

**OBITUARIES**

**Dell Ray Zimmer**

Peoria, Arizona  
October 16, 2020

Dell Ray Zimmer, 79, of Peoria, Arizona, passed away on October 16, 2020, after a determined and brave fight with multiple myeloma.



Zimmer



Dell Ray grew up in Nebraska and was an avid Cornhuskers fan. He and his new family moved to Oregon in 1967 with the Umatilla Army Depot. As they worked to build their life and family in the Hermiston/Umatilla area, Dell Ray also worked a second job at Safeway at night.

In 1971 Dell Ray joined Farmers Insurance as an agent. He worked to serve the greater Hermiston area and the people there for 44 years. As an agent, Dell Ray was successful and recognized many times by his company, but he took the most pride in the times he was able to help his customers and friends in their times of need or loss. Anybody who has ever interacted with Dell Ray has always walked away feeling better.

Golf was Dell Ray's passion, but he also enjoyed a competitive game of basketball or tennis with his many friends and loved ones.

He could beat most peo-

ple in a game of pool and ping pong, but he would always compliment you as you lost.

Dell Ray was a supportive and loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother who would do anything for his family. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy, and his two children, Michele (Zimmer) Wallace and Brad Zimmer. He will also greatly be missed by his son-in-law Michael Wallace, daughter-in-law Jennifer Zimmer and his grandchildren: Blake and Bryce Wallace, Devin Zimmer, Katelynn (Zimmer) John, her husband Matthew, their son Pierce, his brother Verdell Zimmer, and his loyal lapdog Daisy.

Dell Ray joins his mother, Vivian Ickler, sister Carolyn, and grandson Garrett Zimmer in heaven.

A celebration of Dell Ray's life was held in Peoria, Arizona, on October 20, 2020.

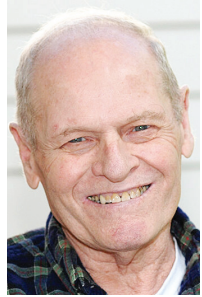
In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Mayo Clinic for cancer research. Their giving page is as follows: <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC>.

**Vernon Harold 'Vern' Viall**

Boardman

October 31, 1936 — August 17, 2020

Vernon Harold "Vern" Viall, age 83, died August 17 in Richland, Washington. He was born Oct. 31, 1936, in Rapid City, South Dakota, to Fletcher (Bud) Sullivan Viall and Margaret Alma (Elston) Viall.



Viall



Vern was the youngest of eight children. His family moved to Sunnyside, Washington, when he was 10 months old, and later to Grandview, Washington. He graduated from Grandview High School in 1955 and joined the Air Force.

He spent most of his service time at Vincent Air Force Base in Yuma, Arizona, where he became an aircraft electrician, which helped him in his later choice to become an electrician.

After leaving the military, Vern returned to southeast Washington. While working construction one summer day in Ione, he met a young lady who would become the love of his life. He married Dora Sue Davidson on Oct. 31, 1959, at the Catholic Church in Heppner.

Vern and Dora Sue spent their married life in Eastern Oregon. In the early years, he worked as a milkman, carpenter, and mechanic. Seeking a more stable career to support his family, he attended night classes and completed the electrician apprentice program in Pendleton. He worked at Coe Electric in Milton-Free-water and Gordon's Electric in Pendleton, eventually becoming a journeyman electrician.

Vern was a dedicated father. He served as a Boy Scout troop leader and attended hundreds of school activities with his kids. He taught his children to work hard and value education. He was adamant that they would go to college and earn a degree, which they all did.

Portland General Electric hired Vern in 1978 as an electrician at the Boardman Coal Plant. The family moved to Boardman. He eventually became an electrical supervisor and retired from the plant in 1999.

Vern loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, collecting rocks and gems, and growing a big garden. After retirement, he and Dora explored much of the western U.S., including two trips driving to and from Oregon to Alaska.

Vern's greatest love was his family. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dora Sue; his children Margie, Curtis, Lesli and their spouses; grandchildren Amber, Jeremiah, Austin, Cydney, Derek, Lindsey, Rachel and their families; and four very special great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m., at the Lexington Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in Vern's name to Pioneer Memorial Home Health & Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

**Cleo B. Childers**

Ione

September 9, 1935 — October 22, 2020

Cleo B. Childers was born on September 9, 1935, in Wapato, Washington, to parents Jesse Glen Childers and Coy Ethel Bowman Childers. He died on October 22, 2020, at his home in Ione, Oregon, at the age of 85 years.



Childers

He was raised and attended school in Mabton, Washington, graduating in the class of 1953. Cleo was united in marriage to Marilyn Bechtel on June 5, 1955, in Helix, Oregon. He worked for the Lester King Ranch before settling in Ione, Oregon, in 1961 where he has lived since. He worked for the Charles Carlson farm until 1969. Cleo owned and operated B & C Repair for 30 years as well as farming in various locations until his passing.

He was a member of the Hermiston Gun Club, the NRA, Oregon Wheat League and the Morrow County Grain Growers. Cleo enjoyed trap shooting, varmint hunting, playing cards and visiting at morning coffee, and loved farming.

