

Yvonne Joanne Larson

Astoria

Aug. 30, 1936 — Sept. 18, 2020

Yvonne Joanne Larson was born in Astoria, Oregon, to Hannah Aurora (Smolander), a Finnish immigrant who came to the U.S. in 1913, and John Peter Enbusk, who was among the early settlers of Pendleton, Oregon, known as the Pendleton Finns.

Her father was a member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 50, working in the flour elevators at the Port of Astoria. Her mother was a member of the Columbia River Packers Association, and worked in the canneries of Astoria.

Yvonne was the “tailgate” of the family. Her brother, Carl, was born in 1917, and her sister, Theda, was born in 1919. Carl tragically drowned in the Columbia River in 1927. Theda was 17 when Yvonne was born.

Yvonne spent her early years in Uniontown, and her father later built their home across from Tapiola Park, and contributed toward the building of the pool.

During her early teens, Yvonne traveled to the East Coast and lived with Theda, her husband, Jim Newhall, who enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and their sons, John and Jim II. She grew a strong bond with the Newhall family.

Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents; siblings; and nephew, John Newhall. She is survived by John’s wife, Nancy, and son, Chris; and her nephew, Jim Newhall II, and his son, Jim Newhall III.

Yvonne graduated from Astoria High School in 1954. Soon after, she met Dale E. Larson, and they were married on June 5, 1955.

In 1961, they purchased a fixer-upper at the corner of Fourth Street and Grand Avenue. Located on a dead end, near a wooded area, Yvonne delighted in being the “block mom” for all who adventured there. Many renovations and décor changes were her passion throughout the years, and she hosted countless celebrations and gatherings there, which she meticulously planned.

Through the years their family grew. She is survived by her children and their families, Dave (Lancey) Larson, and their children, Katie (Jake), Jana (Shane) and Heidi, and grandchildren, Austin, Kiara, Alivia, Savana, Ava, Kayla and Colton; Dennis (Deon) Larson, and their children, Neil (Colleen) and Haley, and grandchildren, Ryan and Nora (expecting her November arrival); Robin (Doug Jensen), and their children, Tia (Alex), Dale, Courtney, and Madison, and grandchildren, Irelynn and Cleo; and Dean (Evie) Larson, and their children, Kurstin, Rachel and Wyatt, and grandchildren, Carson, Kira, Cohen and Yuri.

In 1961, Yvonne became a dedicated and baptized member of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. She remained an active and devoted member until her disease made it impossible for her to continue attending their meetings and engage

in the volunteer preaching work. She developed many close family bonds with fellow members throughout the years.



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Yvonne loved to travel, and enjoyed many vacations with family and friends to several states, as well as Sweden, Canada and Mexico. Maui, Hawaii, was her favorite destination; they traveled there every November for decades.

Every year they would RV to California to visit family, amusement parks (when their children were with them), Mexico, Arizona and Nevada. Dale used to refer to her as the “Blacktop Queen.” Later, when dementia caused her anxiety, Dale would load her in the car and say, “let’s go, see, do.”

Yvonne loved to dance, and she passed her passion onto her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dale and Yvonne were members of the Hayshakers Square Dance Club at the Pacific Grange in Warrenton. At any gathering that included music, they were known to clear the dance floor, and were truly delightful to watch.

By 2007 her Alzheimer’s/dementia became apparent. Although this disease is heartbreaking, it was also very healing, as it brought her family together. Old transgressions and barriers to communication were dissolved, and the family gathered as often as possible.

Dale made sure to bring Yvonne to any and all events they were invited to. Many friends and family assisted with her care while Dale worked at his shake mill to enjoy some respite.

In 2015, she became one of the first residents of Clatsop Care Memory Community. She enjoyed her new expanded family of residents and caregivers. Yvonne became known for her great smile, blue eyes and the signature move of squeezing your hand tightly if you tried to let go.

On the evening of May 29, 2018, after visiting Yvonne and feeding her dinner, Dale passed away in a car accident on his way home. Soon after, as her children and grandchildren visited her, they came to know Yvonne’s memory community family, and considered them family also.

Her caregivers loved and cared for “mamas” as if she was their own; Yvonne was the “block mom” once again. The family was notified that the time was near, so Yvonne hosted her final party. Two at a time, the family visited her throughout the day.

Six days later, Sept. 18, 2020, Robin cradled Yvonne’s hand and said, “Mama, take Dad’s hand, he wants to dance with you again,” and she took her last breath.

