

OBITUARIES

Linda ‘Lin’ Miller Higgins  
Hammond

Jan. 23, 1947 — Sept. 3, 2020

Linda “Lin” Miller Higgins, 73, died of cancer at her Hammond home on Sept. 3, 2020.

She was born on Jan. 23, 1947, in Homestead, Pennsylvania, to Clarence and Eunice (Miller) Miller. As an adolescent, she moved to the West Coast, eventually graduating from California State University, Northridge.

In 1971 she arrived in Oregon, where she remained thereafter, firmly rooted. In 1977, she met and married Matt Higgins, her husband of 43 years.

Foundational to her life was her Christian faith; Lin demonstrated that with a readiness to push all boundaries.

She was a spouse and mother, but never a “housewife.” She taught preschool for many years, and so established lifelong relationships with many of her students. A stint as a highway flagger provided a unique opportunity to reflect upon and deepen her faith. Later, she worked diligently as acting officer-in-charge of the Hammond post office.

She was elected to, and served a term on the Warrenton-Hammond School Board; when conscience demanded, sometimes taking positions contrary to her peers.

Through her years, she found great fulfillment in music, in gardening and especially in her art: in graphic design, photography, acrylics, watercolor, sculpture and collage, as well as combinations of those various media.



Linda Higgins

An artist, a pioneer and an iconoclast, Lin was fierce and complex, touching so many lives with her creativity, beliefs and compassion.

To the very end, she was a fighter, for herself and for others. Her closing act, in an orchestrated collaboration with a host of family and friends, was a huge collage representing the many elements of the Northwest region that she so loved.

Lin is preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Wayne; her sister, Jean Hooper; her nephew, David Hooper; and her niece, Christie Hawk.

She is remembered by her husband; her children, Jessie (Billy Marcantel) Abercrombie, Lily (Jason Yeo) Higgins and Sam Higgins; her grandchildren, Elizabeth and Katherine Till and Rose and Max Yeo; her brother, Jim (Connie Weeks) Miller; her sisters, Peggy (Dave) Dove and Nan Saylor-Hersh; her nephews, Bobby Hooper and Ian Dove; her nieces, Susan (Mike) Decker, Lisa (Jeff) Gontarek, Sandi (Peter) Elias, Andrea (Mark) Hawk-Williams, Elizabeth (Mace) Lambert and Rosie (Gerry) Bates; and many, many friends and valued colleagues.

Many thanks are due to Lower Columbia Hospice for their compassionate care. In remembrance, donate there, or simply give cash to a needy stranger.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Russell Cullen Dedmon  
Astoria

Dec. 8, 1936 — Sept. 19, 2020

Russell Cullen Dedmon, retired U.S. Navy, passed away at his home in Astoria, Oregon, on Sept. 19, 2020, at the age of 83.

Russell was born on Dec. 8, 1936, in Fort Worth, Texas, and grew up in Oklahoma.

During high school, he served in the 45th Infantry Division of the Oklahoma Army National Guard. Following his Guard service, Russell enlisted in the Navy. He participated in Operation Redwing in the South Pacific.

In 1959, he met and married Helga Ritter in Japan. Russell later served in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, and the Bronze Star Medal



Russell Dedmon

(with Combat “V”) for valor. After more than 22 years of service, Russell retired from the Navy with the rank of chief petty officer.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Portland State University while working at the Wauna paper mill. After retiring from the mill, he worked for Columbia Security in Longview, Washington.

Russell is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Helga; five children; and seven grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the National Association of Atomic Veterans.



Charles ‘Chuck’ Warren Deal  
Astoria

Dec. 6, 1953 — Sept. 17, 2020

Charles “Chuck” Warren Deal was born Dec. 6, 1953, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and passed away Sept. 17, 2020, in Astoria, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lindsay and Dorothy Deal; and two brothers, Lindsay (Sonny) and Bill Deal.

Survivors include two brothers, Ron Deal of Macon, Georgia, and Larry Deal, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and one sister, Sarah Gilbert, of Macon, Georgia. Also, he had many nieces, nephews and cousins.

After attending high school and college in



Charles Deal

Little Rock, he moved to Astoria, Oregon, where he worked in the fishing industry most of his life.

Chuck was an avid fisherman and taught some of his friends how to fish. He also loved observing bald eagles around Astoria. Most mornings, you would find him at the local diner having coffee and breakfast, and enjoying conversation with his many buddies.

Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Astoria on Oct. 24 at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Maritime Memorial Park in Astoria.

