

OBITUARIES

**Alan Oscar Peterson**  
**Sammamish, Washington**  
**Aug. 19, 1950 — Nov. 8, 2019**

Alan Oscar Peterson, born Aug. 19, 1950, passed peacefully into life eternal on Nov. 8, 2019. Alan was kind, patient, fun-loving and compassionate.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Karen Peterson, parents Althea and Roland ("Pete") Peterson, and older brother, Gary Peterson. He is survived by his three daughters Kristina Peterson, Arissa Peterson (and son-in-law, Nick Papa) and Kathleen Peterson (and son-in-law, Brian Richmon); his five grandchildren, Anders (15), Alan (14), Solveig (12), Abby (9) and Annika (6 months); sisters-in-law Diane Peterson, Marjie Brock (Ed) and Marilyn Stronach; and brothers-in-law Michael Stronach (Masae) and James Stronach (Keiko); and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Born and raised in Astoria, Oregon, Alan excelled at athletics from a young age, playing baseball, basketball and golf. He and his family were active members of Peace Lutheran Church. Alan loved growing up in Astoria, and has many fond memories of his childhood and early adulthood living there. He was thrilled to attend his 50th Astoria High School class reunion in 2018, where he reconnected with many classmates and friends.

Alan attended Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in Monmouth, Oregon, from 1968 to 1972, graduating with a degree in sociology and criminal justice. There, he met his wife of 49 years, Karen. They married on June 14, 1969. They started a family soon after.

Upon graduation, Alan moved his family to Ontario, Oregon, where he was hired as a juvenile detention counselor for Malheur County. In 1977, Alan and his family moved to Newport, Oregon, where he became the juvenile director for Lincoln County, a job he held until 2010.

Alan had a passion for youth and was an advocate for juvenile justice reform, favoring second chances and rehabilitation over punishment. He was proud to serve the youth and community of Lincoln County as its juvenile director for over 35 years, where he oversaw the expansion of

the juvenile department to include a shelter home and detention facility.

He was integral in the formation of the Children's Advocacy Center of Lincoln County in Newport. Over his nearly 40-year career, Alan served on many local and state child and youth advocacy boards and agencies and mentored many people in the juvenile justice profession.

Alan was an active member of the Newport Optimist Club and a longtime member of Atone-ment Lutheran Church in Newport. Alan enjoyed being an active community member and volunteer delivering food and gifts to families over the holidays, volunteering in the optimist club booth at the Newport Seafood & Wine Festival and recruiting new members for the church basketball team.

Possessing a strong work ethic, Alan was proud of his yard and garden and his amazing Christmas lights that for many years rivaled Clark Griswold's display. Throughout his lifetime, Alan was an avid Oregon State University Beavers fan, attending nearly every OSU home football game from the 1970s through 1990s with his daughters.

Alan enjoyed golfing, fishing and camping. He was proud that he was able to share his love of the outdoors with his daughters.

After retiring, Alan and Karen moved to the Seattle area to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren. In 2015, after Karen's devastating Alzheimer's diagnosis, Alan remained a devoted husband and caregiver to his wife, and provided unwavering strength and guidance to his daughters and family as they navigated Karen's final years.

A celebration of life will be held on Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. at Sunset Hills Funeral Home, 1215 145th Place S.E., Bellevue, Wash., 98007.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or the Swedish Medical Center Foundation (swedishfoundation.org).

A special thank you to the physicians and staff at Swedish Issaquah and Providence Hospice of Seattle who took such good care of Alan.



Alan Peterson

**Cheryl Anne Long**  
**Astoria**

**April 14, 1954 — Nov. 16, 2019**

Cheryl Anne Long was born April 14, 1954, to Johnnie and Betta (Stephens) Moore in Astoria, Oregon.

Her parents and brother, David Moore, preceded her in death.

Cheryl graduated from Astoria High School in 1972.

On Oct. 15, 1971, she married her high school sweetheart, Gregory Long.

Cheryl was known to so many kids in the Astoria School District as "mom," and later "grandma," during her 30-plus years as kitchen manager at several of the schools.

She started attending Astoria First Assembly of God in 1972, and attended with her husband until the time of her death. She loved her church family, where she was a Sunday school, children's church and missionette teacher over the years, as well as being involved in women's ministries.

Cheryl leaves behind her loving husband of 48 years, Greg; their three children, Christy Long (Mike Barter), Joshua (Marcie) Long and Jacob Long; grandchild-

dren Allison and Ashly Silva, Nick and Josh Long and Rachel and Maia Long; and step-grandson and great-granddaughter Austin and Aria Barter.

