

OBITUARIES

Elsie Fife Gearhart

Sept. 1, 1923 — Dec. 29, 2014

Elsie "Peggy" Fife, 91, a resident of Gearhart, Ore., died on Dec. 29, 2014. Peggy, the daughter of George William Amsbary and Mary Josephine Shaw Amsbary, and sister of William Shaw Amsbary, was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, where she grew up and graduated from Gallia Academy High School in Gallipolis.

During World War II, Peggy moved to the Los Angeles area with her aunt, Gertrude Shaw Kent. Immediately after the war ended, Peg's soon-to-be husband, Thomas Elwood Fife, was released from a German prisoner of war camp and on July 11, 1945, the high school sweethearts were married.

Deciding to stay in California Peg and Tom settled in Van Nuys, where they had two children: a son, Thomas Evan in 1949; and a daughter, Susan Candace in 1951. Within a few years they relocated to Fresno, Calif., and lived in the Central Valley for many years.

From 1976 to 1986, Peggy and Tom owned Fife's Department Store in Galt, Calif.

After the death of her beloved Tom in 1993, Peggy spent the next 10 years caring for her aunt, Gertrude Kent, "Gogo," who was more than a relative, she was her lifelong friend. After the passing of Gogo, Peggy moved to Gearhart to share her home with her granddaughter, Kimberly Fife Ward, and her two great-grandsons. Peggy was a member of Cannon Beach Community Church. She enjoyed reading and traveling. Most of all, she loved to paint. She spent the last 10 years creating timeless memories for her family members and friends.



Elsie Fife

Peggy is survived by her brother, William (Gunda) Amsbary of Huntington Beach, Calif.; children, Thomas (Micki) Fife of Visalia, Calif., and Susan (Thom) Dickerson of Seaside, Ore.; grandchildren, Kimberly Ward, Christopher (Jen) Palmer and Marie (Jeff) Loyd; great-grandchildren, David Ward, Nathanael Ward, Jack Gilbertson, Leah Gilbertson, Austin Palmer, Ryan Palmer and Hope Loyd; and nieces and nephews, William (Whitney) Amsbary, Mary Kay Amsbary, William "Trey" Amsbary and Kady Amsbary.

In Peggy's honor, services will be held at Cannon Beach Community Church on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015, at 3 p.m. In the spring, interment will be in Galt, Calif., where she will reside forever with the love of her life, her late husband, Tom Fife. Remembrances may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of the donor's choice. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside is in charge of arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

Michael Lee Halvorson

Ocean Park, Wash. Nov. 13, 1955 — Dec. 14, 2015

Ocean Park resident Michael Lee Halvorson, 59, died at his residence on Dec. 14, 2014, with his family at his side. A native of Sturgis, S.D., Mike was born there Nov. 13, 1955, the son of Gary and Eleanor Halvorson. At an early age the family moved West to seek employment, settling in Aloha, Ore., and later in Vancouver, Wash. There Mike graduated from Fort Vancouver High School.

On June 13, 1975, Mike married Donna Eadie. For the ensuing 31 years they resided in Vancouver, where Mike was employed as a machine operator/printer for Portco. Eight years ago he and Donna moved to Ocean Park to be close to Mike's parents, who also live on the Peninsula. Mike worked in the hardware department at Jack's County Store in Ocean Park for 4 years before illness forced retirement.

Mike enjoyed outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, golf, camping and spending quality time with his family. He also was a "big" sports

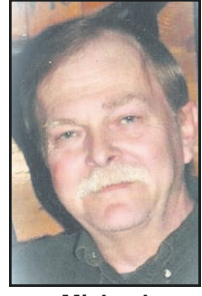
fan, especially football, and avidly supported the Seattle Seahawks. He was also blessed with a great sense of humor, and will not soon be forgotten.

