

CV14-26-01051
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF
SHARON L. MERRITT

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RECITAL

I, SHARON L. MERRITT, a resident of Canyon County within the State of Idaho, on this date 04/27/2021 hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, thereby revoking any and all previous Wills and Codicils made by me.

RELATIVES

I, SHARON L. MERRITT, attest that I am widowed from Lester M. Merritt

I have 3 children. The name and birth date of each child is as follows:

CHILD NAME	BIRTH DATE	LIVING OR DECEASED
Loni Joann Ellis	01/20/1960	Living
Camille Arntine Jones	06/01/1962	Living
Laurie Kay Harvey	10/19/1963	Living

All references in this Will to my "child" or "children" are to the aforementioned children, as well as any children subsequently born to or adopted by me.

All references in this Will to the Descendants of any person shall mean their naturally born children and/or legally adopted children, unless otherwise indicated, as well as any of their children's naturally born and/or legally adopted children throughout the generations to come.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR/TRUSTEE

I hereby appoint Loni Joann Ellis, Daughter, to serve as Executor of my Will.

POWERS OF EXECUTORS/TRUSTEES

Any Executor or Trustee serving under this Will shall be a Fiduciary granted all the powers conferred by Idaho laws, as amended.

Any successor Fiduciary shall have and may exercise all of the powers, privileges, immunities and exemptions conferred upon the predecessor Fiduciary as fully and to the same extent as if such successor had originally been named as a Fiduciary. Any Fiduciary serving hereunder shall keep full accounts and shall make and furnish statements of all receipts and disbursements at least annually to each person then eligible to receive income from my estate or any trust created

hereunder and shall at any time, upon reasonable request of such person, provide full information to such person as to the condition of my estate, including amounts received and disbursements made.

Any Fiduciary under this Will may resign without the order of any officer or court and without consent of any beneficiary of any provision of this Will by giving such Fiduciary's successor and all persons then entitled to receive income hereunder, or the guardians of such persons, thirty (30) days advance written notice of such intent to resign, or at any time resign by instrument in writing signed by such Executor or Trustee and delivered to the persons then entitled to the income from my estate or such trust. In the case of an Executor, the Fiduciary must also give notice to the Court having jurisdiction over the administration of my estate; and upon properly accounting for all estate property received and disbursed, shall be discharged from any and all further liabilities. In the case of a Trustee, the Fiduciary must deliver the trust property to the successor Trustee and upon properly accounting for all trust property received and disbursed, shall be discharged from any and all further liabilities.

If a successor Fiduciary is unable or unwilling to serve, they may appoint a second successor Fiduciary to serve in their place, by sending a signed instrument appointing a successor delivered to each living beneficiary under my Will making express reference to this power. The second successor Fiduciary may exercise powers upon a prospective and contingent basis as follows until effective:

To compensate counsel and to employ other persons who may be deemed necessary for proper administration and to delegate authority when delegation is advantageous to the trust or estate;

To exercise and continue the power provided in this section notwithstanding the termination of the trust until all assets of the trust has been distributed; and

The right to receive reasonable compensation for services rendered with regards to this Will, and to be exonerated from and to pay all reasonable expenses and charges of the estate and trust.

BURIAL

Directly following the funeral or memorial service, a repast will be held at Cactus Pete's Buffet located at Cactus Pete's Resort & Hotel, Jackpot, Nevada .

It is my request that my Executor make arrangements for my remains to be cremated and the ashes be deposited or spread at Wild Horse Reservoir, Nevada.

All costs and expenses associated with my burial requests shall be paid from the life insurance, if any, and/or proceeds of my estate.

DEBTS & EXPENSES

Any and all my debts due and payable, including funeral, memorial and burial expenses, the expenses of the administration of my estate, all estate, inheritance and similar taxes payable with respect to property included in my probate estate, including any interest and/or penalties thereon, shall be paid out of my estate pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho, without apportionment or

right of reimbursement from any beneficiary herein named in this my Will.

REAL PROPERTY

I bestow and bequeath any interest which I may have in my home, including the real property and improvements, located at 15627 Cantrice Ln, Caldwell, Idaho 83607 owned by me at the time of my death along with all insurance policies upon my home, subject to any loans, mortgages or other encumbrances pursuant to the attached Schedule - Beneficiary Designations.

