

OBITUARIES

Patrick Scott Welch
Astoria
June 13, 1963 — Aug. 12, 2019

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Patrick Scott Welch, following a short illness. He was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in February 2018, and passed away Aug. 12, 2019. He was able to live out his last days at home with his wife, Roxanne, at his side.

Patrick was born in Walla Walla, Washington, on June 13, 1963, to James Lee Welch and Carol Ann Milliken Welch.

The family moved every three to four years with Pacific Power & Light, so Patrick attended schools in The Dalles, Veneta, Aloha, Madras and finally, Astoria, graduating with the Class of 1981. He then attended Clatsop Community College.

Patrick was a top-notch welder and mechanic. He worked for two local bagging companies, earning his name on several patents. His greatest accomplishment was starting a Rock 'n Roll trucking with his father.

It was at this time that he turned two long-haul trucks into dump trucks.

For the next several years, he drove dump truck all over Clatsop and Columbia counties. He drove right up until his diagnosis in 2018, finishing up at the Walmart site.

Pat enjoyed deer and elk hunting in both eastern and western Oregon. He was also able to hunt in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah.

Patrick was never still. If he wasn't working, he was riding his motorcycles or ATVs. He loved the thrill of windsurfing, water and snow skiing, but he had a quiet side, too. He enjoyed his orchard and his beloved "Dobies." Mike, his last gentle giant, longed to be near his master, and would try to sit with Pat in his lift chair.

Patrick is survived by his mother, Carol Welch; his loving wife, Roxanne Welch; his three stepsons, Loren Gustafson (Danielle) and grandchildren, Aiden, Natalie, Elin and Priya Jean, Colin Gustafson (LeeAnn) and granddaughter, Alayna, and Tyler Gustafson (Brooke) and grandchildren Colton, Ayla, Kellen and Soren; his sister, Pamela Toth (Jim); his nephews, Tim and Kevin, and their families; his uncle and aunts, John Welch, Barbara Hayner and Norma Dickson; and numerous cousins.

His father preceded him in death in 1999. A remembrance celebration of life will be held on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. at Coastline Christian Fellowship in Olney (formerly the Olney School).

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at caldwellsmortuary.com

Donations may be made to the ALS Association and Lower Columbia Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the memorial.



Patrick Welch

Robert Grey Butler
Warrenton
Oct. 11, 1938 — Sept. 13, 2019



Robert Grey Butler, 80, passed away on Sept. 13, 2019 at his home in Warrenton.

He was born in Astoria at Columbia Hospital, and was the son of Dr. Rexford Butler and Ruth Butler. Raised in Warrenton, he graduated from Warrenton High School with the Class of 1956.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Diana M. Butler (Adkins); son, Todd Grey Butler, of Redmond, Oregon; grandson, Isaiah Grey Butler, of Redmond, Oregon; adopted daughter, Brenda Hartman (Duane), of Warrenton, Oregon; brother, Rex K. Butler (Carla), of Newberg, Oregon; and nephews, Rex Butler Jr., of Tualatin, Oregon, and Ryan Butler, of Baker City, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tanna Lee Butler.

He served in the Oregon National Guard for three years. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1960, upon graduation from boot camp. He was sent to radar school, where he graduated with the highest honors.

He was deployed to the northern Alaska area. He considered a career in the Coast Guard but, unfortunately, suffered from sea sickness whenever his ship left port. Upon completion of four years, he was honorably

discharged.

He moved his family to Corvallis, Oregon. He attended Oregon State University for one year. He worked for Consumers Power, and Pacific Northwest Bell, retiring after 28 years of devoted service from U.S. West.

Robert was a golfer, and loved fishing, hunting and clam digging. He was a member of the Astoria Golf and Country Club. He loved wildlife and made wood duck houses, also making unique objects for his family, friends and his church.

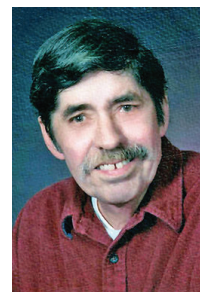
Robert will be buried at sea by the Coast Guard.

"Sunset and evening star,
"And one clear call for me!
"And may there be no moaning of the bar,
"When I'm put out to sea."

A celebration of life gathering will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Warrenton United Methodist Church.

