

OBITUARIES

Edward James ‘Tick’ Lovatt

Portland

Oct. 5, 1925 — May 3, 2015

One of the last Youngs River boys from Battle Creek School, Edward was born Oct. 5, 1925, in Astoria’s St. Mary’s Hospital, to James Lovatt and Lillie Ulrika Gustafson. Edward’s grandfather, Jacob Gustafson, arrived in the Youngs River valley in the late 1860s from Finland.

Along with Dave Wullger, John “Bud” Warila and Duane Gustafson, Edward grew up swimming in the river, catching salmon and sliding down Doug firs. As a young man, he labored in the canneries of Astoria and on July 1, 1950, he married Jo Ann Hart of Emory, Texas.

Edward moved his bride to Portland and began a 37-year career in the optical business. Three sons were born and raised, and Edward introduced them all to Astoria lore with stories: elk bugling on Saddle Mountain; ice skating on frozen Tucker Creek slough; James playing trumpet in the Elks band; the thrill of catching a razor clam in the surf; the bean sandwiches for lunch during the Depression.

Upon retirement, Edward and Jo Ann moved back to Astoria and realized their dream by building a hilltop home overlooking Youngs River near Tick’s ancestral home. Tick enjoyed volunteering at the Flavel House, weekly coffee at Home Bakery and living in paradise with his beloved yellow

rose, Jo Ann.

Tick lived for his family, hunting, fishing and baseball. The Steens Mountain and Wallowa Mountains were favorite destinations for him, where he hunted antelope, deer and elk. Tick was very proud that all three sons earned college degrees, but he insisted wisdom came from “the school of hard knocks.” Tick taught by aphorism: He believed that “a job worth doing is worth doing well,” and that “you can’t get blood out of a turnip”; that idleness is “burning daylight”; and finally, “never say die.” The little towhead boy, “Tick,” may now wander with the cows forever, the breeze off Tillamook Head lifting the hay in salute.

Edward is survived by his three sons: William of Portland, Robert of Silverton and Bradley of Union. His wife, Jo Ann, preceded him in death. Grandchildren include: Joseph of Blaine, Wash., Jacob of Beaverton, Emily of Silverton, Darius of Portland and Lillie of Vancouver, B.C. Also daughter-in-law, Pardis Navi of Portland, brother-in-law Roger Hart of Emory, Texas, and sister-in-law Loretta Maki of New Richmond, Wis.

Urn burial is in mid-July at Greenwood Cemetery, Astoria. An online guest book is available from Zeller’s Chapel of the Roses, Portland.



Edward “Tick” Lovatt

Robert Laurence ‘Bob’ Emmett

Astoria

Dec. 21, 1955 — April 27, 2015

Robert (Bob) Laurence Emmett, age 59, beloved and respected fisheries biologist, accomplished vintner, loving husband, awesome dad, best friend, passed away, on April 27, 2015, at home in Astoria, Ore., after a painful yet valiant and graceful fight with small cell lung carcinoma. He was not a smoker.

Bob is survived by his wife, Amy Emmett; his children, Nathan Emmett and Alyson Emmett; Rudy, his dog; his parents, Tom and Thelma Emmett; his siblings, Tom Emmett, Peg Iannazzi and Mary Lou Moquete; nephews Gary St. Hilaire and Dale Moquete; niece Alex Iannazzi; and in-laws Boone and Nancy White, and family.

Bob was born on Dec. 21, 1955, in Lawrence, Mass. He grew up in North Andover, Mass. After graduating in fisheries from the University of Massachusetts in 1977, he relieved himself of nearly all of his possessions, acquired a large florescent cutout hand with a prominent thumb, and in the fall began hitchhiking across the country looking for adventure, and hopefully, a job.

Word of a ridiculously hairy, bearded kid with a genuine smile, a laugh that put others at ease, and a large thumb, often arrived before he did. For a while he disappeared into Glacier National Park, back when there were still glaciers there. He stopped to pick apples in Eastern Washington for longer than he intended, making enough money to purchase an old Rebel.

Finally, his path led him to the Point Adams NMFS Field Station, where after knocking at the “front” door, and being told they had no work for him, he managed to talk himself into a temporary job. That temporary job lead to a 36-year carrier with NOAA/NMFS, during which he acquired a wife (Aug. 18, 1979, in Astoria), his master’s degree in environmental studies from the University of Oregon, and a Ph.D. in fisheries from Oregon State, and raised two children.

Bob swam miles and miles with Amy, and watched Nathan and Alyson swim many more. He and Amy made untold gallons of wine, sharing it with family and friends, until its reputation made it a cherished and coveted gift. He caught, cooked, or canned, every fish, crab, and clam the waters would relinquish. Bob loved to cook, especially if the ingredients had come fresh from their garden or from the sea. He loved the fellowship that came from sharing a meal and a glass of wine. He was



Robert Emmett

a student of the world, reading, traveling, hoping to learn more so that he could understand more, to make a difference.

