

**OBITUARIES**

**Frederick M. 'Rick' Sellers**

Hermiston

November 20, 1952 — March 31, 2021

Frederick M. "Rick" Sellers of Hermiston, Oregon, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 68 on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.



Sellers

Rick was born on November 20, 1952, in Spokane, Washington, to Frederick "Fred" and Betty Burd Sellers. He attended Hermiston schools and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1971. After high school, Rick attended Blue Mountain Community College for two years.

A summer job with Union Pacific during that time evolved into a 42-year-long career proudly working for Union Pacific. Rick was united in marriage to Diane Campbell on December 9, 1989, in Hermiston, Oregon.

Upon retirement from Union Pacific, Rick took a security officer's job with Amazon, where he was currently working.

Rick loved sports and, in particular, he loved baseball. He played in a men's league in Hermiston for many years, and after that delighted in watching his son Travis play,

and most recently watching his grandson continue the baseball tradition.

Family, friends, and colleagues all agree that

Rick was a wonderful person who was always there to help. He will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Sellers; his son Travis Sellers (Stephanie); his daughter McKenzie Houk (Tom); his stepson Brian Faro (Samantha); and his stepdaughters Monica Michel (Luis) and Morgan Shehata (Mike). He has 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Jacqui Sellers (Dan).

Rick was preceded in death by his parents.

If you wish to make a donation in Rick's memory, donations would be gratefully accepted for the Tyler Campbell Memorial Scholarship Fund. They may be sent in c/o Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Due to COVID, a private celebration of life service following state guidelines will be held.

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

**Warren Ray McConnell**

American Fork, Utah

February 6, 1926 — March 16, 2021

On March 16, 2021, Warren Ray McConnell, loving son, brother, husband, father of six, grandfather of 22 and great-grandfather of 38, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at the grand age of 95.



McConnell

Warren was born on February 6, 1926, in the bunkhouse of his grandfather's farm near Fruitland, Idaho, to William Huff and Beulah Stuart McConnell. He was the eldest of four children, followed by a twin brother and sister who died soon after birth. His youngest sister, Lela, was born two years later.

Warren spent his younger years with his beloved dog Snip, hunting, fishing and trapping on the banks of the Snake and Payette rivers with his friends. Warren proclaimed he was never bored or lonely, saying, "There is always something to do, something to build, someone to visit, a book to read, or a pet to play with." He was a great lover of animals. In fact, some thought he could understand their emotions and sounds more than anyone. As a young boy, he raised magpies, foxes, a bobcat, an alligator, a groundhog, chinchillas, and now and then a skunk!

In 1941, when Warren was 15, the McConnell family moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where he graduated early from high school. At 17 he fibbed his way into the U.S. Navy, serving WWII on the battleship USS Alabama, which earned nine battle stars. After returning from the war in 1946 Warren attended a satellite campus of Gonzaga University, to become a veterinarian. Due to the need for workers, he left college in his second year to build the McNary Dam on the Columbia River.

Soon he met the love of his life, Bonnie Lou Dacy. There are many funny stories of his tenacity to win her over, after many dates spanning two long years. Warren and Bonnie were married in Hermiston, Oregon, in the fall of 1949.

They soon purchased 10 acres where they carved a little farm out of the Oregon soil, raising five girls and one boy under the trees, above the river, two miles from town. Maternal and paternal grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and good friends celebrated at their house at the end of the road, which still bears his name, after 62 years: McConnell Lane.

He supported his family with employment on the Union Pacific Railroad and the Boise Cascade paper mill until retiring to buy a business with his wife.

Warren and Bonnie's family became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and were sealed as a family in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1972.

He has written in his memoir, "My greatest joy and comfort is the love Bonnie and I have for each other, our children and their families, knowing that we will be together for time and all eternity. What a great blessing!" Many family members continue to grow and serve in the gospel to this day.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings Paul and Pauline McConnell, Lela Bell McConnell Olsen, Gordon Alan Bransford and Spencer Warren Connolly. He is survived by his wife Bonnie Lou Dacy McConnell; children Cheryl Rae McConnell Bransford, Liz Beth Ann McConnell Snyder, Robert Warren McConnell, Cynthia Loren McConnell Christensen, Joanna Marie McConnell Richardson and Janet Lee McConnell Johnson; grandchildren Tara, Joshua, Tyler, Colter, Seth, April, Kindle, Kit, Levi, Claire, Mattie, Nathan, Andrew, Jenny, Ben, Anne, Josh, Haley, Trace, Emily, Amanda and Stuart; and many great-grandchildren.

A family service was held at the McConnell home in American Fork, Utah, on Saturday, March 20. Interment following at the Lehi City Cemetery.

