

OBITUARIES

Megan Louise Hearn

Boardman

December 15, 1996 — July 20, 2020

Megan Louise Hearn of Boardman was born December 15, 1996, in Reno, Nevada, the daughter of Carl and Alesia (Dommer) Hearn.

She passed away in Boardman, Oregon, on Monday, July 20, 2020, at the age of 23.

Megan moved with her family to Boardman, Oregon, when she was in the second grade. She attended school in Boardman, where she graduated from Riverside High School in the class of 2015. While in high school, she served as the lieutenant governor for the Key Club and was a member of the Honor Society. After high school, she attended Western Oregon University on an art scholarship. She later attended



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Blue Mountain Community College, where she received an associate's degree in science. She currently was studying to become a pharmacy tech.

Megan enjoyed making artwork and loved her two cats, Dak and Moe.

She is survived by her parents, Carl and Alesia Hearn; grandparents Marvin and Louise Dommer; sister Caitlin and husband Sean Shimer and niece Tabitha; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members.

A private family gathering will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Micheal Anthony Ricketts

Boardman

September 23, 1956 — July 17, 2020

Micheal Anthony Ricketts of Boardman was born September 23, 1956, in Hawthorne, California, the son of J.B. and Iva Jean (Patton) Ricketts. He passed away in Portland, Oregon, on Friday, July 17, 2020, at the age of 63.

Micheal served in the U.S. Navy where he served as a cryptologic technician maintenance until his honorable discharge. He

worked as a plant journeyman electrician technician for Lamb Weston at their Boardman East Plant for many years until he retired.

Micheal married Barbara Fenley in Hermiston on June 25, 1999.

Micheal loved working on automobiles, anything electrical and he

enjoyed all kinds of music. He especially enjoyed seeing his grandkids. He will be greatly missed and was Barbara's "Gift from God."

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Barbara; three daughters, Jamie Boatman, Jessica Daniels and Tiffany Ricketts; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; mother and stepfather Iva Jean and Wayne Freitag; and four brothers, Dan, John, Terry and

Jerry.

A private family graveside service was held, with burial in Hermiston Cemetery.

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Ricketts

**Marilyn Joy Smith**

Hermiston

July 7, 1935 — July 25, 2020

Marilyn Joy Smith of Hermiston was born July 7, 1935, in Goldendale, Washington, the daughter of Everett and Georgia (Ross) Shaver. She passed away in Hermiston on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at the age of 85.

Marilyn's family moved to Hermiston when she was 3½ years old. When Marilyn started first grade, she was so bashful that her mother pinned her name on her dress because she wouldn't talk. She attended grade school and high school in Hermiston. She was in the high school band and also enjoyed playing her saxophone in her church's orchestra.

After graduating from high school, Marilyn went to work at the Umatilla Army Depot in the finance and accounting department. She had a habit of chewing gum and popping it. Her supervisor did not appreciate that much but since she did a perfectionist job, she ignored the gum popping. She spent 15 years at the depot before she met Prince Charming.

Bud was on furlough from the Navy and was visiting his aunt and uncle in Hermiston when he met Marilyn. Obviously it was love at first sight as they married shortly thereafter in Hermiston on February 24, 1968. Right after mar-

rying Bud, they moved to Concord, California. When Bud's furlough was over he was shipped out to sea on his Navy ship. When Bud's

ship returned, he was deployed to Kodiak, Alaska, for the balance of his 20-year Navy career. Marilyn was able to go to Kodiak with Bud.

While in Kodiak their first daughter was born. Upon Bud's discharge, the family moved to Hermiston, where they have lived since. The family continued to grow adding three sons and another daughter.

Marilyn was a perfectionist and took good care of her family and her home. She is now with Jesus and all the cleaning is over.

Marilyn leaves behind her husband of 52 years, Albert "Bud" Smith; children Sheri (Terry) Haight, Larry (Heather) Smith, Jerry (Julie) Smith, Terry (Vienay) Smith and Kari (Richard) Faubion; 15 grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret (Tony) Hempe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Ted and wife Hazel.

A private family service will be held with burial in Hermiston Cemetery.

