

Klamath woman takes pride in nephew Hamill's career

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KLAMATH FALLS — It turns out that the galaxy far, far away of "Star Wars" legend is quite close by in the Klamath Basin, as Luke Skywalker's aunt is alive and well living in Klamath Falls.

Linda (Hamill) Cooper, a teacher at Mazama High School, has lived in Klamath Falls since 1974. Her late brother, Bill, one of five siblings, was Mark Hamill's father — the famed actor best known for his portrayal of Luke Skywalker in the "Star Wars" series. As new films are released, including the latest, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," that prominently features her nephew, Cooper takes great pride in seeing family connections become so revered globally.

"I really identify, all kidding aside, with the idea of the force," said Cooper. "I



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Linda Hamill Cooper, an English teacher from Mazama High School, uses The Force on an action figure of her nephew, Mark Hamill, who portrays Luke Skywalker in the 'Star Wars' series.

truly believe there is a connection between us all. The theology of 'Star Wars,' taking bits and pieces of various religions, is kind of a good thing." The Hamill family is

vast, both geographically and chronologically. Bill and Bob Hamill were the oldest, then a nine-year gap followed until Jack and Nancy were born, then an 11-year gap until Linda. Of the Hamill siblings, only Linda and her sister Nancy are still alive. They grew up in Alaska, and after graduating from high school, Bill married his school sweetheart and joined the Navy. Mark was the fourth of seven children, and the family moved around often due to military demands.

"We don't have any family reunions, the only time that I was together with all of my siblings in one place was at my parent's 50th wedding anniversary," recalled Cooper. "We were so widespread. I don't know if the family has stayed in connection through Mark's career, but it's been fun for me to follow."

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Mae Niebuhr

Seaside

May 27, 1928 — Dec. 3, 2017

Dorothy Mae Niebuhr, 89, peacefully passed away at her home in Seaside, surrounded by her family, on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017. She was born on May 27, 1928, in Los Angeles, California, to Raymond and Ida Jacobs. Dorothy graduated in 1946 from Washington High School in Los Angeles.

She married Raymond Niebuhr on Nov. 20, 1946, in Los Angeles. Following their wedding, they moved to Walcott, Iowa. They had three children and lived in Walcott until 1958, when they moved to Beaverton, Oregon.

Dorothy was a person of many gifts and talents. Bright and inquisitive, she had a knack for solving problems, thinking strategically and finding good bargains. She enjoyed playing golf and duplicate bridge, shopping, traveling, exploring new places and challenges.

At one point in her life, she restored old homes and built new ones from the ground up — a real feat in those days before women were accepted in construction trades. She happily took on several young men as apprentices during her homebuilding days, men who went on to pursue careers in construction. Each of these men remained good friends with Dorothy, and always expressed their gratitude for the learning opportunities and "career start" she provided.

When her children were young, she planned annual summer vacations, driving or taking the train from Iowa to destinations out West. She knew the locations of all significant historical markers along the route, and made sure her family stopped for each one. Dorothy or one of her children read them aloud, and once back on the road they'd talk about the events and people of that historical place.

In the second half of her life, Dorothy began traveling again, expanding her horizons. She visited Alaska three times, including a side trip into the Arctic Circle. With good friends from Seaside, she went to New England one autumn, and experienced the spectacular fall colors. She cruised through the Panama Canal, and journeyed down the Amazon River, venturing up its tributaries to remote indigenous villages. She hiked around Machu Picchu, and explored other ancient ruins in Mexico, China, Thailand and Cambodia. There was no end to her curiosity and interest in different countries, cultures and people.

Yet more than building houses, playing golf and bridge or traveling, Dorothy loved her family and friends. She raised two families, her three children and later, three grandchildren. Her home and heart were always open and welcoming. She had a gift for reaching out and connecting with people in a deep, enduring way. She truly enriched the lives of many, and definitely lived her life to the fullest.

She is survived by her three children, Susan Niebuhr McCormick (Greg) of Polson, Montana, Sally Niebuhr Higgs (Kendall) of Seaside, and Michael Niebuhr (Debbie Fry) of Cannon Beach; her five grandchildren, Genesee Dennis (Anna), Lineah Dennis, and Shellie Dennis, all of Seaside, Sage Marie Niebuhr of Arch Cape and Rachel Niebuhr of Portland; and by her six great-grandchildren, all of Seaside.

A celebration of Dorothy's life is planned for late spring 2018.

If friends would like to make a donation in her honor, please consider giving to Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton or to Lower Columbia Hospice in Astoria.



