

OBITUARY

Marcene Harris Garriott

Milton-Freewater
February 28, 1925 — May 6, 2021

Marcene Harris Garriott passed away on May 6 at Wheatland Village Park View at the age of 96. She was an end of the fourth generation of the Harris clan. A life-long resident, she was born on February 28, 1925, in the red brick house on Highway 11 approaching Milton-Freewater. Her parents, Claude and Maude Harris, built the house.



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She completed her grade school years in the Adventist school and played the violin in their orchestra. She attended McLoughlin High School, playing the saxophone in their band, and when she turned 16, her father bought her the first rumble seat in Milton-Freewater.



She always worked, but her first job driving wheat truck was for Wade Bergevin, whom she called the most fair boss she ever had. She also attended Oregon State University and joined Theta Xi Sorority.

Marcene married Harland Garriott on April 10, 1947, in the First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater. After their marriage, Marcene and Harland began farming and raising strawberries, cherries, apples, prunes, wheat and sheep. They pedaled their crops door to door and to the Dacres Hotel in Walla Walla.

Marcene loved being outdoors, and from the age of 5, her mother required her to memorize a Bible text before allowing her to have the privilege of going outside. She memorized a text every day and, quite naturally, her favorite verse was John 11:35. After spending the whole day away, she got a switching when she finally came home at the end of the day. Later, she learned to fence and got a pilot's license. She loved fly fishing and mushroom hunting and told of her encounters with bears and rattlesnakes and developed a collection of rattlesnake rattles. She was a hunter of deer and elk, but strictly for food, never for sport.

She was adventurous and traveled extensively throughout Europe, with a friend Jan March to Majorca, and visited her daughter Jaklin in Austria three times. She and her sister flew to Caracas, Venezuela, in 1966 to visit her niece and her husband Merlin Tuttle, a bat expert, and lived in the wild for three weeks. One of her favorite memories of that adventure was being able to hold a wild baby crocodile, with Merlin's supervision.

Later in life she became an avid bird enthusiast, joining the Audubon Society and developing a large and varied bird egg collection that she collected during the 1950s and '60s.

Her interest in nature and in sports often evolved into contributions to the recreational resources of Milton-Freewater. She was elected school director for District 31. She started the first softball team for women in Milton-Freewater, called the Harris Orchards Softball Team. Her opponents nicknamed her "the witch" because she was formidable.

Pioneer Posse Grounds started on her land on the Walla Walla River with a quarter-mile track and bleachers. Bill Harder was the first president of the Posse Grounds and also farmed her land for the next 30 years.

Marcene had the land and helped build the Totem Bowl, the first and only bowling alley in Milton-Freewater, owned by Lew Renville. Later, in 1958, the Founding Fathers from Hermiston came and asked if she would build a bowling alley in Hermiston, and from that she and her husband built Desert Lanes Bowling Alley in Hermiston and a house next door. From there she won bowling contests that helped put them on the map. Soon after that she received certification awards for helping to establish a golf course in Milton-Freewater, with Ivan and Fran Wheeler.

Her entire life of nearly

a century was lived in the Walla Walla Valley. She loved the valley and the world of nature it embraced. She always believed in God, but she kept her faith private until finally she decided she wanted to be baptized later in life, in her early 70s. The family remembers well the day when Pastor Karl Haffner baptized her in the Walla Walla River on the old Demaris Homestead in Milton-Freewater. She loved that land and considered the river that nourished the Harris family homestead the only fitting place for her baptism.

Marcene was preceded in death by her brother Archie Harris (wife Sylvia) and her sister Majorie Harder (husband FEJ Harder) from Texas. Surviving are their children and grandchildren, including Archie's son Tom Harris (wife Judy) and daughter Judy Voshell (husband Butch) from Walla Walla; niece Mindy LaGosse (husband David) of Portland, Oregon; nephew Fred Harder (wife Virginia); and niece Claudette Hartman (husband David, deceased), Texas.

Marcene and Harland Garriott had one child, a daughter Jaklin. She had two children: a son Chad Womack and his wife Megan who have two children, Sophie and Ava, who live in Argentina; and a daughter, Sheri Vammen from New York City.

The family wishes to give special thanks to the Milton-Freewater Rehab, Wheatland-Parkview, and Walla Walla Hospice for their care of Marcene in the closing days of her life, and especially to Dr. Paul Parker, Dr. Joanne Perez, and Sarah Scarborough for their medical care and kindness. And thanks to all the friends who took her for birdwatching rides, especially Cheryl Dietz, Judy Piper, Sarah Scarborough, Charlotte Trumbull and Tiffany Yensen.

A private memorial will be held.

Memorial contributions can be made through the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home to the Frazier Farmstead Museum or the Milton-Freewater Golf Club.

