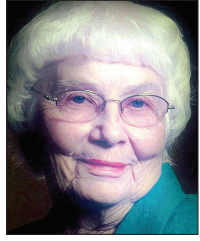


OBITUARIES

Lela P. Collier

Hermiston
November 13, 2020

Lela P. Collier of Hermiston, Oregon, was born in Minnesota in 1925. She passed away peacefully at her home on November 13, 2020 (age 95).



Collier

Lela graduated from high school in Minnesota. She earned a pilot's license and was in the Civil Air Patrol during WWII. She lived at several locations across the United States before moving to the Hermiston area with her husband and children in the 1970s.

Lela was a homemaker devoted to her five children. She was a Girl Scout leader, assisted with Cub Scouts and was a Sunday School teacher. Lela had natural talent for the piano and could play tunes "by ear." She was also a talented artist and, as her youngest children became colleagues, she resumed painting, with her favorite subjects being landscapes and flowers. She also did other crafts and belonged to a quilters group.

Lela enjoyed flower arranging, and as a volunteer provided floral decorations for her church and the public library for several years. She was a member of the Bloomer Girl Garden Club, serving a term as president. She was flower show chairman once in 1993 and was on the organizing committee for other flower shows. Lela enjoyed the Umatilla County Fair and, after several years of winning prizes for her artwork and flowers, started serving as superintendent for floriculture and art competitions. She was president of an art club and judged student art competitions. Lela was an active member (over 50 years) and an officer of the Order of Eastern Star service organization and was granted lifetime member-

ship. She sang in the Hermiston Community Choir and also enjoyed socializing with her friends in a birthday club and the Red Hat Society. Lela was an active member of the Hermiston First United Methodist Church.

For many years she provided service as a volunteer in several organizations including: transportation for church members who couldn't drive; the Hermiston Library; the SMART reader program to help school children; the Good Samaritan Center; Red Cross blood drive; and the RSVP program of Eastern Oregon.

She loved animals and was fond of the pet dogs and cats she had over the years. She also helped stray cats. Lela was courageous, adventurous, intelligent, caring and kind to everyone, and a loving mother.

Lela was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Elvina, and her husband of 53 years, Joe. She is survived by her five children, Linda, Becky, Judith, Rhonda and Joe, and four grandchildren, Nathan, Kieron, Tynan and Shannon.

If you wish to make a contribution in memory of Lela Collier, please donate to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund or the Hermiston First United Methodist Church c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

A celebration of life service at Hermiston First United Methodist Church is postponed until 2021 due to the COVID pandemic.

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

Wilmer W. Spurlock

Echo
February 23, 1928 — November 23, 2020

Wilmer W. Spurlock of Echo was born February 23, 1928, in Paducah, Texas, the son of Joseph and Martha (Fletcher) Spurlock. He passed away in Echo on November 23, 2020, at the age of 92.



Spurlock

Wilmer lived in Paducah and Childers, Texas, as a child, where he attended his schooling. He married Clara Jane Crabtree in Texas on July 8, 1946.

In the early 1950s, the couple moved to Oregon. They lived in many Oregon communities, such as Reedport, Burns and Lebanon, to name a few. They moved to Echo, Oregon, in the late 1990s where he has resided since.

Wilmer worked as a stock buyer for lumber mills throughout his career.

Wilmer enjoyed wood-working, camping, hunting, fishing and being in the outdoors. He enjoyed tinkering with projects, was a good mechanic and loved spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara; his parents; and three sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by sons Jack (Ronnie) Spurlock, Bob (Karen) Spurlock, Jim Spurlock and Mike (Jessica) Spurlock; daughter Teresa (Dave) Gunn; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many extended family members.

A private family gathering was held. Family suggest memorial contributions be sent to Parkinson's Research.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.

Deanna Marie (Foust) Jones

Hermiston
October 16, 1935 — October 25, 2020

Dee was the only child born to Lloyd and Virginia (Walton) Foust on October 16, 1935, in Bassett, Nebraska.



Jones

At a very young age she and her parents moved to Newberg, Oregon, where she lived and worked until she graduated from Newberg High. While picking walnuts, filberts and strawberries to earn money for school, Dee met the love of her life, Bryce Jones.

On March 13, 1954, they were married at the Newberg Methodist Church. Their first home would be on the nearby Chehalem Mountain. There would be many other towns and cities around Oregon to follow. In Klamath Falls, a son Russell was born, then 15 months later a daughter, Wendy. A second daughter, Tracy, would be born in Tillamook while the family was in Garibaldi. A third daughter, Jayne, would be born while the family was living in Hermiston in the early 1960s.

As if raising four kids was not challenge enough, the family moved to Condon in 1964, where Dee opened a dog boarding service. She found great joy in watching after other people's pets. It was at this time she also bred AKC Chihuahuas and took a turn at raising Australian shepherds. Chihuahuas would continue to hold a very dear spot in her heart!