**Linda Lou Johnston**

Hermiston

November 12, 1952 — March 27, 2021

Linda Johnston went on to be with her Lord and Savior on March 27, 2021, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on November 12, 1952, in Salina, Kansas, to parents Charley and Margaret Myers McGinley.



Johnston

As a young girl her family moved to Nampa, Idaho, where she grew up and graduated from Nampa High School in 1971. Later that year she married Don L. Duncan, and that's when she was blessed with her daughter Dawn "Michelle." They later divorced. Linda was a devoted mother and she and Michelle spent many years "just the two of them."

In 1986 Linda met the "love of her life," her ACE Patrick E. Johnston. They were married on June 3, 1988. Linda was a devoted wife for 32½ years. Linda loved her ACE more than he would ever know. From this marriage Linda and Michelle were joined with Triena, Patrick M. and Andrew, whom she loved as her own children.

Linda worked at Simplot, Short Stop and for Blue Mountain Pathology at Good Shepherd. She retired due to health concerns in 2018. Linda loved teaching Sunday School at The Country Church where she was a longtime member. Her greatest joys were her grandchildren, which she loved them all in a very special way. In her final days it was especially important for her to say "goodbye" to each of them, which she did.

Linda enjoyed doing crafts and on occasion you would see her selling them at bazaars. Holidays were very special because it meant that all of the family would be together, especially Christmas and Easter.

Linda and Pat were two of the founding members of Hermiston Classics. They attended and enjoyed many car shows through the years. She loved fishing and camping but cherished time with her family the most. Linda's life is a true reflection of God's goodness. She loved and

was loved by all. She lived life her way right up to the end.

Linda is survived by her husband Patrick E. Johnston, Hermiston; daughter and son-in-law Dawn "Michelle" and Leo Luna, Irrigon; daughter Triena Johnston White, Hermiston; son and daughter-in-law Patrick M. and Melanie Johnston Hermiston; son Andrew Johnston, Hermiston; grandchildren Leon, Isaiah, Joel, Esmeralda "Lala," Travis, Josh, David, Jennifer, Jessica, Jacob, Richard and Jerry; numerous great-grandchildren and a special one, her Peanut, that will be arriving soon; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles; her lifelong best friend Redda Eubanks, and many more friends that she held dear in her heart; and her dog Buddy and cat Callie.

Loved ones that preceded her in death are parents Charley and Margaret, sister Maxine, brothers Doyle, William and Raymond, grandson Greg White, and a nephew, Dennis McGinley.

The family would like to thank Vange John Memorial Hospice for helping bring momma home for her final days; Davita family and Dr. Fadi Akoum for their care; and a very special thanks to Dr. Barbara Atwood and staff for the amazing care and love over the past 25 years.

A funeral service for family and friends celebrating Linda's life was held on Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 11 a.m. following state guidelines at the family home, 32270 W. Columbia Lane, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Linda's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund, 645 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838.

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Arrangements by Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon.

**BIRTHS**

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston MARCH 24, 2021**

**HEIN** — Lyndsay M. Hein and Paul J. Hein of Umatilla: a girl, Theodora Ray Hein.

**MARCH 26, 2021**

**RODRIGUEZ** — Vanessa A. Rodriguez Lopez of Hermiston: a girl, Mileena Rodriguez.

**COURTS**

**SENTENCES**

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

- FELONY**
- Noe Facio Verdugo, 47, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Assault III-DUII: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$3,000 fine-suspended and 5 years driver's license suspension, plus court costs and fees; pleaded guilty to DUII (misdemeanor): sentenced to 45 days jail, \$1,255 fine and 1 year driver's license suspension.
- Clifford Duane Gross, 58, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Assault IV: sentenced to 38 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections (DOC) and 2 years post-prison supervision; pleaded guilty to DUII (misdemeanor): sentenced to 364 days jail and 3 years driver's license suspension.
- Cory Elliott Bunn, 32, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Luring

- A Minor: sentenced to 3 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units and 80 hours community service; pleaded guilty to Attempt to Commit Class B Felony: sentenced to 3 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 80 hours community service, \$500 fine and \$1,500 fine-suspended.
- Russell Clarence Proctor, 45, Irrigon, pleaded guilty to Burglary I: sentenced to 3 years probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units and \$200 fine, plus restitution to be determined; pleaded guilty to Theft II (misdemeanor): sentence to discharge.
- Victor Alfonso Espain, 31, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to Fleeing/Attempt to Elude Police: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, \$200 fine and 1 year driver's license suspension; pleaded guilty to two counts of Driving While Suspended/Revoked (misdemeanors): sentenced to 15 days jail and \$2,000 fine for each count.

