, their children and grandchildren and many cousins will miss seeing her at family functions.

Anjelita had eclectic tastes. She sought out unique dishes, books, and coffee places. In the end, family gathered around her to bid farewell, and all agreed, "Her life was a blessing for all of us." We are not saying goodbye; just till we see you, again.

Services and memorial are pending until spring; date and location will be announced.

DEATH NOTICES

Francisco 'Frank' Chapa III

Irrigon

Sept. 14, 1974 — Nov. 16, 2019

Francisco "Frank" Chapa III, 45, of Irrigon, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019, in Richland, Washington. He was born Sept. 14, 1974, in Pharr, Texas. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 12 noon at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Charmayne Marie 'Char' Szulewski

Hermiston

July 11, 1971 — Nov. 13, 2019

Charmayne Marie "Char" Szulewski, 48, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019, at her home. She was born July 11, 1971, in Blue Island, Illinois. A celebration of life service was held Monday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. at the Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Annette Gae Nemeth

Kennewick, Wash.

Dec. 22, 1971 — Nov. 8, 2019

Former Umatilla resident Annette Gae Nemeth, 47, died Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, in Kennewick, Washington. She was born Dec. 22, 1971, in The Dalles. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Robert W. 'Bob' Brinkley Jr.

Hermiston

July 19, 1957 — Oct. 23, 2019

Robert W. "Bob" Brinkley Jr., 62, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, near North Powder. He was born July 19, 1957, in Torrance, California. A celebration of life gathering will be held Saturday, Nov. 30 from 2-7 p.m. at Skip & Sherry Walchli's farm, 32697 E. Loop Road, Hermiston. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

NOV. 5, 2019

ROMANICK GARCIA — Jolee M. Romanick and Jose Garcia of Hermiston: a girl, Xena Ray Romanick Garcia.

NOV. 7, 2019

TAYLOR — Rachel S. B. Taylor and Kage A. G. Taylor of Hermiston: a girl, Amelia Grace Kai Taylor.

NOV. 11, 2019

SHEREL-ALLPHIN — Samantha K. Allphin and Gentry D. Sherel of Hermiston: a girl, Purity Shevelle Sherel-Allphin.

NOV. 12, 2019

JONES — Kylee A. Smith and Justin L. Jones of Hermiston: a girl, Kinslee Ann Jones.

POLICE LOG

Tuesday, November 12
4:38 p.m.— A missing person was reported on Prickly Pear Drive.

Wednesday, November 13
3:12 p.m.— A woman called to report her teenage son was threatening to harm himself and the family.
5:26 p.m.— Two women were filling up a suitcase with merchandise at the garden center of a store on North First Street.

Thursday, November 14
7:45 a.m.— A domestic disturbance occurred on Southeast Sixth Street.

Friday, November 15
1:16 a.m.— On West Fulton Avenue, a man called to report his wife was throwing things.

3:26 p.m.— A domestic disturbance occurred at East Gladys Avenue.
11:09 p.m.— A domestic disturbance occurred on East Jennie Avenue.

Saturday, November 16
12:23 p.m.— A fight occurred at Southeast Fifth Street and East Hurlburt Avenue.
3:31 p.m.— Hermiston police made an arrest following a

theft complaint on North First Street.
8:33 p.m.— On West Linda Avenue, a domestic disturbance occurred.
8:46 p.m.— A domestic disturbance occurred on Northeast Willow Court.
Sunday, November 17
3:41 p.m.— Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle occurred on East Ridgeway Avenue.
4:50 p.m.— A domestic disturbance occurred on Northwest 11th Street.
5:27 p.m.— A teenager called to report that his brother broke down a door and choked him on Southwest 11th Street.
11:11 p.m.— A domestic disturbance occurred on Northwest 11th Street.
Monday, November 18
12:39 a.m.— A man reported another man was following him all around town.
7:09 p.m.— A burglary was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.
7:24 p.m.— An intoxicated man urinated in a store on Northwest 11th Street and was denied alcohol.

COURTS

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

FELONY
•Alonzo Arreola, 19, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Theft I: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$2,300 fine-suspended and \$4,000 restitution.

MISDEMEANOR

•Luis Abram Contreras, 25, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 60 days jail, 120 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, \$1,500 fine, \$4,750 fine-suspended and 3 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Reckless Driving: sentenced to \$100 fine and 3 years driver's license suspension.
•Selina Marie Riggs, 24, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 3 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 Reckless Driving: sentenced to \$100 fine and 90 days driver's license suspension.
•Juan Beltran-Fuentes, 31, Boardman, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 10 days jail, 170 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$1,000 fine, \$2,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation and \$3,000 fine-suspended.

Suits Filed

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

LLC vs. Kelly Payan: seeks \$5,883.19.
•Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Sarah Mae Cook: seeks \$4,470.83.
•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Carol J. Jones: seeks \$4,710.98.
•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Donald J. Tveidt: seeks \$4,704.39.
•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Nicholas Servi: seeks \$1,814.28.
•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Kristi L. Paxton: seeks \$2,245.68.
•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Oscar Almonte: seeks \$1,044.48.

Judgments

PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):
•Credit Corp Solutions Inc. vs. Sagrario Cortez of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,304.65.
•Midland Funding LLC vs. William Laffen of Umatilla: judgment for \$1,580.82.
•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Kimberlie Krieg: judgment for \$1,024.95.
•Bank of America N.A. vs. Chanty Pin of Hermiston: judgment for \$21,013.16.
•NW RBI Inc. vs. James Thomas of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,044.29.
•Credits Inc. vs. Maria K. Winebarger of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,780.82.

Divorces

PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:
Andrew Douglas Tovey of Stanfield and Janice B. Tovey of Hermiston; Lisa K. Isselhardt Jeronimo of Hermiston and Juan Jeronimo Pablo; Estella Coria De Chavez of Kennewick, Wash., and Adan Chavez Gonzalez of Hermiston.

Marriages

PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:
Marcelino Rodriguez Prado, 30, and Michelle Mendoza, 27, both of Umatilla.
Randell Leroy Dickenson II, 35, and Melissa RayAnn Littrell, 33, both of Hermiston.

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