

OBITUARIES

Raymond Lee Propst
Astoria
Dec. 16, 1928 — Oct. 14, 2019

Raymond Lee Propst was born Dec. 16, 1928, in Albany, Oregon, and died in Astoria, Oregon, Oct. 14, 2019, at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Winnie Propst and sister Maxine Propst of Lebanon, Oregon, as well as his son, Eric Propst of Astoria.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Propst of Astoria, and his daughter Raelene Bluhm and son-in-law, Steven Bluhm of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Nathan Bluhm of Petaluma, California, Matthew Bluhm of Port Orchard, Washington, Alison Franklin of Lakenheath, England, and great granddaughter, Rosemary Franklin of Lakenheath, England.

Upon graduation from Willamina High School, Ray enrolled at Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon, where he studied for two years. In 1948 he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served for four years during the Korean War, ranking up to sergeant. After he left the Air Force, he returned to Lebanon, Oregon, and worked at Western Veneer Plywood Mill. It was during this time that he met the love of his life and married Janice Cegavske. He then began working at PacifiCorp as ammeter technician in Albany, Oregon, and eventually transferred to Astoria, Oregon. He was employed with PacifiCorp for 34 years and retired in 1990.



Raymond Propst

Ray was always active, excelling particularly in basketball from his high school years all the way into his 50s. He even coached basketball and track at North Coast Christian School after he retired. Upon retirement, he began competing in the State Games of Oregon and Masters Track and Field Championships where he won multiple medals and broke two world records. He achieved All American status for his efforts.

Ray was also a devout Christian and had a heart for evangelism. He taught youth and adult Sunday school classes, served as a deacon and trustee, played piano and sang in the choir at Grace Community Church, formerly Bible Baptist Church. He also volunteered at Oregon Department of Human Services as a driver transporting needy people to and from doctor's appointments, dialysis treatments, etc. up and down the North Coast.

Photography was always a passion of Ray's and he spent many hours capturing the community and people that he loved so much in pictures. He also won many local, state and national prizes for his photography and has many of his pictures on display at various locations throughout the community.

A memorial service is scheduled for Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. at Grace Community Church, 1195 Irving Ave., Astoria.

Steven Ray Mathre
Boring
Jan. 16, 1947 — Oct. 4, 2019

Steven Ray "Mathe" Mathre, age 72, passed away with his family at his bedside at Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center in Gresham, Oregon, on Oct. 4, 2019.

He was born in Astoria, Oregon, to Alberta and Ray Mathre, the middle of three children.

After graduating from Astoria High School in 1965, he attended and graduated from Clatsop Community College in 1970 with an associate's degree in liberal arts and sciences. He went on to graduate from Western Oregon State College of Education in 1972 with a bachelor of science degree in general studies.

While attending college in Astoria, Steve and some of his best friends formed the music group Disraeli in 1966. Steve "Mathe" was a principal writer of the lyrics and lead singer. In order to keep the band together during the Vietnam War, four of them joined the National Guard during spring 1967, and he went to boot camp and Advanced Individual Training that summer.

The band gained attention by touring and playing for high schools both in the Portland/Willamette area, and also in the Seattle/Tacoma, Washington, area. They performed locally in Astoria and Seaside, gaining enough community support that they incorporated, sold stock amounting to \$50,000, and even sold their recorded songs. Disraeli disbanded in the spring of 1969 after two and a half years together.

To utilize his college degree, he began working alongside his first wife with troubled youth, living in a group home (a half-way house for teenagers) in The Dalles starting in the fall of 1972, and then in 1973 they started work in a treatment program for adolescents in Hood River.

After returning to their hometown of Astoria to raise their family, he began working for the city of Astoria. Although it was a dirty job, he truly enjoyed his time working at the city dump for many years. He followed this with a career with the U.S. Postal Service for 23-plus years, retiring early with a medical disability in 2004.

He was very active in the union supporting the postal employees during the second half of his career.



