

# Alton William Hammill

Athena

May 2, 1935-April 15, 2014

Alton William Hammill, 78, of Athena, Oregon, was born May 2, 1935, in Stanfield, Oregon, to Milton and Veva Greene Hammill. He passed away April 15, 2014, after suffering cardiac arrest following surgery. He grew up in the Pendleton area where he attended local schools, graduating from Pendleton High School in the class of 1953. He attended First Christian Church during this time.

Al was enrolled in the ROTC program while attending the University of Idaho in Moscow and graduated with the rank of Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He married Brenda Mayo on February 8, 1958, following a three-month courtship, which developed into a 56-year marriage. They moved across the country to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where Al was posted. Following Al's discharge from the military, the Hammills moved back to Pendleton where their sons were born, and where Al worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a forester in Pendleton and in Ukiah, Oregon. After leaving the Forest Service in 1966, the family moved to Athena and Al went to work as the forester for Quality Lumber Mill. In 1969, Al became the timber and logging manager for Blue Mountain Forest Products in Pendleton. He loved his career as a forest-

er and being in the woods.

Following his retirement from the timber industry, Al and Brenda enjoyed many trips in their fifth-wheel trailer. Gathering and cutting firewood for the home wood stove and going fishing were some of Al's favorite things to do.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Milton and Veva Greene Hammill; sister Arlene Hammill Corn; and brother Louis Hammill.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda in Athena; and sons Stewart and wife

Vera of Milton-Freewater and David and wife Reneé of Dallas, Ore.; grandchildren Rachel Hammill of Pisgah Forest, N.C., Rebecca Hammill of Milton-Freewater, Blake Allen of Keizer, Ore., and Alyson, Devin, Aunalisa and Alexander Hammill of Dallas; brother Vernon Hammill and wife Laurie of Grants Pass, Ore.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Al loved his family and was very proud of them and was loved in return. He will be greatly missed by all of us and will always be in our hearts.

A graveside service will be held Friday, May 2, 2014, at 3 p.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton with Pastor Roland Shanks officiating. Guests are invited to sign the online guestbook at [www.munsellerhodes.com](http://www.munsellerhodes.com)



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# PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

## FRIDAY

•A resident of the 100 block of Southwest Wyoming Avenue, Irrigon, called the Morrow county Sheriff's Office at 5:39 a.m. to report someone pounded on the door of their house, and then they heard a car window break. When the residents went outside, the interior of their vehicle was on fire. They put the fire out with an extinguisher and requested a sheriff's deputy respond.

•A man stole a Chevy 350 motor that was on a stand at his mother's house on West Cedar Drive, Hermiston, and turned it in for a core charge on a new engine, the owner of the engine reported at 11:01 a.m. Hermiston police took a theft report.

•An employee of Sinclair Gas Station, 313 S.E. Nye Ave., reported the theft of a deposit bag containing \$940.45 to Pendleton police at 3:48 p.m.

•The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office at 4:41 p.m. received a report of the theft of an irrigation system priming hand pump from a resident in the 85200 block of Highway 339, Milton-Freewater.

•A woman called Pendleton police at 5:26 p.m. to report someone has been filing taxes using her Social Security number since 2012. She requested officer contact.

•A resident in the 2700 block of Northeast Riverside Ave., Pendleton, contacted Pendleton police at 7:46 p.m. to report someone has been entering her home through locked doors while she is asleep to switch the battery and SIM card in her phone. An officer advised her of options regarding her phone and house security.

•A Milton-Freewater man reported to the sheriff's office at 8:13 p.m. that his neighbor shot his peacock when it wandered into his driveway on Ferndale Lane. A deputy responded and found the claim was unfounded.

•A woman in Athena told the sheriff's office at 10:43 p.m. her son stole her Jeep two hours ago, and she thinks he is at the casino. She wanted to report the vehicle as stolen.

## SATURDAY

•A Milton-Freewater man at 10:41 a.m. reported the theft of a handgun from his vehicle while it was parked in the 800 block of North Elizabeth Street. A second theft report was taken by Milton-Freewater police at 11:01 a.m. from a man who said an Owen 3,500-watt generator was taken from the bed of his pickup while it was parked in the 900 block of Cowl Street.

•An elderly man drove a green Pontiac off Steen Road near Milton-Freewater at about 1:06 p.m. A deputy talked to the driver who said he was having issues with the steering and will have a mechanic look at it.

•The driver of a burgandy Honda crashed into a fence on Powerline Road near Hermiston at 1:20 p.m., the owner of the property reported. The driver was not injured.

•Items were removed from a package left at a residence in the 700 block of Southeast First St., Pendleton, the resident reported to Pendleton police at 2:26 p.m.

•A Pilot Rock resident in the 500 block of Southwest Cedar Place reported to Pilot Rock police at 4:43 p.m. that several items had been moved around and there are tracks leading up to her bedroom window. She requested contact from an officer.

•Two teenagers were throwing rocks off a cliff into the roadway by the Rieth swimming hole outside Pendleton at 5:45 p.m., a caller told the sheriff's office. A deputy was unable to find the juveniles.

•Milton-Freewater police at 7:39 p.m. received two tennis ball containers that had a white powder that tested positive by a drug kit. The department reported it will destroy them.

## SUNDAY

•Leather jackets and motorcycle helmets were reported stolen from two motorcycles parked in the 800 block of North Main Street by a Milton-Freewater man at 12:08 a.m.