

OBITUARIES

Gene Allen Long

Hermiston

September 7, 1968 — July 11, 2020

Gene Allen Long of Hermiston was born September 7, 1968, in Butte, Montana. He passed away in Richland, Washington, on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at the age of 51.

Gene moved to Oregon as a child, living in Pendleton and graduating from Riverside High School in the class of 1987. He lived for a short time in Elk City, Idaho, where he worked in a sawmill. He also lived and worked in Cove, Oregon, for a short time where he was a Matco Tool distributor.

Most of his adult life, Gene has resided in the Hermiston area where he worked as the manager of Bert's Auto Salvage and Towing for nearly 20 years. He loved his job as a tow truck driver where he would much rather receive a letter of appreciation than a tip. He enjoyed going the extra mile to help someone in need, giving the shirt off his back if necessary. He was not someone who sat idle, and gave 110% in everything he put his hand to. He really enjoyed talking with his customers and people in general.

Gene had a huge love of his tow trucks; he rebuilt them and redesigned them to make them even better with

every last detail. Gene enjoyed fishing, hunting and was a gun enthusiast. He had a very creative side as a talented artist and enjoyed putting his skills to work while creating various diverse projects. He could create anything he put his mind to and had limitless abilities. He loved going on any kind of adventure with

his wife. Gene married the love of his life, Dawn, on April 7, 2004, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He is survived by his wife, Dawn; son Darren Gibson; daughters Keshi Richmond and Samantha Long; one sister and two brothers; and his mother-in-law, Linda Monroe.

He was preceded in death by his mom Vicki and his dad Donald; father-in-law Mike Monroe; and brother-in-law Jason Monroe.

A private family celebration of life will be held (due to COVID-19 restrictions). A public gathering will be scheduled at a later date when COVID allows.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.



Long

William Henry Megarge 'Bill' Earle

Hermiston

September 5, 1939 — July 7, 2020

William "Bill" Henry Megarge Earle of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on September 5, 1939, in Wilmington, Delaware, to parents Fred and Elizabeth Earle. He died on July 7, 2020, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 80 years.

He was raised and attended schools in Delaware and Maine. In 1965, Bill was united in marriage to Marie Patricia "Pat" Earle. They moved from the East Coast and finally settled in Eastern Oregon.

He was an extremely industrious man, who managed both a farm and full-time employment at various jobs throughout the years. Bill's favorite occupation was when he worked as a

real estate agent in Hermiston, Oregon. Additionally, he served in the U.S. Army for three years.

In his spare time, Bill loved hunting all kinds of game, conversing with his best friend of 50 years, John Day, watching NFL games with his children, and traveling the world with the love of his life, Pat Earle.

He is survived by his daughter, Camille Earle, Portland; son Clint Earle, Lompoc, California; and grandchildren, Chyeann, Christian, Moana, Luke, Annalise, Ashton, Salote, and Angeliq.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Pat, and a daughter Annette Earle.



Earle



John Ryan Smith

Hermiston

April 5, 2000 — July 12, 2020

John Ryan Smith of Hermiston was born April 5, 2000, in Pendleton, Oregon, the son of John and Debra (Studer) Smith. He passed away near Granite, Oregon, on Sunday, July 12, 2020, at the age of 20.

John lived in Hermiston throughout his life, where he attended school. He graduated from Hermiston High School in the Class of 2018. While in high school, he enjoyed being a member of FFA and the Hermiston wrestling team.

John enjoyed archery hunting, camping and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a very loving, caring and giving man who went the extra mile. He enjoyed caring for his grandparents and helping them with whatever chores he could.

He is survived by his parents, John and Debbie Smith; sister Danielle Smith and nephew Hayden; grandparents Hank and Betty Studer; grandmother Diana Smith; aunts and uncles Dale, Kenny and Mandie Studer, Lora and Vern Ressler, Scott and BeAnn Smith and Becky Smith; and several cousins, extended family members and friends who he considered family.

Viewing was held on July 16 at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. A graveside service was July 17, 2020, at the Hermiston Cemetery.

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Smith

Pearl 'Daphene' Nycz

Hermiston

September 14, 1938 — July 12, 2020

Pearl "Daphene" Nycz of Hermiston was born September 14, 1938, in Wallowa, Oregon. She passed away in Hermiston on Sunday, July 12, 2020, at the age of 81.