I bestow and bequeath any interest which I may have in any other real estate, including the real property and improvements located at 1623 Missoula Way & 1914 Arthur St, Caldwell, ID 83605 USA owned by me at the time of my death, along with all insurance policies upon such real property, subject to any loans, mortgages or other encumbrances pursuant to the attached Schedule - Beneficiary Designations.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

I bestow all of my tangible personal property owned by me at the time of my death, including, without limitation, personal effects, clothing, jewelry, furniture, furnishings, household goods, automobiles and other vehicles, along with all insurance policies upon such tangible property, in accordance to those designated in the attached Schedule - Beneficiary Designations, and if any of them shall be under the age of eighteen (18) years, then it shall be held in trust until such time as (s)he becomes of age.

As per the attached Schedule - Beneficiary Designations to this Will, signed by me and identifying certain personal property which is to be bestowed upon the persons named therein, I direct my Executor to distribute such property in accordance with the terms and provisions contained herein.

The reasonable fee of delivering such property shall be paid by my Executor as an expense of my estate.

CASH, BANK ACCOUNTS, INVESTMENTS

I bestow and bequeath any interest which may belong to me at the time of my death in accordance to and in conjunction with the attached Schedule - Beneficiary Designations and a separately prepared account listing that details checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, cash, checks, notes and/or promissory notes designees, Life Insurance Policy as referenced in the attached Schedule – Insurance Information.

RESIDUARY ESTATE

I bestow and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my property and estate, both real and personal, of whatever kind and wherever located, including any inheritance I may be entitled to as well as any lapsed or void legacy or devise under this Will, that I own or am in any manner entitled to at the time of my death (collectively referred to as my "residuary estate"), to be divided among those designated in the attached Schedule - Beneficiary Designations. If they are or if any of them shall be under the age of eighteen (18) years, then it shall be held in trust until such time

as s/he becomes of age.

If there should be no living beneficiary under the above provisions to receive the assets in my residuary estate, then my residuary estate shall be distributed to the persons who would be entitled thereto under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Idaho, as if I had died intestate at that time owning such property in fee simple.

TESTAMENTARY TRUST

Any property, assets or other distributions from my estate intended for a beneficiary under 18 years of age at the time such distribution is to be made, shall not be paid or distributed outright to such beneficiary, but rather shall be held in trust by my Trustee, or if I have not named a Trustee, by my Executor in the capacity of a Trustee, upon the following terms and conditions:

The Trustee shall hold, manage, invest and reinvest the property of such beneficiary in a separate trust and shall distribute to or for the benefit of the beneficiary so much or all of the net income or principal thereof as the Trustee, in the Trustee's sole discretion, shall deem necessary to provide for such beneficiary's health, education, maintenance and support, taking into consideration any other resources available to such beneficiary. Any net income not so paid shall be accumulated and added to principal at least annually and thereafter shall be held, administered and disposed of as a part thereof.

When such beneficiary reaches N/A years of age, the Trustee shall distribute N/A of the assets then held in trust to such beneficiary; and if and when such beneficiary reaches N/A years of age, the Trust shall automatically terminate and the Trustee shall distribute all remaining principal and income to such beneficiary. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, my Trustee may determine it is in the best interests of the beneficiary to terminate the trust prior to such beneficiary reaching N/A years of age and distribute all trust assets directly to such beneficiary or into a custodial account established for such beneficiary, and my Trustee shall have no liability therefore.

If such beneficiary dies prior to receiving all of the assets in his/her trust, the principal and income in such beneficiary's trust shall be paid and distributed to such beneficiary's living Descendants, if any; and if none, then to my living Descendants, provided, however, that if any such Descendant is a beneficiary of another trust under this Will, such property otherwise distributable to such beneficiary shall be held in accordance with such trust. If I have no living Descendants, such property shall be distributed to the beneficiaries of my residuary estate as provided in this Will, or if there are none, to the persons who would be entitled thereto under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Idaho as if I had died intestate at that time owning such property in fee simple.

