

## OBITUARIES

**Kenneth Ray Johnson**

Astoria

Sept. 29, 1943 — May 19, 2019

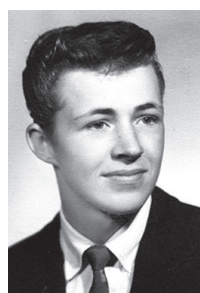
Kenneth Ray Johnson was born Sept. 29, 1943, in Astoria, Oregon, to parents Ed and Thelma Johnson, joining his brother, Charles.

Ken graduated from Seaside High School with the Class of 1961. He then entered the Army and was stationed in Germany.

He married Cindee Emerson, and they had a son, Kenneth Jr. They were married for six years.

Ken married Tamie Holmes, from Elsie, Oregon. They were married 31 years, and they had two sons, Kasey and Troy.

Ken was a log truck owner-operator, and was well-known for his promptness and



Kenneth Johnson

sense of humor. Ken enjoyed his motorcycle, motor home, water skiing with his boat and old cars.

He was a hard worker, but did retire in 2005, moving to Nevada. He enjoyed the rest of his life with his dear companion, Virginia Stich, and her son, Ralph. They traveled and enjoyed a home in Nevada.

Ken is survived by his three sons, Kenneth Jr., Kasey and Troy, and his grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Chuck, and his sister-in-law, Ruth; his niece, Gayle Johnson; and his dear companion, Virginia.

**Patricia 'Pat' Eileen Thomas Anthony**

Creswell

Sept. 14, 1947 — Feb. 17, 2019

We remember in a thousand different ways. In the morning, afternoon and into the night. A song on the radio, a smell in the air, vibrant colorful clothing or a place we often go. Time changes nothing, the memories will always bring a smile to our faces, even the times when tears must also fall.

Patricia "Pat" Eileen Thomas Anthony graduated to a higher plane the morning of Feb. 17, 2019, at home in Creswell, Oregon, surrounded by the love of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved Nancy Ann Bingaman; parents, Beatrice and George Thomas; and brother, Lew Thomas.

She is survived by her sister, Kathleen Ann Thomas Borges; her brother, Brother Daniel (Michael) Thomas, Order of Preachers; and many nieces and nephews.

Pat touched the lives of so many people here in Clatsop County, and among the communities she lived over the years. Her smile and laugh was infectious, her heart truly as big as the ocean.

Pat loved life, and she embraced it with great enthusiasm and energy! She loved being spontaneous for adventure and exploring, no matter what time of day or night! She



Patricia Anthony

was passionate about life, and all the experiences within it. Oh, the stories she could tell.

She had a special love for the Seattle Seahawks, traveling, movies, celebrity lives, reading, earrings, flags, yard ornaments and hanging out by the fire under a star-filled sky! She lived an incredible, joyous, happy and fun-filled life. She will be truly missed.

Pat's greatest love was for family and friends. Her life was touched deeply by all those whose life she also deeply touched. Unconditional love is where she came from, and is now where she has returned.

There is no greater grief like the grief we endure when someone we love dearly passes; the loss is truly unmeasurable, and so is the love that is left behind. For everyone who loved her, she forever remains a part of each of us.

A celebration of life for Pat Anthony will be held June 29, 2019, between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Astoria, Oregon. Please come and share your memories and stories, in honor of our beloved sister and friend.

With brave wings, she flies. All the love my heart can hold.

**Lynn Maree (Green) Van Bladeren**

St. Joseph, Michigan

Nov. 6, 1955 — May 21, 2019

Lynn Maree (Green) Van Bladeren, 63, of St. Joseph, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

A celebration of life service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Chris Spitters officiating. Friends visited the family from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations in Lynn's name may be made to PEO, a women's educational organization near and dear to her heart, at [bit.ly/PEOdonate](http://bit.ly/PEOdonate) (Chapter DG).

Those wishing to sign Lynn's Memory Book online may do so at [starks-menchinger.com](http://starks-menchinger.com)

Lynn grew up near the Oregon Coast in Knappa, Oregon. She graduated from Knappa High School and Oregon State University with a bachelor's degree in home economics education.

On Jan. 26, 1985, she married Gary Van Bladeren, and they established a home in Portland, Oregon. They soon welcomed two children, Christopher and Lisa. In 1988, the family relocated to Longview, Washington, and later, in 1993, to southwest Michigan.

Lynn seamlessly adapted to the new life and frigid climate of Michigan, joining the



Lynn (Green) Van Bladeren

Twin Cities Area Newcomers Club. She was awarded the Newcomer of the Year Award for 1995-1996. She took immense pride in being present in her children's lives, never missing a beat.

In 1999, Lynn returned to the workforce, first as a substitute teacher and then as an executive assistant at JohnsonRauhoff. She retired in 2016 to focus on her health and passions; knitting, sewing and spending time with her

loved ones.

Lynn was very active in the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) sisterhood, and in 2006 was very proud to co-chair the Michigan State Convention.

Lynn was a devoted wife, present mom, loyal friend and boasting nana. She is greatly missed.