Daphene grew up and attended school in Wallowa, Oregon, and graduated from Wallowa High School in the Class of 1956. After high school, Daphene and a close friend moved to Portland, Oregon, where she met Robert Nycz. Daphene and Robert were united in marriage in Wallowa, Oregon, on August 6, 1957.

The couple traveled extensively, living in many places during Robert's military career. After Robert's honorable discharge, they moved to Oregon for awhile, then on to Wisconsin for several years. In 1978, they moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where they have lived for the last 42 years.

When her seven children were of age, Daphene returned to school and received her Licensed Practical Nursing certification while living in Wisconsin. She worked as an LPN at the Hermiston Hospital, then at the Good Samaritan Center (currently Regency Nursing & Rehabilitation) in Hermiston for many years. Daphene loved going camping and spending

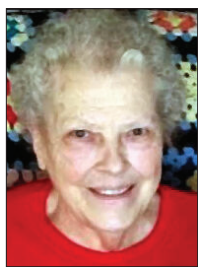
time with all of her grandchildren. She enjoyed volunteering for the grandparent reading program at the Hermiston Library. She also enjoyed canning her own food, reading, playing solitaire, embroidery and knitting. She was a member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church for many years.

She is survived by her husband of over 62 years, Robert; children Teresa Mathia, Julie Evans, RoxAnne (Steve) Wynne, Karen (Dennis) Borman, David (Koi) Nycz and Michael Nycz; 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; brother Richard Horton; and many extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cyril and Emma Horton; son Brian Nycz; and three brothers, Warren, Willard and Steven Horton.

Viewing was held on Friday, July 17, 2020, from 3-7 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. A funeral mass was held at noon on Saturday, July 18 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. Burial followed in Hermiston Cemetery.

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Nycz

Linda C. Stormont

Hermiston

March 8, 1944 — July 14, 2020

Linda C. Stormont of Hermiston was born March 8, 1944, in Seattle, Washington, the daughter of Major Leonard Kenneth Gott, U.S. Army, and Caroline M. Gott. She died on July 14, 2020, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 76 years.

Being an Army brat, she lived with her parents and two sisters Candace and Nancy in various state and countries, finally putting down their roots in Spanaway, Washington, where Linda attended Bethel High School, graduating in 1963. Linda attended Bates Vocational School in Tacoma, Washington, to become a dental assistant and in 1964 she left Bates to become the wife to Larry Stormont.

During the 56 years of marriage to Larry, Linda attended to their three children, Richard, Kimberly and Ronald, and when they left the nest Linda went to work at Good Shepherd Hospital for 32 years in environmental services. To many people at Good Shepherd, Linda and her longtime friend Delores Rueber were known as the snoop sisters.

Linda is survived by her husband of 56 years, Larry; son Richard Stormont of Hermiston, Oregon; daughter Kimberly K. Stormont of Federal Way, Washington; son

Ronald Layne Stormont of Shelton, Washington; three grandchildren, Brandon Stormont of Federal Way, Washington, Kennedy Stormont of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Miles Stormont of Shelton, Washington; her sister Candy and brother-in-law Bill Lewis of Smithfield, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

Linda will be best remembered for her Friday and Saturday garage sale hunts with her friend Thelma Roe and her own at-home garage sales.

Linda was preceded in death by her sister Nancy, her mother and her father.

Linda requested that her epitaph should read GONE TO THE BIG YARD SALE IN THE SKY.

A celebration of life for Linda will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers Linda would like donations to Pet Rescue in her name.

Viewing was held Sunday, July 19 from 2-4 p.m. at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Linda was laid to rest Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon, where all were invited to attend.

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



Stormont

Sharon Lee Cole

Hermiston

July 1, 1940 — July 15, 2020

Sharon Lee (Swygart) Cole, 80, of Hermiston, Oregon, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 15, 2020, at home.

Sharon was born in Malin, Oregon, on July 1, 1940, to Gene and Loretta (Mugrove) Swygart. The family moved to Vale, Oregon, in the early 1940s. Sharon graduated from Vale High School in 1958.

She married Roger Owen Cole on Oct. 2, 1965, in Elko, Nevada. They were married until June 2, 2002, when Roger passed away.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters Sandra Thurston and Kathy Swygart, and son-in-law Craig Barton.

She is survived by daughter Monica Barton of Hermiston, Oregon, and son Kermit Cole of Lacy,

Washington; sister Drenda Leathers of Helix, Oregon; brothers Jim Swygart of Nampa, Idaho, and Allan Swygart of Pendleton, Oregon; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Sharon loved painting and gardening and her family with all her heart.

