

OBITUARIES

Aurelio Garcia

Hermiston

Jan. 20, 1930 — July 27, 2021

Aurelio Garcia passed away July 27, 2021. He was born on Jan. 20, 1930. He was blessed with a long life and a large family with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was able to relate to each individual in the family with his sharp wit and dry humor. He had great affection and took much pleasure in seeing the accomplishments of his growing extended family.



Garcia

He is preceded in death by his parents, Cecilio and Ines Garcia; his siblings Maria Teadora Luna, Gabriel Garcia, Pascual Garcia, Paula Hernandez, Martina Zamora, Guadalupe Velasquez and Rosita Garcia; and his daughter Angela Garcia.

He is survived by his wife Maria Garcia, and their children Maria Ines Aguilar, Cesilio Garcia, Alicia Aguilar, Susan Bazan, Aurelio Garcia Jr. and Martina Ruiz, and his brothers Cecilio Garcia and Mauro Garcia. Additionally, he has grandchildren and great-grandchildren that are too numerous to name here.

Aurelio began his life as a migrant worker, traveling to find work in any calling that would have him. As a result, he became a jack of all trades. He liked to tell his sons, if you don't know how to fix it, figure it out. This, coupled with an industrious nature, served him well as he grew his family. They settled in Weiser, Idaho, and soon purchased a four-room house across the river in Oregon. It quickly proved to be too small for the expanding family but, undeterred, he began to add onto the structure. He later bought some used farm trucks to do custom hauling for farmers and found some success with that.

In 1974, he found an opportunity for work in the

Hermiston area and the family made the move to, as he called it, "Marlboro Country!" He held a variety of jobs ranging from construction laborer to potato plant warehouse worker. For many years, he worked on the railroad. He followed up on that by starting a successful delivery business for tortillas and Mexican pastries. His generous nature and kind heart contributed to his prosperity and was appreciated by both his family and customers.

The family loved to go camping in their pick-up-mounted camper, although the boys had to sleep under the truck at night. Early mornings would see Aurelio out with his fishing pole trying to catch breakfast while the kids were splashing in the water around him with an early morning swim. Eventually, he would give up and have to return to the camper, where he invariably would crank up the Spanish music loud enough for everyone at the lake to enjoy.

This coming September, he was looking forward to celebrating his 70th wedding anniversary. His love of life was contagious and infected the entire family.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held on Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, at 6 p.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Family has asked that masks be worn at the rosary and mass.

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

Bonnie A. Ferguson

Baker City

Jan. 15, 1938 — July 18, 2021

Bonnie A. (Hoskins) Ferguson of Baker City, Oregon, (formerly of Umatilla County, Oregon) passed away Sunday, July 18, 2021, at her residence in Baker City, Oregon, at the age of 83.



Ferguson

Bonnie was born on Jan. 15, 1938, to Ernest and Juanita (Hayes) Hoskins in Umapine, Oregon. She then married the love of her life, Lee A. Ferguson, on Aug. 2, 1954.

Bonnie spent most of her life raising four beautiful daughters. She and Lee owned and operated an antique store in Hermiston, Oregon, from 1982-1992 known as Tee Pee Antiques. In 1992, Lee and Bonnie decided to retire and move to Stanfield, Oregon, where they enjoyed gardening, visiting Vegas and the mountains, hunting and fishing. After this adventure, Lee and Bonnie packed up and moved to North Powder, Oregon, in 1992.

When Bonnie was diagnosed with dementia in 2007, she was cared for by her loving husband, Lee, until he

passed away in 2011. After Lee's passing, Bonnie joined her daughter, RoxAnne, in Baker City, Oregon, until her passing Sunday, July 18, 2021.

Bonnie was a loving wife and mother. She enjoyed sewing, canning, fishing, hunting, gardening, and just spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister, and her loving and devoted husband of 67 years, Lee A. Ferguson.

Bonnie is survived by her four daughters, Peggy of Crescent City, Sharla of Mt. Vernon, RoxAnne of Baker City, and Misty of Alaska; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At this time there will be a private family-only ceremony at the request of Mrs. Bonnie Ferguson. The family will have a celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are with Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, Baker City. Leave condolences for the family at www.grayswestco.com.

Dorothy Sue (Holmes) Geer

Stanfield

Dec. 2, 1936 — July 3, 2021

Dorothy Sue (Holmes) Geer passed away on July 3, 2021, in Aloha, Oregon.

She was 84 years old. She was born Dec. 2, 1936, in Wentworth, Missouri, to Ruben and Alta Holmes. She was the eighth of nine children. She had fought a courageous battle against health issues for some time. She passed away peacefully while being lovingly cared for at her daughter Katrina's home in Aloha, Oregon. Her family expresses thankfulness to the hospice workers who helped care for her. She had lived most of her life in the Hermiston and Stanfield area.

An intimate gravesite service was held with family on July 11 at the Echo Cemetery.

She grew up in Yakima, Washington, and often talked about the home her family built themselves from river rock. She had happy memories of her large family and her childhood home.

In 1954 she married Wesley Brooks. The union produced four children, a son Perry Brooks (who predeceased her), a daughter Susan Petersen, a son Brett Brooks and a daughter Laurie Longhorn.

In 1977 she married Dan Fullerton. They had a daughter, Katrina Fullerton. She became mom to daughter Shanna Fullerton. In 1992 she married Richard Geer. They have resided in Stanfield, Oregon, many years and he is her surviving husband.

