

OBITUARIES

Walter George Liebe

Hermiston

Feb. 10, 1923 — March 9, 2020

Walter George Liebe of Hermiston was born to George and Ida (Middlestadt) Liebe on February 10, 1923, in Lebanon, Oregon. He passed away peacefully on March 9, 2020, at the age of 97.

His family moved to Hermiston, Oregon, when he was 3 months old. He attended Columbia School in Hermiston. He was a World War II veteran who served in the 187th Regiment of 11th Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. His qualifications included paratrooper's badge and glider badge. He also qualified as a sharpshooter with a M1 rifle. His deployments included New Guinea, Southern Philippines, and Luzon from 1943-1946. He earned the American Theater Service Medal, Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Bronze Service Arrowhead, and Good Conduct Medal. In 1945, Private First Class Liebe served on General MacArthur's honor guard for the signing of the peace treaty with Japan aboard the U.S.S. Missouri. His military nickname was Slim, and was better known as "a man of few words."

After his service in the Pacific, he returned to Hermiston. In 1948, he married Adelle (Fort) Anson and had five children, Shirley, David, Daniel, John and Steve. In 1965, he married his second wife Margaret (Thorpe) Liebe and gained three stepchildren, Patty, Larry and Terry.

As a civilian, he worked

for the Umatilla Army Depot as a packer of high explosives as well as many other positions for 34 years.

In 1954, he had the honors of driving President Eisenhower from the Pasco, Washington, airport to the dedication of McNary Dam. After his retirement at the Umatilla Army Depot, he went to work at J.R. Simplot for 10 years. After his second retirement, he returned to work as a volunteer at the Hermiston Senior Center.

He is survived by sons David Liebe and John (Martha) Liebe of Hermiston; stepchildren Patricia (Liedtke) (Gene) Duvall of Kingstons, Washington, and Terry Liedtke of Pilot Rock; stepdaughter-in-law Jill Liedtke of Eugene; brother Bill Liebe, Pilot Rock, Oregon; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Thorpe) Liebe; his parents, George and Ida Liebe; daughter Shirley (Liebe) Tannahill; sons Daniel Liebe and Stephen Liebe; stepson Larry Liedtke; and brother Albert Liebe.

A graveside service with military honors will be held Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration of life service will be held at the First United Methodist Church at a later date.

Please share memories of Walter with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in charge of arrangements.



Liebe



Charlotte Eileen Berry

Echo

June 24, 1933 — March 8, 2020

Charlotte Eileen Berry was born on June 24, 1933, in Pendleton, Oregon, to parents, Marvin and Velma

Hiatt Laughlin. She died on March 8, 2020, at her home in Echo, Oregon, at the age of 86 years. She was raised and attended school in Echo, Oregon, graduating from Echo High School in 1951. Charlotte was united in marriage to Eugene E. "Gene" Berry on January 3, 1954, in Echo, Oregon. After their children were in school, she worked at the Pendleton Eye Clinic for over 20 years. Charlotte retired in 1981 and kept active within the community. For many years she organized the Echo Vintage Clothing Show and Tea and was active in the Echo Booster Club and many other annual events. Charlotte enjoyed playing bridge, gardening, singing in the choir, baking, and was an avid reader, and a competitive tennis player. She was devoted to her family and cherished time with them.

She is survived by her daughters, Diane Berry, Echo, Oregon, Carol Jean

Marcum (Gary), Stanfield, Oregon, and Bonnie Berry, Echo, Oregon; daughter-in-law, Debra (Hopp) Berry, Echo, Oregon; sister, Leslie Kingsley, Ventura, California; grandchildren, Nic, Chris, Ashley, Chase and Drew; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Berry, her parents, son, Charles Berry, and a sister, Kay Jenkins.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon. Those who wish may make contributions in Charlotte's memory to the Echo Quarterback Club or Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Charlotte with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in charge of arrangements.



Berry

Chris Marston

Boardman

Oct. 17, 1956 — March 1, 2020

Chris was born just before hunting season on October 17, 1956, in Prineville, Oregon, to Jack and Bertie Anne Marston. He passed away suddenly March 1, 2020, while working out in his pasture.

Chris, known by close family as "Cy," grew up on the family ranch in Ashwood, Oregon, where he attended grades 1-8. During the fall, Chris and his brothers were frequently pulled out of school by their Uncle Ronald to go hunting, unbeknownst to their parents at times. Depending on whose story you believe, Chris spent a lot of time in the family barn tending more to the basketball hoop than milking cows. He attended Culver High School where he played football, baseball, basketball; participated in FFA and graduated in 1974. In the summers, Chris helped his older brothers haul hay.

Chris attended Central Oregon Community College before starting at age 19 with PGE at Pelton Round Butte. He transferred to Boardman in 1979. Chris performed vibration analysis and balancing of generators and turbines at the coal, gas and hydro plants. In his later years with the company, he was an expert in his field and he traveled to the East Coast to observe the balancing of generators and turbines for the company. Chris was also a company EMT and in the fire brigade. He was known as a kind and fair coworker who always went above and beyond. Chris spent 44 years with PGE and was greatly looking forward to his retirement this fall. In addition to working at PGE, Chris was an accomplished cattleman.

Although the date and location are contested, the fact is true that Chris met

his lifelong partner and equal in 1978. Chris and Jody Ickler were married February 22, 1980, and began a strong partnership of raising a family, ranching and working.