There will be a memorial service for Yvonne, via a Zoom meeting on Sunday at 1 p.m. at bit.ly/YLarson; Meeting ID: 834 4635 3488; Passcode: 314877.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 8 at Greenwood Cemetery. Friends and family are welcome.

Lou Ann Kerr Baty-Smith

Seaside

Oct. 16, 1929 — Sept. 14, 2020

Lou Ann Kerr was born to parents Frank and Eleanor in Seaside, Oregon, on Oct. 16, 1929. She was their only child.

Growing up, Lou Ann developed a love for horses and was a princess in the St. Paul Rodeo in 1948. She had deep ties to St. Paul, Oregon, where her father grew up.

After graduating from Seaside High School in 1947, she attended Marylhurst College in Portland, Oregon, from 1947 to 1950.

On Dec. 2, 1950, she married Richard Malcom Baty, a Seaside local and graduate of Oregon State University. They settled in Seaside, raising five children and operating her father’s heating oil business, Seaside Service Oil.

Lou Ann and Dick were avid bird hunters, enjoying trips to Eastern Oregon for hunting. She was a member of the Ladies of the Elks at the Elks Lodge and the Altar Society at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

Other pastimes included time on the links at the Seaside Golf Club, needlepoint, and she loved to knit. One of her greatest passions throughout her life was antiques. She loved collecting, and had a space in the Seaside Antique Mall for the last several years.

Last but not least, she was a die-hard Portland Trail Blazers and Raiders fan, followed the NFL and college football and never missed a Oregon and Oregon State Civil War game, always on the edge of her seat, as she was in a house divided.

Lou Ann and Dick divorced in 1973, and in the latter 1970s, she gained employment with the Crab Broiler Restaurant, where she worked for years as a hostess and cashier in the gift shop. She took pride in working at Seaside’s finest restaurant, and developed many friendships there that lasted a lifetime.



Lou Ann Baty-Smith

In 1993, she married John Francis (Jack) Smith, a hop farmer in St. Paul, and relocated there. She had a great love for this community, and was proud to be involved with the St. Paul Rodeo Association.

Along with a dear friend, Lou Ann started a successful apparel business of custom sweatshirts. She also published a cookbook of family recipes, ensuring everyone’s favorite dishes were passed down.

In 2009, she moved back to Seaside, thrilled to come full circle to her beloved hometown. Her final years back at the beach were happy ones. She was healthy, active and cherished time spent with family and friends. She celebrated her 90th birthday last year that included four close childhood friends.

Lou Ann is survived by her five children, Marcia Makela (Ken), Richard Baty Jr. (Sue), Marianne Pittard (Jeff), James Baty (Mary Jo Murtagh) and Nancy Baty (Josh Gizdavich); her grandchildren, Todd Makela (Autumn), Travis Makela, Nick Baty and Brooke Baty; and great-grandchildren Eleanor, Adeline and Clint and Karl Makela.

At Lou Ann’s request, a small family mass will be held at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

Interment will be next to her parents and grandmother at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton, Oregon.

Donations may be made to Seaside Kids Inc. or the charity of your choice in her name.

Lou Ann will always be remembered for her spirited nature, quick wit and warm heart. She was a loving, committed friend, devoted mother and grandmother and an independent, energetic force who lived her life to the fullest.

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Director: Challenges spotlighted

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filed a \$1 million claim against the housing authority alleging Johnston retaliated against her for reporting his alleged mismanagement and misconduct.

In March, a jury ruled in favor of the housing authority.

Additional claims of misconduct and mismanagement were brought up during the trial, putting a spotlight on challenges within the agency.

Some housing authority employees were notified last week in a letter signed by Johnston that their positions had been eliminated. A copy of the letter was obtained by The Astorian from an employee who asked to remain anonymous.

The letter said the housing authority decided to enter into a contract with Quadel, a Washington, D.C., based management and consulting firm, to take over the housing choice voucher program.

“As you know, NOHA has been working

closely with HUD to improve the administration of NOHA’s Housing Choice Voucher Program,” Johnston said in the letter. “It has been decided that the best course of action at this time is to engage a third-party contractor for that purpose.”

Reed said the letter was only sent to the agency staff that handles the housing choice voucher system, and that they are welcome to apply for employment through Quadel.