To leave a condolence online, visit www.munsellerhodes.com.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, MAY 18

9:05 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Northwest Eucalyptus Drive.
11:57 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on South First Street.
2:59 p.m. — A hit-and-run involving a vehicle hitting a fence and driving away was reported on Northeast Quail Court.
4:33 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.
6:06 p.m. — A fight was reported on Southwest Seventh Street.
8:47 p.m. — A burglary was reported on Northeast Fourth Street.
9:01 p.m. — An assault was reported on West Ridge-way Avenue.
11:53 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Linda Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

10:42 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on North First Street.
3:45 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on North First Street.
8:39 p.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on Southeast Sixth Street.
8:52 p.m. — An assault was reported on West Cherry Avenue.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

9:07 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Northwest 11th Street.
11:52 a.m. — A fight between multiple juveniles was reported at Hodge Park.
7:18 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on South First Street.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

11:01 a.m. — Child abuse or neglect was reported on Southwest Seventh Street.
11:33 a.m. — A two-vehicle motor vehicle accident was reported on North First Street.
1:40 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on East Montana Avenue.
4:21 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Hermiston Avenue.
5:49 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on South Highway 395.
7:32 p.m. — An assault was reported on North First Street.
7:34 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Juniper Avenue.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

4:25 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on North First Street.
11:15 a.m. — A disturbance was reported on North Dawn Avenue.
12:06 p.m. — A non-injury motor vehicle accident was reported on East Elm Avenue.
2:46 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Southeast Campbell Drive.
4:45 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 11th Street.
4:50 p.m. — A disturbance was reported at McKenzie Park.
6:05 p.m. — A fight was reported on West Eskimo Avenue.
10:11 p.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on West Johns Avenue.
11:58 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on West Oak Avenue.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

10:22 a.m. — A burglary was reported on West Orchard Avenue.
11:34 a.m. — A motor vehicle accident was reported on South Highway 395.
12:30 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on East Ridgeway Avenue.
11:32 p.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on North First Street.

MONDAY, MAY 24

4:27 a.m. — A domestic disturbance was reported on Southwest 11th Street.
7:42 a.m. — A hit-and-run was reported on Southwest 11th Street.
11:47 a.m. — An assault was reported on North First Street.

ONLINE

Find more court records for the week at hermistonherald.com.

BIRTHS

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
MAY 14, 2021**

PIERSON — Cheyenne Pierson and Calen Pierson of Umatilla: a girl, Alivia Pierson.

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
MAY 13, 2021**

GARCILAZO — Mercedes M.L. Avila and Manuel Garcilazo of Hermiston: a boy, Adriel Manuel Garcilazo.

MAY 17, 2021

RENNER — Bethanie S. Milbrodt and Dominic J. Renner of Stanfield: a girl, Jaylie Rae Renner.

Scholarship open to Umatilla, Morrow county nursing students

Umatilla and Morrow county residents who are studying nursing are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship in the memory of Mary Boley Wallan, a long-time nurse who spent most of her career in Pendleton.

The family of Dr. Keith Harcourt, who built a successful surgery career in Pendleton from 1969 until his retirement in 1995, recently established the Mary Wallan Nursing Scholarship. The endowment fund will provide scholarships for current or enrolled students in an associate degree in nursing or a bachelor of science in nursing program.

The scholarship application is available via the St. Anthony Hospital Foundation at www.sahpendleton.org/en/about-us/community-benefit/scholarships.html. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, June 15.

For questions, contact Emily Smith at 541-278-2627 or emilysmith@ch-west.com.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Community Worship

Featured this Week:
Hermiston Christian Center & School
Sunday Gathering: 10:00 AM
This gathering is also livestreamed on our Facebook page.
 Nursery care is available 3 years & under
 Kids Club available 4 years-5th grade
Sunday Prayer Gathering: 6:00 PM
NEED PRAYER? CONTACT US!
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hcc4u2020@gmail.com

<p>Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church 565 W. HERMISTON AVE. MASS SCHEDULES</p> <p>Monday-Friday.....English 8:00am Tuesday-Friday.....Spanish 6:00pm SATURDAY.....English 5:00pm Spanish 7:00pm SUNDAY.....English 9:00am Spanish 11:00am Spanish 1:00pm Spanish 6:00pm Parish Office.....541-567-5812</p>	<p>Iglesia Católica Nuestra Señora de los Angeles 565 W. HERMISTON AVE. HORARIOS DE MISAS</p> <p>Lunes a Viernes.....Inglés 8:00am Martes a Viernes.....Español 6:00pm SÁBADO.....Inglés 5:00pm Español 7:00pm DOMINGO.....Inglés 9:00am Español 11:00am Español 1:00pm Español 6:00pm Oficina Parroquial.....541-567-5812</p>
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Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
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Hermiston, OR 97838

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:00 AM
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700 West Orchard Avenue
P.O. Box 933
Hermiston, Oregon
541-289-4774

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Worship Service...10:30 am
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775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston

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Sun. Worship Service.....11:00am
Sun. Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00pm
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541-564-4538 or email aworkman@eastoregonian.com

2021 BUTTE CHALLENGE

5K RUN, 5K WALK AND 10K RUN

Saturday, June 5th 8:30am

All races begin and end at Butte Park

DOOR PRIZES!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Online registration and race information can be found at www.ButteChallenge.com Register online by May 22nd to order a custom technical race T-Shirt.

Free kids race for youth 10 and under @ 8 AM (no registration)

All proceeds benefit the Hermiston Cross Country Program

Thank you for your support!

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