Dorothy Niebuhr

Virginia Lee Poppino

Gearhart

Nov. 8, 1928 — Dec. 8, 2017

Virginia Lee Poppino was born Nov. 8, 1928 in Wallowa, Oregon, and went to be with the Lord on Dec. 8, 2017. Raised on the family farm until she was 9, the family moved to the Oregon Coast in 1937 due to her mother's health.

Virginia attended schools in Olney, Seaside and Astoria before marrying Gene Poppino Sr. on June 28, 1946. Gene and Virginia traveled widely, visiting nearly every state before they settled down, not long after the birth of their son.

Living on the same property in Gearhart since 1959, they first had a mobile home before Gene built their new home in 1962. Virginia loved her view over the golf course, and got her wish to live in her own home until her death. Gene and Virginia were married 66 years prior to his passing in 2012.

Virginia enjoyed singing, golf, bowling, collecting golf balls she found on her walks near the golf course, and growing flowers. She was an excellent grandma and great-grandma, too.

She was one of the first waitresses when the Pig 'N Pancake opened in Seaside, and she worked there many years before moving into bookkeeping for the family Overhead Door business. She and Gene retired in 1990.

An active Christian, Virginia and Gene attended the Nehalem Valley Community Church for 35 years before relocating to the Lewis & Clark Bible Church in Astoria. Virginia was also active in the Gideon's, where she served as the Memorial Bible Secretary for many years. She also served on the board of directors for the Child Evangelism Fellowship.

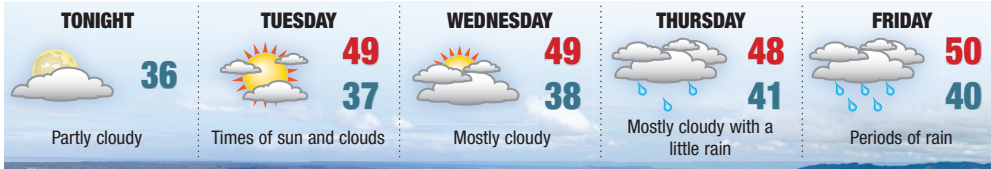
Virginia is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Anne; two grandsons, Adam and Joe; five great-grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Lewis & Clark Bible Church, 35082 Seppa Lane, Astoria, Oregon, on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at 11 a.m. Donations in Virginia's memory can be made to The Gideon's Memorial Bible Plan.



Virginia Poppino

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



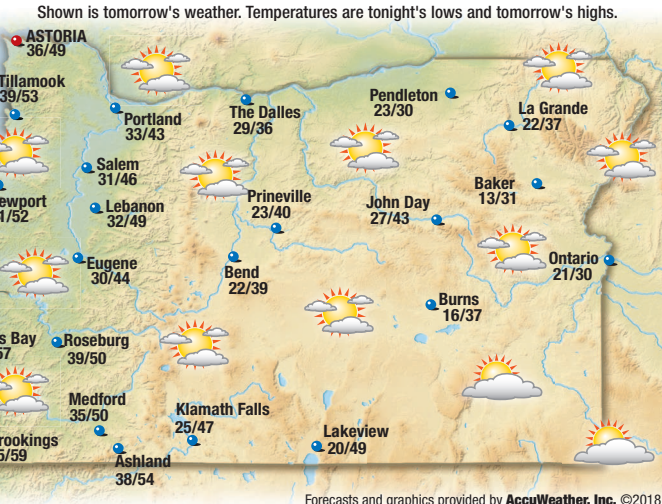
ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.
Temperatures
 High/low 47°/33°
 Normal high/low 49°/37°
 Record high 61° in 1996
 Record low 11° in 1978
Precipitation
 Sunday Trace
 Month to date 7.69"
 Normal month to date 9.89"
 Year to date 84.00"
 Normal year to date 67.26"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:40 p.m.
 Sunrise Tuesday 7:58 a.m.
 Moonrise today 4:46 p.m.
 Moonset today 7:18 a.m.
 Full Jan 1, Last Jan 8, New Jan 16, First Jan 24

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Full 'Wolf' Moon reaches perigee (closest to Earth) at 1:54 p.m., followed by full moon at 6:24 p.m. The first of two full moons in January.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks
 Time High Time Low
 1:38 p.m. 8.6 ft. 7:03 p.m. 2.9 ft.
 12:52 p.m. 10.6 ft. 8:02 a.m. -1.5 ft.

