

# Debbie Reynolds and daughter Carrie Fisher linked by death

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LOS ANGELES — Debbie Reynolds embodied the sunshine of postwar America on the screen as she matched steps with Gene Kelly in "Singin' in the Rain."

Carrie Fisher brought the sarcasm and cynicism of the Baby Boomers to her movies, books and stage shows, even when she was playing a princess in "Star Wars."

The mother and daughter, separated by so many differences both personal and generational, are likely drawn closer in the public memory after their deaths on successive days.

Reynolds died on Wednesday at age 84, just as she and

the rest of the world were starting to mourn her daughter Fisher, who died on Tuesday at 60, days after falling ill on a flight.

Even after a year of shocking and constant celebrity deaths, the one-two punch of Fisher and Reynolds brought a staggering finale to 2016.

Reynolds' son Todd Fisher said his sister's death was "just too much" for his mother.

"She said, 'I want to be with Carrie,'" Fisher told The Associated Press by phone from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where Reynolds had just died after being rushed there earlier in the day. "And then she was gone."

No cause of death has been revealed for either woman.



Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP  
Actress Debbie Reynolds poses for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif., in 2013.

# Roberts: New co-coordinator says she has 'giant shoes to fill'

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Another volunteer, Kathy Sasso, of Astoria, said Roberts' Wishing Tree legacy will be her success at galvanizing community support, an effort that could sustain the program for a long time.

Robyn Koustik, of Astoria, and Denise Cleveland, of Warrenton, are stepping up as co-coordinators. Roberts may be a small person, Koustik said, but "I've got giant shoes to fill."

### Gift giving

Roberts took over the program when the Wishing Tree covered all of Clatsop County. Since then, some cities have developed their own programs.

When parents apply, their children's Christmas wish list is written on a bell-shaped paper ornament, which is hung on a "wishing tree" displayed in a bank, store or other business. Community members take the bells, buy the gifts and place them under a wishing tree.

The volunteers then gather the gifts, which are transported to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Families show up to collect them, along with any food baskets ordered. If a family can't pick up the gifts, local military personnel and

Rotary Club members deliver them.

Oftentimes a sponsor will "adopt" a family and buy all of their toys and food for the holidays.

Many children ask for standard fare like Legos, Barbies, crayons, X-Boxes or a bike. Others wish for things less widely available.

One young man asked for some sports memorabilia, and his donor gave him hundreds of baseball and football cards from his personal collection. When a girl asked for special effects makeup, Roberts and the Wishing Tree team specially ordered it for her.

"Barb gives special attention to all of these kids and the gift requests that they have," Fick said. "We can't give everybody everything they want, but a lot of things that are doable, she makes sure that they happen every year."

Koustik is director of the Astoria Armory community center and has helped arrange storage for the Wishing Tree. She knows, and regularly sees, many of the kids whose families benefit from the program.

When Roberts said she was going to step down as coordinator and worried that the program may not continue, Koustik said she "just couldn't in good conscience let it go away."

### Deserving of Christmas

Sasso's 15-year-old daughter, Nikkole, won Miss North Coast Outstanding Teen this year and has been volunteering for the Wishing Tree since she was 3. Her platform, inspired by her work with Roberts, was "Every child deserves a Christmas."

Roberts and her husband, Steve, work virtually year-round on the Wishing Tree: storing up clothes and supplemental toys; reminding sponsors to donate; and otherwise pulling all of the pieces together.

Year after year, the Wishing Tree has been a lifestyle for them. When they would visit Barb's parents' house for Christmas dinner, they would always deliver at least three packages of gifts to families en route. "That's just the way it was," Steve said.

Kathy Sasso told Barb, "I see you treat every one of those children like they're your own. You have that kind of caring for every one of them."

In Roberts' living room stood a Christmas tree decorated with thank-you notes written by people who picked up their Wishing Tree gifts.

When Barb Roberts said she and her husband didn't have kids, Sasso corrected her: "You have 850 this year."

# Weintraub: 'It's nice to be able to develop a program on your own'

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"There's a sense of community support."