Due to current restrictions, a celebration of life will held at a later date.

Those who wish to remember Sharon in a special way may make gifts in her memory to the Care-Van at Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation, 611 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Sharon with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.



Cole

Carl Richard 'Rick' Myers III

Buckley, Washington

February 3, 1954 — July 13, 2020

Rick passed in his sleep on Monday, July 13, 2020.

Funeral services will be Friday July 24 at 2 p.m. at Weeks Funeral Home; due to COVID issues this will be a private gathering. A Celebration of Life open house will be held after the funeral at the Myers family home at 6 p.m.

There will also be a Celebration of Life gathering held on August 1 at 2 p.m. at Maxwell Event Center Pavilion in Hermiston, Oregon. Visitation is available at Weeks Funeral Home on July 23 from 4-8 p.m.

Rick was a resident in the Hermiston, Oregon, area from 1954-1984. He spent several years in Alaska and settled in Buckley, Washington, in 1987. His youth was spent loving the outdoors, teasing his sisters, playing sports, shooting, working on cars and partying with family and friends. He married wife Tammy in 1982 and was the proud father of three sons, Nicholas (Sara), Adam (Jennifer) and Chase (Meghan), and three cherished grandchildren, Nyala, Harper and Bodhi (Nick and Sara).

Rick spent most of his life in the construction field driving trucks and operating heavy equipment. He was a diehard Seahawk, Mariner, Husky and Souther fan. Rick's passion was his boys, devotedly following them in their education and sports.

His pride for them was unending.

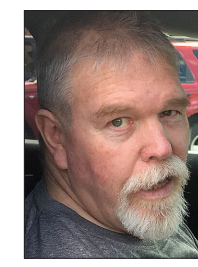
Among his favorite things in life besides his family and being with his grandkids as an adult were family game nights, traveling, rock and roll music/concerts, the mountains and coast, sports,

reading, cars, all holidays spent with family and friends, smooth whiskey, stout beer and great parties.

Rick is survived in death by wife Tammy of 38 years; children Nick (Sara), Adam (Jenny) and Chase (Meg); grandchildren Nyala, Harper and Bodhi (Nick and Sara); sisters Jan (Tom) Murray and Cindy (Scott) Teeple; uncle Bill (Sylvia) Myers and aunt Shirley Wagner; brothers- and sisters-in-law Mike and Rene Matson and Chadd Bishop (Linda); cousins Teresa Clark, Mitch Myers, Bob Wagner and Bob Ragsdale; nephews and nieces; and many, many friends.

Preceded in death are parents Dick and Donna Myers, grandparents Carl and Epha Myers and Leo Betnar and Helen Sawyer, aunts May Bauer and Donna (Roy) Ragsdale, uncle (Gerald) Wagner, cousins Terry Sawyer and Bob Wagner, and brothers-in-law Larry and Jeff Bishop.

Rick, your family is missing you but praying you are at peace with no pain and now watching over us all.



Myers

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

JULY 8, 2020

MORRIS — Alisen Morris and Trevor Morris of Echo: a girl, Dallas June Morris.

JULY 9, 2020

DEL CURTO — Brenda J. Garcia and Robert Del Curto of Stanfield: a girl, River Lynn Del Curto.

FODEN — Tiffani R. Jones and Michael L. Foden of Hermiston: a boy, Zayvian Lane Foden.

JULY 10, 2020

BENDIXSEN — Tara Bendixsen and Tyler Bendixsen of Hermiston: a boy, Oliver Kurt Bendixsen.

SNOW — Cynthia Coons and Jason Snow of Stanfield: a boy, Paxton Snow.

JULY 11, 2020

WEISS — Sherah Warby and Corey Weiss of Boardman: a boy, Jonathan Henry Roland Weiss.

DEATH NOTICES

Megan Louise Hearn

Boardman

Dec. 15, 1996 — July 20, 2020

Megan Louise Hearn, 23, of Boardman, died Monday, July 20, 2020, in Boardman. She was born Dec. 15, 1996, in Reno, Nevada. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Death: Beverly J. 'Bev' McConnell

Hermiston

May 30, 1945 — July 14, 2020

Beverly J. "Bev" McConnell, 75, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, July 14, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born May 30, 1945, in Missoula, Montana. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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