

OBITUARIES

Lorraine Jean Berg

Astoria
June 21, 1929 — May 8, 2019

Lorraine Jean Berg, 89, of Astoria, died Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at her home in Astoria.

She was born June 21, 1929, at Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota, to Oliver and Thelma (Chelgren) Thompson. She grew up in central Wisconsin.

In 1947, she left her hometown for the nursing program at St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota. She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1952, and in 1953 became a registered nurse.

It was at the U of M that she met World War II veteran Roger Allen Berg. He was wingman for his friend on an ice skating double date, and when he saw Lorraine he was immediately smitten. On April 4, 1953, Lorraine and Roger were married in Sedro-Woolley, Washington.

Roger's management career with American Can Co. led them to San Francisco, where they moved into a \$56 per month studio apartment on Russian Hill. Lorraine also worked as a nurse at French Hospital in the Sunset District.

In 1956, they moved again when Roger was transferred to Seattle, Washington. It was in Seattle that the couple started their family. Mother to three boys, Steve, Gary and Greg, Lorraine stayed busy, raising the boys and working part time as a nurse.

In 1972, the family moved again when

Roger was offered a plant manager position in Astoria, Oregon. In Astoria the couple flourished, becoming involved members of the community.

Lorraine first worked at Columbia Memorial Hospital, but then found her niche with the Job Corps at Tongue Point. She was with Job Corps until her retirement, eventually becoming the director of medical services there.

After selling their home, the couple moved into a unit in the Columbia House condominiums and spent time traveling, spending winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Lorraine was an active member of Peace Lutheran Church, was an officer with the American Association of University Women and enjoyed golf with her husband at the Astoria Golf & Country Club. They were both active members of the local Rotary Club.

She will be remembered as a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, nurse, Sunday school teacher and Cub Scout den mother.

She is survived by her sons, Steve Berg and Greg Berg; her sisters, Mary Thompson and Karen Thompson; her five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Berg, and her second son, Gary Berg.



Lorraine Berg

John Edward Steve

Astoria
June 8, 1941 — May 15, 2019



John Edward "Ed" Steve was born on June 8, 1941, in Indiana, Pennsylvania, to John and Elizabeth (Bornak) Steve, and was raised in Clymer, Pennsylvania. At the age of 18, Ed enlisted in the Coast Guard. While on leave in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, he met Virginia, and they were married in 1964.

While in the Coast Guard, Ed and his family made several coast-to-coast moves, and in 1977 he was transferred to the Astoria base. Ed quickly became a part of the community. He was a member of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Ed always knew how to have fun, as evidenced by his membership in the Astoria Clowns.

Ed enjoyed a 21-year career in the Coast Guard and retired as a lieutenant commander in September 1980. He then worked at Point Adams and Englund Marine, and finally as a dispatcher for the Columbia River Bar Pilots. He retired in 2007.

He volunteered in many capacities at both St. Mary, Star of the Sea in Astoria and St. Francis De Sales Mission in Hammond. He also greatly enjoyed volunteering at the Columbia River Maritime Museum, where he worked on the Lightship, helped with the youth school programs, gave tours and was part of the traveling team.



John 'Ed' Steve

Ed could often be found in his garden and enjoying Sunday coffee with friends. He enjoyed traveling internationally and visiting lighthouses on both coasts.

Ed is preceded in death by his parents, John and Elizabeth Steve, of Clymer, Pennsylvania; and his wife, Virginia Steve, of Astoria.

He is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Michelle and John Barnes, of Sherwood, and Amy Steve, of Hillsboro; grandchildren, Katie and Jacob Barnes, of Sherwood; sister and brother-in-law, Andrea and Tom Burns; and girlfriend Helen Honl, of Seaview, Washington.

A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Astoria. A reception follows.

Private interment will take place at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia River Maritime Museum — Yacht Pond Project, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, OR., 97103, or a charity of your choice in care of Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., Astoria, OR., 97103.

Caldwell Luce-Layton Mortuary is overseeing the arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at caldwellsmortuary.com

Janet Eleanor (Olsen) Deeder

Vancouver, Washington
Dec. 9, 1949 — May 10, 2019

Janet Eleanor (Olsen) Deeder passed away May 10, 2019, at the age of 69, in Vancouver, Washington, from autoimmune hepatitis.

She was born in Astoria, Oregon, to Manfred and Lila Olsen. Janet graduated from Astoria High School, then went to Oregon State University and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1974.

On Aug. 7, 1976, Janet married John Deeder in Astoria. John and Janet moved to Gresham, Oregon, in 1980, where Janet enjoyed her life as a mother and housewife for the next 16 years.

In 1996, Janet went to work as a media assistant at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham. In 2007, John and Janet moved to Vancouver, Washington. Janet retired from Barlow in 2016, after 20 years of service.

Janet enjoyed people. She loved the

beach, reading and having lunches with good friends.

Janet is survived by her husband, John; daughter, Jennifer McCormick (Chris), of Portland, Oregon; and son, Jeffrey Deeder (Kristin), of Lake Oswego, Oregon. Janet had one grandchild, Harrison Deeder.

She is also survived by her sister, Nancy Helmersen (David), of Astoria; a brother, Gary Olsen, of Astoria; and a nephew, Brian Helmersen, and a niece, Amy Demander, both of Astoria.

A public memorial service will be held June 1, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver.

Donations can be made to the Sam Barlow Scholarship Fund or the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation in Vancouver.

Earl Robert Rogness

Nehalem
June 10, 1937 — May 8, 2019

Earl Robert Rogness passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, after a short battle with cancer. He was in his home, in his favorite chair, and looking out at his beloved view of the Manzanita coastline.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary B. Rogness; his two daughters, Anne Rogness (Steve Pearson) and Emily Skipper (Gregg Skipper); and his grandson, Alec Skipper.

Earl was born in Eureka, California, the only child of Earl C. Rogness and Emma L. (Humphrey) Rogness. He attended Portland's Capitol Hill Grade School and Lincoln High School, where he played varsity football. He then attended the University of Oregon and Augustana College before graduating from Lewis and Clark College.

Earl had a successful career in the insurance business, his most fulfilling years being self-employed and providing employee benefits to Oregon companies.

Earl was passionate about field trialing with his dogs, fishing and golfing with his friends.

In 1995, following in his parents' footsteps, Earl and Mary retired to Neakhanie, developing many close friendships and a love of the coast and the coastal community.

Earl requested very little fanfare. There will be a memorial gathering on June 29 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion in Cannon Beach, his favorite place to be with his friends.

Memorial contributions can be sent to a charity of your choice.

Please visit hughes-ransom.com to sign the online guest book.



Earl Rogness



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