

OBITUARIES

**Philip Kearney**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Sept. 23, 1932 — Sept. 28, 2019



Philip Kearney, professor emeritus at the University of Michigan, passed away peacefully on Sept. 28 in Ann Arbor, five days after his 87th birthday, following a nine-month battle with cancer.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Vincent and Sylvia Kearney, and his brother, Richard Kearney.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Julia Kearney; his daughter, Susan Kearney Seeberg (Daniel), of Northfield, Illinois; his two granddaughters, Katherine Kearney Seeberg and Jennifer Simmons Seeberg, of Chicago, Illinois; and his grandson, John Kearney Seeberg, of Chicago, Illinois. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews, who meant the world to him.

Phil was born on Sept. 23, 1932, in Astoria, Oregon, and attended St. Mary, Star of the Sea School through graduation.

He met his beautiful bride, Julie, in Astoria in the early 1950s. Six decades of marriage took them from Vancouver, Washington, to Chicago, to Shaker Heights, Ohio, to Okemos, Michigan, to Washington, D.C., and then finally, to Ann Arbor.

Though a proud resident of the Midwest for many years, Phil still loved his hometown of Astoria, where he visited annually to spend time with his friends and family.

Phil loved sports, baseball especially, excelling as a third baseman throughout his teen years. A faithful Michigan fan most days, his heart forever belonged to the University of Notre Dame and the Lady on the Dome.

A professor in the School of Education at the University of Michigan from 1980 through 1998, Phil also served as director of the Bureau of Accreditation and School Improvement Studies and associate dean of the school.

In late 1995, on sabbatical from the University of Michigan, Phil joined the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards as senior program director. His quest for an education system that met the needs of all, including those communities most disadvantaged, never wavered.

Phil's work in school finance was always grounded in the core principles of fairness and justice, as well as in economy. The poorest school districts found their advocate in Phil Kearney.

His graduate students and colleagues continue to regard him with a combination of deep respect, admiration and affection for his mentorship of their careers, and for

his genuine goodness as a man.

Prior to coming to the University of Michigan in 1980, Phil served as deputy director of the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C. From 1968 to 1977, he was with the state of Michigan as an associate superintendent of public instruction. In the early part of his career, Phil was a high school Latin teacher, a guidance counselor and administrator in the states of Washington and Ohio.

He was past president of the American Education Finance Association, and served as one of seven public members of the U.S. Department of Education's National Advisory Council on Education Services, and was a presiding officer of that body.

Phil was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving as an infantry officer from 1954-1958, and later as a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve. He held bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Portland, and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Phil was a member of the greatest generation, the consummate gentleman whose kindness and calm helped folks weather many a storm. He was a voracious reader of history, theology, science, biography and good spy thrillers. He reread the Aeneid — in Latin — as a yearly ritual, and kept a daily journal filled with meditations both spiritual and practical.

Phil was a thoughtful listener, genuinely interested in people's personal stories. He loved good conversation and, most of all, the company of good friends. Phil looked for, and found, the best in everyone he came to know.

Phil was a wonderful husband and father. Most summer Sundays found him at the family cottage on Silver Lake, pulling countless kids behind the ski boat. Phil loved a cold beer, a walk with his dog, any day in Astoria, a Notre Dame win and any time spent with his family.

His proudest role was that of grandpa. Katie, Jenny and Jack were the apples of his eye, and his love for them knew no bounds. He will be missed ... of that there is no doubt.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m., followed by the Mass of the Resurrection at 11 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Special Olympics of Michigan, Area 20, Washtenaw County, or bit.ly/SOofMich



Philip Kearney

**Margaret Elaine (Shannon) Koljonen**  
Westport  
Nov. 11, 1947 — Aug. 8, 2019

Margaret Elaine (Shannon) Koljonen was born Nov. 11, 1947, in Lebanon, Oregon, to Arne Vincent Shannon and Geraldine Margaret Cobler Shannon. Her father was the first superintendent of the Gnat Creek Fish Hatchery, which was built near Knappa, Oregon, in 1960.

