

OBITUARIES

Gary A. Gasaway

Dayton, Washington

Feb. 3, 1938 — July 9, 2021

Gary A. Gasaway passed away on July 9, 2021. He was born on Feb. 3, 1938, to Fern (Parsons) Gasaway and Alvis Gasaway. He was the oldest of three children.

The Gasaways moved to Montana, where his father was stationed with the United States Army, and then to Hermiston, Oregon, where Gary found many lifelong school friends. During this time, he would go back to Dayton during the summer to help his grandparents harvest, and while there he learned a solid work ethic.

After graduating from Hermiston High School in 1956 he went on to attend Oregon State University, where he completed his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering. He later took and passed his civil engineering boards. While at college he met and married Sheila Spence and they became parents to two daughters, Diane and Valerie.

After graduating from college in 1962 he went to work for the state of Oregon Engineers Water Resources Department working primarily in Salem, Oregon. His duties included serving as the watermaster for John Day Valley, engineer for small watershed planning and hydrographic works. He specifically worked with designs for the proposed dams, dams under construction, existing dams, or the structural stability of the safety of dams and their compliances with Oregon State water laws. The family enjoyed hunting for mushrooms or picking huckleberries. Gary was in the Marine Corps Reserve

in this time period. Gary and Sheila later divorced in 1982.

Gary left Salem in 1970 and moved his family to Dayton and started working

as the civil engineer for Columbia County. This lasted nearly 30 years. During this time Gary was an active member of the Eagles Lodge, Jaycees, one of the founders of the Eagles Roost Moto-Cross, national association county of engineers of county road administration board. He was awarded small county engineer of the year for two different years. He continued farming every summer since his Grandpa Parsons would let him "help."

He met Kaye Burk and the two have been close companions for more than 30 years. They enjoyed spending time outdoors whether gathering firewood, moving farm equipment from different wheat fields, some fishing, looking for mushrooms and just being together laughing.

Gary is survived by Kaye at their Dayton home; his two daughters, Diane (Mike Walsh) Gasaway of Olympia and Valerie (Dean) Moran of Walla Walla; his only grandson, Liam Walsh; and by his brother David Gasaway of Middleton, Idaho. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Karna Bruton, in January this year and by his parents.

A memorial was held Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Hubbard-Rogg Funeral Home chapel in Dayton, Washington.

Hubbard-Rogg Funeral Home is caring for the family.



Gasaway

**Albert Ronald 'Ron' Burgess**

Kennewick

June 15, 1949 — Aug. 19, 2021

Albert Ronald "Ron" Burgess was born on June 15, 1949, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Marcus Dewey Burgess and Doreen Alice Burgess. He was the fourth child born out of five children. Ron was raised and attended school in Hermiston, Oregon.

Ron met Suzanne Richardson through mutual friends around 1966. They were married in Lewiston, Idaho, on May 5, 1967. In 1969 Ron got the draft and was off to serve his country in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

After returning home he started attending Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Oregon, where he graduated with a degree in auto body and paint and even had his own shop on Highway 395 in Hermiston, Oregon, during the 1970s.

Ron and Sue had two daughters together, Rebecca Lynn (Becky) born in 1971 and Roxanne Lee (Rocky) in 1973.

Ron had several different jobs over the years but most involved agriculture and agriculture mechanics, such as Simplot and Hass Onions.

Ron and Sue divorced in 1979, and in 1980 he met his second wife, Shirley Gillese, and although they would later divorce they had several happy years together! They would later move from Irrigon, Oregon, toward the coast to Powers, Oregon.

Ron loved hunting, fishing and getting outdoors from a very young age and would do a lot of this over the years, enlisting the help of his best

friend Gary Walker. Gary and Ron were essentially brothers throughout Ron's entire life. Ron loved his daughters, along with the rest of his family, including his two dogs Badger and May-May.

Twelve years ago Ron Moved to Kennewick, Washington. Even as Ron's health declined due to Parkinson's disease he never complained, faced it with bravery and still tried to enjoy his life. He could always be found laughing or listening to a joke, watching wrestling or catching a movie, but often spending time with his family.

Ron passed on Aug. 19, 2021, at the age of 72 at home surrounded by friends and family.

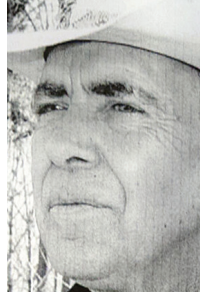
Ron was truly one of the last great American rene-gades: tough, but not without compassion.

