

OBITUARIES

Violet Grove Skipper

Astoria

Jan. 14, 1924 — Oct. 16, 2019

On Oct. 16, 2019, at the age of 95, Violet Dorvinen Grove Skipper left this world while the music “When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be” was playing in her room in Astoria, Oregon.

Violet Fannie Dorvinen was born Jan. 14, 1924, in Oskar, a small rural community in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She was the first child born to Felix Walter Dorvinen and Fannie Kustava Heikkila Dorvinen.

Violet’s parents were children of Finnish immigrants to Michigan. As they lived in a community that was primarily Finnish, she and her siblings, Robert (Bob) and Margaret (Margie), all learned to speak Finnish at a young age. A fourth child, Beatrice, only lived to be 2 months old. Violet often held and cared for her baby sister.

Violet attended a one-room school in Liminga, Michigan, that was located on the corner of the farm that her mother grew up on, and on which her father tried to earn a livelihood. His last potato crop, in 1935, cost more to ship to Chicago than he got for the potatoes, so the family decided to move to the Pacific Northwest to see if their prospects might be better.

Felix got a job falling trees in the virgin forest of Big Creek in Knappa, Oregon, and the family bought a small farm in Svensen. Violet attended Knappa schools from eighth grade through high school, graduating in 1942.

She worked in Portland for a time during the war, then in Astoria.

On May 19, 1945, in the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Astoria, Violet married Walter Stanley Grove, who was a warrant officer in the Navy. In 1949, they started a poultry farm in Burnside, Oregon, near Svensen. Grove’s Poultry Farm sold fryers throughout the North Coast for 30 years.

Violet was a hard worker. “My philosophy on life,” she said, “is work hard and enjoy life.” She planted and tended beautiful flower gardens, and especially loved roses.

For years, she and Walt would put on a large chicken barbecue on the Fourth of July on their unique patio overlooking the Columbia River. The year 1964 was especially memorable, as all her mother’s sis-

ters, who lived in Washington, Michigan and Georgia, came for a reunion.

Violet was a great hostess. In later years, she had a large get-together of friends and family each Christmas Eve, where lutefisk took center stage.

Walter passed away on March 18, 1993, in Astoria. Violet married their good friend Richard (Dick) Frank Skipper on Feb. 14, 1994, in Astoria. Dick and Walt had been classmates in high school, and had continued to be good friends throughout their lives. His first wife, Ellen Rautio Skipper, had also passed away the previous year.

Violet and Dick moved to Knappa, Oregon, where they spent 13 years together until Dick died July 22, 2007. Violet said, “I had a happy life with two wonderful husbands who took good care of me.”

In 2010, Violet took some family members back to visit her roots in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She was blind by that time, but enjoyed large family reunions with both her mother’s and father’s sides of the family.

When Violet was no longer able to live alone, she moved to Clatsop Retirement Village, and then later to Kancharla’s Grand Adult Foster Home, where she lived until the end of her life.

She and her family are very appreciative of the caring services these fine establishments provided. The family would also like to thank Lower Columbia Hospice for their compassionate service over the last two months.

Besides her husbands, Violet was preceded in death by her parents and siblings. She is survived by Richard Skipper’s children and grandchildren; by her sister-in-law, Esther Hekala Dorvinen; and by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at the Crossroads Community Church in Svensen at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Committal will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Astoria at 3:30 that afternoon. All are invited.

Funeral arrangements are by Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary.



Violet Skipper



Kevin Dean Hawkins Sr.

Astoria

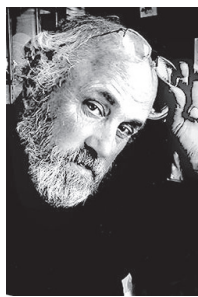
Feb. 12, 1957 — Oct. 13, 2019

Commercial fisherman Kevin Dean Hawkins, 62, of Astoria, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019.

He was born Feb. 12, 1957, in Muleshoe, Texas, to Benjamin Kenneth Hawkins and Myrtle Lou Higgenbotham.