OBITUARY POLICY

The Astorian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include a small photo and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. The deadline for all obituaries is 9 a.m. the business day prior.

Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Death notices and upcoming services will be published at no charge. Notices must be submitted by 9 a.m. the day of publication.

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Trump paid \$750 in income taxes in 2016 and 2017, report says

By JOSH BOAK  
Associated Press

President Donald Trump paid just \$750 in federal income taxes the year he ran for president and in his first year in the White House, according to a report Sunday in The New York Times.

Trump, who has fiercely guarded his tax filings and is the only president in modern times not to make them public, paid no federal income taxes in 10 of the past 15 years.

The details of the tax filings complicate Trump’s description of himself as a shrewd and patriotic businessman, revealing instead a series of financial losses and income from abroad that could come into conflict with his responsibilities as president. The president’s financial disclosures indicated he earned at least \$434.9 million in 2018, but the tax filings reported a \$47.4 million loss.

The tax filings also illustrate how a reputed billionaire could pay little to nothing in taxes, while someone in the middle class could pay substantially more than him. Roughly half of Americans pay no income taxes, primarily because of how low their incomes are. But IRS figures indicate that the average tax filer paid roughly \$12,200 in 2017, about 16 times more than what the president paid.

The disclosure, which The New York

Times said comes from tax return data it obtained extending over two decades, comes at a pivotal moment ahead of the first presidential debate Tuesday and weeks before a divisive election against Democrat Joe Biden.

Speaking at a news conference Sunday at the White House, Trump dismissed the report as “fake news” and maintained he has paid taxes, though he gave no specifics. He also vowed that information about his taxes “will all be revealed,” but he offered no timeline for the disclosure and made similar promises during the 2016 campaign on which he never followed through.

In fact, the president has fielded court challenges against those seeking access to his returns, including the U.S. House, which is suing to get Trump’s tax returns as part of congressional oversight.

During his first two years as president, Trump received \$73 million from foreign operations, which in addition to his golf properties in Scotland and Ireland included \$3 million from the Philippines, \$2.3 million from India and \$1 million from Turkey, among other nations. The president in 2017 paid \$145,400 in taxes in India and \$156,824 in the Philippines, compared to just \$750 in U.S. income taxes. The report said the tax records did not reveal any unreported connections to Russia.

Trump nominates Barrett to Supreme Court

By ZEKE MILLER, LISA MASCARO  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, capping a dramatic reshaping of the federal judiciary that will resonate for a generation and that he hopes will provide a needed boost to his reelection effort.

Barrett, a former clerk to the late Justice Antonin Scalia, said Saturday that she was “truly humbled” by the nomination and quickly aligned herself with Scalia’s conservative approach to the law, saying his “judicial philosophy is mine, too.”

Barrett, 48, was joined in the Rose Garden by her husband and seven children. If confirmed by the Senate, she would fill the seat vacated by liberal icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It would be the sharpest ideological swing since Clarence Thomas replaced Justice Thurgood Marshall nearly three decades ago.

She would be the sixth justice on the nine-member court to be appointed by a Republican president, and the third of Trump’s first term in office.



Alex Brandon/AP Photo

**Judge Amy Coney Barrett speaks after President Donald Trump announced Barrett as his nominee to the Supreme Court at the White House on Saturday.**

Trump hailed Barrett as “a woman of remarkable intellect and character,” saying he had studied her record closely before making the pick.

Republican senators are lining up for a swift confirmation of Barrett ahead of the Nov. 3 election, as they aim to lock in conservative gains in the federal judiciary before a potential transition of power. Trump, meanwhile, is hoping the nomination will galvanize his supporters as he looks to fend off Democrat Joe Biden.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

| TODAY          | WEDNESDAY             | THURSDAY              | FRIDAY                 | SATURDAY     | SUNDAY        | MONDAY               |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
|                |                       |                       |                        |              |               |                      |
| 77 56          | 73 55                 | 72 56                 | 69 53                  | 67 54        | 67 56         | 65 51                |
| Sunny and warm | Partly sunny and nice | Mostly sunny and warm | Partly sunny; pleasant | Partly sunny | Rather cloudy | A chance for showers |

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low ..... 69/50

Normal high/low ..... 66/47

Record high ..... 84 in 2017

Record low ..... 33 in 1972

Precipitation

Sunday ..... 0.00"

Month to date ..... 2.92"

Normal month to date ..... 1.85"

Year to date ..... 41.87"

Normal year to date ..... 40.20"

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UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight’s Sky:** The Milky Way arcs high across the east as darkness falls, and directly overhead later on.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today ..... 7:12 a.m.