Ron was preceded in death by his mother and father and two sisters, Roberta Burgess and Ann Murphy. Ron is survived by his two sisters, Alice Scott and Renea Rhorer; his two daughters and their spouses, Rebecca (Becky) Hecker (Bernie) and Roxanne Burgess (Tim); eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

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

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



Burgess

**Lorie Lee Sackett**

Pasco

July 8, 1954 — Aug. 19, 2021

Lorie Lee Sackett of Pasco, Washington, was born July 8, 1954, in Toppenish, Washington, the daughter of Garnett "Bill" and Laura (Bolen) Wornell. She passed away on Aug. 19, 2021, in Pasco at the age of 67.

Lorie grew up and attended school in Sunnyside, Washington. After high school, she joined the U.S. Army where she served as a mechanic and a truck driver. The Army took her to many places like Italy, Germany and much of the United States. She served for over 11 years active duty and many additional years in the reserves.

In 1998, she moved to Irrigon, Oregon, where she lived for several years. She worked as a prison guard in

Pendleton and also in Illinois. She has lived in Pasco for the past eight years.

Lorie enjoyed reading, sewing, gardening and watching science fiction movies.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and one brother.

She is survived by a daughter, Hope (Eugene) Colpitts; sons J. Maston Wornell and Dell-Ray (Tiffani) Sackett; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; six sisters; and many extended family members.

No services are planned at this time.

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



Sackett

**Elaine Stein**

Hermiston

Oct. 15, 1934 — Aug. 16, 2021

Elaine Stein of Hermiston was born on Oct. 15, 1934, in Osborne County, Kansas, the daughter of Earl and Cora (Bratton) Sherley. She passed away in Hermiston, Oregon, on Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, at the age of 86.

Elaine grew up in a little house on the Kansas prairie and moved with her family to Oregon in the late 1940s. The family stopped in Sumpter, Oregon, for a short time before settling in Wallowa, Oregon. She attended and later graduated from Wallowa High School. She then attended Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) in Klamath Falls, where she received training to be a lab technician.

After college, she moved to La Grande, Oregon, where she lived for most of her adult life. She worked as a lab technician and x-ray technician at St. Joseph and Grand Ronde hospitals. She later worked as a bookkeeper for the family business "Steins Wash Haus & Dry Cleaners." After retiring in 2006, she moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where she has lived for the past 15 years.

Elaine married Tom Williams in Wallowa, Oregon, in 1952. The couple later divorced. She married Warner Stein in La Grande, Oregon, on Dec. 5, 1971.

Elaine was actively involved in the La Grande community for many years with La Grande PTA, swim team, bowling league (past president), Emblem Club, Eastern Star and the Elks Lodge. She also enjoyed reading books, playing cards and knitting. But most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Warner; nine children; 34 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara; a brother, J.B.; and many extended family members.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, Oregon. Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, at Enterprise Cemetery in Enterprise, Oregon.

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Stein

Jerald P. Ellenberger

Milton-Freewater

Oct. 9, 1943 — Aug. 19, 2021

Jerald P. Ellenberger, 77, formerly of Stanfield and Heppner, Oregon, passed away peacefully at home in Milton-Freewater on Aug. 19, 2021.

He was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on Oct. 9, 1943, to the late Albert and Lucille Ellenberger.

He is survived by his wife Ellen Ellenberger; his children Heather Nestalhi, Alison VanCorbach, Darolyn Marcum and Destre Williams; seven grandchildren, Nicholas and Zachary Demos, Michaela, Lydia and Garrett VanCorbach, and Amanda and Alexis Marcum; his brother Chris Ellenberger; and many neices and nephews.

Jerry graduated from Stanfield High School in 1961. He then served in the Army from 1961-64 as a heavy duty equipment operator and mechanic while stationed in France and Germany.

He retired in 2003 after 40 years working at the Hinkle Union Pacific Railroad as chief car inspector.

Along with his love of fam-

ily, friends, and storytelling around the camp fire, he had a great love of music, dancing, fishing, hunting, woodcutting, berry and mushroom picking, and annual trips to the Oregon Coast to crab and take long walks on the beach.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 3, at the Pilot Rock Cemetery, East Birch Creek Road, Pilot Rock, Oregon. Family and friends are welcome to a gathering with refreshments at the Ellenberger residence immediately following the service at 85380 Highway 339, Milton-Freewater, Oregon (parking at Ingle Chapel Church).

