

## OBITUARIES

**Lois I. Myrick****July 6, 1927 — Nov. 26, 2021**

Umatilla

**Myrick**

Lois I. Myrick was born on July 6, 1927, in Ithaca, Nebraska, to parents, John and Velma Boardman Hageman. She died on Nov. 26, 2021, at her home in Umatilla, Oregon, at the age of 94 years.

Lois was raised in Nebraska, Jerome and Sun Valley, Idaho, before living in Portland, Oregon. She worked in support of the war effort "Rosie the Riveter" as a welder assistant, during World War II. Lois moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where she married Frank Myrick on Aug. 11, 1951. They owned Myrick Chevrolet, Western Auto and then Myrick Chrysler Dodge until retiring in 1994. She and Frank were active in the Hermiston Elks Lodge for many years. Lois enjoyed crocheting, traveling, going on cruises, dancing and word search puzzles.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan Keeseey, Cornelius, Oregon; and Karen Sli-

gar, Twin Falls, Idaho; brother, Aaron Hageman, The Dalles, Oregon; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Frank Myrick; a daughter, Lori Myrick; her parents, and a sister, Eryis Dorn.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at 3 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Those who wish may make contributions in Lois' 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 Lois with her family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

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

**Henrietta 'Luella' Taylor****Dec. 21, 1930 — Nov. 27, 2021**

Hermiston

Henrietta "Luella" Taylor, 90, of Hermiston, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at Regency Nursing Home in Hermiston, Oregon. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, at the Mayville Cemetery at Mayville, Oregon.

She was born Dec. 21, 1930, at Spearfish, South Dakota, the daughter of Edwin and Leslie Knust Schmidt. On Feb. 26, 1949, she married Robert R. Taylor of Fossil, Oregon, at Goldendale, Washington. The couple had two sons and cared for two nephews.

Luella attended Multnomah College School of Nursing and University of Oregon School of Nursing with reentry at Blue Mountain Community College after her boys were grown. During her nursing career, she was employed locally at Good Shepherd Hospital, Hermiston Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, the Condon Nursing Home and the medical clinics in Fossil and Condon. Early in her nursing career, 1949-1950, she recalled working at the old Morningside Hospital and Anspaugh Nursing Home in Portland.

Following her retirement from Good Shepherd, she contracted with the Department of Human Resources as a private PASSAR screener

for Umatilla, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties. As this required quite a lot of traveling, her husband was now her chauffeur.

When they both retired, they moved to Sun Terrace in Hermiston in July 2010. Robert passed away in 2015. Luella remained there, where she kept busy sewing aprons for the staff, collecting bobbleheads and pandas, working puzzles and playing pinochle.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, her parents, three stepsisters, Shirley Eddy, Arvilla Jones and Graves Hite; and her brother, Norman Newton of Oregon City.

Survivors include her two sons, Robert R. Taylor Jr. (Darla) of Othello, Washington, and William J. Taylor (Colleen) of Baker City, four grandchildren, Traci Davis, Thad Taylor, Heidi Lagao and Casey Taylor, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren and two nephews, Steve Conley and Larry Conley.

Any memorials may be sent to the Good Shepherd Medical Scholarship Fund, Wounded Warriors, or the charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at [www.sweeneymortuary.com](http://www.sweeneymortuary.com).

**Karen Reid Valentine Burk****March 15, 1940 — Nov. 26, 2021**

Portland

Karen Reid Valentine Burk passed away on Nov. 26, 2021, due to respiratory failure at the age of 81. Born on March 15, 1940, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Jim and Ruth Valentine. Jim later married Susan Thomson and Karen and her sister, Kay, joined the blended family in Echo, Oregon. She graduated from Heppner High School in 1958. As much as she loved growing up on the ranch, she ventured off to attend college at Oregon State University and Santa Rosa California Junior College, where she studied business.

With her amazing sense of humor and adventurous spirit, Karen was able to have multiple careers in her lifetime. Some of which included, banking, heavy equipment operator and proud Local 701 member and retail department manager. There was no job she couldn't do.

She met her best friend, Carol Sue, while working at a bank. Karen later met and married Carol's brother, Ted Burk, on March 5, 1973. They lived in Portland, Oregon, the remainder of their lives. Their only child, Suzanna Kay, was her pride and joy and she loved watching her play sports. She was elated to have two grand-

daughters, McKenna, 19, and Mallorie, 14, whom she loved to the moon and back.

She also cherished time spent with friends and family. She loved hosting events and she was the life of the party with her quick wit, funny pranks, and hilarious stories. Karen loved all sports, but especially college football, and the Oregon State Beavers.

Karen lived with her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters since Ted's passing in 2018. She loved playing Jeopardy with the family, talking about sports and going out to eat. She loved a good cheeseburger.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Preceded in death, her loving husband of 45 years, Ted; sister, Kay; her beloved grandmother, Edna, and parents, Jim, Ruth and Susan; and Aunt Helen and many other friends and family members.

A celebration of life will be held at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge No. 142 at 13121 S.E. McLoughlin Blvd., Oak Grove, OR 97222, on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m. Food will be served, stories will be shared, and laughs will be had. Please join us in celebrating the amazing life of Karen Burk.