Donations may be made to Lower Columbia Hospice, 2158 Exchange St., Astoria, OR., 97103.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.



Robert Butler

Judy E. Shaw
Astoria
July 20, 1955 — Sept. 16, 2019

On Monday, Sept. 16, 2019, Judy Elaine Shaw of Astoria, Oregon, loving wife and mother of three children, walked on at age 64 in Grande Ronde, Oregon.

Judy was born on July 20, 1955, in San Diego, California, to Charles and Elaine (Carter) Barber. She grew up on Whidbey Island in Washington before moving to Astoria, Oregon, in 1973, to attend Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

She married Kenneth Shaw in 1975, and raised one daughter, Norma, and two sons, Charles and Michael. When her children were old enough, she worked in the local canneries and hotels.

She was the first to open up her home to help friends and family in need. Judy had a wonderfully oddball sense of humor that was balanced by an equally wonderful ornery side that came out when you misbehaved.

In her jobs, she was a woman who had a keen work ethic. She loved to read and do word-search puzzles, as well as baking and crocheting.

Judy is preceded in death by her mother, Elaine, her father, Charles, and her brother Charles.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; their three children and their significant others, Norma and Mark Reed of Grand Ronde, Charles Shaw of Astoria and Michael Shaw and Amanda Leitch of Grand Ronde; her two grandsons, Dominic and Spencer Shaw of Grand Ronde; her siblings and their significant others, Penny and Duane Wells of Astoria and Tracy Temple of Anacortes, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial meal will be held on Friday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m. in Grand Ronde, Oregon. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family (dallastribute.com).



Judy Shaw

Power cut in California to prevent deadly fires

By BRIAN MELLEY and TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — California's biggest utility cut power to more than a million people Wednesday for what could be days on end in the most sweeping effort in state history to prevent wildfires caused by windblown power lines.

The unpopular move sparked a run on supplies at stores and came after two years of catastrophic fires sent Pacific Gas & Electric into bankruptcy and forced it to take more aggressive steps to prevent blazes.

The drastic measure caused a wave of impacts, from long lines at supermarkets and hardware stores to backups at traffic lights that had gone dark. Schools and universities canceled classes, offices were closed and many businesses were shuttered.

With the sun shining, not a wisp of smoke in the air and only gentle breezes, the historic action was condemned by those inconvenienced.

"It's unreasonable. There's no wind. It's nothing. There's no reason why they should shut the power off," said Joseph Pokorski, a retiree who had been drinking beers and cocktails by lantern light at the Town Square bar in Sonoma in the early morning. "They're ... closing everything down so they don't get sued. They don't trim the trees, so we suffer."

More than 500,000 customers in Northern California were without power, the util-

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Joseph Pokorski | retiree

ity said, and about 300,000 more outages were planned later to prevent its equipment from sparking wildfires during winds forecast to build. About 2 million people were expected to be affected for up to several days.

"To everyone asking, 'Where's the wind? Where's the wind?' Don't worry, the wind is coming. Go for a hike above 4,000 feet and you'll feel it," said Steve Anderson, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Bay Area office. "Obviously PG&E doesn't want to cut the power when there's already strong winds. You want to cut the power before it happens."

Before the lights went out in the East Bay town of Moraga, cars were lined up at gas stations and customers filled carts at the town's only supermarket with bags of ice, canned goods, loaves of bread, breakfast cereal and water.

Lines were also long at pharmacies and hardware stores, where emergency sup-

plies were running low.

"Do you have any lanterns?" a concerned Elma Lear asked at Moraga Hardware and Lumber. "Or candles?"

The store was out of both and had also run out of batteries and coolers — even ultra-pricey Yeti coolers that cost as much as \$400, owner Bill Snider said.

On Tuesday, the store sold 500 flashlights. Other high-demand items were extension cords, propane tanks for barbecues and butane for camping stoves. Generators were almost impossible to find.

Lear, who had stocked up on nonperishable food, cash and filled her gas tank, was directed to a home decor shop nearby where she had to fork over \$40 for long lasting beeswax candles.

"I'm going to bite the bullet," she said.

The utility planned to shut off power in parts of 34 northern and central California counties to reduce the chance of fierce winds knocking down or toppling trees into power lines during a siege of dry, gusty weather.