Sunset tonight ..... 6:59 p.m.

Moonrise today ..... 6:40 p.m.

Moonset today ..... 4:42 a.m.

Full Last New First

Oct 1 Oct 9 Oct 16 Oct 23

TODAY’S TIDES

**Astoria / Port Docks**  
Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)  
12:54 p.m. 7.4 6:43 a.m. -0.2  
none 6:55 p.m. -0.1

**Cape Disappointment**  
12:39 p.m. 7.0 6:03 a.m. 0.1  
none 6:16 p.m. 1.5

**Hammond**  
12:47 p.m. 7.4 6:16 a.m. -0.1  
none 6:34 p.m. 1.3

**Warrenton**  
12:49 p.m. 7.8 6:27 a.m. -0.1  
none 6:39 p.m. 1.2

**Knapapa**  
12:36 a.m. 7.5 7:44 a.m. -0.2  
1:31 p.m. 7.6 7:56 p.m. 1.0

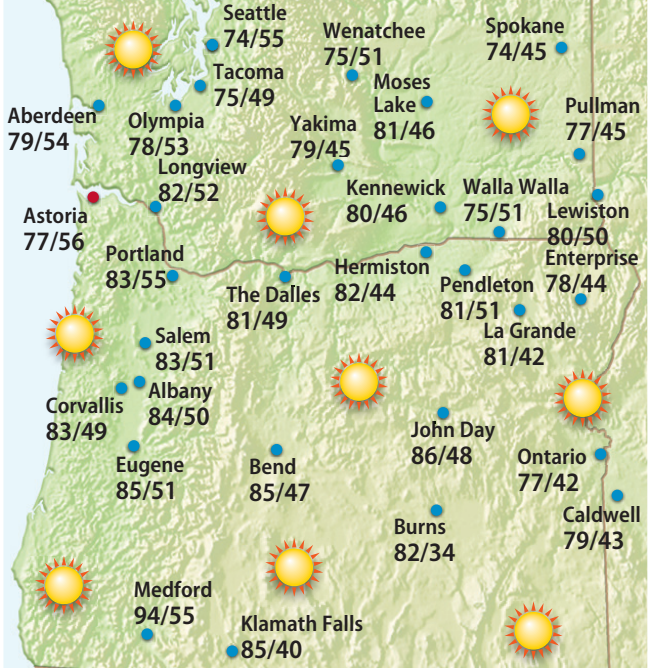
**Depoe Bay**  
11:54 a.m. 7.5 5:29 a.m. 0.2  
11:41 p.m. 7.8 5:45 p.m. 2.0

NATIONAL CITIES

| City                                                                                                                     | Today<br>Hi/Lo/W | Wed.<br>Hi/Lo/W |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Atlanta                                                                                                                  | 66/54/c          | 68/54/s         |
| Boston                                                                                                                   | 78/67/c          | 74/58/r         |
| Chicago                                                                                                                  | 64/51/pc         | 65/48/pc        |
| Dallas                                                                                                                   | 78/55/s          | 86/58/s         |
| Denver                                                                                                                   | 79/49/s          | 77/41/s         |
| Honolulu                                                                                                                 | 90/72/pc         | 89/74/s         |
| Houston                                                                                                                  | 80/54/s          | 84/57/s         |
| Los Angeles                                                                                                              | 98/72/s          | 99/69/s         |
| Miami                                                                                                                    | 90/77/t          | 88/73/t         |
| New York City                                                                                                            | 76/68/c          | 72/58/sh        |
| Phoenix                                                                                                                  | 101/73/s         | 103/75/s        |
| San Francisco                                                                                                            | 87/59/s          | 80/58/s         |
| Wash., DC                                                                                                                | 77/58/r          | 67/57/sh        |
| 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<br>Hi/Lo/W | Wed.<br>Hi/Lo/W | City        | Today<br>Hi/Lo/W | Wed.<br>Hi/Lo/W |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Baker City | 78/38/s          | 81/35/s         | North Bend  | 76/55/s          | 70/55/pc        |
| Brookings  | 76/57/s          | 71/59/pc        | Roseburg    | 93/55/s          | 91/56/s         |
| Ilwaco     | 75/57/s          | 69/57/pc        | Seaside     | 81/57/s          | 75/56/s         |
| Newberg    | 83/51/s          | 82/53/s         | Springfield | 87/51/s          | 85/52/s         |
| Newport    | 73/56/s          | 67/53/s         | Vancouver   | 84/53/s          | 83/54/s         |