Weintraub previously lived in Portland. As the associate regional director for the International Mountain Biking Association's Pacific Northwest region, he worked on mountain biking advocacy, education and helping to provide access to trails.

"Being able to have a positive impact on my recreational community across four states ... I think that's a pretty empowering thing to wake up to every morning," he said.

Weintraub's passion for racing bikes began when he was 14. In graduate school, he started a side business for Seattle area bicycle events, such as festivals and races. That led him to work for regional and state organizations, then the International Mountain Biking Association.

Weintraub holds bachelor's and master's degrees in forestry from the University of Washington. While studying ecology, climate dynamics and tree growth, he realized his skills were best used through policy and advocacy work.

At the International Mountain Biking Association, Weintraub educated communities on how recreation can financially benefit cities. Working on destination development projects connected him to Travel Oregon and eventually to the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce.

"We're trying to find a way to temporally diversify financial benefits of tourism during the entire year."

In his spare time, Weintraub takes advantage of the North Coast's recreational opportunities by fishing, running and biking.

Although he rides his bike throughout town, he hopes the city will foster more recreational opportunities and promote different modes of transportation.


Enhancing bike paths and ensuring crosswalks are well-marked could make a difference for pedestrians and cyclists, he said. "I think the answer is to create awareness."

Weintraub also appreciates the local arts scene. "I have had a wonderful time exploring all of the art galleries," he said. "We have some talented artists here."

He makes a point to spend time at the ocean every day, for "more than just a fleeting glimpse."

"I think we're incredibly fortunate to literally live at the edge of the continent here," Weintraub said. "I don't know if I'm going to live here for the next 65 years of my life, so I might as well enjoy it every day I can."

