

OBITUARIES

Stephen Allen Roberts

Astoria

May 25, 1949 — July 15, 2019



Stephen Allen Roberts died of pancreatic cancer on July 15, 2019, at 12:54 a.m. He was surrounded by family, friends and Barb, his wife of 39 years.

Steve was born on May 25, 1949, in Portland, Oregon, to his parents, Howard W. Roberts II and Louise Moore Roberts. Steve and his brothers, Howard III (who preceded him in death) and Dan, and his sister, Nita, were raised and schooled in Independence, Oregon, where they were blessed with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Steve served in the Army, and was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. Shortly after retiring from active duty, Steve reconnected with the love of his life, Barb Connelly, and they were married on Aug. 15, 1981.

They began married life together in British Columbia, Canada, where they gleefully lived in a log cabin with no running water or electricity, but to them life was perfect.

Upon returning to Oregon, Steve was hired by the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration. He served as a senior compliance officer in Clatsop County. Steve was a very dedicated employee for 20 years, until he had to retire due to Crohn's disease complications.

During his employment, Steve took the health and safety of employees as his personal responsibility, and was committed to ensuring companies sent their employees home safe and sound.

Receiving the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer in April, Steve chose not to undergo chemotherapy. Instead, he decided to be

thankful for the time he had left and the life he had lived, especially the 39 years he shared with Barb.

In his final months, Steve enjoyed reminiscing with family and friends about his many years of community contributions, including, but not limited to, foster parenting for 5 1/2 years; Boy Scouts of America Webelos mentors and Camp Pioneer program director; volunteer firefighter; 2008 Astoria Regatta president; creator of Moose Lodge holiday decorations and lodge volunteer; and Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival and chamber ambassador volunteer.

One of Steve's favorite projects was assisting Barb on the annual Christmas Wishing Tree program. Over the years this program provided gifts to more than 35,000 children, who would have otherwise gone without on Christmas.

Steve will always be remembered for his fondness of Louis L'Amour books, hunting for deer and mushrooms and his many dogs who gave him loyal companionship over the years. He is now at home with the Lord, and is survived by his wife, Barb, and his dog "Zeebers."

A remembrance celebration of life will be held for Steve on Aug. 17, 2019, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Astoria Moose Lodge 408/422. All are welcome to attend, share stories of Steve and spend time with Barb before she moves to Independence, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in the name of Barb Roberts to assist her as she begins a new chapter in life.



Stephen Roberts

Cedric George Simpson

Astoria

Jan. 27, 1940 — July 7, 2019



Cedric George Simpson was born Jan. 27, 1940, in Riverdale, California, and passed away July 7, 2019, in Astoria, Oregon.

He was the youngest of Myrtle and William Simpson's six children, and was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings Earl, Robert, Barbara and Louise, and is survived by his brother, William Simpson.

His childhood was spent in California, outside of Los Angeles, and from an early age he worked on the surrounding farms and attended school. As a teen, his passion for anything mechanical and having to do with cars, trucks, motorcycles, engines, motors and tools became obvious, and the faster the better.

He began as a teen frequenting junk yards and building vehicles and selling them for profit, not only as a means to earn much-needed money, but also as a way for his passion for anything mechanical to grow. In his own words, "I had more cars and trucks as a young teen than most people have in a lifetime."

At age 16, he already had a vision of what he wanted for his future, and the foresight of what he needed to do to make that vision come to life. Without a word to anyone, he dropped out of school, and took himself to the recruiting office, and signed up and joined the Navy, where he knew he would receive the education, training and experience as the first step toward his life vision.

During that era you were allowed to join the Navy at 17, and serve three years; in true George fashion, somehow he made that happen at 16.

He met Jessie — his late wife of 55 years — during that period while in port in Astoria, Oregon. They initially made their home in Astoria, living in a tiny rental house, and George worked as a mechanic after his service in the Navy was completed.

He had successfully met the first part of his life vision, working as a mechanic, and continued to achieve the next life goals. Now with two children and a growing family, he again, without a word to even his wife, Jessie, purchased a house in the country with plenty of acres for raising their family. Even though he

continued to work as a mechanic off and on to supplement their income, he began to work as a millwright at Crown Zellerbach, and did so until his retirement.

They went on to have five children. He was preceded in death by Michele Louise Ann Simpson Drake (Warren); and is survived by Michael (Carla), Daniel, Nancy and Mark (Heather); 15 grandchildren, Christopher, Cassie, Ty, Erich, Brittny, Jesse, Jake, Justin, Olivia, Shamus, Isaiah, Emily, Alexa, Jasmine and Lily; and three great-grandchildren, Adelyn, James and Rosie. One grandchild, Krista, preceded him in death.

Actions speak louder than words is the epitome of George's (Papa George) life. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke, you listened. He was a man who demanded respect, and had no tolerance for anything other than that.

There was never a time you wouldn't find George with tools in hand, body half-buried under the hood of some car or truck, or with only his feet sticking out from underneath some vehicle. If he wasn't at work he could be found in a short-sleeve shirt, in true Navy fashion, with the sleeves rolled up, and holding his perpetual cup of black coffee, smoking a cigarette, and working on someone's vehicle, or building motorcycles while listening to Johnny Cash and Willy Nelson.

His work ethic was unsurpassable; he didn't talk about his dreams and goals, he was a visionary who made them happen with that mustache smirk on his face, and mischievous twinkle in his eye, with always the goal of providing for his family.

