

OBITUARIES

Rebecca 'Becky' Correa

Sept. 3, 1959 — Sept. 23, 2021

Hermiston

Rebecca "Becky" Correa began her new journey with Jesus on Sept. 23, 2021. She passed away at her home in the presence of her loving family in Hermiston.



Correa

Becky was born Sept. 3, 1959, in Port Huron, Michigan, to biological parents Juan and Guadalupe DeLeon. She was later blessed to be adopted by her loving adopted parents, Francisco "Frank" and Maria Mares.

As a young child, Becky grew up in Santa Rosa, California. At the age of 7, her family relocated to Vale, Oregon, where she met the love of her life, and soulmate, Cruz Correa. Cruz was so in love with Becky and eventually gained the courage to ask her parents, Frank and Maria, for a courtship with their only daughter. Frank made it clear to Cruz that he would allow it, only if Cruz promised to cherish her forever. Cruz eagerly accepted and promised, and later asked for Becky's hand in marriage. The two happily married Nov. 20, 1978.

After marriage, Becky and Cruz settled in Hermiston where they had three children, Juanita Marie "Marie," Angela "Angie" and a son named Richard. A few years later, Frank and Maria relocated to Hermiston, so that Becky could be closer to her loving parents. The family enjoyed many summers running a small produce farm together, where Frank became famous for his sweet Hermiston watermelons and other produce.

Becky worked at Interstate Bank before she began a career with the Hermiston School District, as a guidance counselor. Becky later decided that she wanted to spend more time with family and decided to become a full-time stay-at-home mother and teacher to her children.

Becky was also an ordained minister and a loving and faithful woman of God. She always made

herself available to pray and encourage others. Becky and her husband, Cruz, ministered daily to their friends and family, all while running their own transportation company.

Becky enjoyed spending time outdoors. She loved hiking, riding ATVs and camping. She found beauty in God's creation, and never passed up an opportunity to praise God for it.

Becky took joy in her relationship with each of her children and grandchildren. She treasured them daily and she poured her love and attention into her family and seized every possible moment to show people that she was thinking of them.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Maria Mares; her biological parents, Juan and Guadalupe DeLeon; and biological brothers, Jorge, Joe and John DeLeon.

Becky is survived by her husband, Cruz Correa; her three children, Marie Cimmiyotti, Angie McCabe and Richard Correa; grandsons, Brodey Hicks, Asher Cimmiyotti, Vann Como, Lane Shepard and Richard Jackson Correa. She is also survived by her biological brothers and sisters, Joel DeLeon of Iowa, Irma DeLeon of Texas, Ramona Silversmet of Illinois, Viola Gonzales of Iowa, Patty Underwood of Illinois, Otilia DeLeon of California, Maria DeLeon of Illinois and Yolanda of California.

A funeral service following state guidelines with limited seating was held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church. Burial followed at the Hermiston Cemetery. The service was livestreamed and a link was provided.

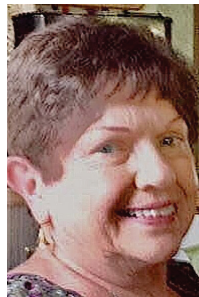
Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Please share memories of Becky with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Ruth Ann Kelly

May 24, 1938 — Sept. 28, 2021

Lancaster, California

Ruth Ann Kelly of Lancaster, California, formerly of Eastern Oregon, was born May 24, 1938, in Nyssa, the daughter of William and Ethel (Willis) Parker. She passed away in Richland, Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, at the age of 83.



Kelly

As a child, Ruth lived in Kennewick for several years before moving to Irrigon. She graduated from Irrigon High School in the class of 1956. She lived in the Eastern Oregon communities of Irrigon, Umatilla and Hermiston until moving to Lancaster, California, in 2009. She worked in area grocery stores, drove busses for Morrow County schools and worked for Carlson Drug Store in Umatilla for several years.

Ruth married Ronald Coleman in 1957 and from this union three children were born: Kevin, Stacy and Michelle. Ronald preceded her in death in 1965. In 1967, she married Joseph C. Coleman and the couple had one son, Jon. The couple later divorced.

In 2009, she reconnected with her high school sweetheart, William Kelly, and moved to Lancaster, California. She married William Kelly on April 15, 2010.

Ruth enjoyed gardening, tending to her flower gardens and going dancing with her husband. She was an excellent cook, made friends wherever she went and enjoyed volunteering and serving the communities she resided in. Her family was her first priority and she loved spending time with family whenever the opportunity arose.