Steven Mathre

Steve was married three times. He married Jennifer Donaldson in 1969, having two daughters, Stefanie and Merrill (Rillie), and divorcing 12 years later. He was then married to Jean Wilson from 1983 to 1991, helping to raise two stepdaughters, Sorena and Heather. His last marriage to Tracy Lindquist was from 1992 to 2006, and he helped raise two stepchildren, Phillip and Shanah.

He is survived by his three daughters: daughter and son-in-law, Stefanie and Eric Craft of Damascus and their children, Tristan, Lucas, Aiden and Darla; daughter and son-in law Merrill (Rillie) and Charley Penuel of Hammond and their children, Andrew, Autumn, Hannah, Chaz, Mckenzie and Kaitlynn; and daughter Shanah Lindquist of Los Angeles.

He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Jim Davis of Vancouver; his brother and sister-in-law, David and Electa Mathre of Astoria; his uncle, Marvin Mathre of Seaside; great-grandson, Maverick and great granddaughter Emma Jo; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was also an honorary grampa to Ellie Thiebwa (niece of Stefanie and Eric) and all the daycare children who attended Stefanie's daycare over the years.

He will be remembered as an artistic, gentle, intelligent soul with a great sense of humor!

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Big Valley Woods Community Center, 32700 S.E. Leewood Lane, Boring, Oregon, where he resided for the last 10 years among an amazingly supportive community of friends. All are welcome to join us.

Please share your stories regarding Steve by emailing his daughter at stefanierc@yahoo.com or mailing to Stefanie Craft, 21817 S.E. Bohna Park Road, Damascus, OR., 97089.

David William Johnson
Astoria
May 22, 1940 — Oct. 12, 2019

David William Johnson died in Vancouver, Washington, of cancer Oct. 12, 2019. He was born May 22, 1940, in Astoria, Oregon, to Robert William Johnson and Edith (Larson) Johnson. He had an older brother, Dennis, and younger siblings, Sara and Fletcher. The family lived in a Lewis and Clark dairy farm in Astoria, Oregon.

While Dave was in high school, he and Dennis helped run the farm because their father became ill and died in 1957. Dave was a graduate of Astoria High School, Class of 1958, and Oregon State University in 1968. He served four years in the Air Force. He lived his adult life in Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, and worked for American Linen Supply as a route driver until he retired in 1998.

His passion in life, starting very young, was building and flying model airplanes which evolved into remote controlled

planes and gliders. He was a member of Portland Area Sailplane Society, where he made many lifelong friendships. Dave also entered and often won many model planes and glider competitions over the years. He was also a gifted photographer.

In 1990 he married Dawn Glass in Vancouver, Washington. She died in 2000. Presently, he was married to Linda Hobbs. She survives in Vancouver, Washington. Dave was preceded in death by his parents and brother Dennis. Dave is survived by his sister, Sara Barton (Jerry) of Ryderwood, Washington, and brother Fletcher (Karin) of Gearhart, Oregon and sister-in-law Barbara Johnson (Swanson) of Kalama, Washington.

Dave was a beloved spouse, brother, uncle and cousin. No service is planned.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Astoria High School Scholarship Inc., P.O. Box 598 Astoria, OR., 97138.



David Johnson

Darald Lynn Walker
Tillamook
May 30, 1934 — Oct. 2, 2019



Darald Lynn Walker was born in Brainerd, Minnesota, on May 30, 1934, and passed away Oct. 2, 2019.

He was born to Earl and Alma (Carlson) Walker as the seventh of 11 children. The family moved to Rockford, Washington, for several years then settled in Hammond, Oregon, when Darald was a young teen.

In 1952, at the age of 17, he joined the Navy and proudly served two tours in the Korean War, and was honorably discharged in 1955.

He began his 34-year career with Oregon State Parks in 1956 as a park ranger at Fort Stevens State Park, where he met his wife, Darlene (Sines) Walker, in 1957, and they were married in 1960.

The couple lived in Cape Arago, Cape Lookout, Yaquina Bay and Beverly Beach state parks before Darald was promoted to district supervisor in La Grande for the next six years, returning to Tillamook in 1973, where Darald finished his parks career in 1990.

