

OBITUARIES

Maxine Michel Hathaway

Aug. 11, 1931 — Sept. 16, 2021

Baker City

Maxine Elaine Michel was born Aug. 11, 1931, in Middleton, Idaho, to Richard Marion Michel and Myrtle Watkins Michel. She was blessed with two brothers, Richard Jr. and Claude.



Hathaway

She was called home to the Lord in the early morning hours of Sept. 16, 2021. Celebration and services to be announced at a later date.

Maxine attended all 12 grades in Middleton and graduated high school in May 1949. She went to work for Caldwell Auto Supply in Caldwell, Idaho. She then met Harry Miller Hathaway, the love of her life, and married him on April 20, 1952. Their union was 55 years strong upon Harry's death in June 2007.

After their marriage Harry and Maxine moved to Nyssa, Oregon, where Harry began working as a mechanic for the Chevrolet dealership. They had three beautiful children together, Becky Lou, Bradley Ray and Bryon Lynn. In 1957, the Hathaway family relocated to Baker City where Harry continued his career as a Chevrolet dealership mechanic.

In 1963, they made the transition to business ownership operating the 10th Street Texaco service station and later the Arco service station at Second and Broadway Street. It was a family affair with Harry as the mechanic and Maxine as the bookkeeper and grew to include both boys as they became of age.

Maxine was a very active member of the Cavalry Baptist Church beginning in 1960 when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was the epitome of a true Christian and tireless in her service of the Lord and an inspiration to her many friends and all her family who loved her dearly. Her family remembers her always whistling and humming hymns while going about her daily tasks. Playing hymns on her piano and singing were great joys of hers as well. She was an enthusiastic and humble volunteer in many different local organizations and got no greater pleasure in life than helping others.

Maxine was an avid walker and was recognized by many Baker residents on her daily constitutionals which could range up to 10 miles. Often, during a snowstorm, people would stop and ask her if she needed a ride. With a big smile she would say "no thank you, I'm just enjoying walking." Her work ethic was legendary in the family and inherited by both Brad and Bryon. All her grandchildren and great-grandchildren adored her, she never failed to praise them for their individual strengths, and she always had time for a story, a puzzle, a game or coloring. She left a legacy of immense love and thoughtfulness within her entire family.

She married Ken Grafham in 2009. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Becky Lou in Jan. 1960; her beloved husband, Harry Hathaway in June 2007; and both her parents, Marion and Myrtle Michel; along with her brothers, Richard Jr. and Claude Michel.

Her spirit lives on through her son, Brad Hathaway and wife Terri of Stanfield; son, Bryon Hathaway and wife Anita of Dubois, Wyoming; grandchildren, Meagan and Jaymie Jo, Jordan, Jade and Scout Hathaway; great-grandchildren, Gracie and Lili Hathaway, Jamine and Hudson Lemmon and Harrison Joseph Hathaway. Maxine is also survived by her beloved sisters-in-law, Velma and Helen Michel and was blessed with many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly. She also held a special place in her heart for Kenny and Ruthie Grafham.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meadowbrook Place Assisted Living and Heart and Home Hospice, of Baker City. They may be sent to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle in memory of Maxine or to offer online condolences to her family, please visit www.grayswestco.com. Arrangements are with Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

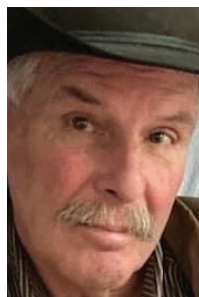
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John Bennett

Nov. 5, 1950 — Sept. 18, 2021

Baker City

John Bennett, 70, passed away peacefully in Boise, Idaho, Sept. 18, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Hospital due to complications from COVID-19. His son, Ty, and daughter-in-law, Debbie, were by his side during his last moments on this Earth. His daughter, Darcy; granddaughter, Shelby, and grandson, Morgan, were able to spend some final moments with him in the hospital on the day he passed.



Bennett

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel in Baker City. A reception will follow at Coles Tribute Center. John Alan Bennett was born Nov. 5, 1950, to Lyle Conrad Bennett and Arda Irene Bennett (Dixon) in Volga, South Dakota. He was their second child, joining his older brother, Larry.

John grew up in Arlington, South Dakota. John lost his mother at the very young age of 2. He attended school in Arlington, South Dakota. The summer before his senior year, 1968, John hitchhiked and hopped box cars to travel from Arlington, South Dakota, to Estes Park, Colorado, where he landed a job helping with a chuckwagon for a horse wrangling outfit.

It was there that John caught the eye of a young, beautiful horse wrangler who was also working there. The crew was all sitting around the campfire when Bonnie Kay Buri heard John mention South Dakota. Bonnie approached this young cowboy and they got to talking. This conversation revealed that they only lived about 30 miles from each other in South Dakota. John shared with Bonnie that he was an extra in a John Wayne movie "Hellfighters" and had met some big stars. They continued at the same camp for the next week, after which John traveled by hitchhiking and box car hopping to California where his brother Larry was.

John ended up back in Arlington before he was to start his senior year of high school. When Bonnie returned to South Dakota from her job in Colorado, she informed her parents that she had met a movie star. In October of 1968, she reached out to track down John in Arlington. The couple dated for a month, got engaged in November and married on Dec. 28, 1968, in Watertown, South Dakota.