She is survived by her husband, William; children, Kevin and wife, Robbin Coleman, Stacy and wife, Lorie Coleman, Michelle and husband, Darrell Gale, and Jon and wife, Dawn Coleman; stepsons, Bradley and wife, Xochilt Kelly, and Brian and wife, Karen Kelly; brother, Harold and wife, Dolly Parker; sister, Janice and husband, Terry Witherspoon; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings.

The memorial service has been postponed until 2022 and will be announced at a later date.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please go to burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. In lieu of flowers, family request memorial donations be made to a charity of one's choice.

James 'Gary' Johnson

Dec. 17, 1963 — Sept. 27, 2021

Hermiston

James "Gary" Johnson of Hermiston, was born Dec. 17, 1963, in Fresno, California, the son of James and Polle (Sewell) Johnson. He passed away in Hermiston, Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, at the age of 57.



Johnson

Gary lived in the Hanford area of California during his early childhood. As a teen, he moved with his family to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he lived until 1980. He has resided in the Hermiston area since 1980.

Gary enjoyed spending

time with his grandson and good friends, tinkering with various projects and he had a strong faith in God.

Gary married Carmen Myers in 2013. He is survived by his wife, Carmen; grandson, Zaiden; and two sisters, Rita Waterson and Angela Thompson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday Oct. 8, 2021, at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

Alejandro Garcia Jr.

April 29, 1947 — Sept. 30, 2021

Hermiston

Alejandro Garcia Jr. of Hermiston, was born April 29, 1947, in Edinburg, Texas, the son of Jose Alejandro and Consuelo (Garza) Garcia. He passed away in Hermiston, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, at the age of 74.



Garcia

As a child, Alejandro's family moved from Texas and lived in Washington and Idaho. He married Cristina Rivera in Grandview, Washington, April 20, 1967. In 1968, the couple moved to Hermiston and he began his career with Marlette Homes, Nov. 7, 1968. Alejandro had a long and productive career that spanned over 50 years working in many capacities for Marlette Homes. He retired from Marlette, May 7, 2019, with a total of 50-and-a-half years.

Alejandro enjoyed deer and elk hunting, camping, fishing, doing word search puzzles, listening to '50s and '60s music, watching classic Western movies and going to the casino. He was known for his great sense of humor and storytelling. He was a member of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Cristina; daughters, Cristela (Dean) Olson,

Hilda (Pedro) Martinez, Nelda Garcia, Olga (Dave) Gaines; son, Jose Alejandro Garcia III and wife Sarah; grandchildren, Olivia, Marissa, Brenda, Gina, Laura, Claudia, Kylie, Davin, Annalise, Jose IV, Isaiah and Jadalynn; great-grandchildren, Jayden, Lucas and Zul; brothers, Jose Agustin Garcia and Ricardo Garcia; sisters, Josephina G. Gutierrez, Yolanda Moya and Lydia Elizondo; and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, San Juanita Garcia.

Recitation of the rosary will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. A memorial Mass will follow beginning at 10:30 a.m., also at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

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Elizabeth Selma Shaw

Oct. 20, 1926 — Sept. 27, 2021

Hermiston

Elizabeth Selma Shaw of Hermiston was born Oct. 20, 1926, in Joes, Colorado, the daughter of Alexander and Bertha (Bennett) Jones. She passed away in Hermiston Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, at the age of 94.



Shaw

In 1941, Elizabeth moved to Hermiston, where she attended school and graduated from Hermiston High School in the class of 1944. After high school, she worked at the Umatilla Army Depot for a short time. She married Carl Calvin Shaw, July 14, 1946, in Hermiston. The couple made Hermiston their home where they would raise their family. Elizabeth worked as a homemaker and mother and she helped with 4-H when her daughters were in school. She later enjoyed volunteering at Hermiston Senior Center and Agape House. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing and doing crossword puzzles.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl in 2013; her parents; daughter, Betty Johnson; and five of her siblings.

She is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Jones-Stone of Vancouver, Washington; granddaughter, Elaine Berry of Vancouver, Washington; sisters, Doris Reid and Edna Collyer, both of Hermiston; brothers, Harry Jones and Galen Jones, both of Longview, Washington, and Franklin Jones of Woodland, Washington; and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at the Hermiston Cemetery. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

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Vernon L. 'Vern' Russell

Nov. 27, 1925 — Sept. 28, 2021

Boardman

Vernon L. "Vern" Russell was born Nov. 27, 1925, in Prineville, to parents Seth and Alta Russell. He died Sept. 28, 2021, at his home in Boardman, at the age of 95. The family moved to Boardman in 1929. Vern graduated from Boardman High School.



