

OBITUARIES

Charles S. 'Chuck' Pettit

July 31, 1943 — Aug. 30, 2021
Hermiston

Charles S. "Chuck" Pettit of Hermiston, was born on July 31, 1943, in Vancouver, Washington, to parents, Carl and Viola Blohm Pettit. He died on Aug. 30, 2021, in Walla Walla, at the age of 78 years. Chuck graduated from Pendleton High School and then enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17. He proudly served his country for five years before his honorable discharge. He then served in the Oregon Army National Guard for several years. Chuck was a very patriotic man who flew a flag in his yard until the day that he died.



Pettit



Chuck was a very hard worker and spent many years at the Kinzua Lumber Mill in Pilot Rock, as well as at the Umatilla Army Depot where he received multiple commendations for his exemplary work until his retirement.

Chuck married Bonita Price in 1968. He welcomed three children into his life and they later adopted a son, Donald.

Chuck married Shirley Erickson in 2000 and became a "Bonus Dad" to her five adult children.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Eagles Lodge and the National Guard.

Chuck enjoyed hunting, fishing, car racing, classic car shows, crossword puzzles, Texas Hold 'em, visiting the Oregon coast and all things Elvis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bonita Pettit; and a son, Roger Pettit.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Shirley Pettit; brother, Don Pettit (Wanda), Pendleton; sister, Carol Moir, Boise; son, Dennis Pettit (Cindy), Cheshire, Oregon; daughter, Shawna Johnson (Gary), Klamath Falls; son, Donald Pettit, Spokane; stepchildren, Sandy Endicott (Doug), Pendleton, John Erickson, Hermiston, Cindy Erickson, Hermiston, Pat Erickson, Salem, Tony Erickson (Bonnie), Salem; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Sept. 25, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston. A celebration of life gathering will follow from noon until 3 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston.

Please share memories of Chuck with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Jesse D. 'Bud' Holden Jr.

Nov. 6, 1926 — Sept. 7, 2021
Hermiston

Jesse D. "Bud" Holden Jr. of Hermiston, was born on Nov. 6, 1926, in Baker City, to parents, Jesse and Ida Bales Holden, who were both born in Baker City in the 1890s. He died on Sept. 7, 2021, in Hermiston at the age of 94 years. Bud married Ann Walker in 1946, and they had two daughters, Pamela and Betty Sue. Ann died in 1970. In 1971, Bud married Minnie "Peggy" Brunick and gained a stepson, Robert "Bob" Brunick.



Holden

Bud was always interested in Oregon pioneer history; his grandmother, Bales, had been born in Oregon City in 1865. Some of her family had traveled the Oregon Trail in the 1840s.

As an infant his family lived in old Malheur City, where his parents had a store and his father had the Baker City-Malheur Stageline. They then built a home and service station on Dooley Mountain. Bud went through the first four grades of school in Bridgeport, Oregon, in a one-room school, with a total of 12 students in all eight grades. The family moved to Baker City, where at the age of 12, Bud first experienced living in a house with electricity and indoor plumbing. He finished the eighth grade in Baker City.

In 1942, the family moved to Hermiston. Bud quit school in his freshman year and went to work at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot in the electrical shop, when he was 16. At the age of 17, he went to Portland and worked in the shipyards as a Marine wireman. Bud worked at many things in his life, he drove trucks for Consolidated Freight for several years and worked for Montgomery Ward and he operated a Chevron Service sta-

tion on First and Main in Hermiston. Bud also worked at the Umatilla School District for over eight years as a custodian and bus driver.

He had a Carnation milk route for several years. Bud was an electrical supervisor at Oregon Potato in Boardman, an electrical foreman at Hanford and worked on a project in Libya. He also served on the Umatilla Volunteer Fire Department for 13 years. Bud retired in 1988 as an electro mechanic at JM in Umatilla.

After retiring, he and his wife, Peggy, spent 12 winters in Arizona. They also traveled in all the states except Alaska and Hawaii, including two provinces in Canada and two states in Mexico. He always said he traveled a long way from that one-room schoolhouse.

Bud is survived by his daughters, Pamala Gordon of Hermiston, and Betty (Alex) Pedroza of Stanfield; brother, Alfred (Delores) Holden of Troutdale; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Ann and Peggy; his parents; a sister, Gladys; brother, Robert "Bob,"; and stepson, Robert "Bob" Brunick.

A visitation time for family and friends was held. At Bud's request there will be no service.