Besides his wife of 49 years, Mike is survived by daughter Jamie (husband Dennis) Hall of Amboy, Wash.; son Timothy Halvorson of Long Beach; sisters Shery Nein and Joni Tooley; and other members of his extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law Madeline Wells.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of his life and potluck to be held Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at Ducey and Lynn Ames home, 1501 201st St. at Pacific Highway in Klipsan Beach. Stop by anytime between 12 noon and 3 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the Michael Halvorson family at Great Northwest Credit Union, Long Beach Branch.

His guest book is available at www.penttilaschapel.com



Michael Halvorson

Jim 'Jimbo' Morrisey Gearhart

June 10, 1951 — Jan. 5, 2015

Jim was a sensitive soul. His legacy is one of strength and humility. As a relentless student of life and love, his night stand was always piled high with books and hand scribbled notes of how to be a better father and husband, how to grow within himself and his faith. He supported his family far above and beyond his call of duty, in ways financially, emotionally and spiritually. As a dedicated caregiver, he loved to play the role of "dad" to children biological and chosen, and would never hesitate to lend a helping hand to a person in need.

Jim was born and raised in Medford, Ore., where he married his wife Terry in 1973. They both graduated with teaching degrees from Southern Oregon University. In search of a big adventure, their first job was in the Marshall Islands, on the Island of Majuro, at a private school teaching English to the local kids. After many memories they returned to the States in 1980 to help his father and brother run Seaside Stop & Go market. Jim and his wife Terry

bought the store in 1985, and operated it for 28 years.

While Jim was no longer at the head of a classroom, his love for education and teaching shined through in his work with the local church where he shared his passion for teaching. He loved to teach the Bible and especially loved to mentor young believers one on one, as his ultimate passion was to share the love of Christ. Jim will be remembered as a father and mentor to many. He will be greatly missed, and never forgotten.

Jim is survived by his wife of 41 years, Terry; his brother Michael and his wife, Cheryl; his son Seth and his wife, Aimee; his son Brit; his daughters Chelsea and Jill Rhoden; and his grandchildren Jaden and Kiara.

A celebration of life will be held at North Coast Family Fellowship in Seaside on Saturday Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. To honor his passion, memorial contributions can be sent to NCFF The Cove Coffee Shop, 2245 North Wahanna Road, Seaside, OR 97138.



Jim Morrisey

Iona 'Onie' Jean Stephens Hammond

Aug. 20, 1936 — Jan. 2, 2015

Iona "Onie" Jean Stephens, 78, died in Hammond, Ore., on Jan. 2, 2015. The daughter of Pete Mulholland and Albert and Claudia Beall Bateman, she was born in Jerome, Idaho, on Aug. 20, 1936. Onie grew up in Jerome, Idaho, and graduated from Jerome High School in 1954.

On March 6, 1954, she married Omer Stephens in Jerome, Idaho. They moved to Astoria, Ore., in 1955 and raised a family. In 1990, they moved their home to Hammond.

Onie worked at the Astoria Clinic for 15 years, retiring in 1985. She was active in the Astoria Anchor Club and the JC-etts. She enjoyed bowling, golfing, gardening, clam digging and collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia. Onie was an avid Dallas Cowboys, Seattle Mariners, and Portland Trail Blazers fan.

Onie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Linda Stephens and Steve White, son and daughter-in-law Daniel and Cindy Stephens and son Omer "Steve" Stephens III, all of Astoria; grandchildren Stephanie Burnett, Michelle and Mike Viss, Aaron Stephens, Jason Stephens, Jennifer Stephens, Nick Stephens, and Mitchell Stephens; great-grandchildren Nathan Burnett and McKenzie Burnett; brother-in-law Don Stephens; and numerous nieces and nephews. Onie was preceded in death by her husband, Omer Stephens.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. A private memorial was held by the family.

An online guest book may be signed at www.caldwellmortuary.com

Steven Anderson Warrenton

Jan. 30, 1971 — Dec. 23, 2014

Steven A. Anderson, of Warrenton, passed away Dec. 23, 2014. His parents are Norma and Al Anderson. On Sept. 9, 2010, he married Julie Cumow.

Steve worked for Warrenton Builders Supply and DK Windows.