Deliberate outages could become the new normal in an era in which scientists say climate change is leading to fiercer blazes and longer fire seasons.

The winds will be the strongest and most widespread the region has seen in two years, and given the scope of the danger, there was no other choice but to stage the largest preventive blackout in state history, PG&E said.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
61 40 Plenty of sunshine	64 43 Partly sunny	57 45 Cooler	58 43 A couple of showers	58 43 Rain	58 47 Cloudy, rain possible	59 48 Rain

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 55/37
Normal high/low 63/45
Record high 81 in 1971
Record low 33 in 1985

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.05"
Month to date 0.93"
Normal month to date 1.01"
Year to date 32.72"
Normal year to date 41.25"

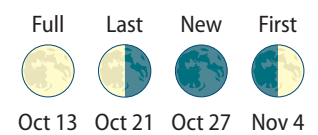
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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Aquarius, the water bearer, low in the southeast at sunset.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:25 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:39 p.m.
Moonrise today 5:55 p.m.
Moonset today 3:59 a.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
12:18 p.m.	7.2	6:03 a.m.	0.4	none
6:21 p.m.	1.4	none	6:21 p.m.	1.4
Cape Disappointment	12:03 p.m.	6.6	5:26 a.m.	0.4
11:52 p.m.	6.6	5:46 p.m.	1.5	none
Hammond	12:09 p.m.	7.2	5:36 a.m.	0.5
none	6:01 p.m.	1.6	none	6:01 p.m.
Warrenton	12:13 p.m.	7.6	5:47 a.m.	0.5
none	6:05 p.m.	1.5	none	6:05 p.m.
Knappa	12:00 a.m.	7.0	7:04 a.m.	0.3
12:55 p.m.	7.5	7:22 p.m.	1.2	none
Depoe Bay	11:19 a.m.	7.4	4:51 a.m.	0.9
11:08 p.m.	7.3	5:14 p.m.	2.3	none

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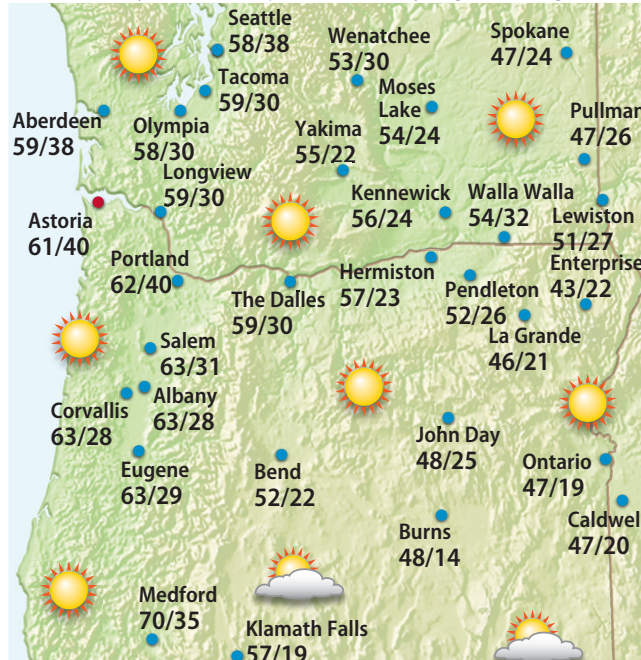
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	82/60/s	84/65/pc
Boston	56/52/r	58/54/r
Chicago	74/63/pc	67/39/t
Dallas	91/48/pc	59/45/r
Denver	32/10/sn	48/23/s
Honolulu	88/78/t	87/76/t
Houston	90/73/s	79/55/t
Los Angeles	80/57/s	84/59/s
Miami	88/77/t	87/77/pc
New York City	59/53/r	62/54/sh
Phoenix	88/59/s	88/63/s
San Francisco	77/54/s	80/54/s
Wash., DC	74/56/pc	73/56/pc

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 Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	46/19/s	54/21/pc	North Bend	65/40/s	65/46/pc
Brookings	69/46/pc	65/50/pc	Roseburg	67/34/s	72/42/pc
Ilwaco	60/42/s	63/46/pc	Seaside	62/40/s	65/43/pc
Newberg	61/35/s	65/38/pc	Springfield	65/30/s	68/40/s
Newport	60/39/s	63/46/pc	Vancouver	59/37/s	63/40/pc