Darald's many community ties included being a member of the Masons, Eastern Star, Lions, Eagles and Elks, a Rainbow Girls Board member and a Cub Scout leader and packmaster.

While at home, you would find Darald in his workshop making beautifully intricate scrollwork, or building gun cabinets and furniture.

While living in La Grande, his pas-

sion for hunting was born, and every deer and elk season since was spent with family and friends, camping and hunting.

He and his son, David, spent countless hours in the Eastern Oregon mountains and when granddaughter Tiffany was born, she joined them. The three have shared many successful hunts.

Darald was a Tillamook Pioneer, served on the Oregon Hunters Association Board for 20 years and has proudly worked with the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Darald is survived by his wife, Darlene, and the family he loved dearly, including children Debbie (Ron) Taggart, David (Melody) Walker and DeAnna (Ryan) Upton; grandchildren Zane Grout, Britany (Matt) Maffin, Tiffany (Josh) Dale, Allen Hoffert, Brenton Andersen and Ryleigh, Maleah and Haidyn Upton; and twin great-granddaughters, Isla and Macy Maffin.

He also leaves his brother James (Rutha) Walker of Astoria, and an incredible family of nieces and nephews who meant the world to him.

A potluck will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Tillamook Alderbrook Grange, at 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tillamook chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association or the Bay City Post 2848 VFW.



Darald Walker

Leonard Frank 'Buck' Bjornstrom
Astoria
May 28, 1934 — Sept. 25, 2019



Leonard Frank Bjornstrom, who was called 'Buck' from kindergarten age, was born in Astoria on May 28, 1934, to Leonard B. and Lena Ann (Marincovich) Bjornstrom. He passed away Sept. 25, 2019. He was raised in Warrenton, attending Warrenton Grade School and Warrenton High School.

He married Marilyn Riggs in 1956. They later divorced.

On March 15, 1974, Buck married Kerry Vaughn Keith at the courthouse in Astoria. She survives, living at the family home in Astoria.

Buck enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1955, serving as a boatswain's mate, third class, aboard the buoy tender Ivy, stationed in Astoria. He was honorably discharged in 1959.

Returning to civilian life, he worked in the automotive trade, at an Astoria dealership's gas station, later in the parts department, and after attending Clatsop Commu-

nity College automotive classes, joined the dealership's auto body repair department.

In 1976, Buck opened his own repair shop in Astoria, Silverside Auto Body, which he operated until his retirement in 2003.

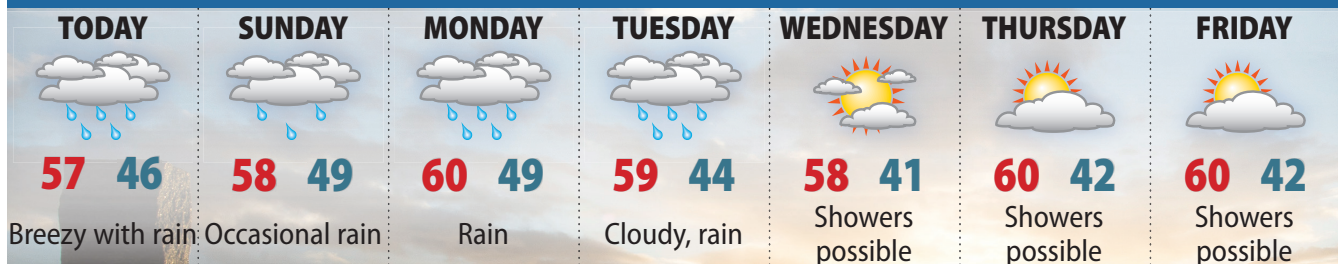
Buck is survived by sons Leonard W. Bjornstrom (Fran) of Knappa, Steve Bjornstrom (Phyllis) of St. Helens and Craig Bjornstrom (Karen) of St. Helens; as well as stepsons John Keith (Elise) of Portland and Kevin Keith (Marcie) of Vancouver, Washington, and stepdaughter Susan Keith (John) of Tualatin.

He is also survived by his sisters, Frances Sandy of Seaside and Linda Johnson of Astoria. He was preceded in death by his sister Delores Nelson.