His battles against five different cancers attest to the amazing strength of this quiet man, and exemplifies that Simpson stubbornness and determination that each of us has inherited in one form or another. You are missed, Dad.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:4

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.



Cedric George Simpson

Edward B. Angus

Astoria

Sept. 2, 1935 — July 7, 2019

Edward B. Angus passed away peacefully at his home in Astoria, Oregon, on July 7, 2019.

Ed (aka "Rabbit") was born in Beatrice, Nebraska, on Sept. 2, 1935 and was raised in Bly and Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Ed is preceded in death by his wife of 25 years, Betty Gordon-Angus. He is also preceded in death by his mother, Lilah Angus; his father, Ben Angus; his sisters, Betty and Sally; his brothers, LeClaire and Benny; his niece, Cindy; and his nephew, Barry.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Sharm; grandsons, Zachary and Nathan; longtime friend, Ardith Bowman; and step-daughter, Kathy. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces

and nephews, along with his beloved dogs, "Socks" and "Olive."

Special thanks go out to AJ and Kayleigh, who lovingly cared for him and Betty for the last several years.

Also many thanks to the people who stepped in these last months to help and care for him. And to the good friends who visited often just for a cup of coffee and talk about the "good old days."

There will be an informal gathering of family and friends on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. at the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 50 Hiring Hall located at 491 Industry St., Astoria.

Come and share your favorite memories and "Rabbit" tales of Ed's many escapades.



Edward B. Angus

Co+op: 'That money keeps circling around'

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difficulty obtaining help from banks and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Retzlaff said. She has seen a growth in state support for small farms, exemplified by Oregon State University's Center for Small Farms & Community Food Systems. She and Jared Gardner are planning a local chapter of the support group National Young Farmers Coalition.

"It's hard, because smaller farms, your cost of production is higher," Retzlaff said. "Usually your cost of land is higher, especially if you're starting from scratch."

But smaller, local farms provide fresher food and



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Teresa Retzlaff, co-owner of 46 North Farm, recently finished paying back a \$1,500 loan she received from the Astoria Co+op in April with plant starts, produce and floral arrangements.

a closer connection with customers, she said, while investing locally. "That

money keeps circling around and getting reinvested," she said.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
70 54	71 58	69 57	69 55	70 55	71 56	71 56
Clouds yielding to sun	Nice with some sun	Clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Partly sunny

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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 76/51
 Normal high/low 68/54
 Record high 86 in 1899
 Record low 43 in 1930

Precipitation

Thursday 0.00"
 Month to date 1.53"
 Normal month to date 0.89"
 Year to date 24.40"
 Normal year to date 36.80"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Before sunrise on Saturday, waning crescent moon near Hyades cluster of Taurus.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:51 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 8:52 p.m.
 Moonrise today 1:44 a.m.
 Moonset today 4:48 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	July 31	Aug 7	Aug 15	Aug 23

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	10:34 a.m.	5.2	4:20 a.m.	0.7
	9:47 p.m.	7.7	3:45 p.m.	2.8
Cape Disappointment	10:09 a.m.	4.8	3:34 a.m.	0.6
	9:34 p.m.	7.4	2:59 p.m.	2.8
Hammond	10:23 a.m.	5.3	3:54 a.m.	0.7
	9:44 p.m.	7.9	3:22 p.m.	2.9
Warrenton	10:29 a.m.	5.6	4:04 a.m.	0.8
	9:42 p.m.	8.1	3:29 p.m.	2.9
Knappa	11:11 a.m.	5.6	5:21 a.m.	0.6
	10:24 p.m.	7.9	4:46 p.m.	2.4
Depoe Bay	9:30 a.m.	5.2	3:06 a.m.	0.8
	8:45 p.m.	7.8	2:23 p.m.	3.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Atlanta	88/70/s	88/70/pc
Boston	82/68/s	88/73/s
Chicago	88/72/pc	90/70/pc
Dallas	93/75/s	95/78/s
Denver	89/63/t	89/59/pc
Honolulu	90/76/pc	89/78/pc
Houston	91/74/t	92/76/pc
Los Angeles	88/67/s	86/66/s
Miami	91/79/t	91/79/t
New York City	86/72/s	89/74/s
Phoenix	111/89/pc	110/88/pc
San Francisco	79/58/s	76/57/s
Wash., DC	90/72/s	92/73/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Sun.	City	Today	Sun.
Seattle	76/58		Wenatchee	83/58	
Tacoma	78/53		Moses Lake	89/55	
Aberdeen	71/54		Yakima	87/52	
Olympia	77/53		Kennewick	93/56	
Longview	76/55		Walla Walla	88/59	
Astoria	70/54		Lewiston	91/61	
Portland	81/58		Enterprise	82/49	
The Dalles	84/58		Pendleton	88/56	
Salem	82/55		La Grande	85/52	
Corvallis	82/54		John Day	89/54	
Eugene	86/53		Burns	89/47	
Bend	86/49		Ontario	97/62	
Medford	95/62		Caldwell	95/60	
Klamath Falls	88/48				

City	Today	Sun.	City	Today	Sun.
Baker City	88/50/s	88/52/s	North Bend	71/56/pc	69/58/s
Brookings	72/54/pc	71/55/s	Roseburg	89/59/pc	89/57/s
Ilwaco	68/56/pc	68/59/pc	Seaside	70/55/pc	70/58/s
Newberg	80/53/pc	84/54/s	Springfield	86/54/pc	86/53/s
Newport	67/53/pc	66/55/pc	Vancouver	79/55/pc	83/55/s