

OBITUARIES

Donna L. Blankenship

Hermiston

March 13, 1940 — October 8, 2020

Donna L. Blankenship was born on March 13, 1940, in Custer, South Dakota, to Ralph and Helen (Coleman) Ferguson. She died on October 8, 2020, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 80 years.



Blankenship

Donna lived in Custer, South Dakota, until the fall of 1950 when her family moved to Boardman, Oregon, and she resided in Boardman until moving to Hermiston in 1956. Donna attended high school in both Boardman and Hermiston and graduated from Hermiston High School class of 1958. In high school, Donna played and excelled in volleyball and was a four-year letterman in the sport. Later in life, she enjoyed playing on a slow pitch softball team with friends.

Just out of high school, she married the love of her life, Don. C. Blankenship, on August 1, 1958, and they were married for 59 years at the time of Don's passing. Don and Donna were blessed with and raised four wonderful children in Hermiston: Dawn Renee, Craig, Larry and Darcy.

Donna was fortunate to be a stay-at-home mother until her first three children entered school. At that time, Donna went to work for Burnhams Department store in Hermiston, where she worked in sales and as a buyer until 1978. One of the fondest memories she had of working at Burnham's was attending the annual buyer conventions. In July of 1978, Donna went to work for Lamb Weston in Hermiston where she worked as an inventory clerk and in accounts payable, which she did until her retirement in 2005.

Donna enjoyed traveling to watch her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports. You could always count on hearing her voice above the crowd cheering her family on and encouraging the entire team. Donna

absolutely loved spending any time she could with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as they brought her so much joy. She also loved to read, water ski, camp along the Columbia River, complete crossword puzzles, tend to her roses, attend bowling tournaments with her best friends, and she especially loved her trips to the National Bowling Tournament in Reno, Nevada.

Donna also enjoyed her weekly visits with her lifelong friends where they played dominos and card games, which she was able to enjoy until her passing. Donna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don, her loving daughter Dawn Renee Ransom, brothers Chuck and Keith Ferguson, and her great-granddaughter Delanee Blankenship. Donna is survived by sons Craig (Janet) Blankenship, Overland Park, Kansas, and Larry (Kristin) Blankenship, Hermiston, Oregon; daughter Darcy (Patrick) McDonough, Hermiston, Oregon; and her beloved 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Donna will be remembered as a fun-loving woman who loved her family, lifelong friends and all those who were blessed to be a part of her beautiful life. She had the most beautiful smile and a laugh that was so contagious you couldn't help but laugh along with her. She will be deeply missed by everyone who had the absolute pleasure of knowing her.

A graveside funeral service following state guidelines will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

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

Beverly 'JoAn' Smith

Irrigon

February 14, 1936 — October 13, 2020

Beverly "JoAn" Smith of Irrigon was born February 14, 1936, in Fossil, Oregon, the daughter of Oscar and Lola Bell (Stegall) Breeding.



Smith

She passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, in The Dalles, Oregon, at the age of 84.

JoAn attended school in Spray, Oregon, and graduated from Spray High School in the class of 1953. She married Floyd Smith at her parents' home in Lexington, Oregon, on January 8, 1955.

JoAn lived in the communities of Spray, Lexington and Irrigon. In her younger years, she worked as a homemaker and helped her husband with the family business, Smith Plumbing and Supplies. She later worked as a desk clerk for the Blue Chimney Auction in Hermiston. She was a coordinator for the Irrigon/Boardman Emergency Assistance Center for many years. She also was a Foster Grandparent at A.C. Houghton Elementary School for several years.

JoAn was a longtime member of the Irrigon

Assembly of God Church (currently Family Worship Center) where she played the piano. She also enjoyed baking for family and friends, going to yard sales and talking to family and friends on the phone. She was "Nannie" to her grandchildren and she enjoyed going to her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting events. Her family was the center of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband Floyd in 1990, and her daughter Lola Humphreys in 2014. She was also preceded in death by her parents, sister Frieda, and brother Paul.

She is survived by a son, Oscar Smith; sister Wanda Taylor; brother Maxwell Breeding; six grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

A private family burial will be at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

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

Cheryl D. Holmes

Umatilla

March 15, 1953 — October 16, 2020

Cheryl D. Holmes of Umatilla was born March 15, 1953, in Spokane, Washington, the daughter of Roy and Beverly (Penner) Leader. She passed away in Hermiston on Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at the age of 67.