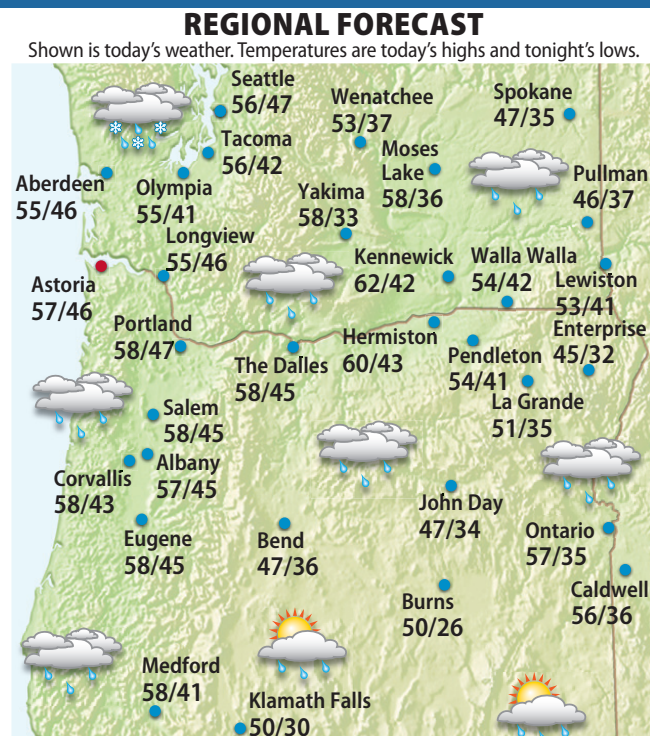
A private graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery is scheduled for next spring.

Ocean View Cremation And Burial Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



REGIONAL FORECAST



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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 57/50
Normal high/low 61/44
Record high 78 in 1942
Record low 31 in 1984

Precipitation

Thursday 1.49"
Month to date 3.44"
Normal month to date 2.59"
Year to date 35.23"
Normal year to date 42.83"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The waxing gibbous moon and Mars pass within 2 degrees.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:37 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:23 p.m.
Moonrise today 10:22 p.m.
Moonset today 1:29 p.m.

Last New First Full
Oct 21 Oct 27 Nov 4 Nov 12

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:56 a.m.	6.1	11:09 a.m.	3.0
4:49 p.m.	7.9	none	

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:30 a.m.	5.8	10:20 a.m.	3.2
4:38 p.m.	7.1	11:29 p.m.	-0.1

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:44 a.m.	6.3	10:45 a.m.	3.2
4:46 p.m.	7.8	11:48 p.m.	-0.1

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:51 a.m.	6.5	10:53 a.m.	3.2
4:44 p.m.	8.3	11:52 p.m.	0.3

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:33 a.m.	6.4	12:16 a.m.	0.0
5:26 p.m.	8.1	12:10 p.m.	2.6

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:46 a.m.	6.4	9:49 a.m.	3.8
3:46 p.m.	7.8	10:59 p.m.	0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	59/54/r	77/61/pc
Boston	60/43/s	61/49/pc
Chicago	64/46/pc	64/50/pc
Dallas	83/58/s	88/59/s
Denver	67/35/s	52/29/pc
Honolulu	87/75/pc	88/76/sh
Houston	88/70/pc	89/74/pc
Los Angeles	80/61/s	86/63/s
Miami	88/79/pc	91/78/t
New York City	60/50/s	63/52/pc
Phoenix	86/58/s	87/56/s
San Francisco	68/54/pc	70/56/pc
Wash., DC	67/54/s	65/52/sh

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

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	52/28/sh	49/34/c	North Bend	59/47/r	59/51/r
Brookings	56/46/c	55/52/c	Roseburg	58/46/r	58/50/r
Ilwaco	56/48/r	57/52/r	Seaside	56/46/r	58/51/r
Newberg	57/45/r	54/49/r	Springfield	57/46/r	55/51/r
Newport	56/47/r	56/50/r	Vancouver	57/46/r	54/50/r