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Smith

Franklin Thomas 'Tom' Daulton

Hermiston

April 17, 1937 — April 23, 2020

Franklin Thomas "Tom" Daulton of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on April 17, 1937, in Ashland, Kentucky, to parents Russell Thomas Daulton and Ruth Miriam Linscott Daulton. He died on April 23, 2020, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 83 years.

Tom graduated from Jefferson High School in Jefferson, Oregon, before attending Oregon State University. He graduated from OSU with a BS in agriculture in food technology. After completing his ROTC training through OSU, Tom joined the United States Army in 1961 and served as a first lieutenant company commander until his honorable discharge in December 1963.

In 1963 he met and married Gloria Brauer and began raising their two boys, Steve and David. They were divorced seven years later. During that time, he worked in the food tech business.

In 1973 he was hired at Gourmet Foods in Metolius, Oregon, where Tom met Carol Eveland. Tom was united in marriage to Carol on September 28, 1974, in Madras, Oregon. They moved to Boardman, Oregon, in 1975 where Tom helped start the original Gourmet Foods plant, which is currently Lamb Weston/ConAgra. Tom and Carol welcomed a little girl, Amy, to the family in 1975 and lived in Boardman for the next 30 years, raising their three children.

One of the most important dates in Tom's life happened in 1980 when he was in a hospital bed recovering from back surgery and he gave his life to Jesus.

While living in Boardman, he was a longtime active member of the First Baptist Church, loved watching his children play for the Riverside Pirates and giving his encouraging reminder to all who played basketball to "use the backboard" and spent many hours hunting and

fishing in the woods. He worked at Lamb Weston as a production and quality control manager and sanitation supervisor until retiring in 1999.

After retiring he and Carol lived in Kasilof, Alaska, for nine years where he enjoyed fishing for salmon, restoring cabins with the Kasilof Historical Society, and just living the life of an Alaskan. Tom and Carol returned to Hermiston, Oregon, in 2014 to be nearer to their children and grandchildren, where they have lived since.

Tom was an active member of Victory Baptist Church where he enjoyed studying the Bible, and hearing the preaching of God's word. He also enjoyed camping in the mountains and spending time with his family and grandchildren. But most of all, he loved the Lord and Jesus Christ as his personal savior.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Carol Daulton, Hermiston, Oregon; daughter Amy Robison (Shane), Hermiston, Oregon; sons David Daulton (Tami), Medford, Oregon, and Steve Daulton, Hermiston, Oregon; sister Sue Garman, Corvallis, Oregon; grandchildren Tabitha, Joshua, Jacob, Elijah and Garrett; a great-grandson, Bennett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, and his grandson Adrian Scott Daulton.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 10 a.m. at the Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St., Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Tom's memory to the Victory Baptist Church Missionary Fund.

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



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City to add new stop signs near housing developmentsBy JADE MCDOWELL
NEWS EDITOR

Hermiston will get two new stop signs at intersections where housing development has increased traffic.

The Hermiston City Council voted during their Monday, July 27, meeting to place stop signs at the intersection of West Joseph Avenue and Southwest 10th Street, a block west of Armand Larive Middle School. They also voted to place another set of stop signs at East Oregon Avenue and Northeast Sixth Street.

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan said the city has received safety complaints about those intersections and, after reviewing the intersections with city engineers, staff recommended turning them into

four-way stops.

"Both of these areas have experienced some relatively substantial increase in housing development over the past several years that has led to an increase in traffic in those neighborhoods," he said.

He said in the Joseph Avenue area, 44 new homes have been added since 2014, and in the Oregon Avenue area, about 80 new homes have been added since 2013.

During the July 27 city council meeting, the council also continued its chapter-by-chapter updates of the city's code of ordinances. The council approved modifications to the section on junkyards, clarifying that they are allowed in industrial zones and merging the section into the zoning code.

Cecelia A. Drake

Heppner

August 8, 1946 — July 25, 2020

Cecelia Drake came into this world on August 8, 1946, a bundle of joy to her parents, Bob and Agnes Lovett. She had the pleasure of living in six different states before she was 18 months old as her father pursued a career in sales.

They eventually ended up in the New Orleans Garden District, where Cecelia attended school until third grade. Along the journey, siblings Nancy, Rob, and twins John and Joe were added to the family.