Holmes

Cheryl lived in Priest River, Idaho, as a child where she began her elementary education. She moved to Umatilla, Oregon, in the mid 1960s and graduated from Umatilla High School in the Class of 1971.

After high school, she joined the U.S. Navy where she served for three years. While in the Navy, she was the first woman to work in a Navy brig and was part of the first all-female color guard. After her honorable discharge, she returned to Eastern Oregon and lived in the communities of La Grande and Umatilla.

Cheryl worked for over 30 years for Lamb Weston at the Boardman plant where she worked as a production lead. She retired

on April 13, 2018. Cheryl married Tom Holmes in La Grande in 1983. From this union one daughter, Carrie, was born. The couple later divorced.

Cheryl enjoyed taking trips to the Oregon Coast and to Wallowa Lake. But she loved spending time with her family, especially her two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Tommy.

She is survived by a daughter, Carrie Holmes (Andy Thomas); two grandsons, RJ and Ruderger Thomas; brother, Butch (Martha) Leader; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held for Cheryl at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Umatilla.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.

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

COURTS

SENTENCES

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

- David Leon Colbray, 32, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Criminal Mischief I: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 120 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$3,800 fine-suspended and \$1,732.20 restitution; pleaded guilty to two counts of Driving While Suspended/Revoked: sentenced to \$500 fine for each count; pleaded guilty to Resisting Arrest and Failure to Appear on Criminal Citation: sentences to discharge.
- Jerry Duane Simons, 43, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Theft I: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$3,300 fine-suspended and \$5,100 restitution; pleaded guilty to Unauthorized Use of Vehicle: sentence to discharge.
- Sagrario Velasco Cortez, 33, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90

sanction units, 30 maximum jail units and \$200 fine; pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear II: sentence to discharge.

SUITS FILED

- PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**
- Citibank N.A. vs. Samantha T. Tompkins of Umatilla: seeks \$1,827.10.
- Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Nicole Demaster of Hermiston: seeks \$457.04.
- Dynes Enterprises LLC of Hermiston vs. Hermiston Quicky Lube Inc.: seeks \$10,000.
- Bank of America N.A. vs. Jesus V. Mendez of Hermiston: seeks \$4,988.23.
- Kyle Lee Williams of Hermiston dba Got Ya Covered vs. Emmet Wold of Kennewick, Wash.: seeks \$9,907.75.
- Credits Inc. vs. Robn L. Cribbs of Stanfield: seeks \$586.30.
- Credits Inc. vs. Joseph A. and Ashley Munkers of Irrigon: seeks \$667.77.
- Credits Inc. vs. Daniel and Juanita Sinnett of Boardman: seeks \$4,282.92.
- Credits Inc. vs. Mario Perez of Hermiston: seeks \$1,734.76.

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DEATH NOTICES

Joyce A. (Huxoll) Van Schoiack-Lear

Hermiston

July 16, 1947 — Oct. 10, 2020

Joyce A. (Huxoll) Van Schoiack-Lear, 73, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at her home. She was born July 16, 1947, in Pendleton. A private family gathering will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Dennis B. Morse

Hermiston

Feb. 15, 1950 — Oct. 14, 2020

Dennis B. Morse, 70, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020, in Hermiston. He was born Feb. 15, 1950, in Pendleton. At his request, no service will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Maria Piedad Tejada

Umatilla

May 30, 1951 — Oct. 14, 2020

Maria Piedad Tejada, 69, of Umatilla, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born May 30, 1951, in Atemajac de Brizuela, Jalisco, Mexico. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.

Alice Ellen (Stull) Wheeler

Stanfield

Dec. 11, 1954 — Oct. 15, 2020

Former Roseburg resident Alice Ellen (Stull) Wheeler, 65, of Stanfield, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, at her home. She was born Dec. 11, 1954, in Zanesville, Ohio. A family gathering will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

OCT. 8, 2020

ROSALES — Kylie Markwick and Edwin Rosales of Hermiston: a boy, Avery F. Rosales.

OCT. 12, 2020

RICO GONZALEZ — Maria G. Gonzalez Marin and Jesus E. Rico Flores of Hermiston: a girl, Samara Rico Gonzalez.

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