He is survived by his

wife of 65 years, Marilyn Childers, Ione, Oregon; sons Harvey Childers (Bobbi), Ione, Oregon, and Roger Childers (Barbara), Roseburg, Oregon; daughter Laurie Barrow (Cris), Lexington, Oregon; grandchildren Maci (Chris), Kacy (Alisha), Molly (Josh), Sarah (Leon), Matthew, Lucas and Payton; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cleo was preceded in death by an infant son, John; his parents; brother Max Childers; and a sister, Glenna Childers.

A graveside service following state guidelines will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Highview Cemetery, Ione, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Cleo's memory to the Hermiston Gun Club, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Please share memories of Cleo with his family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

**Jeremy Theron Hancock**

Visalia, California

October 13, 2020

Jeremy Theron Hancock joined the stars on Oct. 13, 2020, at the age of 53, joining his father, Loran Hancock. Jeremy bravely fought a strong three-year battle with glioblastoma, to which he finally fell. He was at home with his family by his side.

Jeremy was born in Sunnyside, Washington. He attended high school in Hermiston, Oregon, where he played both football and baseball. After graduating in 1986, Jeremy attended Joint Apprentice Training Committee in Portland, Oregon, later becoming a general manager. He had moved to Visalia, California, and lived there until

his departing. Jeremy was a staple in everyone's life, and a strong role model. He was often direct, yet always had our best interest at heart.

He loved music any time of the day, even in his last moments, and we loved his laugh and smile.

A heartfelt, special thanks to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for their caring help.

Jeremy leaves his wife, Kelly; daughter Jessica with his grandson Jackson; daughter Grace; brother Jon; mother Joanne; and many more family members and friends. Jeremy will be loved always.

**Kayak buses won't operate on Veterans Day**

HERMISTON HERALD

Buses from Kayak Public Transit, including the HART in Hermiston, won't be in operation on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day, according to a press release.

The transit service will resume regular operations along its regional routes on Thursday, Nov. 12, the release stated.

Those seeking additional information can call the Kayak dispatch office at 541-429-7519.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Kraig Allen Hull**

Umatilla

Sept. 1, 1977 — Oct. 4, 2020

Kraig Alan Hull, 43, of Umatilla, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020. He was born Sept. 1, 1977, in The Dalles. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Wasco County Fairgrounds in Tygh Valley. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston handled local arrangements.

**Dick S. Jackson**

Hermiston

Sept. 15, 1932 — Oct. 18, 2020

Dick S. Jackson, 88, of Hermiston, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, at his home. He was born Sept. 15, 1932, in Dayton, Washington. At his request, no service will be held. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Thomas J. 'Tom' Miller**

Hermiston

Feb. 23, 1957 — Oct. 20, 2020

Thomas J. "Tom" Miller, 63, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at his home. He was born Feb. 23, 1957, in Havre, Montana. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston  
OCT. 14, 2020**

**GEORGE** — Destiny George and Matthew Johnson of Hermiston: a girl, Cleo Faye George.

**OCT. 19, 2020**

**SANDQUIST** — Anna E. Sandquist and Philip G. Sandquist of Hermiston: a girl, Agnes Bernadette Sandquist.

**TALAMANTES** — Estefania Avila and Adrian Talamantes of Hermiston: a boy, Adrian Talamantes Jr.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton  
OCT. 19, 2020**

**PECK** — Gracie A. Peck and Quinn H. Peck of Hermiston: a girl, Myla Virginia Peck.

**COURTS**

**SENTENCES**

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

**FELONY**

•Tina Marie Hunt, 54, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Forgery I: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$200 fine and \$2,300 fine-suspended.

•Martin Ornelas, 33, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Fleeing/Attempt to Elude Police Officer: sentenced to 30 days jail and 1 year post-prison supervision; pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentence to discharge.

**MISDEMEANOR**

•Jose Victoria Navarro, 79, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Sexual Abuse III: sentenced to 180 days jail-suspended, 5 years probation, \$100 fine and \$900 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

•Andrew Marzolino, 33, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 2 days jail, 178 days jail-suspended, 2 years probation, 80 hours community service, \$2,000 fine and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs

and fees (revocation of Diversion Program).

•Ivan Amisadal Reyes Prado, 23, Stanfield, pleaded guilty to DUII: sentenced to 30 days jail, 150 days jail-suspended, 3 years probation, 40 hours community service, \$1,000 fine, \$5,250 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees.

**SUITS FILED**

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

•Velocity Investments LLC vs. David Salazar of Hermiston: seeks \$12,280.53.

•Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Sandra Abel of Hermiston: seeks \$1,609.12.

•Joseph M. and Vionne Leona Tricker as subrogee of American Family Mutual Insurance Co. vs. Camilo Vasquez Reyes: seeks \$11,197.10.

•Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Lazaro R. Rodriguez (Rodriguez) of Hermiston: seeks \$920.04.

•United Finance Co. vs. Ricky Sanchez Villagomez of Boardman: seeks \$3,010.71.

•United Finance Co. vs. Albino Solorio Ramirez of

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