AVOIDANCE OF CONSERVATORSHIP

If any property of my estate vests in absolute ownership in a minor or incompetent, my Executor, at any time and without court authorization, may:

- a) distribute the whole or any part of such property to the beneficiary;

- b) hold such property in trust and use the whole or any part for the health, education, maintenance and support of the beneficiary;
- c) distribute the whole or any part to a guardian, conservator, committee or other legal representative of the beneficiary;
- d) distribute the whole or part to a custodian for the beneficiary under any gifts or transfers to minors act; or
- e) distribute the whole or part to the person or persons with whom the beneficiary resides.

Evidence of any such distribution or the receipt therefor executed by the person to whom the distribution is made shall be a full discharge of my Executor from any liability with respect thereto, even though my Executor may be such person.

If such beneficiary dies before receiving all of the assets held in conservancy, the principal and income in such beneficiary's trust shall be paid and distributed to such beneficiary's living Descendants, if any; and if none, then to my living Descendants. If I have no living Descendants, such property shall be distributed to the beneficiaries of my residuary estate, as provided in this Will, or if there are none, to the persons who would be entitled thereto under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Idaho as if I had died intestate at that time owning such property in fee simple.

SPENDTHRIFT PROVISION

The interest generated by any trust created under this Will shall not be transferred, assigned or conveyed, and shall not be subject to the claims of any creditors of such beneficiary, or of any local, state or federal government or agency, or of any private agencies. The Trustee, or if I have not named a Trustee, my Executor in the capacity of a Trustee, shall continue distributing trust property directly to or for the benefit of such beneficiary as provided for herein, notwithstanding any transfer, assignment, conveyance or action by creditors governments or agencies. If the Trustee is prevented by any transfer, assignment or conveyance or by any proceeding brought by any creditor, government or agency or by any bankruptcy, receivership or other proceeding, from distributing property directly to or for the benefit of any beneficiary, the Trustee shall hold and accumulate the property which would otherwise have been distributed until the Trustee is able to distribute such property directly to or for the benefit of such beneficiary, or until the death of such beneficiary, whichever first occurs; and on the death of such beneficiary any such property so held and accumulated shall become a part of the principal of the trust and shall be disposed of accordingly.

DIRECTIVE FOR PET CARE

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Will, I further direct and request that:

The following pet(s), and any and all animals that I may own at the time of my death, be given to David W. Griffith, presently residing at 15627 Cantrice Ln, Caldwell, Idaho, 83607, with the wish that s/he treat them as companion animals.

If David W. Griffith is unwilling or unable to receive my animals, I give such animals to Loni Joann Ellis, presently residing at , Boise, Idaho, , with the wish that s/he treat them as companion animals.

PET TYPE	PET NAME	VETERINARY NAME
Long Haired Chiwuawua Pomeranian Mix	Pollyanna	
Maltese Pomeranian Mix	CoCo	

I instruct my Executor to give \$4,000.00 from my estate to the person who shall accept my animals, and I wish and direct that these funds be used solely for the care and support of my animals.

BONDS/AUDITS NOT REQUIRED

The term "Fiduciary" shall mean any Executor, Trustee or successor qualifying and serving under this Will.

No Fiduciary shall be required to file or furnish any bond, surety or other security in any jurisdiction, nor shall any Fiduciary hereunder be required to file any inventory or other reports with any court.

No Fiduciary shall be required to inquire into or audit the acts or doings of any predecessor Fiduciary or to make claim against any such predecessor or their estate.

SURVIVORSHIP

I direct that, for purposes of this Will, a beneficiary shall be deemed to predecease me unless such beneficiary survives me by more than thirty (30) days.

CONTESTS DISALLOWED

Should any beneficiary contest or initiate proceeding to contest the validity of this Will or to prevent any provision herein from being carried out in accordance with its terms (whether or not in good faith and with probable cause), then all the benefits provided for such contesting beneficiary in this Will, including their Descendants, shall be revoked and annulled.

The share to which such contesting beneficiary would otherwise have been entitled shall be distributed to such persons and in such manner as if such contesting beneficiary and all of such beneficiary's Descendants had died immediately prior to such division without exercising any power of appointment which they might otherwise have under this Will.

If all of the persons who are beneficiaries of this Will join in such contest or proceeding, my estate

shall be distributed to any of those persons who are not contesting beneficiaries and who would otherwise be entitled thereto under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Idaho, as if I had died intestate at that time owning such property in fee simple.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal on this date of

5/10/21



Brandy Soto

(Testatrix Signature)

Notary

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTESTING WITNESSES

STATE OF IDAHO

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) ss.