Bob was devoted to his work, a passion that was contagious to those who worked around him. And he was especially proud to have been involved with the Columbia River and Ocean Salmon Surveys, the Predator Project, and the Restoration of Trestle Bay, for which he received a Presidential Award in 1994. He enjoyed working with the Pacific Fish Management Team on sardine issues, and traveling to Tri-National sardine meetings. He served for about 25 years on the South Slough Advisory Board as the NOAA representative. Even after his retirement, and during his illness, he continued to edit scientific papers for others.

The successes he had were in the people he worked along, the doorways he opened, the keys he handed off, the pushes, the nudges, and encouragements he sent out to everyone around him. He loved nurturing talent. Pragmatic, yet imaginative and innovative. He was never afraid to be “bad” at something.

He said he was “an extremely lucky guy.” His initials told him what to do, “just BE.” To be, simply in time and rhythm with the circumstance. He would often talk about work worth doing. How to approach it selflessly, so that it no longer feels like work. How in the midst of it, everything just flows, things get done, people work together, and projects are completed. There is a real joy in being exactly where one is meant to be.

When he wasn’t at home with his family, Bob’s place was on the water. He loved juggling all of the responsibilities of work, and everything the ocean could throw at him. Always going at a pace few could keep up with, he experienced life at an incredible rate. He wanted to live, planned and hoped to do more.

His ashes were cast, at his request on an outgoing tide, into the Columbia River, on Sunday, May 3, 2015, by family and friends, in front of the beach where he played with his family, in front of the house his children grew up in, near where he met his wife, and where he began his career. A part of him will always be there now, a fitting place to come and remember his smile, his energy, and especially his laugh.

Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary, North Coast Crematory, of Astoria, Ore., processed his remains.

Patricia A Clausen

Milton-Freewater

Dec. 3, 1947 — May 5, 2015

Patricia A Clausen, 67, of Milton-Freewater, Ore., died of carcinoïd cancer on May 5, 2015, in Houston, Texas. At her request, there will be no service. She donated her body for research.

Born Dec. 3, 1947, in Walla Walla, Wash., to George and Dorothy Clausen, Patricia spent her childhood on the Hudson Bay Dairy in Umapine, Ore. She attended Umapine grade school. It was there that she learned her favorite pastime: reading. She began keeping a journal of the books that she read, and continued recording the rest of her life. When asked about her knowledge of a variety of topics, she attributed it to the Weekly Reader magazine read in grade school.

In 1960 the family moved to Milton-Freewater, where Patricia graduated from Mac-Hi in 1966. She continued her education at Eastern Oregon College, and graduated in 1970. After graduation she landed her dream job teaching English and journalism at Seaside High School. She later took a break from teaching and moved back to the Walla Walla Valley, where she worked at Walla Walla Bi-Mart, and then the Bank of Commerce in Milton-Freewater. She returned to education and taught English in Heppner, Warrenton, Hermiston, and Stanfield. She kept in close contact with many of her students and

students-in-law over the years. Leon Russell was her favorite musical artist, as all who knew her soon came to realize.

Knowing that life is short, Patricia was fortunate enough to travel both before and after retirement. She loved Southern California, especially Catalina Island and Santa Barbara. Reno and Lake Tahoe were favorite vacation spots. She was able to make several trips to England and Scotland via the QE2, the Concorde, and the Queen Mary, enjoying New York City on both ends of the trips. She made many trips to the North Oregon Coast, enjoying visits with many friends there. Traveling in her fifth-wheel was always an adventure. Of course, a trip to Wildhorse Casino, or any nearby casino, was never counted out. She made friends wherever she went.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her sister, Mary Kay Clausen.

For those wishing to honor Patricia with a memorial donation, please consider: Lazarez Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 741, Danville, CA 94526 by mail, or online at www.lazarez.org; Forensic Anthropology Center, Texas State University, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666 by mail, or online at www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts/donations

Norman Riikonen

Brownsmead

Jan. 6, 1932 — April 27, 2015

Norman was born in Astoria on Jan. 6 1932, to Matt and Sofia Riikonen, and died April 27, 2015. He lived his entire life on the family farm in Brownsmead. He attended grade school at the Brownsmead Grade School and graduated from Knappa High School. Following graduation, he had dairy cows and was a partner in a mink ranch.

Norman was always good at helping the neighbors. He was an active partner in the local Finnish community. He then started working driving the van for Clatsop County Educational Service District. He worked many years until he retired. He really enjoyed all the people he worked with while driving the van.

Norman had a great sense of humor and liked to play tricks on the people on his route and in the office. Norman enjoyed walking, and would take long walks in Brownsmead and on the hills in As-

toria. He also liked driving the Oregon Coast. Norman was a good friend to many people — he will really be missed. Norman really missed his good friend and neighbor, dairy farmer Joe Rohne, after he passed away.

Norman is survived by his niece Betty (Jim) Smith, nephew Curtis Lahti, and good friend and late niece Arlene’s husband, Howard Graham, and his good friend and neighbor Carl Pamonen. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Roy Lahti, Osmo Lahti, and Marie Sarampaa, and niece Arlene Graham.