A move back to Hermiston, then after that back to Newberg to be closer to their parents. During these years, Dee enjoyed traveling with Bryce on the truck with their dog Sara, taking pictures, trips to the coast and dancing on Saturday nights, until Bryce's passing in June of 2010.

In 2017 Dee moved back to Hermiston to be closer to all of her grandkids. She enjoyed the trips with her girls to Hawaii, Missouri and the Grand Canyon. She especially enjoyed Sunday morning breakfasts out with the family.

Dee peacefully passed away October 25, 2020, shortly after celebrating her 85th birthday with her daughters.

She is survived by her Chihuahua companion Meaka; daughters Wendy (Ed), Tracy (Darrell) and Jayne (Mark); five grandkids, 10 great-grandkids and five great-great-grandkids; brothers-in-law John Jones (Marjorie), Darrell Jones (JoAnne) and Larry Jones; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Virginia Foust; her husband of 56 years, Bryce; his parents, Wayne and Edith (Kendall) Jones; and sister-in-law Betty (Taylor) Jones; and son Russ L. Jones.

Service to follow in Newberg, Oregon, in the spring of 2021. E-mail messages can be left with Wendy at 1978together@gmail.com.

Willard A. Olson Jr.

Hermiston
November 21, 2020

Willard A. Olson Jr. of Hermiston, Oregon, was born on in St. Paul, Minnesota, to parents Willard Sr. and Mildred Hougham. He died on Nov. 21, 2020, in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 94 years.



Olson

Willard enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 and served during WWII on a mine sweeper in the South Pacific. He married Ruth Vogt in 1946 when he returned home after his honorable discharge.

Willard studied to become an electrician and the joined the IBEW. The couple moved to Portland, where they made their home and raised their family. Willard worked on many different construction projects throughout the Northwest during his 50 years with IBEW. They moved to Hermiston 15 years ago to be closer to their family.

Willard was an avid hunter and fisherman who

enjoyed camping, collecting stamps and traveling with Ruth.

He is survived by two sons, Mike (Garnet) Olson of Pendleton and David C. (Denise) Olson of Stanfield; daughter, Shirley Ann Luthe of Hermiston; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; brothers, Rod Olson of Kingman, Arizona, and Steven Olson of Tigard, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Willard was preceded by his wife of 71 years, Ruth Olson, and his parents.

A family gathering will be held. Those who wish may make contributions in Willard's memory to Meals on Wheels or Parkinson's Research.

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

Hiram Bobby Joe Webb

Umatilla
October 2, 1936 — November 6, 2020

Hiram Bobby Joe Webb of Umatilla, Oregon, was born on October 2, 1936, in Red Level, Alabama, to parents Frank and Velma Lord Webb. He died on November 6, 2020, in Portland, Oregon, at the age of 84 years.



Webb

Hiram was raised in Aurora, Utah. He graduated from high school in Salina, Utah, in 1954. Hiram joined the United States Air Force and served until his honorable discharge.

He worked for a time selling auto parts in Pendleton, Oregon, before attending college in California, where he earned his degree in computer programming. He lived and worked in the Bakersfield, California, area as a computer programmer before moving to Umatilla, Oregon, in 2005 where he has lived since.

He was an avid ham radio operator in California and Oregon, where he was part of the emergency alert program. Hiram enjoyed ham radio, traveling and genealogy work.

He is survived by his sister, Florene Thurston, Selma, California; brother Earl Webb, Umatilla, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Hiram was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Joseph Ed Webb, who was born on January 27, 1959, and drowned on August 12, 1970, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, while at a Boy Scout outing; wife Carolyn in 2001; a sister, Marie Gibbs; and two brothers, Frank and Robert Webb.

A private burial will be in Alabama. Please share memories of Hiram with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.



COURTS

SENTENCES

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

FELONY

•Ricardo Lara Gutierrez, 25, Umatilla (TRCI), pleaded guilty to Fleeing/Attempt to Elude Police Officer: sentence to discharge.

•Tyler Joseph Morris, 22, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Failure to Appear I: sentenced to \$200 fine (discharged); pleaded guilty to Harassment (misdemeanor): sentenced to 90 days jail-suspended, 18 months probation, 80 hours community service, \$100 fine and \$900 fine-suspended, plus court costs and fees.

MISDEMEANOR

•Thomas Deangelo Warnsley, 24, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentenced to 180 days jail and

\$100 fine; pleaded guilty to two counts of Unlawful Entry Into Motor Vehicle: sentenced to 180 days jail and \$100 fine for each count.

SUITS FILED

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

- Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Ernesto E. Gutierrez of Umatilla: seeks \$2,820.31.
- Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Iris G. Hallgarth of Hermiston: seeks \$8,552.25.
- Capital One Bank vs. Lucas S. Dunn of Umatilla: seeks \$2,839.52.
- OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Noe Arellano of Umatilla: seeks \$7,883.83.
- Credits Inc. vs. Christina

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