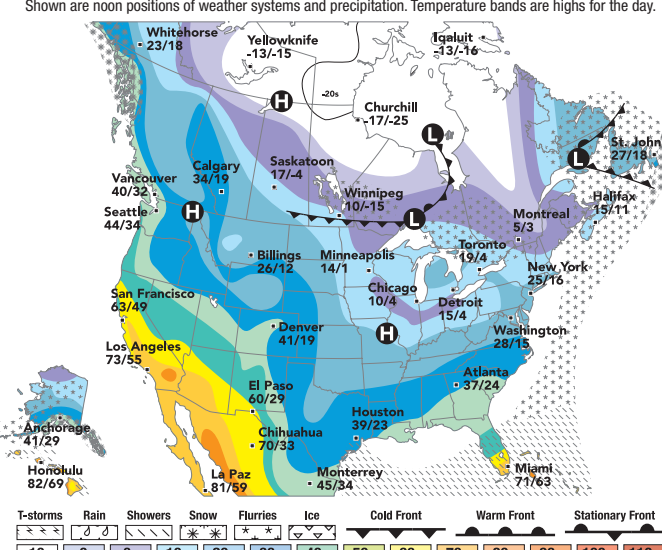
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Allianta	33	18	pc	37	24	s
Boston	13	5	s	18	13	s
Chicago	3	-5	s	10	4	s
Denver	34	10	pc	41	19	s
Des Moines	0	-17	s	13	3	s
Detroit	14	4	pc	15	4	pc
El Paso	52	32	pc	60	29	pc
Fairbanks	6	2	pc	23	8	c
Honolulu	82	69	s	82	69	s
Indianapolis	4	-13	s	11	1	s
Kansas City	7	8	s	21	9	s
Las Vegas	65	45	pc	67	48	pc
Los Angeles	70	51	pc	73	55	c
Memphis	23	8	pc	26	16	pc
Miami	78	62	pc	71	63	r
Nashville	23	4	s	27	12	s
New Orleans	39	25	pc	42	27	pc
New York	18	14	pc	25	16	pc
Oklahoma City	20	9	pc	24	13	pc
Philadelphia	19	11	s	24	14	s
St. Louis	8	-4	s	19	11	s
Salt Lake City	41	23	s	40	24	s
San Francisco	60	48	pc	63	49	pc
Seattle	44	32	pc	44	34	pc
Washington, DC	26	14	s	28	15	s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	33	13	pc	31	21	pc
Bend	44	22	pc	39	25	pc
Brookings	57	46	pc	58	47	pc
Eugene	46	30	pc	44	32	pc
Ilwaco	49	38	pc	49	37	pc
Klamath Falls	49	25	pc	47	28	pc
Medford	52	35	pc	50	37	pc
Newberg	46	33	pc	46	34	pc
Newport	53	41	pc	52	41	pc
North Bend	57	41	pc	56	43	pc
Olympia	44	28	pc	41	28	pc
Pendleton	32	23	pc	30	23	pc
Portland	46	33	pc	43	34	pc
Roseburg	52	39	pc	50	42	pc
Salem	48	31	pc	46	32	pc
Seaside	51	36	pc	50	36	pc
Spokane	24	15	pc	27	19	pc
Springfield	49	32	pc	48	36	pc
Vancouver	45	33	pc	44	33	pc
Yakima	37	25	pc	34	26	pc

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

- TUESDAY**
Community and Senior Center Commission, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.
Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway, Seaside.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
- Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON	WASHINGTON
Sunday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 7-6-0-5 4 p.m.: 9-2-6-8 7 p.m.: 9-0-5-8 10 p.m.: 7-0-5-9	36-41-51-58, Powerball: 24, Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$384 million
Sunday's Lucky Lines: 04-05-12-15-FREE-18-23-28-30 Estimated jackpot: \$40,000	Friday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 5-8-1-3 4 p.m.: 3-7-2-6 7 p.m.: 1-5-5-6 10 p.m.: 9-1-3-5
Saturday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 0-1-9-0 4 p.m.: 0-7-6-6 7 p.m.: 0-4-8-7 10 p.m.: 8-3-8-1	Friday's Lucky Lines: 03-06-09-14-FREE-20-23-25-29 Estimated jackpot: \$38,000
Saturday's Lucky Lines: 01-06-11-14-FREE-19-21-28-31 Estimated jackpot: \$39,000	Friday's Mega Millions: 04-10-18-28-62, Mega Ball: 7, Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$306 million
Saturday's Megabucks: 11-13-15-35-44-47 Estimated jackpot: \$5.9 million	Sunday's Daily Game: 9-5-8 Sunday's Keno: 03-04-05-07-13-26-27-30-31-33-41-52-53-54-59-61-72-73-75-78
Saturday's Powerball: 28-	Friday's Daily Game: 0-7-3 Friday's Keno: 07-12-17-18-22-23-26-29-31-37-50-52-57-60-62-64-67-74-75-79 Friday's Match 4: 01-04-10-13

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