

OBITUARIES

John Allen Hinz

Hermiston

September 26, 1970 — January 5, 2021

John Allen Hinz, 50, of Hermiston, Oregon, passed unexpectedly on January 5, 2021. With a final joke for the doctors, God welcomed him home.



Hinz

Born September 26, 1970, to Walter Vernon and Sharen Peine Hinz. He grew up in Irrigon, Oregon, where he graduated in 1988 from Riverside High School. After graduation, John stayed local working the last 16 years as a crane operator/Tanker at Tidewater Barge lines Inc. John was a company instructor. (Hopefully, popsicle delivery will continue by another big-hearted delivery driver).

In 2006, John chose and married Gina and began his own family. His children Callie, Chase and Kira, were shown incredible love. He loved his shadows. He was always the dad he did not have to be. Being a dad made him an amazing man. He added to his pack of children he loved and called his own as their bonus dad, Mason, Jarin, Lancey, Natalie, Allana and Allison.

John was one of a kind with a brilliant warm smile and kind loving heart. He loved boating, snowmobiling, motorcycle rides, feet in the sand, the sun, good music, hanging at the river, family and friends, sharing that infectious smile, and draining a tall cold one.

He joked/bragged about being everyone's favorite.

He leaves behind his wife, Gina; children, Callie and (Kenny) Bradshaw, Chase, and Kira; parents,

Walt (Nancy) Hinz, Sharen Peine Hinz; his siblings, Stacey Hinz, Richard (Gina) Hinz, Teresa (Al) Hannon, and Teena (Mark) Griffin, who he could never get enough time with. Laughter, fun, and great times were always part of their adventures. John's nieces and nephews were a source of love and pride for him, Richard, Ryan, Caitlyn, Travis, Garret, Chianne and Cierra. Tori, who called him Uncle Daddy (he was humbled by this endearment).

He loved his great nieces and nephews. His love lives on in every heart and picture with them. His second family, the Coffmans, along with large extended family.

John was preceded in death by brother, Mark J. Hinz; niece, Chianne Gaede; and both sets of grandparents, Otto and Connie Hinz and John and Dorothy Peine.

John's sister is hosting graveside services at 11 a.m. Saturday April 3, 2021, at the Echo Memorial Cemetery, in Echo, Oregon.

A celebration of life with refreshments will follow at his mother's home in Irrigon.

Gina, Callie, Kenny, Chase and Kira will host a memorial in June when the weather warms. We will be in touch with family and friends regarding arrangements.

No contributions: Please do a kind deed, give a (John smile) you never know who needs it.

Laura Janice 'Jan' Mills

Pendleton/Colville

January 2, 1930 — March 4, 2021

Laura Janice "Jan" Mills passed away peacefully on March 4, 2021, in Colville, Washington, with her loving sister and niece beside her. She was born on January 2, 1930, in Bismarck, North Dakota to Erwin and Miriam (Chase) Hannemann.



Mills

Jan's parents worked for a railroad company, so the little family "rode the rails" for a few years before settling in the Palouse Country of Washington State, where the family farmed and had two more children, JoAnn and "Bud." The Hannemanns later moved to Litchfield, Minnesota, where Jan attended and graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1948.

She met Floyd K. "Jim" Mills and the two exchanged marriage vows on May 14, 1949, in Litchfield. The couple farmed in Eden Valley, Minnesota, where they welcomed two children, Pam in 1951, and Dan in 1953.

Jan's cooking skills were challenged and perfected when cooking, not only for her family, but a threshing crew that could number fourteen hungry men. For enjoyment, she and Jim went to local square dances.

In 1962, the Mills moved to Renton, Washington, where they finished raising their children and were active members of the Christian Church in Issaquah. Jan was a crafter and was the woman in charge of crafts at VBS. She sewed, painted, and decorated cakes, making cakes for special occasions, including weddings, for family and friends.

Jan and Jim would move one more time, to

Pendleton, Oregon, where they had a ranch just outside of Rieth, and transferred membership to the First Christian Church of Pendleton.

