

OBITUARIES

Reed Michael Lehnert

Pendleton

October 22, 1970-October 20, 2014

Reed Michael Lehnert passed away peacefully at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, Ore., on October 20, 2014, at the age of 43. He was surrounded by his loving family at the time of his passing.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 24, 2014, at the First Assembly of God Church in Pendleton.

Reed was born on October 22, 1970, in Oregon City, Ore. He was the oldest of two living brothers with parents Richard Lehnert and Judy Ward Lehnert. He graduated from Pilot Rock High School in 1989, where he was a three-sport athlete for four years, especially loving football. He was a member of the 1988 State Champion Rocket baseball team. While in high school he worked for the Oregon Department of Forestry as a wildland firefighter. He grew up hunting and fishing with his family in Eastern Oregon.

After graduation he joined the United States Navy and became a corpsman. He took great pride in being stationed with the United States Marines in 29 Palms, Calif., as "Doc." He was recognized as a true "Desert Rat" by the Marines he took care of. This was special to him because his grandpa "Pops" was a Marine during WWII.

After the Navy he worked various jobs, the most meaningful being taking care of a disabled boy at Scappoose School District and eventually caring for veterans in the VA clinic as a medical assistant in Vancouver, Wash. He was a nationally certified EMT, which was an important achievement to

him. He spent his life caring for others who needed his medical assistance and compassionate heart.

Reed was the father of three beautiful children, daughter Sharayah Lehnert of Colorado, son Raiden Lehnert of Pendleton, Ore., and stepdaughter Cassie Amick of Vancouver, Wash. He was married to Stephanie Miller Lehnert in 2013. He took great pride in watching his son Raiden play football.

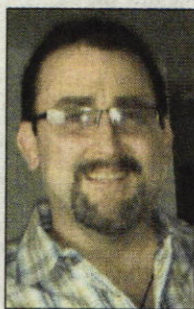
He loved being an uncle to Reeghan, Raylee, Aubrey and Evan Lehnert. He spent as many hours as he was able to supporting them and watching them participate in sports.

Reed is survived by his wife Stephanie Miller Lehnert and his son Raiden Lehnert of Pendleton; his daughter Sharayah Lehnert of Colorado; his stepdaughter Cassie Amick of Vancouver, Wash.; his mother Judy Ward Lehnert of Pendleton; his brother Ryan Lehnert of Pendleton; and his nieces and nephew Reeghan, Raylee, Aubrey and Evan Lehnert of Pendleton.

Reed was preceded in death by his father Richard Lehnert and his older brother Jason Lehnert, who died at birth.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony Hospice, Wounded Warriors Project, St. Jude Children's Hospital, or the Pilot Rock Booster Club for a scholarship in his name in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com



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East Oregonian

Award-winning author Jane Kirkpatrick is making several local appearances promoting her latest book about Letitia Carson, a freed slave who set out on the Oregon Trail with her husband, a white man.

"A Light in the Wilderness" chronicles Carson's story of earning her freedom and keeping it at a time when there were laws prohibiting blacks from living in Oregon.

"At one time Letitia was a slave and was seen as property. In her later life, she owned property which is an inspiring story of the human spirit," Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick's appearances include:

- Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Hermiston Drug, 114 E. Main St., Hermiston (book signing).

- Tuesday, 7 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston (reading and discussion).

- Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton (reading, discussion and presentation with historian Bob Zybach and fiddler Truman Price).

The author's Hermiston appearances are part of Altrusa International of Hermiston's Literacy Author Reading Series for



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2014-15. Armchair Books of Pendleton will be on hand to sell copies of her book.

In Pendleton, Kirkpatrick will be joined by Bob Zybach, who has done extensive research on Letitia

channeled fear and frustration to create positive change by bringing mental illness out of the shadows through a grassroots movement. For more information about efforts to establish a local NAMI affiliate, contact Kathryn Chaney at kjc287@gmail.com. Also, the NAMI Oregon Support Line is 800-343-6264.