**POLICE LOG**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 30**

- 10:27 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on East Catherine Avenue.
- 11:11 a.m. — A theft was reported on Southwest Sandy Drive. The reporting party stated his son borrowed their truck the previous night to give friends a ride and his wife's purse is now missing from the truck.
- 3:40 p.m. — A vehicle theft was reported to the police and the caller stated the vehicle contained everything she owns.
- 6:19 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on East Montana Avenue.
- 11:17 p.m. — A drunken driver was reported on East Elm Avenue, but police were unable to locate the vehicle.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31**

- 12:14 a.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on East Main Street.
- 2:16 a.m. — A drunken driver was reported on Southwest 17th Street and Highland Avenue, but police were unable to locate the vehicle.
- 7:23 a.m. — A fight was reported on South First Street.
- 11:06 a.m. — A motor vehicle crash was reported on South Highway 395.
- 5:26 p.m. — A motor vehicle crash was reported on Northeast Fourth Street.
- 8:08 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on Southwest 13th Street.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1**

- 9:49 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.
- 3:18 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.
- 10:51 p.m. — A fight was reported on East Main Street and police issued a citation.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2**

- 12:22 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Northwest Dawn Drive.
- 3:48 p.m. — Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle was reported on West Elm Avenue.
- 6:41 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Northwest 11th Street.
- 7:14 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on East Pine Avenue.
- 10:26 p.m. — A physical domestic disturbance was reported on East Main Street.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**

- 2:40 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Highland Avenue.
- 6:07 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Fulton Avenue.
- 6:26 a.m. — A vehicle theft was reported on West Orchard Avenue.
- 3:17 p.m. — A noninjury motor vehicle crash was reported on North First Street.
- 6:40 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on West Linda Avenue.
- 8:26 p.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

- 11:49 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on East Main Street.
- 4:32 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on Southwest Seventh Place.
- 6:53 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.

**MONDAY, APRIL 5**

- 9:35 a.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on East Catherine Avenue.
- 3:55 p.m. — A fight was reported on Northwest 11th Street.
- 7:47 p.m. — An assault was reported on Northeast Fourth Street.
- 8:18 p.m. — A fight between a male and a female was reported on South Highway 395.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Jane A. Reid**

Umatilla

April 19, 1944 — April 2, 2021

Jane A. Reid, 76, of Umatilla, died Friday, April 2, 2021, at her home. She was born April 19, 1944, in Oneida, New York. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

**Rev. Eugene Charles 'Gene' Van Beveren**

Pendleton

April 20, 1935 — April 3, 2021

Rev. Eugene Charles "Gene" Van Beveren, 85, of Pendleton, died Saturday, April 3, 2021, at his home. He was born April 20, 1935, in Hood River. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

- Sabino Lopez Gomez, 41, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to Driving While Suspended/Revoked: sentenced to 2 years probation, 120 sanction units, 60 maximum jail units, \$2,000 fine, \$1,000 fine-suspended and 1 year driver's license suspension.
- SUITS FILED**
- PENDLETON** — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):
- Synchrony Bank vs. Isaac Murguia of Umatilla: seeks \$5,022.94.
- Discover Bank vs. Vicky L. James of Hermiston: seeks \$5,625.02.
- Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Alexis Almonte of Hermiston: seeks \$2,047.53.
- Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Julio Cardenas of Umatilla: seeks \$835.39.
- Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Joseph P. Ziglinski: seeks \$5,006.58.
- Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Eugene Belshaw of Hermiston: seek s\$4,075.
- Credits Inc. vs. Daniel Araiza of Hermiston: seeks \$543.30.
- Credits Inc. vs. Amelia R. Boyd of Hermiston: seeks \$1,669.08.
- Credits Inc. vs. Tod Brandt of Stanfield: seeks \$1,889.45.
- Credits Inc. vs. Rosa E. Castaneda of Hermiston: seeks \$1,478.44.
- Credits Inc. vs. Nicole Fetter of Hermiston: seeks \$3,162.44.
- Credits Inc. vs. Rebecca and Stacy Lowrance of Echo: seeks \$3,235.79.
- Credits Inc. vs. Daniel Robinson of Umatilla: seeks \$858.12.
- Credits Inc. vs. Quirino J. Torres of Hermiston: seeks \$6,534.84.
- Credits Inc. vs. Gary Trevino of Umatilla: seeks \$1,777.30.
- Joshua B. McDonald of Umatilla vs. Dreams to Reality and James Cavan of Hermiston: seeks \$10,000.
- Credits Inc. vs. Jeffrey and