She passed away at home in Westport, Oregon, on Aug. 8, 2019.

George Koljonen graduated from Knappa High School in 1964, and then joined the U.S. Marine Corps. Margaret, who graduated from Knappa in 1965, married him on July 8, 1967, in Knappa.

They moved to California for 14 months, where George completed his military commitment to the Marine Corps, after having served in Vietnam for 13 months. In 1971, they moved to Westport. They were married for 52 years.

She initially worked as a secretary in the office at the then Crown Zellerbach paper mill, at Wauna, Oregon ... until she woke up one morning, sat up in bed and announced, "I'm going to be a nurse!"

She got up, got dressed and went in to Clatsop Community College in Astoria, where she signed up for the necessary

classes for two years, and followed that with two years at Lower Columbia College Nursing School and a critical care registered nurse degree.

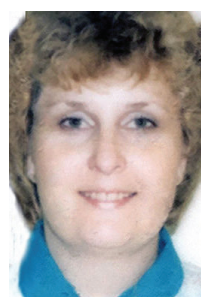
She worked in the intensive care unit at Monticello and St. John's hospitals in Longview, Washington, for 13 years, until she was forced to retire by advancing multiple sclerosis.

Margaret is survived by her husband, George; her son, Tim; daughter, Katy; two granddaughters, Kara and Natasha; two great-grandsons, twins Alden and Carter; one great-granddaughter, Allie; and two sisters, Barbara Shannon Fredericks, of Bothell, Washington, and Carol Shannon Reeves, of Westport, Oregon.

She is also survived by her caregiver of 11 years, Louisa Escobar, who considered Margaret and George to be her "Mom and Pops;" and Louisa's daughter, Maria Magdalena, who has known Margaret as "Grandma" since she was born.

The celebration of life will begin at 2 p.m., Oct. 19, 2019, followed by a potluck, at the Union Hall, 91237 Old Mill Town Road in Westport.

If you wish, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Margaret Koljonen

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Judge sets deadlines for Oregon to redo river temperature guidelines

By JES BURNS  
Oregon Public Broadcasting

A U.S. District Court says Oregon must develop new plans to keep the state's rivers from getting too warm for fish.

A ruling Friday set a series of deadlines that cover more than a dozen rivers, including the Willamette, Umpqua, Rogue, John Day, Columbia and Snake.

Federal law requires Oregon to have plans in place to ensure that the state's rivers don't get too warm. These plans are referred to as total maximum daily loads under the federal Clean Water Act. Oregon's current standards for temperature are permissive enough to kill salmon and steelhead, which rely on cold water to survive.

Nina Bell is executive director of Northwest

Environmental Advocates, a plaintiff in the case. She said this ruling is a victory, but the real test comes after the plans are in place.

"It still leaves it in the lap of Oregon agencies and elected officials as to whether they're going to use these plans to address Oregon's largest sources of water temperature in our streams and rivers and that is the logging, farming and taking water out of the streams," she said.

**Steven Jay Corder**  
Astoria

Nov. 1, 1950 — Sept. 29, 2019

Steven "Steve" Corder, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on Sept. 29 in Vancouver, Washington.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Edith (Bedortha) Corder.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Karen (Potts) Corder; his son, Josh Corder (Tina); his daughters, Christal Kumpula (Paul), Adrienne Hunter (Matt) and Heidi Brim (Jason); his eight grandchildren, Steven Maize, Nathan Maize, Patrick Maize, Ariel Maize, Mack Hunter, Kelsey Hunter, Jaxson Brim and Bronson Brim; and his great-grandson, Roman Ulbricht.

He also leaves behind his beloved brother, Ed Corder, and nephew, Brian Corder, who both meant the world to him.