John quit high school to provide for his family. Bonnie and John traveled to Oregon from South Dakota in the winter of 1969 looking for ranch work. Shortly thereafter they learned that they were expecting a child. Due to lack of work, the couple made their way back to South Dakota where Darcy was born on Nov. 30, 1969.

Their son, Ty, joined the family on Nov. 20, 1971. Seven years after returning to South Dakota and two kids later, the family packed up their belongings in a horse trailer and moved to Oregon in the fall of 1975 when Darcy was 6 and Ty was 4. They settled in Baker, and in the spring of 1977, they rented an 80-acre spread. A year later, they purchased 60 acres of the bare pastureland. The couple spent a year building corals and putting up fencing before they moved to the ranch and started raising longhorn cattle. Their first three buffalo came to the ranch in February of 1981. John and Bonnie parted ways in 1985.

In his younger days, John was a brand inspector, but his passion was raising cattle, buffalo, Texas longhorns and trading livestock. John and Bonnie were the owner-operators of Bennett's Texas Longhorn and Buffalo Ranch. They also owned and operated Bennett's Saddle Shop, which was located on Broadway Street in Baker City.

John was a very handsome man

and enjoyed the company of beautiful women. He had a draw and charisma about him that attracted a great deal of lovely ladies. John married a few more times, attempting to find someone to share the rest of his days with.

Not only was John a "movie star," but five of his longhorn cows starred in a Marlboro commercial in July of 1993 bringing in \$1,500 for a three-day stint. John and his livestock were frequently featured in the local newspaper.

John was also known to play guitar and sing a bit in his younger days. John loved sharing his passion for horses and livestock with children of all ages. He lit up when a child took interest in his buffalo, horses, cattle, etc. He took great joy in mentoring these young people, teaching them to ride, rope and wrangle.

In 1998, John swept a bank teller off her feet when he passed a yellow rose through her drive through drawer at the bank. John later married this bank teller, June Woodcock, on May 24, 2004. The two enjoyed the company of John's grandsons, Trevor and Morgan, on a regular basis during their time together.

John taught the boys many things, including how to spit spit-wads in restaurants and not get caught. He loved taking them to Pizza Hut and the Truck Corral where he excelled in teaching them how to harass waitresses. John also loved a good buffet!

John and June divorced in March of 2013. John expressed in these past few months that he sincerely missed the companionship he and June shared, stating their time together was one of the best periods of his life.

John was a creature of habit and his life consisted of sale days every Tuesday and Thursday. This was his social life as well as his livelihood. He had several business partners in his life, most notably Sweeney Gillette and more recently, Hannah Jones. We are quite certain these two, and many others, have some pretty good stories about John!

John's pride and joy were his children and grandchildren. He was especially delighted with the birth of his first great-grandchild. His second love was his ranch and everything that came with it. He loved sitting in a chair looking at the mountains, the sunrises, and sunsets. He took great pride in the natural beauty that surrounded his property. John's home remained on his ranch for the rest of his days.

John touched the lives of many. He was a kind man with a huge heart. He would frequently check on others and do things for people out of the blue. He was thoughtful, and people knew he was thinking of them by the cards, calls and as technology developed, texts they would receive from him.

John was preceded in death by his father, Lyle; mother, Arda; an infant sister, Lenae Rose Bennett; a brother, Donald Bennett; and many companion animals, to include his dog, Sammi.

He is survived by a brother, Larry Bennett; and his wife, Mary; daughter, Darcy Colton and her husband Eric; son, Ty Bennett and his wife Debbie; grandsons, Talon Colton, Trevor Bennett and Morgan Bennett; granddaughter, Shelby Preston; great-grandson, Paycen Preston; niece, Jennifer Teafatiller; and nephew, Nicklas Bennett; and his beloved dog, Sadie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern Oregon Chapter of FFA or to the Baker County 4-H Club in care of Gray's West & Co., 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for John or to offer online condolences to his family, please visit grayswestco.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Raul Mendiola III

March 16, 1990 — Aug. 30, 2021

Hermiston

Raul Mendiola III, 31, of Hermiston, died Aug. 30, 2021, at his home. He was born March 16, 1990, in Mission, Texas. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Raul with his family at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

Doris E. Harp

Feb. 26, 1932 — Sept. 20, 2021

Hermiston

Doris E. Harp, 89, of Hermiston, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, in Lake Oswego. She was born Feb. 26, 1932, in Potlatch, Idaho. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Doris with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Yvonne E. Wells

May 10, 1940 — Sept. 16, 2021

Hermiston

Yvonne E. Wells, 81, of Hermiston, died Sept. 16, 2021, in Spokane. She was born May 10, 1940, in Custer, South Dakota. Services will be announced. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Yvonne with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Rebecca 'Becky' Correa

Sept. 3, 1959 — Sept. 23, 2021

Hermiston

Rebecca "Becky" Correa, 62, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, at her home in Hermiston. She was born Sept. 3, 1959, in Huron, Michigan. A funeral service with limited seating, following state guidelines will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. A livestream will also be available. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Becky with her family at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com.

Darlene L. Brandt

Nov. 17, 1952 — Sept. 7, 2021

Irrigon

Darlene L. Brandt, 68, of Irrigon, died Sept. 7, 2021, in Rockaway Beach. She was born Nov. 17, 1952, in Astoria. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Living Faith Church, 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Darlene with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

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