She is also survived by her guardian daughter, Shelli Russell, grandchildren Cheryl Russell, Burl Russell and Leona (Chris) Harrod, and great-grandchildren Hailee and Ela Russell, Seeley Cortez and Olivia and Tony Harrod; her brother, John (Sue) Moore; sister Sarah (Curt) Scott; sisters-in-law Diane (Bob) O'Bryant, Cindy Junes and Valerie (Adam) Lopez; brother-in-law Ted Long; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Cheryl passed peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family.

A memorial service will be held on Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. at Astoria First Assembly of God with a dessert reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Astoria First Assembly of God's ministries or missions.



Cheryl Long

**Marlene Frances Wiitala**  
**Naselle, Washington**

**Sept. 21, 1934 — Nov. 8, 2019**

Marlene Frances Wiitala passed away on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Marlene was born Sept. 21, 1934, in Astoria, Oregon. She was the first child of Charles and Ellen Wirkkala. She grew up with her parents, sister and brother in Deep River, Washington.

Marlene graduated from Naselle High School in 1951, and from Lower Columbia College in Longview, Washington, in 1953. After college she worked at Cowlitz County Title Co. in Longview.

Marlene married Donald Wiitala on April 14, 1956, and they moved to Astoria, Oregon. She worked at the unemployment office until they moved to Deep River. Marlene took the position of Deep River Postmaster. Following this, she taught kindergarten for two years in Rosburg, Washington.

In 1962 they moved to Naselle, where their three children grew up. She worked at the Naselle Post Office until she eventually became the financial manager for Don Wiitala Trucking and for the Christ-

mas tree farm that they developed on their property.

Marlene is survived by her caring husband of 63 years, Donald; daughter Marilyn (and Robert) Ittes; son Dale (and Andrea) Wiitala; daughter Michelle (and Stuart) Roy; grandchildren Marlyssa, Monica, Blake and Brooke; great-granddaughter Makenna; sister Jeane Moksness of Longview; brother Ken Wirkkala of Grays River, Washington; and her nieces and nephews.

Marlene enjoyed cooking, sewing, gardening and making Christmas wreaths. She loved socializing with family and friends. She was very close to, and proud of, all of her grandchildren and great-granddaughter. She will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, please support the Naselle Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance.

A celebration of life will be planned at a future date. Until then, please raise a glass in her honor.

Her guestbook is available at penttilaschapel.com



Marlene Wiitala

**Wendy Mae Walters Page**  
**Warrenton**

**Nov. 25, 1932 — Nov. 9, 2019**

Wendy Mae Walters Page passed away peacefully on Nov. 9, 2019. She was born on Nov. 25, 1932, in Oakwood, Texas, to Mae and Joe Walters.

She lived in Oakwood, Texas City and was a longtime resident of Freeport, Texas. She married her love, Bill Page, in 1974, when they moved to the Pacific Northwest, making their home in Warrenton, Oregon.

Wendy loved her family and friends fiercely, and her cooking was legendary. She often spoiled those around her with her Southern cooking skills. Whether it be Thanksgiving turkey and dressing, fried shrimp, eggs Benedict or shrimp omelets (to name a few), she loved cooking, and everyone looked forward to it.

Wendy lived a full life as a wonderful wife, mother, homemaker and accountant for the family shrimp business. For many years Wendy was an excellent seamstress, and worked tirelessly sewing and assembling costumes for Little Ballet Theatre in Astoria, Oregon.

She was also known for her legendary flower garden. She loved all flowers, particularly roses, rhododendrons, tulips and daisies. Wendy's flowers were classic, colorful and fragrant, which is symbolic of the life she led.

Wendy is preceded in death by her parents, Mae and Joe Walters; her sister,

Jewel Light; and daughter, Linda Hayman.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bill Page; brother Billy Walters and his wife, Judy; sister Betty Gizzard; brother Jimmy Walters and his wife, Sherrie; sister Margaret Murrell and her husband, Norris; son Henry Mares and his wife, Linda; and daughter, Brenda Mares; stepchildren Robin Page, Pam Nowlin and her husband, Paul, Eva-Lisa LaFerne and her husband, Paul; and adopted daughter Randi Page.

She is also survived by grandchildren Jason Hayman and his wife, Kathy, Lorie Brady and her husband, John, Michelle Ledbetter and her husband, Jason, and Melissa Carlson and her husband, Mike; stepgrandchildren Anthony Terrando, Lindsay Korn, Allison Houchen and her husband, Zach, Elizabeth Korn, Abigail LaFerne and William Lagerquist; great-grandchildren Charlie and Connor Hayman, Elizabeth, Sarah and Rebecca Brady, Caden and Jace Ledbetter, Ryan and Brooke Turner, Samantha and Hunter Carlson and Tucker Houchen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

All of whom loved her dearly, and will never forget her tenacity, Southern charm, grace and undying love and caring for them.