"We look for other oppor-




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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Baking 'Custard and Meringue Week'	Amer. Housewife	Speechless	Modern Family	Fresh Off the Boat	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Baking 'Custard and Meringue Week'	Amer. Housewife	Speechless	Modern Family	Fresh Off the Boat	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore	The Good Place	America's Got Talent	"Holiday Spectacular"		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	The Great Indoors	Mom	Life in Pieces	Scorpion "Da Bomb"	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	The Great Indoors	Mom	Life in Pieces	Scorpion "Da Bomb"	KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	NBC Nightly News	Superstore	The Good Place	America's Got Talent	"Holiday Spectacular"		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	DC's Legends of Tomorrow	Supernatural "Mamma Mia"	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother			
10	KOPB	(10) Painting the Town	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		OPB Music	"Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer Murders	"Vixen's Run"	(35) Vera	"Muddy Waters"		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Hell's Kitchen "Spoon Fed"	Hell's Kitchen "Dancing in the Grotto"	10 O'Clock News			11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	Family Guy	Family Guy		American Dad	Cleveland Show		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "Spoon Fed"	Hell's Kitchen "Dancing in the Grotto"	Q13 News at 10			Q13 News	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) People of Earth	People of Earth	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked		
22	KZJL	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends		
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Football	Alamo Bowl Oklahoma State vs. Colorado State	Alamodome -- San Antonio, Texas (L)				SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.		SportsCenter	NCAA Football PinStripe Bowl		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NCAA Basketball (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.	ESPN Films	Sport Science	Sport Science		NCAA Football PinStripe Bowl		
31	NICK	(31) Game Shakers	Game Shakers	Game Shakers "Sky Whale"		*** Ice Age: The Meltdown (06) Voices of John Leguizamo, Ray Romano.	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) Hannah Montana "Wherever I Go"	K.C. Undercover	Bunk'd	Adventures in Babysitting (16) Sabrina Carpenter.	(45) Girl Meets W.	(10) K.C. Underc.	(35) Liv Maddie	Friends Whenever	Stuck in Middle				
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (09) Ben Stiller.		*** Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (03, Adventure) Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Johnny Depp.		Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones	Andrew Jacobs.	(45) FXM Presents	Paranormal Activity: The Marked On...					
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(55) *** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (11) Claran Hinds	Nicolas Cage.	(45) FXM Presents	Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones	Andrew Jacobs.	(45) FXM Presents	Paranormal Activity: The Marked On...					
36	ROF	(36) Project Runway "Finale, Part 2" 2/2	Runway "Welcome to New York"	Runway "Season 15 Reunion" (N)		Project Runway: Junior (N)	Tiny House Nation (P) (N)		To Be Announced					
38	ROF	(38) NCAA Basketball	Pepperdine at Gonzaga (L)			Poker Night	Wild Places	In Depth	Mark Few	NCAA Basketball	Pepperdine at Gonzaga			
39	FST	(39) UFC Weigh-In '2017: Nunes vs. Rousey"		UFC Main Event "168: Rousey vs. Tate"		Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				
43	SPIKE	(43) (4:00) The Mummy Returns		*** The Mummy (1999, Adventure) Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Brendan Fraser.		Amazon Underworld		*** The Mummy Returns (01, Adv) Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Brendan Fraser.		*** The Break Up (06, Com) Jennifer Aniston, Joey Lauren Adams, Vince Vaughn.				
44	COM	(44) (2:00) Futurama	(55) Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Alone "Outfoxed" (N)	Selection "Weeding Out the Weak" (N)	This Is History "2016"		
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Alone "Eternal Darkness"		Selection "Weeding Out the Weak" (N)						
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Flight Risk/ Trapped"	The First 48 "The Chase/ One Shot"	The First 48		First 48 "Bad Romance/ Out of Control"	Nightwatch "Heroes Among Us" (N)	(05) The First 48						
47	TLC	(47) Skin Tight "Megan and Yalena"	My 600-lb Life	My 600-lb Life: Transformed "Paula" (N)		Too Fat to Transition "Transgender & Obese" (P) (N)	My 600-lb Life: Transformed "Paula"							
48	DISC	(48) Street Outlaws "Mega Week Edition: 75,000 Reasons to Race"		Street Outlaws "Stuck in a Moment"		Street Outlaws "One"	Street Outlaws	Outlaws "The Empire Builds Back"						
49	NBA	(49) Wild Colombia	Battlefield Patagonia			Amazon Underworld	Peru's Wild Kingdom	Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball	Boston vs Cleveland			
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers (L)	NBA Basketball	Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)									
51	AMC	(51) (2:30) Breaking Bad "Blood Money"		Breaking Bad "Buried"		Breaking Bad "Confessions"	(35) Breaking Bad "Rapid Dog"	(40) Breaking Bad "To Hajilee"	(45) Breaking Bad					
52	USA	(52) (5:30) *** The Town (2010, Action) Rebecca Hall, Jon Hamm, Ben Affleck.		*** The Dark Knight (2008, Action) Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Christian Bale.		Chopped "New Year's Bash"	Chopped "Wild Times" (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Circus Spectacular"	Chopped "Brunch Boxes"			Chopped "New Year's Bash"	Chopped "Wild Times" (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters		
55	FX	(55) (5:00) Noah (2014, Drama) Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Russell Crowe.		*** 2012 (2009, Action) Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, John Cusack.		Nothing Left Unsaid (2016, Documentary)								
57	CNN	(57) Nothing Left Unsaid (2016, Documentary)		Anderson Cooper 360		Nothing Left Unsaid (2016, Documentary)								
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	On the Record						
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich		
63	BRAV	(63) Million Dollar List "Turn and Burn"	Million Dollar List "Surf vs. Turl"	Million Dollar List "Co-list From Hell"	Million Dollar List "Best and Final" (SF) (N)	T. Chef "Smoke 'Em If You Got 'Em" (N)	(15) WatchWhat	(45) Million Listing						
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Cool Hand Luke Paul Newman.	(35) *** Two Girls and a Sailor (1944, Romance) June Allyson, Gloria DeHaven, Van Johnson.			*** Sense and Sensibility (1995, Romance) Kate Winslet, Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson.								
65	SYFY	(65) Drive Angry (2011, Action) Amber Heard, William Fichtner, Nicolas Cage.		Need for Speed (2014, Action) Imogen Poots, Dominic Cooper, Aaron Paul.		Lake Placid (1999, Action) Bill Pullman.								
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	I Am Angus		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		



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