Lynn is survived by her husband of 34 years, Gary; her children, Christopher Van Bladeren, of South Bend, Indiana, and Lisa (Steve Koich) Van Bladeren, of St. Joseph; two grandchildren, Caleb and Daphne Van Bladeren; her mother, Claire Green, of Knappa, Oregon; two sisters, Teri (Jerry) Arguello, of Klamath Falls, Oregon and Tami (Ben) Gardner, of Gresham, Oregon; her brother, Scott Green, of Knappa, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Irene Harrowitz**

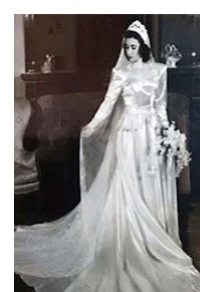
Seaside

June 11, 1924 — May 3, 2019

Our beloved mother, Irene Harrowitz, passed away suddenly and peacefully on May 3, 2019.

Born Irene Subotnick in Portland, she received her bachelor's degree at the University of Washington, married Irwin Harrowitz, and then settled in Portland. A few years ago, she happily made her in-laws' home in Seaside her permanent residence.

She made many friends in the world of her favorite game, bridge. She was vibrant, witty and outgoing all of her life, up until her last moments on this earth.



Irene Harrowitz

She leaves behind her daughters, Sharon Crapko, of Seaside, and Nancy Harrowitz, of Boston; a son-in-law, August Waters, of Boston; grandchildren, Barb Close, of Los Angeles, and Hannah and Joseph Haller, of Boston; as well as many cousins in Portland.

She was preceded in death by Irwin Harrowitz (1919-2002); and by her son, Michael Harrowitz (1951-1986).

One of a kind, her humor and her zest for life will not soon be forgotten. May her memory be for a blessing.

**Emily Nelson**

Sunset Beach

March 5, 1936 — May 20, 2019

Emily Nelson passed peacefully, with her family at her side, due to complications after a craniotomy.

Beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and grandmother, she will be greatly missed by her four daughters and their families: Lisa (Si) Newland and their children, Geo and Spencer; Jana (John) Robertson and their children, Mitchell, Isabelle and Will; Kristina (Carl) Perkins and their children, Emily and Lily; and Britta Nelson (Emeric Hagens). She will also be missed by her extremely wide fan base of friends that spanned the globe.

Please join us to celebrate Emily's life on



Emily Nelson

Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m., at the Eastmoreland Golf Course, 2425 S.E. Bybee Boulevard in Portland, Oregon.

On Aug. 17, we'll host a celebration of life at her beloved Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton, Oregon. Please go to [emilynelsonhome.wordpress.com](http://emilynelsonhome.wordpress.com) for more details, or to share your memories of Emily.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the groups she volunteered with: Camp Kiwanilong ([campkiwanilong.org/campkiwanilong\\_donate.html](http://campkiwanilong.org/campkiwanilong_donate.html)) or Friends of the Seaside Library ([seaside-library.org/friends-seaside-library](http://seaside-library.org/friends-seaside-library)).

**Melissa Nicole Hancey**

Astoria

Aug. 23, 1981 — May 23, 2019

Melissa Nicole Hancey, age 37, of Astoria, passed away on May 23, 2019, in Portland, Oregon, following a brief illness.

She was born Aug. 23, 1981, in Salem, Oregon, to Brian and Annette Birkholz Hancey. Melissa grew up in the Astoria and Seaside area, and enjoyed spending time at the beach. Her animals held a special place in her heart. She attended school in Warrenton and Jewel.

She loved her family and always looked



Melissa Hancey

forward to special get-togethers. She was a long-term employee at Fred Meyer in Warrenton, and felt a special attachment to her co-workers.

Melissa is survived by her parents; her stepmother, Brenda Morgan Hancey; grandmother, Nellie Morgan; and half-siblings, Samantha Jo Holliday (Layne), David Orlo Hancey (Jessie Kimminau) and Benjamin Kelley.

A private family memorial will be held.

**Trade war: 'This is real jobs and real impact'**

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In his summary of the proposed 2019-20 budget, Jim Knight, the Port's executive director, said the agency will cut employment by the equivalent of three positions.

"This decrease will necessitate a reorganization of our staff to account for reduced revenues," Knight said at a recent budget hearing. "Existing staff will be wearing multiple hats to maintain quality customer service for our tenants and customers."

Connaway called on Port staff to make a formal complaint to the federal government about the impact of the trade war.

"This is real jobs and real impact," he said.

Astoria Forest Products recently struck a deal with Southport Lumber Co. in North Bend to ship logs on barges to the Port of Coos Bay for milling. But the business represents a fraction of the revenue from Chinese exports.

"There is good work happening behind the scenes with Astoria Forest Products in seeking new partnerships," Knight said. "If it's successful, that will have an impact, but it isn't something we should count on at this point."

It's the company's intent to find ways to increase log exports from Astoria, Knight said. But one of the ideas for making more money appears to be getting out of the local



Colin Murphy/The Astorian

An attendant booth at the Astoria Forest Products facility at Pier 3 of the Port of Astoria sits empty amid a decline in production.

log business.

Niedermeyer confirmed that the company's leadership has been looking — even before the trade war — to sell Astoria Forest Products.

"They want to invest their

money elsewhere, where they think they can get a better return," he said.

Astoria Forest Products was formed in 2014 under Murphy Overseas USA, a company owned by the fam-

ily of Dennis Murphy, a former shareholder in Eugene-based timber giant Murphy Co. The company stepped in to resolve the legal problems of Westerlund Log Handlers, a smaller company

that returned log exports to the Port in 2010 but became embroiled in a lawsuit with its Chinese customers.

Westerlund and Murphy later became involved in their own lawsuit over the transi-

tion before settling last year.

Astoria Forest Products received an award last year from Clatsop Economic Development Resources for its economic impact on the region.