She is survived by a brother, Bob Holmes. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who she always kept close to her heart, always asking about each one.



Geer

She was a member of the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church. She attended regularly until her health declined.

She had a deep love for her family always helping them in whatever capacity she was able to. She enjoyed gardening and being outdoors. Her flowers always brought her joy. She also enjoyed the beauty of trees. She had a love for animals and had many pets throughout her life. She enjoyed camping in the Arizona desert with her husband Rich for vacation. She enjoyed tranquility and loved the peacefulness of the country life. She was known to make the best apple pies and was quick to feed anyone hungry.

She will be greatly missed. She left a legacy of fortitude, strength and courage to fight ... whatever the battle may be. Also many precious memories to those she shared life with.

She is at peace with her Lord.

Please share memories of Dorothy with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

Richard Ross Barton

Hermiston

May 9, 1948 — July 21, 2021

Richard Ross Barton, born Mother's Day, May 9, 1948, in Albany, lost his battle with cancer July 21, 2021. Rich graduated from Hermiston High School in 1966 and then went on to graduate from OIT in 1968 with a degree in design engineering and metallurgy. His career path led him to work for Battelle Northwest at Hanford, Precision Engineering in Albany and Merritt Equipment in Oregon and Texas.



Barton

In 1977, Rich opened Barton Industries, Inc., which was a semi repair facility. He worked endless hours and always took immense pride in the work he did. He worked right alongside his employees and would never ask them to do anything he wouldn't do himself. His broken trailer billboard was an icon for over 35 years on Interstate 84. Truckers from all over the eastern states would call and ask for his location. All he had to do was ask drivers if they had ever passed the broken trailer along the freeway between Pendleton and Portland with Barton Industries on it. They immediately knew just what he was referring to. It was as if it was a famous monument along the I-84 corridor. He retired in 2016.

Rich's hobbies included traveling to Mexico every January, boating, fishing, and wild game hunting with best friend George Gritz and any other buddies brave enough

to tag along! Rich rode motorcycle and enjoyed riding with his wife and friends. Their adventures took them through Idaho, Montana, Washington and Canada. He really enjoyed sharing stories and pictures from their six trips to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota. Rich never knew a stranger, just someone he hadn't talked to yet!

Rich is survived by his wife Patti, father George Barton, son Shelby Barton, brother Robert Barton (Joan), and sisters Pamela Noble (Dave), Sandra Prock (David) and Janet Wright, (Brad). He is also survived by a very large extended family. Preceded in death by his mother Fern Williams, and daughter Tiffany Dawn, whom he missed every single day.

A graveside will be Aug. 11, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the VFW shelter at the Hermiston Cemetery.

A celebration of life gathering will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to Crazy Horse Memorial in Sturgis, South Dakota, c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael Kenneth 'Mike' Arterburn

Umatilla

Sept. 21, 1949 — July 27, 2021

Michael Kenneth Arterburn, 71, of Umatilla, died Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at his home. He was born Sept. 21, 1949, in Wood River, Nebraska. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. A private family burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Kervyn Lawrence Harned

Pendleton

Feb. 15, 1931 — Oct. 1, 2020

Kervyn Lawrence Harned, 89, of Pendleton, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, at his home. He was born Feb. 15, 1931, in Baker. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. A memorial with a reception will follow at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Pendleton. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Share online condolences at www.pioneerchapel.com.

Warren 'Lee' Kinney

Boardman

Nov. 4, 1950 — July 27, 2021

Warren "Lee" Kinney of Boardman, died on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, in Boise. He was born on November 4, 1950, in Boise. A graveside service with military honors will be held Friday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. at the River-view Cemetery, Boardman. A celebration of life will follow immediately after at the Boardman Senior Center. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Share memories at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Peter James LaCoursiere

Hermiston

Aug. 1, 1956 — July 28, 2021

Peter James LaCoursiere, 64, of Hermiston, died Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at his home. He was born Aug. 1, 1956, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. A private family gathering will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Share memories with the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, JULY 27

4:55 a.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary on East Feedville Road.
10:56 a.m. — Police responded to a report of a burglary at Rogers Toyota of Hermiston, 80364 N. Highway 395.
9:04 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on East Bridgitte Avenue, Hermiston.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

12:35 p.m. — Police responded to a reported burglary on Northwest 10th Street, Hermiston.
2:11 p.m. — Stanfield police responded to a report of the vehicle break-in at the intersection of North Barbara Street and West Coe Avenue, Stanfield.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

4:50 a.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of the vehicle break in on Highway 730, Umatilla.
9:34 a.m. — Police responded to a reported assault on West Hermiston Avenue.
4:46 p.m. — The Hermiston Police Department responded to a reported burglary on South Highway 395, Hermiston.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

7:44 a.m. — The Stanfield Police Department responded to a report of a vehicle theft on East Harding Avenue, Stanfield.
8:02 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to a reported assault on East Jennie Avenue.
10:00 p.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Wildwood Lane, Umatilla.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

3:54 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred on Lind Road, Umatilla.
11:46 p.m. — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported burglary on Northeast 10th Street, Hermiston.
11:52 p.m. — Police responded to a report of an assault on the 600 block of North First Street.

SUNDAY, AUG. 1

1:16 a.m. — A domestic disturbance occurred at Punkin Center Mobile Home Park on East Punkin Center Road, Hermiston.

MONDAY, AUG. 2

1:41 a.m. — Police responded to the 500 block of East Gladys Avenue on a report of a burglary.

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