Russell

In 1943, Vern enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he served as a nose gunner in a B-24 bomber. After World War II, Vern attended Oregon State University for a year and then began his first career working construction as a carpenter on federal dam projects.

While working in the Dalles he met Barbara Cople and the two were married in 1955. In 1956, Vern and Barbara, with their son Bruce, moved back to Boardman and Vern opened a Shell gas station along Highway 30. During the relocation of Boardman in the 1960s, Vern served as chairman of the Boardman planning commission and as a city councilor for 16 years.

In 1965, Vern opened a new gas station along Interstate 84 in the relocated

community of Boardman. He later started Russell Oil Co., becoming a fuel jobber.

Vern was an avid fisherman spending time with family and friends salmon fishing on the Oregon coast.

Vern was preceded in death by his parents, Seth and Alta Russell; brother, Dale; sister, Helen; and a son, Bruce.

Vern is survived by Barbara, his wife of 66 years; son, Don Russell (Susan) of Boardman; daughter, Lorie Coleman (Stacy) of Murrieta, California; and daughter-in-law, Becky Russell of Corvallis. Vern is also survived by seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The memorial service has been postponed until 2022 and will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Vern's memory to a charity of your choice.

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

Dorothy 'Dot' Irene Hensley (Waas)

May 31, 1943 — Sept. 26, 2021

Hermiston

Dorothy "Dot" Irene Hensley (Waas), 78, of Hermiston, went to heaven Sept. 26, 2021, at home surrounded by her beloved husband, Richard "Dick" Hensley, and family.



Hensley

Dot was born in Pendleton, to Ray and Irene Waas. Dot graduated from Hermiston High School and Pacific Lutheran University.

She married the love of her life, Dick, Dec. 27, 1964. She and Dick had many adventures throughout their marriage. Four months after they married, Dick went to Vietnam while Dot finished university. Dick completed his tour in Vietnam, then they moved to Germany where they lived and had their two oldest children. Dick was then deployed to Korea and Dot stayed home being an Army wife. They were stationed in the Pacific Northwest where they had their two youngest children and Dick retired. In 1981, they moved back to their hometown of Hermiston. Once her children were old enough to be in school, she went back to teaching in Hermiston, where she retired in 2005 from West Park Elementary.

Dot loved being a wife and mother, but she most of all loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Faith and family is what was most important to her.

They loved travel-

ing, doing different activities, camping, sightseeing, going to the coast, and most of all going to the Minam River, where Dick would fish and she would read. Dot was a member of Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church, Dick and Dot spent many years doing Rendezvous re-enactments throughout the Pacific Northwest. Dot was an active member of the Hermiston Elks Lodge where she and Dick traveled all over the United States.

She is survived by her husband, Dick Hensley; children, Donna and Mike Irons, Ray and Astrid Hensley, Kathleen and Danny Madore, Shawn and Michelle Hensley; her grandchildren, Sam and Stephanie Irons, Zachary Irons, Tony Hensley, Micah, Chloe, Isaac and Calla Madore; great-granddaughter, Peyton Irons, a brother, Jack Waas; and multiple extended loving family members and friends.

Dot was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Irene Waas.

A celebration of life service will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1005 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston.

Please share memories of Dot with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston.

BIRTHS

GOOD SHEPHERD MEDICAL CENTER, HERMISTON

SEPT. 15, 2021
MEEKS — Olivia Dawn Meeks and Nickolas James Meeks of Hermiston: a boy, Luie Allen Meeks.

SEPT. 17, 2021
INZUNZA — Jannet Ayala Sandoval and Sergio Inzunza, of Hermiston: a girl, Metzli Layla Inzunza.

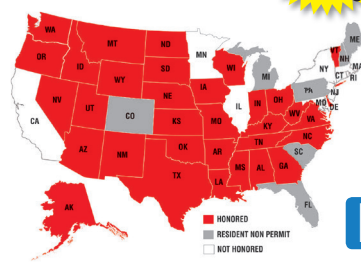
REYES — Maria Elena Reyes Martinez and Rafael Garcia Torrero of Stanfield: a boy, Isaac Rafael Garcia Reyes.

SEPT. 23, 2021
CRANE — Alyssa Lynne Crane and Michael William Crane of Hermiston: a girl, Harper Michael Crane.

SEPT. 24, 2021
ALMAGUER — Jessica Almaguer and Juan Almaguer III of Hermiston: a girl, Josie Almaguer.

CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT CLASS

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