Chris could be seen video-taping his children's high school sports events, at any grocery store meat department, or at the front of the line of slow moving cars around Boardman. He enjoyed hunting in Central Oregon and fishing with family and close friends as well as going into the hills with his wife and working with his children on home and ranch projects. Chris was a skilled card player, grill master who could appreciate a rare steak with hot peppers, enjoyed instigating (mostly) funny pranks and being at home with his family.

Cy was a humble, thoughtful, generous family man, who continues to provide for his family even after his passing. He was very proud and pleased with his children and his family was very proud of him.

Chris was a good neighbor and quietly showed up to help family without asking for anything in return. He will be missed for his genuine kindness, quick wit, signature chuckle and his creative approach to finding solutions for life's everyday problems.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Bertie Anne Marston; and recently his big brother, John. He will be immensely missed by his wife of 40 years, Jody Marston; their children, Jade and Alan; brother, Alex (Kathy); sisters, Kay and Anne (Perry); sister-in-law, Penny, along with extended family and close friends.

A memorial is planned April 4, Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center.



Marston

DEATH NOTICES

Hal Ray Phillips

Milton-Freewater

June 30, 1947 — March 16, 2020

Former Hermiston resident Hal Ray Phillips, 72, died March 16, 2020, in Milton-Freewater. He was born June 20, 1947. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of the arrangements.

Wanda 'Lorraine Morris' Tuttle

Hermiston

June 30, 1954 — March 13, 2020

Wanda "Lorraine Morris" Tuttle, 65, of Hermiston, died Friday, March 13, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born June 30, 1954, in Pendleton. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Baltazar E. Sanguino

Umatilla

Jan. 6, 1933 — March 13, 2020

Baltazar E. Sanguino, 87, of Umatilla died Friday, March 13, 2020, at his home in Umatilla. He was born Jan. 6, 1933, in Michoacan, Mexico. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston. Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, March 17 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burial followed at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Wayne H. Schnell

Irrigon

Jan. 18, 1933 — March 8, 2020

Wayne H. Schnell, 87, of Irrigon died Sunday, March 8, 2020 in Richland, Washington. He was born Jan. 18, 1933, in Vancouver, Washington. A celebration of life potluck gathering set for Sunday, March 22 from 1-4 p.m. at the Skinny Bull AG Museum has been postponed until further notice. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories of Wayne with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Jimmie E. "Jim" Wright

Hermiston

June 1, 1934 — March 10, 2020

Jimmie E. "Jim" Wright, 85, of Hermiston died Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born June 1, 1934, in Plant City, Florida. A private family gathering will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories of Jimmie with his family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Mary Louise Curren

Caldwell, Idaho

Dec. 13, 1937 — Jan. 24, 2020

Former longtime Hermiston resident Mary Louise Curren, 82, died Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, in Caldwell, Idaho. She was born Dec. 13, 1937, in Los Angeles. A celebration of life gathering was held Saturday, March 14 from 2-5 p.m. at Maxwell Siding Pavilion, 255 N. First St., Hermiston. A private family burial will be at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories of Mary with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Creth Harris

Heppner

Feb. 18, 1917 — March 11, 2020

Creth Harris, 103, of Heppner, died Wednesday, March 11, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Feb. 18, 1917, at Hardman, Oregon. A graveside service will be held Thursday, March 19 at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Arrangements are with Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner. Sign the condolence book at www.sweeney-mortuary.com.

Lois Henderson

La Grande

March 30, 1927 — March 7, 2020

Lois Henderson, 92, of La Grande died Saturday, March 7, 2020, at home with family at her side. She was born March 30, 1927, in La Grande. A graveside service was held Friday, March 13 at 1 p.m. at the Summerville Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Imbler Christian Church, 440 Ruckman Ave. Condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.

Sidney C. Cook

Hermiston

Oct. 8, 1951 — Feb. 19, 2020

Sidney C. Cook, 68, of Hermiston died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born Oct. 8, 1951, in Havre, Montana. A celebration of life was held Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at the Burns Mortuary chapel, 685 W. Hermiston Ave. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Leave an online condolence for the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Hermiston grad named to APU dean's list

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Jamie Marie Barnett's Family and Micheal Pedersen would like to thank everyone for their help and kindness at this very sad time in their lives.

Doug, Linda, John, Aaliyah, Micheal & Aurora

BMCC moves most of its classes online through spring term

By ANTONIO SIERRA
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Despite a statewide closure in K-12 schools due to coronavirus, Blue Mountain Community College will stay open, albeit with some added precautions.

In a press release, BMCC announced it was pressing ahead with winter term finals and the upcoming spring term.

Starting this week, the college will shift as many of its classes as possible to an online format. For winter term finals, instructors will have the discretion on whether to hold a final or not.

For classes that require a physical presence from students, BMCC will encourage these classes to practice social distancing procedures.

In a statement, BMCC President Dennis Bailey-Fougner echoed what other local institutions have said about COVID-19 by calling its actions "unprecedented."

"The decision to move

to virtual instruction was not made lightly," he said. "The goal is to minimize the need to gather in large groups and spend prolonged time in close proximity with each other in spaces, such as classrooms, the library, and the student union. This action is consistent with the recommendations of leading health officials on how to limit the spread of COVID-19 and is also consistent with similar decisions made by a number of our peer institutions. The campus will remain open and operations will continue with appropriate measures to protect the health of the community."

BMCC will retain this approach through the end of its spring term, but could make updates to its plan as it consults with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

BMCC and the Northwest Athletic Conference also canceled all sports activities through April 13.

OBITUARY POLICY

The Hermiston Herald publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style.

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