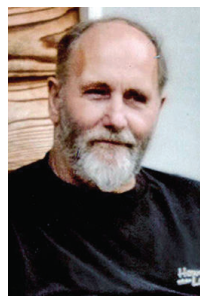
Steve was born on Nov. 1, 1950, in Asto-

ria, Oregon. A lifetime resident of Clatsop County, he attended Warrenton Grade School and Knappa High School.

He was a retired career longshoreman of 40-plus years. He met his wife, Karen, while longshoring in Coos Bay, Oregon, in the late 1980s. He and his wife made their home on his family's property in Knappa, Oregon.

Steve had a love for tinkering and helping others. If you needed something fixed, there was no task too large. He also had a love for old cars, and spending time on his tractor. In retirement, if you needed to get in contact with him, chances are you could find him on his tractor, keeping his 13-acre home manicured.

Please join the family for a celebration of life potluck at the Masonic Lodge, 1572 Franklin Ave. in Astoria, at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26.



Steven Corder

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
55 37 A couple of showers	58 36 Plenty of sunshine	60 40 Sunny	62 44 Mostly sunny	60 45 Showers possible	58 45 Showers possible	57 44 Rain

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Astoria through Sunday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 66/46  
Normal high/low ..... 64/46  
Record high ..... 85 in 1987  
Record low ..... 34 in 1949

**Precipitation**

Sunday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.58"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.73"  
Year to date ..... 32.37"  
Normal year to date ..... 40.97"

UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** Fomalhaut, the brightest star of Piscis Austrinus, the southern fish,

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today ..... 7:23 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 6:43 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 5:04 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 1:55 a.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	10:56 a.m.	6.6	4:31 a.m.	0.6
	10:26 p.m.	6.5	4:42 p.m.	2.7
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>	10:53 a.m.	6.1	3:55 a.m.	0.6
	10:14 p.m.	6.2	4:22 p.m.	2.7
<b>Hammond</b>	11:33 a.m.	6.5	4:03 a.m.	0.6
	10:19 p.m.	6.7	4:31 p.m.	2.8
<b>Warrenton</b>	10:51 a.m.	6.9	4:15 a.m.	0.7
	10:21 p.m.	6.9	4:26 p.m.	2.8
<b>Knappa</b>	11:33 a.m.	6.8	5:32 a.m.	0.5
	11:03 p.m.	6.8	5:43 p.m.	2.3
<b>Depoe Bay</b>	10:09 a.m.	6.8	3:20 a.m.	1.0
	9:30 p.m.	6.9	3:49 p.m.	3.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	84/61/t	82/64/pc
Boston	68/53/pc	61/54/c
Chicago	66/49/s	69/56/s
Dallas	80/58/s	87/72/s
Denver	80/47/s	77/22/pc
Honolulu	85/73/pc	87/76/pc
Houston	82/62/s	87/72/pc
Los Angeles	83/61/s	75/59/s
Miami	84/77/t	87/76/t
New York City	67/54/sh	62/52/r
Phoenix	98/67/s	94/67/s
San Francisco	73/52/s	70/55/s
Wash., DC	67/59/r	68/56/sh

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Seattle	53/39	44/17/s	Wenatchee	54/31	60/41/s
Tacoma	54/31	63/48/s	Moses Lake	57/34	60/33/s
Aberdeen	54/34	61/54/c	Yakima	59/27	60/33/s
Olympia	54/31	61/54/c	Kennewick	57/35	60/33/s
Longview	53/33	61/54/c	Walla Walla	58/35	60/33/s
Astoria	55/37	61/54/c	Lewiston	59/36	60/33/s
Portland	57/38	61/54/c	Enterprise	49/28	58/36/s
Salem	58/33	61/54/c	Pendleton	57/33	60/33/s
Corvallis	58/33	61/54/c	La Grande	51/30	58/36/s
Eugene	60/34	61/54/c	John Day	52/29	60/33/s
Bend	54/26	61/54/c	Burns	60/22	60/33/s
Medford	64/36	61/54/c	Ontario	64/37	60/33/s
Klamath Falls	60/22	61/54/c	Caldwell	66/37	60/33/s