Kevin married Pamela Sue Eastland on Feb. 22, 1980, in Astoria.

Kevin was a commercial fisherman for 40-plus years, an avid hunter and a loving family man. He loved to make people laugh.



Kevin Hawkins

He is survived by his wife, Pamela Sue Hawkins; daughter Tennille (John); son Kevin Jr. (Niki); daughter Kristina (Richard); daughter Teresa (John); brothers Kent (Sue) and Mark (Lisa); brothers-in-law Greg (Debby) and Grant (Janelle); 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces and extended family members.

Kevin was preceded in death by a brother, Harvey, and a sister in law, Patricia.

A celebration of life will be held Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

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Trump linked Ukraine aid to demand for probe

By **LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK and MATT LEE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A top U.S. diplomat testified Tuesday that President Donald Trump was holding back military aid for Ukraine unless the country agreed to investigate Democrats and a company linked to Joe Biden’s family, providing lawmakers with a detailed new account of the quid pro quo central to the impeachment probe.

In a lengthy opening statement to House investigators obtained by The Associated Press, William Taylor described Trump’s demand that “everything” President Volodymyr Zelensky wanted, including vital aid to counter Russia, hinged on making a public vow that Ukraine would investigate Democrats going back to the 2016 U.S. election as well as a company linked to the family of Trump’s potential 2020 Democratic rival.

Taylor testified that what he discovered in Kyiv was the Trump administration’s “irregular” back channel to foreign policy led by the president’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, and “ultimately alarming circumstances” that threatened to erode the United States’ relationship with a budding Eastern European ally facing Russian aggression.

In a date-by-date account, detailed across several pages, the seasoned diplomat who came out of retirement to take over as charge d’affaires at the embassy in Ukraine details his mounting concern as he realized Trump was trying to put the newly elected president of the young democracy “in a public box.”

“I sensed something odd,” he testified, describing a trio of Trump officials planning a call with Zelenskiy, including one, Ambassador Gordon Sondland, who wanted to make sure “no one was transcribing or monitoring” it.

Lawmakers who emerged after nearly 10 hours of the private deposition were stunned at Taylor’s account, which some Democrats said established a “direct line” to the quid pro quo at the center of the impeachment probe.

“It was shocking,” said Rep. Karen Bass, a California Democrat. “It was very clear that it was required — if you want the assistance, you have to make a public statement.”

She characterized it as “it’s this for that.” Rep. Dina Titus, a Democrat from Nevada, said, “You can see how damning this is.”

Titus said, “This certainly makes it pretty clear what was going on. And it was a quid pro quo.”

The account reaches to the highest levels of the administration, drawing in Vice President Mike Pence and Trump’s acting

chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, and slices at the core of the Republican defense of the administration and the president’s insistence of no wrongdoing.

It also lays bare the struggle between Trump’s former national security adviser John Bolton and those who a previous State Department witness described as the “three amigos” — Sondland, Energy Secretary Rick Perry and special envoy Kurt Volker — who were involved in the alternative Ukraine policy vis-a-vis Russia.

It’s illegal to seek or receive contributions of value from a foreign entity for a U.S. election.

“President Trump has done nothing wrong,” said White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham. “This is a coordinated smear campaign from far-left lawmakers and radical unelected bureaucrats waging war on the Constitution. There was no quid pro quo.”

Taylor’s appearance was among the most anticipated before House investigators because of a series of text messages with the other diplomats in which he called Trump’s attempt to hold back military aid to Ukraine “crazy.”

His testimony opens a new front in the impeachment inquiry, and it calls into question the account from Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, who told Congress last week that he did not fully remember some details of the events and was initially unaware that the gas company Burisma was tied to the Bidens.

Taylor told lawmakers that Sondland, a wealthy businessman who donated \$1 million to Trump’s inauguration, was aware of the demands and later admitted he made a mistake by telling the Ukrainians that military assistance was not contingent on agreeing to Trump’s requests.

