

OBITUARIES

Margaret A. Johnson

Hermiston

Jan. 30, 1933 — Feb. 24, 2021

It is with great sadness the family of Margaret A. Johnson announces her passing in February 2021, in Hermiston, Oregon.



Johnson

Margaret was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in January 1933 to Rowland and Louise Fogarty Sr. Margaret graduated from John Marshall High School in 1951 and from Emily Griffith Technical College in 1953.

Margaret is survived by her daughters Virginia, Kathryn and Donna, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Johnson, and daughter Melinda Oliver. Margaret loved playing

games like Hearts, Spades, Yahtzee, Thursday night bingo games at the temple, gambling at casinos, watching golf, traveling, and listening to country music.

Margaret was a long-time resident of Newbury Park (Conejo Valley), California, and retired in Hermiston, Oregon, several years ago. Margaret was loved and will be deeply missed by all the lives she has touched.

A private burial will be held.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements. Please share memories of Margaret with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Billie Lee Monahan

Hermiston

Nov. 15, 1956 — July 22, 2021

Billie Lee Monahan of Hermiston was born Nov. 15, 1956, in Seattle, Washington, the daughter of William and Elizabeth O'Dell. She passed away in Portland, Oregon, on July 22, 2021, at the age of 64.



Monahan

Billie grew up and attended her schooling in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington. After high school, she married Bill Monahan on Nov. 21, 1975, in Pilot Rock, Oregon. From this union four children were born: Dan, John, Becky and Cami. The couple divorced several years later.

Billie resided in Umatilla, Heppner and Hermiston during her adult life. She worked as a manager for Rite Aid in Hermiston for many years. She also worked in the maintenance department of Good Shepherd Hospital for 12 years. She retired in 2020.

Billie was passionate about baseball on a local level as well as being a Dodgers and Braves fan. She also enjoyed dancing, camping, sewing and playing pinochle

with her sisters and her friends. She took great pride in manicuring her lawn and caring for her yard.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Lee, Michael and Keith; and a sister, Maria.

She is survived by her children Dan (Yvette) Monahan, John (Dallas) Monahan, Becky (Toeknee Jungst) Monahan and Cami (Mike Kau) Monahan; 11 grandchildren, Trevor, Chris, Austin, Cori, Taytum, Hayden, Ashley, Lexi, Zach, Maci and Annika; two sisters, Lorraine Walden and Karen Harrell; and many extended family members.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Family suggest memorial donations in Billie's memory be made to Hermiston Little League Baseball.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Nicholas Barry Broun

Paterson, Washington

October 10, 1953 — July 21, 2021

Nicholas Barry Broun, age 67, passed away peacefully in his home on July 21, 2021. He was born October 10, 1953, to Dr. James and Mrs. Evelyn Broun in Pendleton, Oregon. Nick went to Hermiston School District and attended Oregon State.



Broun

Nick was a Jack of all trades throughout his life, and his most recent job being in Paterson at Sandpiper Farms. Nick would often be found at The Paterson Store visiting with the locals and could always be counted on to help a friend. He was well known for his quick wit, joking personality and booming laugh. When Nick laughed, one couldn't help but join along.

Although Nick didn't have any of his own children, he doted on his great-nieces and great-nephews, traveling great distances to celebrate Christmas and loving his role of the spoiling uncle.

Nick became the honorary uncle of the Crow Family and never missed a football game or important event to show his support.

Nick is survived by his sister, Jacklyn Allington; and her four boys, Alex Wagenblast (Germany), Charles and Kathryn Wagenblast (VA), Seth and Claire Wagenblast (TX), and

Max and Amanda Wagenblast (VA). As well as his nieces from his brother, Mike and Linda Broun (WA), Michelle and Cory Kiehn (WA), Tricia and Ping Lee (NJ), and Lisa and Jeff Pietz (WA). He was a favorite great-uncle of his many nieces and nephews.

Nick is preceded in death by his father, mother, two brothers, Jack Jr. and Mike, and great-nieces, Kirah Brown and Rachel Lee.

A graveside service will be held at Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 1 p.m.

Lena Lillian Olney

Hermiston

Dec. 13, 1925 — July 7, 2021

Lena Lillian Olney of Hermiston was born Dec. 13, 1925, in Crescent, Oklahoma, the daughter of James and Olive (Williams) Long. She passed away in Hermiston on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at the age of 95.

Lena grew up near Crescent, Oklahoma, where she attended school. She married Thomas Edward Olney in Oklahoma on July 7, 1947. In the fall of 1948 the couple moved to Stanfield, Oregon, where she lived for nearly 70 years. She has lived in Hermiston for the past five years.

Lena worked for Lamb Weston for a few years. She had attended the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hermiston for many years. She enjoyed volunteering at the Agape House in Hermiston and helping at her church. She also enjoyed crocheting and painting, loved animals, and enjoyed

time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Lena was preceded in death by her husband Thomas on Dec. 25, 2001; daughter Linda Abbott; granddaughter Connie Findley; her parents; and several siblings.

She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Collyer; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, 2021, at the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery in Stanfield.

