

OBITUARIES

Margaret Gipson

Astoria

Aug. 10, 1965 — May 20, 2019

Margaret Gipson was born on Aug. 10, 1965 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

At the age of 15 she moved to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Shortly after, she met her lifelong soulmate, Dan Gipson. Within the first year, they had their first child and got married on July 10, 1984. Just two months short of their 35th wedding anniversary, Margaret peacefully passed away with her family at her side.

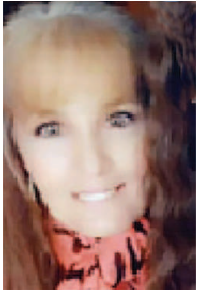
She is survived by her loving daughter, Amanda Gipson, of Astoria; and her son, Dustin Gipson, of Long

Beach, Washington; as well as her beautiful grandchildren, Adan Gipson, Odin Gipson and Aryana Gipson.

Margaret was a strong, determined woman who bravely fought breast cancer for 10 years.

In her spare time, she loved strolls on the beach, shopping with her daughter and summer barbecues with the family at her son's house. She could be defined by the compassion and love she shared with everybody she knew.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Contact Amanda Gipson for additional details.



Margaret Gipson

Jeffrey Robert Adams

Svensen

March 31, 1946 — May 13, 2019

Jeffrey Robert Adams, 73, passed away at his home in Svensen, Oregon, on Monday, May 13, 2019.

Jeff was born March 31, 1946, in Oakland, California, to Robert and Patty Adams, and was the oldest of three boys. He grew up and attended school in Alameda, California. After graduating from Encinal High School, he attended Chabot Junior College in nearby Hayward, where he played two years of football.

After serving in the Army, he began his career as an International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) longshoreman in the Port of San Francisco. He would eventually fall in love with the Oregon Coast and make the move north in 1975. He spent over 40 years working at ports up and down the California, Oregon and Washington state coasts.

An extremely proud

union man, Jeff spent time holding various elected positions in the union, and helped turn the annual ILWU picnic at Cullaby Lake into a community-attended event.

A man of many words, Jeff could often be found holding conversations with anyone who would take the time to listen. He was also an avid "picker," long before reality TV made being a picker cool!

Jeff is preceded in death by his mother, Patty; father, Robert; brother, Bradley; and daughter, Patricia. He is survived by his son, Jeffrey, and his wife, Aimee, of Long Beach, California; daughter, Elisabeth, of Astoria; brother, Greg, of Alameda, California; along with five grandchildren, Lillianna (20), Tallulah (14), William (11), Eliza (11) and Brandon (9).

A local memorial service will be planned in the near future.



Jeffrey Adams

Donald Lee Helligso

Warrenton

Oct. 30, 1930 — May 9, 2019

Donald Lee Helligso, 88, of Warrenton, died May 9, 2019, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Don was born Oct. 30, 1930, in Astoria, to Neva and Gunnar Helligso. After his birth, they lived in a logging camp in Vinemapple, near Jewell, before moving to Jeffers Garden, where they lived through his graduation from Astoria High School in 1948.

He proudly enlisted in the Army on Jan. 3, 1951, and served in Germany with the "Hell on Wheels" 94th AAA AW Gun Battalion.

Don worked for Knappton Towboat Co. for 20 years, and began his commercial fisherman education as a young man with his grandpa, Tom Beck. He fished in Oregon, Washington state and Alaska until he retired.

Don lived and raised his family in Clatsop County. He married Joann Norgaard on June 6, 1953, and they had two children, Kent and Kellyann.

After their divorce, dear friends Jim and Elaine Imlah introduced Don to Cindy, and they married on March 10, 1983. Cindy had children that Don loved as his own, including Mary Freel, Linda Flesey, Alice Wilson and Bob Mullins. Don and Cindy enjoyed spending time with Cindy's brothers and sisters, as well.

After Cindy's death in June 1989, Don married Edith Thorsnes on Nov. 16, 1991, welcoming her children to the family: Paul, John and Ann. Don and Edith traveled extensively, visiting family and enjoy-

ing trips to Alaska and Hawaii, Denmark and Norway, other parts of Europe, New Zealand and Australia, as well as cross-country trips in their RV, and time spent with their family and friends.

Edith survives him. In addition to his wife, Don is survived by his son, Kent Helligso (Colleen); daughter, Kellyann Pinkstaff (Chris); grandchild-

dren, Lesa Benton, Mike Helligso (Shanti Peterson), Emma Williamson (Chris), Kate Paulson (Chris), Emily Pinkstaff (Chris Brady) and Kelsey Halsen (Matthew); 14 great-grandchildren, with another on the way; and his sister, Geraldine Henry.

Also surviving are Don's extended children, Paul (Libby) Thorsnes, John Thorsnes and Ann Thorsnes; and grandchildren, Erik, David, Quinn and Shannon Thorsnes. Nancy Thorsnes had a special place in Don's heart, as well as Andy Carlson, Mary and Raymond Freel, LouAnn Thorsness and Alan Gatchell.

He was preceded in death in 1960 by his brother, Michael John, at the age of 16.

The family would like to thank Erin from Lower Columbia Hospice and Don's many friends who stopped to visit or call Don in the last few months. He appreciated your visits and loved your friendship; we cherish the smiles you brought to his face.

It was Don's wish to not have a funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.



Donald Helligso

Milford 'Steve' Blaine Stevens

Astoria

May 30, 1933 — May 16, 2019

Milford "Steve" Blaine Stevens passed away peacefully on May 16, 2019.

He was born on May 30, 1933, in Edgerton, Minnesota, to parents William Walter and Irene Chena (Kingsbury) Stevens. He was the youngest, and the last surviving member, of his seven siblings.

Milford married Delpha Fern (Veenhuis) Stevens on Dec. 30, 1953. He is survived by his "Beautiful Bride" of 65 years; and three children, Cliff (Debi), Brad (Donna) and Mary; as well as a small army of grandchildren; and a new generation of rapidly growing great-grandchildren.

Milford volunteered for the Army, and served his country

for many years, being honorably discharged in 1962.

He used his GI Bill to obtain a master's degree in mathematics, and spent his early years teaching at high schools and colleges in Minnesota, California, Oregon and Washington state. He ended his educational career in 1995, after spending 26 years as a mathematics professor at Clatsop Community College.

No formal service will be held.

The family asks that in lieu of sending flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Clatsop Community College Foundation, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria, OR., 97103.



Patricia Corinne West

Astoria

March 9, 1926 — May 21, 2019

Patricia Corinne West, 93, of Astoria, Oregon, died Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in Astoria. She was born March 9, 1926, in Beaverton, Oregon.

She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl and Chris; her sons, Rob and Dave; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was greatly involved in the community, includ-

ing the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, Nordic Dancers and Lewis and Clark Civic Theater, and was a Miss Clatsop County pageant chaperone.

She hosted three foreign exchange students from Japan, Sweden and Denmark, and was a Star of the Sea treat lady and a Scandinavian costume seamstress.



Patricia West

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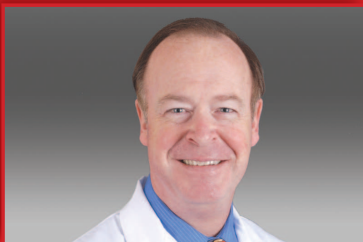
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