Here, Jan discovered a love of the rodeo. She and Jim joined the Main Street Cowboys, where she was part of the auxiliary "Side Saddlers", serving the Pendleton Round-Up. She was proud to receive a trophy for "Side Saddler of the Year" in 1988. She was also a wife/member of the VFW Let'er Buck Post 922, and the White Eagles Grange.

Jan was a "cat lady" and usually had one or more in the house being hand-raised for one reason or another, but her delight was her grandchildren, and later, great-grandchildren, often having them for extended stays in her home.

Jan was fun-loving, with a quiet quick wit. She was outgoing and loved to "fuss" over people, making them feel special. She enjoyed hosting friends and family, and serving her community.

After 66 years of marriage, Jim passed away in 2015. Jan was able to stay at the ranch until 2018, at which time she went to live with her sister, JoAnn, in Evans, Washington, where she lived the remainder of her life. Jan kept in touch with friends and family until she went home to her Lord and Savior.

The family is planning a memorial in Pendleton, Oregon, sometime in July.

Please visit the online memorial and sign her guestbook at www.danekasfuneralchapel.com. Arrangements by Danekas Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Michael S. 'Mike' Wheelhouse

Hermiston

January 19, 1961 — March 25, 2021

Michael S. "Mike" Wheelhouse was born on January 19, 1961, in Hermiston, Oregon, to Roy Peter Wheelhouse and Patricia Jeanne Gray Wheelhouse. He died on March 25, 2021, at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, at the age of 60 years.



Wheelhouse

Mike was raised and attended schools in Hermiston, Oregon. He played the saxophone in band and worked at the Big Scoop Ice Cream Parlor during high school, graduating from Hermiston High School in the class of 1979.

He immediately went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad, retiring after 40 years as a fireman/oiler.

Mike was united in marriage to Jackie M. Mantle on April 30, 1983, in Hermiston, Oregon. He was a member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. He loved to cook, especially, authentic Mexican recipes, and enjoyed traveling to Mexico.

He is survived by his mother, Pat Wheelhouse, Hermiston, Oregon; sisters

Cindy Thompson of Hermiston and Narita VanderLinden of Kennewick, Washington; brothers Bill Wheelhouse of Hermiston, Russ Wheelhouse of Lincoln City, and Richard Wheelhouse of Miles City, Montana; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mike was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie Wheelhouse; his father, Pete Wheelhouse; and his grandparents.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston, Oregon. Mass of Christian burial will follow at 10:30 a.m., and then burial at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Mike's memory to Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church Building Fund.

Please share memories of Mike with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael M. 'Mike' Anderson

Umatilla

Feb. 17, 1952 — March 23, 2021

Michael M. "Mike" Anderson, 69, of Umatilla, died Tuesday, March 23, 2021, in Richland, Washington. He was born Feb. 17, 1952. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Brian T. Holmes

Hermiston

June 22, 1963 — March 23, 2021

Brian T. Holmes, 57, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at a local care facility. He was born June 22, 1963, in Pendleton. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Linda Lou Johnston

Hermiston

Nov. 12, 1952 — March 27, 2021

Linda Lou Johnston, 68, of Hermiston, died Saturday, March 27, 2021, at her home. She was born Nov. 12, 1952, in Salina, Kansas. A funeral service for family and friends will be held Saturday, April 3, at 11 a.m. following state guidelines at the family home, 32270 W. Columbia Lane in Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Wayne E. Rietmann

Ione

May 13, 1937 — March 22, 2021

Wayne E. Rietmann, 83, of Ione, died Monday, March 22, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born May 13, 1937, in Hood River. A private family celebration will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Donald Paul Strong

Gig Harbor, Washington

May 22, 1939 — March 27, 2021

Donald Paul Strong, 81, of Gig Harbor, Washington, died Saturday, March 27, 2021, in Irrigon. He was born May 22, 1939, in Glendale, California. A private family gathering will be held. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Altrusa announces scholarship winners

Altrusa International of Hermiston recently presented three recipients with a Dorothy Juve Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded each spring.

This year's winners each received \$1,000 to help with completing their education.