The memorial service will be a potluck dinner Friday, May 15, at 6 p.m. at the Brownsmead Grange.

Memorials may be made to the Brownsmead Grange, c/o Charlotte Langsev, 92408 Koppish Road, Astoria, OR 97103.

Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

PURTLE, Travis Austin — Memorial at 1 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St.

Deaths

May 8, 2015

HECK, Mack G., 78, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is

in charge of the arrangements.

May 9, 2015

OBERMILLER, Vicky J., 52, of Ilwaco, Wash., died in

Portland. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

A shower early, then rain and drizzle

48°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

Wednesday

Cloudy with a passing shower

60° 46°

Thursday

Mostly cloudy, a t-storm in the afternoon

63° 47°

Friday

Mostly cloudy

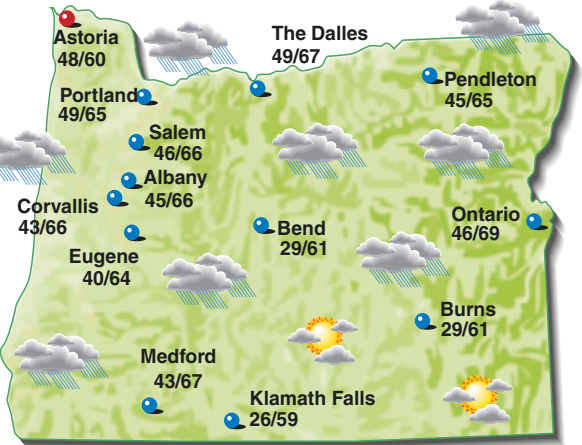
62° 48°

Saturday

Low clouds

60° 46°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures

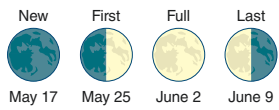
High	62°
Low	49°
Normal high	60°
Normal low	45°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.15"
Month to date	0.29"
Normal month to date	1.32"
Year to date	25.66"
Normal year to date	31.36"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:37 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:45 a.m.
Moonrise today	2:46 a.m.
Moonset today	2:17 p.m.



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Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Vega, Deneb and Altair of the Summer Triangle emerging from the eastern horizon around midnight.

Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
9:48 a.m.	7.3 ft.	3:58 a.m.	1.7 ft.	
10:35 p.m.	8.5 ft.	4:10 p.m.	0.7 ft.	

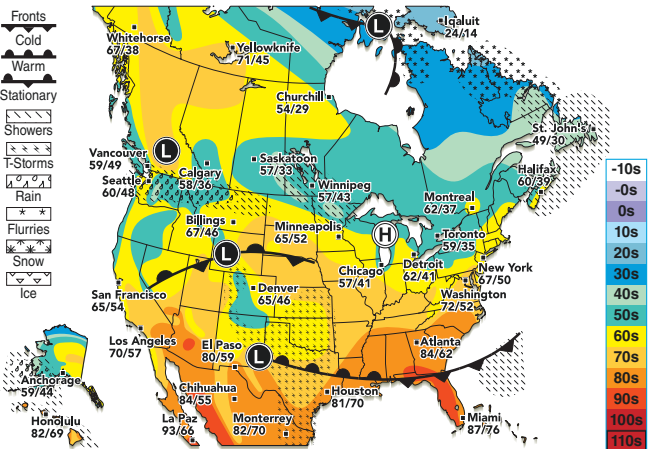
Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	64	37	t	62	34	sh
Bend	54	29	t	61	35	sh
Brookings	55	43	sh	55	45	sh
Eugene	55	40	t	64	43	sh
Ilwaco	56	49	r	59	46	c
Klamath Falls	51	26	t	59	31	sh
Medford	61	43	t	67	46	sh
Newport	53	46	sh	56	45	sh
North Bend	56	45	sh	59	47	sh

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	85	62	t	84	62	pc
Boston	81	54	r	63	46	pc
Chicago	58	39	c	57	41	s
Denver	71	47	t	65	46	t
Des Moines	67	45	s	72	54	s
Detroit	60	41	c	62	41	s
El Paso	79	60	t	80	59	c
Fairbanks	65	42	pc	71	46	pc
Honolulu	82	69	pc	82	69	pc
Indianapolis	63	43	pc	67	49	s
Kansas City	69	47	s	70	55	s
Las Vegas	87	62	s	83	60	s
Los Angeles	72	58	pc	70	57	pc
Memphis	76	56	pc	80	63	pc
Miami	87	77	t	87	76	pc
Nashville	76	50	pc	79	54	pc
New Orleans	87	71	t	87	71	t
New York	88	59	pc	67	50	s
Oklahoma City	71	54	pc	64	60	r
Philadelphia	88	57	pc	70	48	s
St. Louis	70	51	s	74	58	s
Salt Lake City	77	54	pc	73	54	s
San Francisco	62	52	pc	65	54	pc
Seattle	61	49	t	60	48	sh
Washington, DC	90	59	pc	72	52	s

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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