“In fact, Ambassador Sondland said, ‘everything’ was dependent on such an announcement, including the security assistance,” Taylor recalled.

“Ambassador Sondland told me that President Trump had told him that he wants President Zelenskiy to state publicly that Ukraine will investigate Burisma and alleged Ukrainian interference in the 2016 U.S. election,” Taylor said about a Sept. 1 phone call between them.

Taylor apparently kept detailed records of conversations and documents, including two personal notebooks, lawmakers said.

The retired diplomat, a former Army officer, had been serving as executive vice president at the U.S. Institute of Peace, a nonpartisan think tank founded by Congress, when he was appointed to run the embassy in Kyiv after Trump suddenly recalled Ambassador Maria Yovanovitch.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
64 47 Sunshine and pleasant	58 44 A brief shower or two	58 39 Mostly sunny	58 36 Mostly sunny	56 36 Mostly sunny	55 37 Plenty of sun	53 37 Plenty of sun

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures
High/low 59/43
Normal high/low 59/43
Record high 79 in 1937
Record low 34 in 1961

Precipitation
Tuesday 0.71"
Month to date 6.92"
Normal month to date 3.68"
Year to date 38.71"
Normal year to date 43.92"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Triangulum between Andromeda and Aries.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 7:44 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:14 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:01 a.m.
Moonset tonight 5:01 p.m.

New First Full Last
Oct 27 Nov 4 Nov 12 Nov 19

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	11:07 a.m.	7.4	4:45 a.m.	0.1
	11:01 p.m.	7.4	5:12 p.m.	1.0
Cape Disappointment	10:45 a.m.	7.1	3:52 a.m.	0.6
	10:39 p.m.	7.1	4:30 p.m.	1.7
Hammond	11:44 a.m.	7.7	4:13 a.m.	0.0
	10:49 p.m.	7.8	4:46 p.m.	1.7
Warrenton	11:02 a.m.	7.8	4:29 a.m.	0.2
	10:56 p.m.	7.8	4:56 p.m.	1.7
Knappa	11:44 a.m.	7.7	5:46 a.m.	0.1
	11:38 p.m.	7.7	6:13 p.m.	1.4
Depoe Bay	10:00 a.m.	7.7	3:22 a.m.	0.1
	9:51 p.m.	7.6	3:58 p.m.	2.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	71/55/pc	67/59/c
Boston	67/51/s	62/48/pc
Chicago	50/36/c	52/38/c
Dallas	72/46/r	58/46/r
Denver	43/25/pc	61/38/s
Honolulu	87/75/s	87/76/s
Houston	83/61/pc	66/50/t
Los Angeles	97/62/s	92/63/s
Miami	88/77/t	88/79/pc
New York City	67/50/s	64/49/s
Phoenix	87/59/s	85/56/s
San Francisco	85/59/s	83/55/s
Wash., DC	71/50/s	69/53/pc

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

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
Seattle	61/47	57/39	Spokane	54/38	
Wenatchee	57/39		Moses Lake	60/35	
Tacoma	62/43		Yakima	62/36	
Aberdeen	63/46		Kennewick	64/37	
Olympia	62/43		Walla Walla	62/45	
Longview	64/45		Lewiston	59/41	
Astoria	64/47		Enterprise	56/36	
Portland	68/46		Hermiston	64/38	
The Dalles	64/40		Pendleton	64/42	
Salem	66/44		La Grande	59/38	
Corvallis	66/42		John Day	63/38	
Eugene	65/41		Burns	58/21	
Bend	67/41		Ontario	60/27	
Medford	74/38		Caldwell	58/30	
Klamath Falls	67/26				

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	58/28/s	62/31/s	North Bend	68/49/s	64/44/c
Brookings	75/50/pc	67/49/s	Roseburg	71/42/s	70/42/s
Ilwaco	62/48/s	57/46/sh	Seaside	65/47/s	58/44/sh
Newberg	67/42/s	62/38/pc	Springfield	67/42/s	68/37/c
Newport	64/49/s	60/44/c	Vancouver	66/44/s	61/41/pc