Those who wish may make contributions in Bud's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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

Patsy Ann Moore

Oct. 11, 1950 — Sept. 10, 2021
Hermiston

Patsy Ann Moore of Hermiston was born Oct. 11, 1950, in Russellville, Arkansas, the daughter of JC and Virginia (Smith) Davis. She passed away in Pendleton on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at the age of 70.



Moore

As a child, she moved with her family to Stockton, California. She grew up, attended school and graduated from high school in Stockton. She married Gary Moore in Stockton on January 20, 1967. The couple moved from California to Hermiston in 2015 to be closer to their family.

Patsy enjoyed working with ceramics and loved spending time with

her family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Gary; son, Tom and daughter-in-law, Eileen Moore; sister, Judy Lee; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Belinda Moore; and a granddaughter, Tessa Moore

A private family celebration of life will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. To leave an online condolence for the family please go to burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Louise Marie Johnson

Sept. 28, 1933 — Aug. 27, 2021
Hermiston

Heaven gained another angel. Louise Marie (Price) Johnson, 87, of Hermiston passed away at home with her family Aug. 27, 2021.

On Sept. 28, 1933, in Missoula, Montana, Marvin and Olive May (Everson) Price along with their son, Marion McCollum, welcomed twins, Lois and Louise. The twins loved being with people, the life of every party. Louise and Lois were always together doing something. For them life was an adventure. They were born to show the world how to live. And boy did they.



Johnson

She married Donald Robert Fulcher in Hermiston on Aug. 6, 1950. Together they raised their four children, Donald Ray, Linda Marie, Kathleen Sue and Suzanne Kay. She was very proud of her family.

The light in every crowd, Louise was born with a heart big enough to love all people and a need to give. all she could to anyone in need. She loved her family beyond words, but family was never just blood. It didn't matter how you came to be but, once a part of her family, always a part of her family. When she expanded hers, she did so with a lot of love and open arms. She chose to bring families together and was thought of warmly for her effort. She felt honored to be a second Mom, or Grandma to her sibling's children, her stepchildren and her best friend's children. She gave her heart to each of them.

She loved to dance, play pinocle, hunt, fish, camp, travel and help in clubs she joined like The Eagles, Elks, or Moose Lodges. She was a snowbird who migrated to Arizona to be there for the Thanksgiving tailgate dinner and returned home in time for a big family Easter Party.

She was survived by children, Don Fulcher (Peggy), Linda Phillips, Kathy Schofield, Sue Leathers (Char Doan); grandchildren, Bill Schofield (Gina), Gina Hinz, Bruce Schofield III, Keith Leathers (Kayla), Fawn Fulcher, Donald Fulcher (Joan), Justa Phillips, Andrea Murphey (Chance); nine great-grandchildren, and one on the way; many nieces and nephews who she claimed as her own and loved deeply; along with many other loved ones she warmly referred to as hers.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Wallace Johnson; siblings, Lois and (Mel) Reeser, Marion McCollum, Karen Southmayd, Marlene Carroll, Richard Carroll; son-in-law, Bruce Schofield Jr.; grandson-in-law, John Hinz; nieces, Jeannie Cox, and Lisa Martz; parents; grandparents; and a large extended family.

Please join for a celebration of life Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at 11 a.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 255 N.E. Second St. Hermiston. Please bring a potluck dish and warm memories to share. Drinks and sandwich fixings will be provided.

Eileen Rose Sobotta

July 28, 1931 — Sept. 14, 2021
Hermiston

Eileen Rose Sobotta passed away peacefully on Sept. 14, 2021, in Kennewick surrounded by family.

Eileen was born to Mathias and Gertrude (Schmidlkofer) Hansen July 28, 1931, in Chewelah, Washington, the fifth of six siblings. Unfortunately, her father passed away in 1933 from pneumonia, but Eileen was blessed to have a large and



Sobotta

loving family and they were soon moved to the dairy farm of her maternal grandparents, Mathias and Elisabeth Schmidlkofer. She was brought up on the farm with the help of many aunts and uncles and was especially close to her uncle, John Schmidlkofer, who served as a father figure to her after the loss of her own dad. Even though this was during the heart of the depression, Eileen said they were blessed to have plenty to eat thanks to the gardens, crops and livestock that the farm provided.

Living on the farm meant everyone pitched in and there was not a lot of leisure time, but Eileen and her siblings didn't need to go far to have some fun when time allowed. They enjoyed exploring the nearby mountain forests and lakes in the summer and sledding and ice skating were just out the back door in the winter months.