Family suggest memorial donations in Lena's memory be made to Agape House.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Bonnie Louise Tennant

Hermiston

Sept. 20, 1941 — July 25, 2021

Bonnie Louise Tennant of Hermiston was born Sept. 20, 1941, in Great Falls, Montana, the daughter of George and Betty (Nansel) Tennant. A beautiful soul left us on July 25, 2021, in Hermiston. Bonnie was 79 years of age.



Tennant

Bonnie was loved by many and had a wonderful heart, made many laugh and was always there for whoever needed it. She loved to go to the beach and enjoyed just watching and listening to the sound of the ocean. Everyone who knew her knows that she never missed watching her beloved Seahawks team.

She was preceded in death by her parents Betty and George and brother Daniel.

Bonnie is survived

by her four children and their spouses: Richard and Carol Baher, Gordon and

Janelle Baher, Susan Midland, Nikki and Scott Thompson; her siblings James (Jim) Tennant of Hermiston, Virginia Bridges of Oklahoma and George Anne Dyer of Hermiston; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family is holding a private celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation to Vange John Memorial Hospice or remember her however brings you peace.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Paul Thomas Shuey

Hermiston

Jan. 18, 1947 — July 23, 2021

Paul Thomas Shuey of Hermiston was born Jan. 18, 1947, in San Francisco, California, the son of Maurice and Doris (Stafford) Shuey. He passed away on Friday, July 23, 2021, in Hermiston at the age of 74.



Shuey

Paul grew up and attended school in Canoga Park, California. After high school, he worked for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft for a couple years. He then went to college at UCLA, where he studied radiology.

He worked as a radiographer his entire career in medical facilities in Southern California, Nevada and Hermiston, Oregon. He worked for Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston from 1998 until 2011, when he moved to Fernley, Nevada. In 2020, he moved back to Hermiston to be closer to family.

Paul was an avid chess player who played in many

tournaments and held an expert rating. He also enjoyed playing games, camping, deep sea fishing, backpacking and spending time with his family.

Paul married Vicki Bates in Canoga Park, California, on April 10, 1971.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Vicki; daughter Amber and husband Mike Kellison; son Trent Shuey; grandchildren Keegan and Kaiti; brother Robert Shuey; two sisters, Barbara Abdullah and Kathy Lopez; and many extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Richard R. 'Rich' Barton

Hermiston

May 9, 1948 — July 21, 2021

Richard R. "Rich" Barton, 73, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at his home. He was born May 9, 1948, in Albany. Services are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Beverly M. 'Bev' Cullers

Hermiston

Oct. 7, 1950 — Nov. 3, 2020

Beverly M. "Bev" Cullers, 70, of Hermiston, died Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, in Hermiston. She was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Walla Walla, Washington. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m. at 33890 River View Drive, Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Debra 'Ree' Decker

Boardman

Oct. 1, 1952 — July 18, 2021

Debra "Ree" Decker, 68, of Boardman, died Sunday, July 18, 2021, at her home. She was born Oct. 1, 1952, in Pensacola, Florida. A family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Eva M. Poeling

Irrigon

Feb. 4, 1928 — July 16, 2021

Eva M. Poeling, 93, of Irrigon, died Friday, July 16, 2021, in Portland. She was born Feb. 4, 1928, in Henryetta, Oklahoma. A celebration of life service will be held Monday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. at Columbia View Community Church, Irrigon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

John L. Staats

Hermiston

March 30, 1950 — July 24, 2021

John L. Staats, 71, of Hermiston, died Saturday, July 24, 2021, in Hermiston. He was born March 30, 1950, in Grand Junction, Colorado. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Laura Wells

Hermiston

March 21, 1960 — Feb. 3, 2021

Laura Wells, 60, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021, at her home. She was born March 21, 1960, in Fullerton, California. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery. A celebration of life gathering will follow immediately at the Maxwell Center, with a luncheon provided. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Steven G. 'Steve' West

Hermiston

Jan. 12, 1952 — July 15, 2021

Steven G. "Steve" West, 69, of Hermiston, died Thursday, July 15, 2021, in Portland. He was born Jan. 12, 1952, in Portland. At his request, no service will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

BRIEFS

Hermiston Lions Club awards scholarships

The Hermiston Lions Club has awarded \$1,250 scholarships to each of the following area high school graduates:



Hofbauer

Hermiston: Ashlyn Hofbauer, nursing; Benjamin Vander Stelt, George Fox University, civil engineering; Julianna Joyce, Washington State University, pre-veterinary science.



Vander Stelt

Irrigon: Emma Mueller, Notre Dame of Maryland University.



Joyce

The Hermiston Lions Club offers scholarships to graduating seniors in West Umatilla and North Morrow counties. The Lions scholarship is an opportunity to support academic efforts of civic-minded young people and an opportunity to encourage them to have a part in caring for the deaf, blind and or underprivileged.



Mueller

For that reason successful applicants were required to submit a one-page document telling about their community service, the importance of doing service and the applicants plans for utilizing the scholarship funds.

—Hermiston Herald

BIRTHS

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston
JULY 13, 2021

CASON — Savannah Diaz and Ryan Cason of Stanfield: a boy, Luca Franklin Cason.

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton
JULY 15, 2021

WART — Renata A. and Travis P. Wart of Stanfield: a boy, Leland Oliver Wart.

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