The family would like to extend a heart-felt special thank you to the staff of Tri-Cities Cancer Center and Oncology at Saint Mary's in Walla Walla for all they did to help us through this journey. God bless the work that you do.

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



Ellenberger



BRIEFS

EOU announces spring 2021 dean's list

Eastern Oregon University named 556 students to the dean's list for the 2021 spring term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework.

Boardman: Veronica Alvarez Frias, Yisel Amaya and Daniel Puerta

Echo: Kaden Clark and Michael Fisher

Hermiston: Vanessa Ambriz Mendoza, Lara Arriola, Jiliane Dawson, Giovanni Gallardo, Callie Ann Hoeft, Andrew James, Isaac Lambert, Jaime Mad-

rigal, Edgar Navarrete Ruiz, Cecilia Palacios, Mario Rodriguez, Ashley Seibel, Monica Smith, Elsy Spears, Emily Wadkins, Kalee Walchli, Luke Walchli, Ericka Wells and Courtney Wheeler

Irrigon: Kimberly Renteria Montes

Stanfield: Jade Martinez
Umatilla: Rachele Nycz
EOU students experience the Eastern Edge with hands-on learning, one-on-one mentorship from faculty, and the critical thinking skills to lead their communities. Small class sizes and a tight-knit campus also translate to high-quality online degrees. Get to know Oregon's Rural University at eou.edu.

Marvin L. House

Corvallis

July 14, 1948 — Aug. 6, 2021

Marvin was born July 14, 1948, in Riverside, California. As a military child, he moved where his father was stationed, including Mesa, Arizona, and Portland, Oregon. Finally, the family settled in Port Orford, Oregon, where his parents had met, and had family living in the area.

Marvin graduated from Pacific High School in Port Orford, Oregon, in 1966. He then moved to Corvallis, Oregon, and began attending Oregon State University. In June of 1973 he married Cathryn Saari House. They had two children: Jennifer House Grim and Christopher House.

Marvin worked for Willamette Industries for over 20 years. While working, he completed his bachelor's degree in science at OSU. Later he went on to get his bachelor's degree in math education from OSU. Upon completing his degree he moved to Boardman, Oregon, where he got his first teaching job in Irrigon, Oregon. He taught middle school and high school math in the area for 21 years. During that time he completed his master's degree in math education. He also taught at Blue Mountain Community College for over 10 years, and even taught math at the prison.

He enjoyed coaching wrestling and football, running the time clock at high school games, as well as camping, fishing and golfing.

Five and a half years ago, Marvin had a stroke, which led to the discovery he had cancer. At that time he began treatment for his cancer, which he battled for over five years. The oncologists gave him six months to live with no treatment, one year to live with treatment. He far exceeded his prognosis. He had more than a

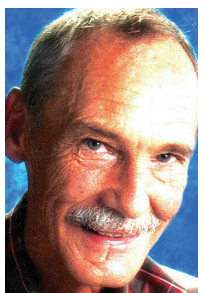
few hospitalizations over the years, and was often referred to as the man with "nine lives." Marvin constantly fought battles that most of us would have succumbed to. His strength and love for his family kept him bouncing back to fight for more time to make more memories.

In his later years, he enjoyed many trips to the coast with his family, day trips to his favorite camping and fishing spots, playing cards with his family, and going to the casino from time to time. He enjoyed going to Oregon State football and basketball games, and watching the Beavers and Mariners on television. He passed away on Aug. 6, 2021, at the age of 73.

Marvin is survived by his wife Cathryn House, of Corvallis, Oregon; his children Jennifer Grim and husband Shane Grim of Maricopa, Arizona, and Christopher House of Keizer, Oregon; his brothers Curtis House and wife Janice of Port Orford, Oregon, David House and Dianna Furkin Ross of Apache Junction, Arizona; and his sister Annette House of Springfield, Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Lola House, and his brothers Archie (Lee) House and Tony House.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis. The burial took place at Oak Lawn Memorial Park following the service. Family and friends gathered for a celebration of life following the services.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at https://secure.acsevents.org/site/TR/Events/MosaicofHope?pg=fund&fr_id=9910&pxfid=2589944.



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