**Davion B. Chalmers****Aug. 11, 1986 — Nov. 21, 2021**

Hermiston

**Chalmers**

Davion B. Chalmers of Hermiston was born Aug. 11, 1986, in Hermiston, Oregon, the son of Marcus Chalmers and Rose Thomas. He passed away in Los Angeles, California, on Nov. 21, 2021, at the age of 35.

Davion was so full of life. He lit up every room he walked into and was always ready for the next adventure. His laugh was contagious and had a smile that would brighten your day.

Davion grew up and attended schools in Hermiston. He loved going fishing and had a strong appreciation for cars. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys football team and the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team. He enjoyed playing basketball, whether it was with city leagues or just for recreation. He was a sneaker head and loved collecting shoes. Jordans were his prized possessions. Above all, his daughters were his world. He adored them and enjoyed every moment he could with them. Davion had a heart of gold and took pride in making sure his family was always taken care of and helped

all he could.

Davion was preceded in death by his grandparents, (paternal) Precious and Walter Chalmers; (maternal) Eula Mae and John Thomas.

He is survived by his father, Marcus Chalmers; mother, Rose Thomas; his lifelong love, Nicole Armstrong, and their three daughters, Alexiana Chalmers, Amarah Chalmers and Ariah Chalmers; brothers, Xavier Rambo, Jerome Price, Twazae Gladney and Matthew Chalmers; sisters, Aleecia Chalmers and Dasha Chalmers, Regina Dela Peña, Tanika and Shagayla Gladney; and many extended family and close friends whom he considered his family.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, at New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston, Oregon. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

**Robert 'Bob' Jensen****Nov. 6, 1962 — Oct. 31, 2021**

Stanfield

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert "Bob" Jensen of Stanfield, Oregon, announces that Robert passed away peacefully with his wife, Kandie, and step-daughter, Amanda, at his bedside on Oct. 31, 2021, in Portland, Oregon, due to complications from COVID-19 at the age of 58 years. Robert was born on Nov. 6, 1962, in Baker City, Oregon, to parents, Ivan and Margaret Jensen.

Robert attended school in Baker City, Oregon, where he was active in 4-H and FFA. He graduated from Baker High School in the class of 1981 and immediately entered the United States Air Force. Robert was stationed in Greeley, Colorado, at the time of his retirement in 2011. He retired with the rank of master sergeant (E-7). Robert returned to Eastern Oregon after his divorce and married the love of his life, Kandie Jacobs. They resided in Stanfield, Oregon, and built their kettle corn business and Robert worked for First Coast Security when he passed.

Robert had two children, a son, Mathew, and a daughter, Samantha, from a previous marriage, both of Colorado. He also had three step-children, Amanda Silvani of Umatilla, Oregon; Ryan Emery of Irrigon, Oregon; and Tia Pollick of Arlington, Washington. Robert was a proud grandpa

of 12, great-grandpa of one, which he adored and loved to spend time with.

Robert enjoyed traveling, hunting, going quading, camping, working the Kettle Corn business with his wife and cherished spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Kandie, Stanfield, Oregon; son, Mathew, Greeley, Colorado; daughter, Samantha Endsley and her family, Wiggins, Colorado; stepdaughter, Amanda Silvani and family of Umatilla, Oregon; stepson: Ryan Emery and family of Irrigon, Oregon; stepdaughter, Tia Pollick and family of Arlington, Washington; sister, Shirley Baird and family of Pendleton, Oregon; brother, Keith Jensen and family of Baker City, Oregon; sister, Denise Wilson of Pilot Rock, Oregon; sister, Rhonda McNeilus and family of Dodge Center, Minnesota; sister, Pam Williamson and family of Rochester, Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service with military honors will be held on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please share memories of Bob with his family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

## BIRTHS

**GOOD SHEPHERD MEDICAL CENTER, HERMISTON****Nov. 16, 2021****WALCHLI** — Caitlynn Rose Walchli and Jared Daniel Clinton Walchli of Hermiston: a girl, Lyla Rose Walchli.**Nov. 24, 2021****VAZQUEZ** — Marlene Vazquez and Alberto Jr Vazquez of Umatilla: a girl, Leilani Rose Vazquez.**ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL, PENDLETON****Dec. 3, 2021****BETTENCOURT** — Raeanne Abigail Slaght and Connor Bryce Bettencourt of Echo: a girl, Brynlee Layne Bettencourt.**Alice Arlene Akins Palmer****Dec. 12, 1937 — Nov. 23, 2021**

Hermiston

**Palmer**

Alice Arlene Akins Palmer, 83, of Hermiston, Oregon, passed Nov. 23, 2021, peacefully with family by her side. She was born Dec. 12, 1937, in Estacada, Oregon, the daughter of Kathleen Winifred Akins and Floyd Lester "Jack" Akins.

Alice was the third youngest of seven siblings, Dorothy Bledsoe, Bob Akins, Mary Hernandez, Tom Akins, Alice Palmer, Jerry Akins and Kathy Akins.