Eileen attended St Mary's Catholic School in Chewelah from first through ninth grade and Jenkins High School in Chewelah from 10th through 12th grade, graduating in 1949. In August of 1950, Eileen married her high school sweetheart, Harold Barnhart, in Chewelah. Within six years they had three daughters and a son. Harold would die in a work accident in 1956, and once again Eileen would turn to her family, who were always by her side for help. Eileen and her four young children moved in with her mother, and with the support of their loving uncles and aunts nearby, the family was able to get through this tragedy.

Eileen married Jack Sobotta in 1959 in Chewelah. Jack was working as a pharmacist at the local drugstore and they would add four more sons to their family over the next several years. The family moved to Longview, Washington, in 1964, and then settled in Hermiston for the long haul in 1966. For Eileen, Chewelah would always remain a special place to her and she and her large family would visit often to see Grandma Hansen and Grandpa Barnhart as well as all her siblings, uncles, aunts and cousins. Many fond memories were made during those trips.

Jack and his brother, Jerry, would come to purchase the Hermiston Drug in 1971, while Eileen continued to manage the home front. As Eileen's children grew older she would help out with the bookkeeping at the drugstore. Eileen was very proud of all her children and was always there to help them, but never to smother them. She would give them the freedom to make many

of their own decisions and would dust them off when some of those decisions did not work out so well.

Along with her faith in God, her family was the most important thing in her life. She and Jack always made sure the family made trips together during the summer. It is amazing to think how many people and luggage could fit in a 1972 Safari station wagon. Many of these trips were to Chewelah or Lapwai, Idaho to visit relatives. Eileen loved the Oregon coast and enjoyed many vacations to Lincoln City or Newport, often with the Neyman family joining them. Between all the kids in both families, it didn't take them long to clear the pool area for themselves.

Later as the kids moved out, Jack and Eileen would take longer trips with relatives. They visited Civil War battlefields, small New England towns in the fall, and went to a couple of Notre Dame football games to mention just a few. For Eileen, she loved spending her precious free time going for long walks and working in her flower garden. She was an avid reader and was always ready to make a needed repair with her sewing machine. But her most precious time was the time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She and Jack spent many a chilly evening cheering them on at one of their various athletic events. Jack would pass away in 2015.

Besides her family, Eileen had a deep love of her Catholic faith which was in evidence to her final breaths. Eileen is survived by her sisters, Margaret Owens of Chewelah, and Doris Hendrix of Colorado Springs, Colorado; brother, Ed (Kay) Hansen of Chewelah; daughters, Cheryl (Dan) Riley of Kennewick, Rita (Dave) Davis of Hermiston, Debbie (John) Tolan of La Grande; sons, Rick (Nancy) Barnhart of Tigard, Perry Sobotta of Hermiston, Sam (Elisa) Sobotta of Bend, Matt (Davi) Sobotta of Seattle, Tom (Heather) Sobotta of West Linn; as well as 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Eileen was preceded in death by husband, Harold Barnhart; husband, Jack Sobotta; parents, Mathias and Gertrude Hansen; brother, John Hansen; sister, Marie Wissink; and great-grandchild, Eastin Strebin.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Sheri, her caretaker while at Fieldstone and to Chaplaincy Hospice Care of the Tri-Cities. The family would also like to thank Nataliya and her staff at Desert Wind Gardens for the care of Eileen in her final months.

Recitation of the Rosary and funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Boardman, with burial to follow in the Hermiston Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Chaplaincy Hospice Care of the Tri-Cities.

BIRTHS

GOOD SHEPHERD MEDICAL CENTER, HERMISTON

Sept. 10, 2021
RAMIREZ — Aliyah Dowdy of Hermiston: a boy, Zerek Enzo Lupe Ramirez.
SPRADLIN — Stephanie Lynnette Spradlin and Cody Allen Spradlin of Hermiston: a boy, Spencer Allen Spradlin.

Sept. 14, 2021
GARCIA TOJ — Chely Toj Riz and Victoriano Garcia Gomez of Boardman: a girl, Fatima Vanessa Garcia Toj.

CHI ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL, PENDLETON

Sept. 8, 2021
YAP — Angelica Rosemarie Martinez and Kristian-Allan L. Yap of Hermiston: a boy, Kainoa Ioane Yap.

Sept. 11, 2021
ROJAS — Elisa S. Cordova and Ismael Rojas of Umatilla: a boy, Ismael Refugio Rojas.
JONES — Whitney Marie Jones and Travis Lee Jones of Stanfield: a boy, Lincoln Foster Jones.



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