COUNTY OF

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and , depose and state as follows:

1. That they, as "deponents", witnessed the execution of the attached Last Will and Testament of SHARON L. MERRITT the "Testator", on 04/27/2021.
2. That the attached Last Will and Testament was executed at 15627 Cantrice Ln, Caldwell, 83607, in the presence of the Notary Public whose signature and commission information appears herein.
3. That the undersigned "deponents" make this Affidavit at the request of the Testator.
4. That the Testator, in their presence, signed his/her name to the Last Will & Testament at the end thereof.
5. That at the time of signing, the Testator declared the instrument so signed by him/her to be his/her Last Will and Testament.
6. That each and every deponent, at the request of the Testator, in his/her presence and in the sight and presence of each other, thereupon witnessed the execution of the Last Will and Testament by the Testator, and thereafter signed their names as witnesses thereto.
7. That the Testator at the time of the execution of the Last Will and Testament was at least eighteen (18) years of age.
8. That, in the opinion of each and all of the undersigned deponents, the Testator was of sound mind, memory and understanding.
9. That the Testator was not under any restraint or in any respect incompetent to make a Last Will and Testament.
10. That the Testator could read, write and converse in the English language.
11. That the Testator was not suffering from any defect of sight, hearing and speech or from any physical or mental impairment which would affect his/her capacity to make a valid Last Will and Testament.
12. That the Testator signed only one copy of the Last Will and Testament on such occasion.

13. That each of the undersigned deponents was acquainted with the Testator or had examined proof of the Testator's identity at the time the Last Will and Testament was witnessed by them.

WITNESSES SIGNATURES AND INFORMATION:

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(First Witness Signature)


(Second Witness Signature)

SCHEDULE – INSURANCE INFORMATION

LIFE INSURANCE UNDERWRITER NAME

POLICY NUMBER

Liberty Mutual

603-692-38-NU3

SCHEDULE – BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

BENEFICIARY NAME	RELATIONSHIP	BEQUEATHED INHERITANCE	INHERITANCE PERCENTAGE
Loni Joann Ellis, Camille Arntine Jones, & Laurie Kay Harvey	Children	All real and personal property which I owned as my sole and separate property at the time of my death, including but not limited to the following: Real Property located at 1914 Arthur Street, Caldwell, ID 83605; Funds in a bank account at Banner Bank #6800272115, Sharon L. Merritt, Rent Account; Fidelity Investment Account Balance; Monthly payments remaining on Contract of Sale w/George & Becky Merritt. One Half interest in Real Property located at 1623 Missoula Way, Caldwell, ID 83605; Real Property located at 15627 Cantrice Ln, Caldwell, ID 83607. If I predecease my significant other, David Wayne Griffith, he can retain both properties, renting Missoula Way and living in Cantrice Ln as long as he likes. If he decides to move, he can sell both properties and pay my estate 50% of the proceeds of the sales, or he can trade his interest in either of the properties for my interest in the other, giving he and my estate 100% ownership in one or the other property, leaving us free to do what we want with that property. If my significant other, David Wayne Griffith, predeceases me, I can retain both properties as long as I like. If I decide to move, I can sell both properties and pay 50% of the proceeds of the sales to his estate, or I can trade my	One third each of 100% One Third each of my interest

interest in either of the properties for his interest in the other, giving his estate and me 100% ownership in one or the other property, leaving us free to do what we want with that property.

David Wayne
Griffith

Significant
Other

All of my personal effects and clothing

One-third each
of 100%

One said 2014 Ram Pickup and one said 2018 Keystone RV; one said 2011 Infinity and a Ryobi Electric Riding Lawn Mower. All furniture located in the house at Cantrice Ln., and in the studio. All machinery in the shop at this location.

100%


(Testatrix Signature)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON

In the Matter of the Estate of	)	Case No. CV14-26-01051
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SHARON L. MERRITT,	)	WILL COVER SHEET
	)	
	)	
Decedent.	)	
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ATTACHED IS THE ORIGINAL WILL FOR DECEDENT:

SHARON L. MERRITT
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
DATED APRIL 27, 2021