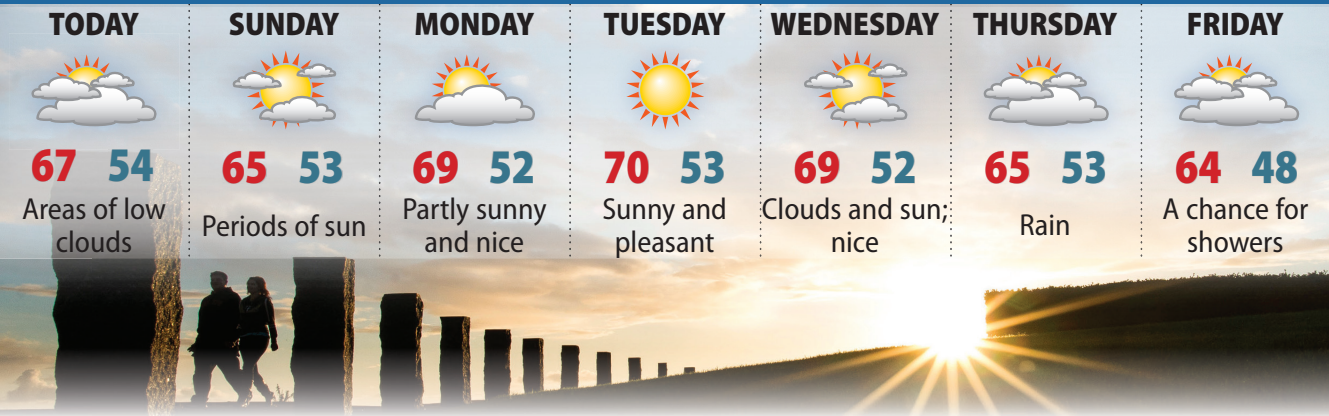
“We’ve been working with HUD, and HUD recommended that maybe we get a third party in to really help get this going,” she said.

During the board meeting on Thursday, Wev said she appreciates Reed’s leadership through the transition.

“I really would like to say how grateful I am for the last few months that Nina has just been a terrific leader and I personally just really appreciate all of the work,” she said.

Reed said, “I really want to be here for the staff and bring the energy to them and stand by them and have them build trust in me.”

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC	
Astoria through Thursday	
Temperatures	
High/low	62/57
Normal high/low	65/47
Record high	78 in 1952
Record low	35 in 2019
Precipitation	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.11"
Year to date	41.87"
Normal year to date	40.60"

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UNDER THE SKY	
Tonight’s Sky: Conjunction of the waning gibbous moon and Mars.	
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI	
SUN AND MOON	
Sunrise today	7:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:51 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:59 p.m.
Moonset today	8:55 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 31

TODAY’S TIDES			
Astoria / Port Docks		Time	High (ft.)
2:47 a.m.	7.0	8:51 a.m.	0.9
2:48 p.m.	7.6	9:24 p.m.	0.0
Cape Disappointment		Time	Low (ft.)
2:21 a.m.	7.0	8:06 a.m.	1.1
2:26 p.m.	7.4	8:30 p.m.	0.1
Hammond		Time	Low (ft.)
2:35 a.m.	7.3	8:23 a.m.	0.9
2:36 p.m.	7.8	8:52 p.m.	0.0
Warrenton		Time	Low (ft.)
2:42 a.m.	7.4	8:35 a.m.	1.0
2:43 p.m.	8.0	9:08 p.m.	0.1
Knappa		Time	Low (ft.)
3:24 a.m.	7.3	9:52 a.m.	0.8
3:25 p.m.	7.9	10:25 p.m.	0.0
Depoe Bay		Time	Low (ft.)
1:35 a.m.	7.6	7:31 a.m.	1.5
1:37 p.m.	8.1	8:00 p.m.	0.6

NATIONAL CITIES		
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	72/51/s	75/55/s
Boston	65/49/s	65/54/pc
Chicago	57/46/sh	55/40/c
Dallas	84/62/c	82/59/s
Denver	69/43/pc	80/52/s
Honolulu	89/74/pc	90/76/pc
Houston	83/60/s	87/61/s
Los Angeles	92/64/s	91/65/s
Miami	85/80/t	88/78/t
New York City	65/51/s	65/55/pc
Phoenix	105/70/s	104/73/s
San Francisco	78/58/pc	71/56/pc
Wash., DC	67/49/s	69/55/pc
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

