

OBITUARIES

Rev. Lance Peeler

Astoria

Aug. 8, 1969 – May 15, 2019

The Rev. Lance Peeler, 49, of Astoria, passed away May 15, 2019, surrounded by loving family, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born to Vern and Patsy Peeler of Roseburg, Oregon, on Aug. 8, 1969. Lance grew up in Roseburg, attending Melrose Elementary School, where he always looked forward to the traditional spring marble games, Freemont Junior High School, and then graduated from Roseburg High School in June 1987.

He loved music, playing saxophone for the Roseburg Marching Band, as well as the school concert and jazz ensembles. He also played with several of his best friends, creating the LTD Blues band.

Following high school, Lance was accepted to Willamette University in Salem, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree, with honors, in his psychology program.

Lance had strong English and Irish ancestry rooted in the Anglican faith. His fourth great-grandfather was an Anglican priest, and generations to follow who immigrated to the U.S. were dedicated Episcopalians. Lance's home parish was St. George's in Roseburg, where he was baptized as an infant, attended Sunday school, was an acolyte, confirmed as a teenager and was an enthusiastic participant in the youth group through his high school years.

Over the course of several years, he was

both an attendee and camp counselor at Triangle Lake Summer Camp. Following his graduation from Willamette University, he began working in the Episcopal Church at St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukie as a youth leader, which is also where he met his wife, Stacie.

Lance later attended the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, where he received his master's degree in divinity. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 4, 2009, at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis, where he served as the assistant rector, as well as chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital. Lance served as the rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Astoria for the last six years.

Lance is survived by his wife, Stacie, and their children, Grace and Jacob, of Astoria. He also leaves his mother, Patsy Peeler; and sister, Pamela VanOrman, of Roseburg; as well as several loving aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Vern Peeler.

A celebration of life will be held on June 15 at 2 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., in Astoria. Donations in Lance's memory can be made to a memorial fund set up by the church in his name. Please indicate "Lance Peeler Memorial Fund" on any donations.

"I believe in Christ like I believe in the sun — not because I can see it, but by it I can see everything else." — C.S. Lewis



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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 (Chapter DG).

Those wishing to sign Lynn's Memory Book online may do so at starksmenchinger.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 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.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Green.



Lynn Maree (Green) Van Bladeren

Thomas Ivan Posey

Gresham

Dec. 8, 1956 — June 6, 2019

Thomas "Tom" "Tommy" Ivan Posey, formerly of Svensen, Oregon, passed away unexpectedly at age 62 on June 6, 2019, in Gresham, Oregon.

Thomas was born on Dec. 8, 1956, in Astoria, Oregon, to Joanne Posey and Lester Posey. He graduated from Knappa High School in 1975. He was a custodian at Portland Public Schools until retiring in 2019.

Thomas was the beloved husband of Anona Posey. He is survived by his son, Tylar VanOrtwick; daughters, Erin Irwin (John) and Alia Posey (Mike Stohr); brothers, Mike Posey and Ross Posey; sisters, Sharon Rabie and Kay Walker; grandchildren, Holly and Graham; loving dog companions, Hannah and Milo; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Thomas loved looking up local history, the Rose Festival medallion hunt, puzzles, camping, planning gifts and adventures for the grandkids, scoping out his next white elephant gift and telling corny jokes.

Thomas was friendly, nostalgic and could talk to anybody, which in recent years led him to reconnect with many dear friends and classmates from the past.

Those who wish may donate in Thomas' name to GoFundMe Tom Posey, the American Diabetes Association, or Donate Life America.

Friends and family members may attend the memorial service, officiated by Pastor Shawn Leonard, on Saturday, June 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old U.S. Highway 30, Astoria.



Thomas Posey

Stern words from Iran: US cannot 'expect to stay safe'

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's foreign minister warned the U.S. on Monday that it "cannot expect to stay safe" after launching what he described as an economic war against Tehran, taking a hard-line stance amid a visit by Germany's top diplomat seeking to defuse tensions.

A stern-faced Mohammad Javad Zarif offered a series of threats over the ongoing tensions gripping the Persian Gulf. The crisis takes root in

President Donald Trump's decision over a year ago to withdraw America from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Trump also reinstated tough sanctions on Iran, targeting its oil sector.

"Mr. Trump himself has announced that the U.S. has launched an economic war against Iran," Zarif said. "The only solution for reducing tensions in this region is stopping that economic war."

Zarif also warned: "Whoever starts a war with us will not be the one who finishes it."

Zarif's ramped up rhetoric marked a sharp departure for the U.S.-educated diplomat and signals that Iran is taking a harder line toward the West. His public threats, which came during a joint news conference with German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, were striking because Zarif was the one who helped secure the nuclear deal, alongside President Hassan Rouhani. However, he does not make the decision on whether to go to war. That is left to the supreme leader.

Alzheimer's disease and Dementia ARE YOU AT RISK?

According to a new study by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Institute on Aging, men and women with hearing loss are much more likely to develop Dementia and Alzheimer's disease. People with severe hearing loss, the study reports, were 5 times more likely to develop Dementia than those with normal hearing.

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