On Oct. 14, 1955, she married Carl Herbert Palmer at the Presbyterian Church in Springwater, Oregon. Alice was at her husband's side as a bookkeeper in his business C.H. Palmer Roofing, Siding and Insulation since he started in 1964. After moving from Redmond to Hermiston in 1969, she was not only a bookkeeper but worked as a cook at Rocky Heights Elementary, Hermiston school bus driver and worked at Simplot. She told the story that J.R. Simplot sat with her in the work plant cafeteria and asked for her opinions of the plant and how she thought it was working. She was never short on words and always looked her up when he visited.

Carl remodeled the Kiddi-Korner and together they ran the restaurant for many years. She liked serving patrons, visiting and was up early making donuts so that patrons would have fresh coffee and donuts or a full breakfast. As many know the Kiddi-Korner was a place to visit and relax with a full belly.

Alice was with her husband sharing the love of hunting and fishing. The family spent a lot of time on the North Fork of the John Day River camping, hunting and fishing trips in Eastern Oregon Lakes, rivers, and streams along with annual salmon trips, or smelt fishing were common with the family. Many of her kid's friends were treated like family and soon found themselves welcomed at family campsites, whether it was fishing, hunting or riding motorcycles in the mountains. As a parent she followed the Hermiston wrestling team during the '70s traveling with

other parents and again with grandchildren.

Alice is survived, two brothers, Bob Akins, Estacada, Tom Akins, Baker City; and bother-in-law, Eldon Palmer and his wife Ida Palmer, Sun City, Arizona; son and daughter-in-law, Donald Lewis and Lori Ann

Palmer; son, Michael John Palmer; son, Kenneth Roy Palmer; 11 grandchildren, Charles John Palmer, Eric Martin Palmer, Brian Douglas Palmer, Olaf Devan Hanson, Cassandra Marie Whetsler, Jacqueline Doris Palmer, Mathew John Palmer, Wesley Forest Palmer, Beverly Jo Rutherford, Alice Ilene Clinkenbeard and Crystal Marie Patterson; 27 great-grandchildren, Broden Carlson Palmer, Kaitlynn Palmer, James William Jr. Leonard, Lane John Leonard, Lily Marie Leonard, Wylee Decker Hanson, Harley Ann Hanson, Jake Anthony Palmer, Megan Elizabeth Palmer, Tyah Jean Palmer, Katherine Rose Palmer, Alexuz Mary Palmer, Kiley Lee-Ann Palmer, Dustin Lee Palmer, Damien John Palmer, Devan Eugene Siefert, Dustin Michael Siefert, Keith and Britnany Lecann Jemmett, Piper Simone Green, Khase Ray Green, Mahailya Noel Clinkenbeard Jones, Amber Clinkenbeard, Finnegan Clinkenbeard, Ian Armstrong, Logan James Paterson and Kyri Ann Patterson; eight great-great-grandchildren, Jaiden Richard Palmer, Abigail Hope Sandeval, Charly Jemmett and Angus Jo Jemmett, Lily and Juniper Clinkenbeard, Payson and Haven Jones.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Carl H. Palmer; daughter, Beverly Ann (Palmer) Clinkenbeard; a grandson, Trampis Lee Palmer; and a great-grandson, Brok David Palmer.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, Oregon.

Please share memories of Alice with her family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

**Kristin Kay Hawkins**

February 18, 1971 - November 8, 2021

Kristin Kay (Krom) Hawkins, a resident of Henderson, Nevada suddenly passed away on Monday, 8 November 2021 after suffering a cardiac arrest at work. She was born in North Carolina, February 1971 as the first child of Ken and Carol Krom. While growing up, her father's work locations led to her and her family residing in many and varied locations around the world. Often times between moves they returned to live at her grandparents' ranch outside Long Creek, Oregon.

After attending Columbia High School in Vancouver, Washington, she attended Washington State University to earn her bachelor's degree. In 1995, while residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, she met her husband, Daniel "Digger" Hawkins, a Fighter Pilot in the United States Air Force. They wed in 1998 and enjoyed postings together in North Carolina, Alaska, South Korea, and Germany before returning to Nevada. During this time Kristy earned her Master's Degree in Education and embarked on a fulfilling career teaching middle school classes in the Fairbanks Department of Defense, and Clark County School Districts. Her wit and humor kept the students disciplined, motivated to learn, and often made her the favorite teacher of many.

In addition to her love for her students, she had a great love for animals, especially her adopted Siberian Huskies, Kodiak and Kenai, and her horses, often spending hours at a time walking up and down the shed rows and pastures, petting each one and giving them snacks of carrots and mints. She also enjoyed spending time outdoors, camping and hiking with her dogs and husband and exploring places that were out of the way and off the beaten path.

Kristin is survived by her parents, Ken and Carol Krom of Vancouver, Washington, her sister Kari and brother-in-law Chris also of Vancouver, Washington, and her husband Daniel "Digger" Hawkins of Henderson, Nevada. She will also be missed by her friends, untold numbers of fellow military spouses, education co-workers, current and former students and a large extended family. Ad paid for by the family of Kristin Hawkins.