Please sign our online guest book at caldwellsmortuary.com



Wendy Page

**SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA**

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
53 34	51 37	52 43	52 42	51 40	50 40	50 40
Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	A touch of rain	Rain possible	Cloudy, rain possible	Rain

**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Tuesday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 54/36  
 Normal high/low ..... 53/40  
 Record high ..... 64 in 1987  
 Record low ..... 24 in 1977

**Precipitation**

Tuesday to date ..... 0.22"  
 Month to date ..... 1.90"  
 Normal month to date ..... 6.75"  
 Year to date ..... 40.65"  
 Normal year to date ..... 52.97"

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**UNDER THE SKY**

**Tonight's Sky:** Low above the southern horizon is Fomalhaut of Piscis Austinus, the Southern Fish.

**SUN AND MOON**

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

Sunrise today ..... 7:24 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 4:38 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 1:02 a.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 2:32 p.m.

New First Full Last

Nov 26 Dec 3 Dec 11 Dec 18

**TODAY'S TIDES**

**Astoria / Port Docks**

Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)

8:39 a.m. 7.7 2:08 a.m. 0.8  
 8:38 p.m. 6.9 2:56 p.m. 2.2

**Cape Disappointment**

8:20 a.m. 7.4 1:15 a.m. 0.6  
 8:17 p.m. 6.4 2:18 p.m. 2.3

**Hammond**

8:30 a.m. 8.0 1:37 a.m. 0.6  
 8:26 p.m. 7.2 2:31 p.m. 2.4

**Warrenton**

8:34 a.m. 8.1 1:52 a.m. 0.9  
 8:33 p.m. 7.3 2:40 p.m. 2.3

**Knappa**

9:16 a.m. 7.9 3:09 a.m. 0.7  
 9:15 p.m. 7.2 3:57 p.m. 1.9

**Depoe Bay**

7:35 a.m. 7.8 12:45 a.m. 0.6  
 7:28 p.m. 6.8 1:45 p.m. 2.6

**NATIONAL CITIES**

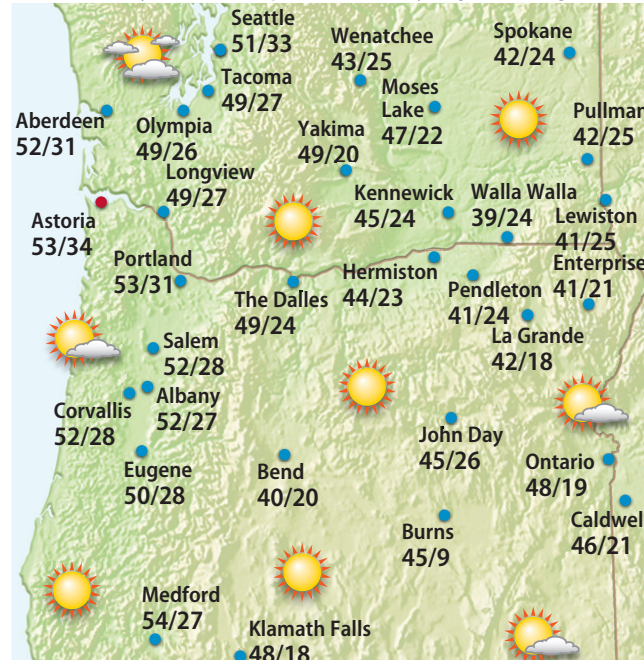
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	67/50/s	66/56/pc
Boston	49/39/s	57/33/c
Chicago	56/30/sh	39/28/pc
Dallas	73/51/t	56/36/r
Denver	31/21/sf	40/27/pc
Honolulu	86/75/pc	86/74/pc
Houston	77/66/sh	76/47/t
Los Angeles	64/54/pc	68/50/s
Miami	78/68/c	80/68/c
New York City	52/46/s	58/37/c
Phoenix	64/52/sh	66/50/s
San Francisco	62/49/s	63/48/s
Wash., DC	54/47/s	58/39/sh

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	44/14/s	48/16/s	North Bend	57/35/s	56/36/s
Brookings	55/39/s	56/42/s	Roseburg	48/31/s	53/33/s
Ilwaco	53/36/pc	50/40/pc	Seaside	55/33/pc	52/37/pc
Newberg	53/26/s	50/28/pc	Springfield	51/28/s	52/30/s
Newport	54/36/s	54/38/s	Vancouver	52/28/s	49/31/pc