

Robert John Nelson Warrenton Jan. 4, 1935 — Dec. 16, 2016

Bob Nelson died suddenly and peacefully of a heart attack on the morning of Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at his home in Warrenton, Oregon. Beloved husband, father, brother, uncle and grandpa, he will be greatly missed by his wife of almost 59 years, Emily, his four daughters and their families: Lisa, (Si) Geo and Spencer Newland; Jana, (John) Mitchell, Isabelle and Will Robertson; Kristina, (Carl) Emily and Lily Perkins and Britta Nelson and his sister Janet, (Niels) Reimers and their family.

We are all taking great solace that he passed quickly and peacefully at home in his big blue chair. He has left the deepest crevasse in our lives, but so many amazing memories and so much love for life and how grand it can be. Ever the positive thinker and always the glass half-full, he lived and loved as big as he could — always to the fullest and with unstoppable Viking vigor.

He was the best damn bartender you'll ever know. Bob was the consummate handyman able to fix everything. Lucky for his girls, he instilled in us his amazing penchant for fixing things, as well the ability to do it with his engineering ingenuity! He was a dad to so many more than his four girls. He was always available for wise advice (asked for or not), unconditional love, big bear hugs, encouragement with his booming voice, and of course, his unwavering support and guidance.

Robert John Nelson was born to Eskil and Thelma Nelson on Jan. 4, 1935, in Portland, Oregon. He attended Franklin High School and was still in contact with some of his friends from the class of 1952. He went on to Oregon State University, where he received both a bachelor of science degree

(1957) and master of science degree (1961) in chemical engineering.

Bob was active in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and met Emily when her Phi Beta Phi sorority sister asked her to help the SAEs decorate their house for a dance. Two years later on March 16, 1958, they were married in Portland, Oregon.

A job for Procter & Gamble took Emily and Bob to Long Beach, California, where their oldest daughter, Lisa, was born. Instead of moving back east for a promotion, they chose to return to their hometown of Portland to be near both of their families, and continue to build their own.

Bob's early career was in the pulp and paper industry, where he experienced his first international travel (often with the company of Emily). These early trips spurred his love of travel and passion for experiencing different cultures and building new friendships and encouraging his daughters to do the same.

Bob and Emily still maintain friendships around the world, as they continued to travel as much as they could: multiple trips zig-zagging through all 50 states, staying a majority of nights with friends or family, purchasing and road testing (2,500 miles) a Volvo in Europe, annual road trips to California, visiting former exchange students in New Zealand and the U.K., keeping up with relatives in Switzerland and visiting old friends wherever they were residing.

In the early 1970s, Bob opened a Portland office of the Arthur Forsyth Co., allowing him to spend less time on the road

and more time with Emily and his four girls. Throughout the next 20 years, Bob and Emily created a home in Eastmoreland, where everyone was welcomed into their already large family.

Bob loved nothing more than the company of his family and friends at the dinner table enjoying great food and wine, but mostly sharing stories and practicing his professor-like love of history and politics that often led to raucous conversations. It was known amongst close friends that the Nelsons did not have a typical dinner hour, but rather multiple hours.

Bob and Emily continued to welcome old and new friends to their current home, which was the family beach cabin for over 40 years — the place the girls and Emily spent their summers, with Bob joining every weekend. Summers were filled with visits from friends, epic meals, blueberry picking, swimming, clamming, boating, deck building and the annual eating of one oyster each on Willapa Bay. A trait our father instilled in all of us; just try everything once, and then decide.

Winter weekends, when not skiing, or entertaining at their home, were also spent at the cabin, complete with huge crackling fires, lots of reading, listening to albums, playing dominoes and card games. No TV available.

After selling the family house in Eastmoreland, the next adventure was living on a houseboat at the Oregon Yacht Club. Bob and Emily had 8 1/2 lively years, meeting new friends, surviving the flood of 1996,

and Bob becoming commodore. Their 15th move was to a brand new row house in Westmoreland, where for 13 years they lived within blocks of their daughters Jana and Kristina and their families.

So it was with great love for the family cabin, that Bob and Emily moved to the coast in 2012. Once there, they continued their full rich life, with old and new friends and a very busy social calendar. They joined the Pacific Universalist Unitarian Fellowship, and Sunday fellowship was often the highlight of their week. Bob was a people person and loved meeting new people and listening to their stories and telling his own.

Always a volunteer, Bob became even more active by holding four jobs within the Astoria community. Whether he was holding little kids up to ring the bell on the trolley as a motor man/conductor, informing visitors about the Columbia light ship's duties, cheerfully delivering Meals on Wheels or greeting arriving cruise ship passengers, he always had a big smile and some friendly advice.

In honor of what he famously coined all of our parties the family will host a "GD Mardi Gras Celebration of Bob's Life" Sunday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Columbia River Maritime Museum's Barbey Maritime Center, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon. Dress is casual in bright colors — no ties, per Bob's request.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the groups he volunteered with at the Columbia River Maritime Museum (www.crm.org), Astoria Riverfront Trolley (www.old300.org) or Meals on Wheels (www.astoriaseniorcenter.org)



Robert Nelson

Astoria councilors take oath of office

By ERICK BENGEL
The Daily Astorian

The Astoria City Council was restored to five members Tuesday night when Tom Brownson and Bruce Jones were sworn in as the newest councilors.

Brownson, the south-side representative who ran unopposed in November's election, fills the seat Drew Herzig vacated in September. Jones, who prevailed in a two-man race in November, replaces Russ Warr as the east-side representative.

Councilor Cindy Price was voted City Council president. Price will fill in for Mayor Arline LaMear if the mayor is out of town or otherwise unavailable.

The Astoria Police Department's new sergeant, Andrew Randall, a 13-year department veteran, also took the oath of office.

And Police Chief Brad Johnston announced the creation of a new position: lead

dispatcher. Candace Pozdolski, who has served as a department dispatcher for three years, has accepted the promotion.

Aquatic Center fees

The City Council voted to extend for 60 days a moratorium on fees that the North Coast Swim Club and the Astoria School District pay to rent lanes at the Astoria Aquatic Center, a facility managed by the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

In November, the council voted for an initial 60-day moratorium on fees charged to both organizations because neither can afford the Aquatic Center's rental fee of \$25 per lane per hour "due to the length of their practices and the amount of space they use," City Manager Brett Estes said.

The November vote was intended to give city staff time to negotiate new rates.

Price voted for the moratorium extension but said "it does seem to be that the larger picture is the park budget."

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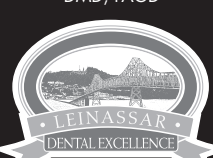
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