While working (and partying) in New Orleans, her dad received what can only be labeled as a "Call from God" to enter the ministry. He entered seminary at the Southern Baptist seminary in New Orleans. He quickly got an assignment to a "missions" church in Flatwood, Louisiana, and then Pineville Baptist Church in Pineville, Louisiana, where Cecelia graduated from high school. While serving these churches, her father would comment that his (monthly) liquor bill used to be more than his monthly salary as a pastor.

Cecelia attended Louisiana College in Marks-ville, Louisiana, until her sophomore year when the family moved to Grandview, Washington, where her dad became pastor of the Grandview Baptist Church. She moved with the family and immediately enrolled in Central Washington State College (now a university). At Central, because of credits and grades, she was placed as a junior, graduating from Central in 1968. Immediately upon graduation, she entered the teacher certification program and pursued a career as an elementary teacher. She had told her mother at a very early age that if she couldn't be an angel, she wanted to be a teacher.

What a teacher she became! After a short stint in a Catholic private school, she went to work in the Granger School District as an elementary teacher. Within a few short years, she became the head teacher for the elementary school and instituted the first all-day kindergarten program in the region.

Marriage to Bruce Dickinson and birth of son Brent in 1975 were a natural course of action, only to be followed by the tragic death of Bruce when Brent was 18 months old. This precipitated a move to Hermiston, Oregon, to be close to family. Her father had moved several years earlier to pastor Grace Baptist Church.

While in Hermiston, her dad felt another "Call of God" and in 1972 started Interfaith Christian Center (now known as Hermiston Christian Center).

After meeting in different buildings in the area, they settled as a congregation in the Carpenter's Hall (the Simmons Agency building) at the intersection of Diagonal Road and East Main Street. Cecelia, true to herself, immersed herself in the activities of the church and raising Brent, but harbored a burning desire to continue her teaching career. With encouragement from her father and much council from Jane Baker, the three of them started Interfaith Christian School in 1978 in the basement of the Carpenter's Hall: Bob Lovett, pastor/shepherd; Jane Baker, principal; and

Cecelia, head teacher.

In the late summer of 1980, Interfaith Christian Center moved all of its activities, including the school, to their newly constructed (but unfinished) building at 1825 West Highland Avenue. They expanded the school membership to include high school students.

Cecelia continued as head teacher for the elementary with her primary focus on kindergarten and first grade, her first love.

While teaching at the new location, she met and fell in love with a member of the newly expanded staff, second/third-grade teacher and worship leader Richard Drake (Rick). They were married in May of 1981. The couple moved into their first home on a dirt road just south of the new church/school building.

As the road was yet unnamed, they were asked what they should call the road. Both Cecelia and Rick without hesitation said Alleluia Lane.

Because of their love for children, they almost immediately began to take in foster children, eventually having 30 children call 1820 Alleluia Lane home for a while.

Cecelia continued teaching at the school but eventually, in 1986, the couple moved to Vallejo, California. Cecelia, true to her love and calling, became Sunday School coordinator for Hilltop Christian Center in Vallejo, a church with a membership of well over 600. They moved back to Hermiston in 1988.

Cecelia continued teaching as a substitute teacher in area schools and in 1999 the couple moved to Heppner, Oregon. After a few years as a substitute teacher in area schools, Cecelia began working as a reading specialist at Riverside High School in Boardman, Oregon, until a stroke in 2009 forced her into early retirement. She continued to be active in school, accompanying Rick (who was teaching music) and working as a volunteer aid until continuing diminishing health forced her to stay home.

Cecelia was preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Agnes Lovett; sister Nancy Stimson (Gene); brother Joe; grandson Brock Palmer; and son Brent Dickinson. She is survived by her husband of nearly 40 years, Rick; great-grandsons Blake and Brody; grandson Bryce; daughter Janet and foster son Jeremiah; brothers Rob and John (Lovett); and foster brother Johnny Hover.

Cecelia, you will be missed by all who knew you well — your beautiful voice, your twinkling emerald green eyes, your smile and, most of all, your heart of compassion. We will see you in glory.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Please be considerate of others during the COVID era if you plan on attending the service.

Contributions may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Ste. 300, Hermiston, OR 97838; or to the Heppner Methodist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 733, Heppner, OR 97836.

Arrangements by Sweeney Mortuary. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.



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