He is survived by his parents; wife, Julie; children, Trever, Max and Emma Anderson, and stepson Josh Mckey; sister, Maggie Wagner; brother-in-law Shaun Wagner; niece, Maria, and nephew, Andrew Wagner. He also had two very special dogs, Auggie and Barkley.

In lieu of flowers a fund has been set up in memory of Steven Anderson; contributions can be made at any Wauna Federal Credit Union Branch.

A celebration of life service will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, at 1 p.m. in the Warrenton High School Gymnasium, 1700 Southeast Main Court in Warrenton. A potluck reception will follow the service in the cafeteria; please bring your favorite dish.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

Death

Jan. 9, 2015

SMITH, Shirley Jean, 79, of

Warrenton, died in Longview, Wash. Caldwell's Luce-Lay-

ton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy with occasional rain late. 42°

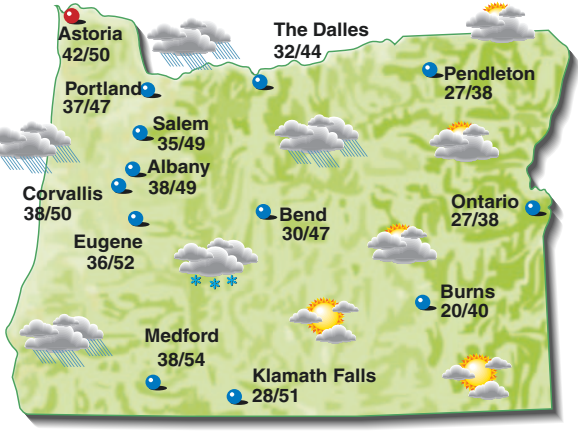
Saturday: Mainly cloudy with a brief shower or two. 50° / 42°

Monday: Mostly cloudy. 52° / 41°

Sunday: Cloudy with a bit of rain in the afternoon. 51° / 39°

Tuesday: Variable cloudiness. 54° / 38°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Table with weather statistics for Astoria through Thursday, including high/low temperatures, precipitation, etc.

Sun and Moon

Table with sunset/sunrise times and moon phases for the week.

Regional Cities

Table showing weather for regional cities like Baker City, Bend, Brookings, etc.

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: The planet Jupiter looks like a brilliant star high in the southeast as darkness falls.

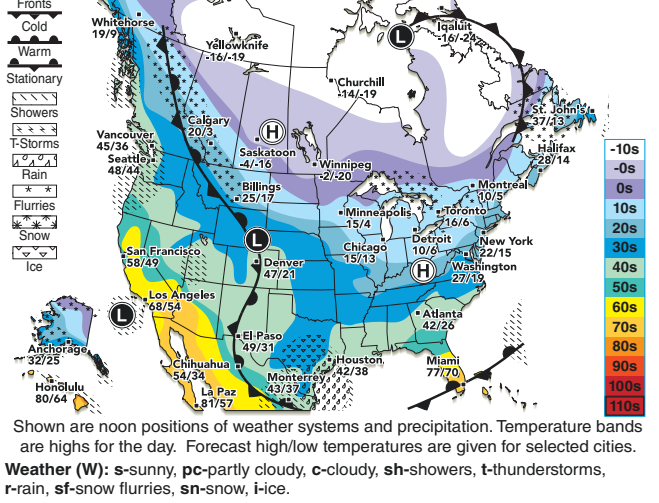
Tomorrow's Tides

Table showing tide times and heights for Astoria and Port Docks.

National Cities

Table showing weather for national cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, etc.

Tomorrow's National Weather



Advertisement for 'Murder Mystery Masquerade' at Maggie's on the Prom, featuring a 3-course special menu and tickets for \$50 per person.

Public meetings

- MONDAY: Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m. to noon... Warrenton City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

- Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business. Warrenton City Commission, 7 p.m., Warrenton City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

Lotteries

- OREGON: Thursday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 0-1-4-8, 4 p.m.: 2-4-5-0, 7 p.m.: 4-9-1-1, 10 p.m.: 4-2-4-6

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