The first scholarship was awarded to Richard Veliz. He attends the Perry Technical School in Yakima, majoring in heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration technology. A Stanfield High School graduate, Veliz hopes to find a job after graduation in Umatilla County, where he anticipates a growth in future demand.

Tanner Smith is another recipient, who is working on his master's in music education at Oregon State University. He also attended OSU for his undergraduate courses. He is a Hermiston graduate who would like to be a high school choir director someday.

The third scholarship was awarded to Kelly De la Cruz to help her complete her education at Western Governors University. She graduated from Hermiston High School as well as Blue Mountain Community College, with a degree in accounting. She has interviewed with a local accounting firm and plans to apply there after graduating.

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MARCH 17, 2021

DE LA PAZ — Lindsey Catherine Pope and Luis Miguel De La Paz of Hermiston: a boy, Lucas Lee De La Paz.

MARCH 19, 2021

JEPSEN — Caitlin Rose Jepsen and Eric James Jepsen of Hermiston: a girl, Emilia Rose Jepsen.

MARCH 20, 2021

SANCHEZ — Selene Sanchez of Umatilla: a girl, Sofia Anahi Sanchez.

COE — Katie Noelle Dumolt-Coe and Matthew Ellis Coe of Hermiston: a boy, Nathan Oliver Coe.

MARCH 22, 2021

MARTINEZ RAMOS — Alondra Ramos Delacruz and Fermin Martinez Dirccio of Hermiston: a girl, Elizabeth Martinez Ramos.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

MARCH 19, 2021

GONZALEZ — Stephanie Leon and Victor Gonzalez of Boardman: a girl, Penelope Dream Gonzalez.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

11:48 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on East Catherine Avenue.

12:13 p.m. — A noninjury motor vehicle accident was reported on East Catherine Avenue, and police issued a citation.

6:44 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Ridgeway Avenue.

10:09 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on Northeast Third Street.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

12:11 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on East Jennie Avenue.

1:50 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on East Jennie Avenue.

1:04 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on West Harper Road.

7:53 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Northeast Quail Court.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

7:17 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on North First Street.

2:02 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on North First Street.

2:21 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Southwest Desert Oak Drive.

5:24 p.m. — A death investigation was conducted on Northwest Sixth Street.

5:32 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

8:22 a.m. — A car versus semitruck motor vehicle accident was reported on South Highway 395.

4:10 p.m. — A possible stolen firearm was reported on East Ridgeway Avenue. The owner reported he couldn't find it in any of the normal locations he places it, and he believes it may have been stolen out of the glove compartment of his vehicle.

5:18 p.m. — A two vehicle motor vehicle accident was reported on North First Street.

6:18 p.m. — A two vehicle motor vehicle accident was reported on West Sunland Avenue.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

4:58 p.m. — A disturbance involving two customers arguing in a business parking lot was reported on West Harper Road.

9:23 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southeast Eighth Place.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

12:25 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on North First Street.

2:15 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on South First Street.

4:40 a.m. — A vehicle theft was reported on West Highland Avenue.

8:47 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on Southwest Seventh Street.

10:24 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on South First Place.

10:25 a.m. — Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle was reported on Southeast Sixth Street.

11:37 a.m. — A case of elder abuse or neglect was reported to Hermiston Police Department.

12:53 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.

3:51 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.

5:03 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 14th Place.

8:50 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on South First Street.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

6:05 a.m. — A case of menacing was reported on West Fulton Avenue, and police made an arrest.

8:01 a.m. — An attempted burglary was reported on East Pine Avenue.

11:22 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on East Hurlburt Avenue and police issued a citation.

12:23 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on West Orchard Avenue.

12:29 p.m. — A drunken driver was reported on South Highway 395.

2:09 p.m. — Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle was reported on Southwest Ninth Street.

4:18 p.m. — A burglary was reported on South Highway 395.

5:27 p.m. — A noninjury motor vehicle accident was reported on South First Place.

5:28 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Northwest 11th Street, and the victim stated the damage likely happened the previous day.

7:06 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Juniper Avenue.

7:27 p.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on East Oregon Avenue.

9:34 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.

9:37 p.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on East Beebe Avenue.

Courts

Court records for this week will be included in next week's Hermiston Herald