

OBITUARIES

Esther Hekala Dorvinen
Svensen
March 29, 1928 — Oct. 5, 2020

Esther Dorvinen’s constant prayer was, “Lord, may we live our lives in a way that is pleasing to you.” Everyone who knew her would say that she has certainly done that.

On Oct. 5, 2020, in her home of 67 years in Svensen, while listening to Alan Jackson’s hymn, “I’ll Fly Away,” Esther flew away into the arms of her savior and her beloved family and friends who had gone before her.

Esther Eleanor Hekala was born March 29, 1928, in Astoria. Her parents, John Hekala and Anna Hanni Hekala, were immigrants from Hailuoto, Finland, and taught their four children to speak Finnish before they learned English.

Esther grew up in Svensen, and attended Svensen and Knappa schools. Her senior year at Knappa she was the school newspaper editor and the annual editor and was the salutatorian for her small class of 1946.

On her first date with Robert (Bob) Dorvinen, they were in a car accident, and Esther spent three months in Columbia Hospital in Astoria recovering from a compound fracture of her right leg. On the day she was being released, she fell and broke her leg again, and spent another three months in the hospital.

Every day she was in the hospital, Bob came to visit her. Much of their courtship took place in the hospital. It was the start of their 60 years of devotion to one another.

Esther and Bob were married on Nov. 14, 1947, and spent their first two months living in Astoria. They were both country kids, though, and moved back to Svensen, where they lived the rest of their lives.

They had three children, Terry Robert, Corinne Kay and Lori Ann. Bob worked at the lumber mill in Bradwood and as a television repairman at Dave’s TV in Gearhart.

Esther was a loving and happy homemaker, raising the kids and cooking, baking, cleaning, sewing, crocheting, knitting, canning and quilting. She loved both vegetable and flower gardening. When she got tired of competing with the elk for her vegetable garden, she started doing container gardening.

When her girls were young, she taught 4-H cooking clubs. She became active at the Svensen Friends Church, now called Crossroads Community Church. She served as the church librarian, a Sunday school teacher and a janitor. She also led Good News Clubs in her home.

Forty years into their marriage, Bob suffered a severe stroke, from which he almost died. It left him in a wheelchair the last 20 years of his life. Throughout that time, Esther cared for her husband with great love

and devotion.

Esther lived simply, with a heart of gratitude for all her blessings. She was gentle and easy-going, loving and kind. She enjoyed her life, and was always ready for the next adventure.

She had lifelong close relationships with friends, and everyone was welcome to visit at her kitchen table. She had a phenomenal memory for people and birthdays, and for the history of her area. In her later years, she became passionate about playing Scrabble online with family members.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Bob; her siblings, Walter Hekala, Victor Hekala and Janet Welch Maxson; Bob’s parents, Felix and Fannie Dorvinen; and his siblings, Violet Grove and Margaret Maher.

She is survived by her children, Terry (JoRene Byers) Dorvinen, of Powell Butte, Corinne (Mark) Neufeldt, of St. Helens, and Lori Tussing, of Hammond; grandchildren, Nathan (Elizabeth) Neufeldt, of Thompson’s Station, Tennessee, Andrea (Michael) Motley, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Cally (Eric) Ridlon, of Sunriver, Than (Juli) Tussing, of Warren, Shoshana (Ted) Brinkman, of Warrenton, and Elisa (Robert) Scull, of Warrenton; 22 beloved great-grandchildren; and numerous equally beloved nieces and nephews, all of whom felt blessed to have known her, and were inspired by the example of her life.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their deep friendship and/or devoted service to Esther over the years: Fritz and Dave Perry and family; Cheryl Floyd, a neighbor Esther considered her fourth child; Cheryl’s grandson, Nathan, who kept her computer Scrabble-friendly; Eldred Bagley, a classmate, ready always to share a scripture, a song and a prayer; Jean Ingersoll Aarnio, a good friend since very early childhood; Imogene Abramson, lifelong friend; Marsha Ettro, Ilene Johnson and the rest of her dear church family and Bible study group; Dr. Thomas Duncan, Columbia Memorial Hospital, Providence Home Health and Lower Columbia Hospice. A special thank you to Gina Conn, Esther’s niece, whose devotion and support over the last months have been invaluable.

A graveside celebration of Esther’s life will be held at Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday at 11 a.m.

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

Contributions in Esther’s memory may be given to the Crossroads Community Church in Svensen, the Astoria Rescue Mission and/or the charity of your choice.



Esther Dorvinen



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Mark Anderson, owner of Champoeg Farm in St. Paul, calls to a group of pasture-raised turkeys.

Thanksgiving amid virus leaves
turkey producers guessing

By SIERRA DAWN McCLAIN
Capital Press

ST. PAUL — Mark Anderson, owner of Champoeg Farm in St. Paul, called to his flock of pasture-raised, broad-breasted white turkeys as he approached the fence. The toms replied with a throaty jumble of gobbling.

“It’s that time of year,” he said. “We’re taking orders for Thanksgiving.”

Turkey producers nationwide are asking hard questions this year: With people celebrating Thanksgiving in smaller gatherings, will Americans buy whole birds? Smaller birds? Only parts? Farmers and retailers are trying to guess the market.

Large-scale producers have already had a tough year, but many smaller, direct-to-consumer producers like Anderson have been thriving.

The pandemic will definitely change Thanksgiving, experts say.

The Turkey Talk Line that opens Nov. 2 will, for the first time in its 39-year history, have experts take calls from novice cooks remotely rather than from the Butterball call center near Chicago.

Nearly 70% of Americans say they plan to celebrate Thanksgiving differently this year, according to a consumer survey by market research firm Numerator. Nearly half of respondents plan to gather in smaller groups and 65% expect to celebrate with only immediate household members.

“I think a lot of people, at least here in Portland, are scared to travel right now,” Anderson said.

With larger gatherings likely be split into smaller ones, Joel Brandenberger, president of the National Turkey Federation, said he anticipates more total celebrations — and more birds sold. Poundage, he said, is harder to predict.

Some industry leaders expect many Americans will seek smaller birds. But the turkey industry can’t easily pivot. Contracts for baby turkeys, called poults, are written months in advance, and many of this Thanksgiving’s turkeys are already in cold storage.

Brandenberger said some smaller producers are aiming to grow lighter birds and offer more bone and breast options, but that’s not an industry-wide trend. The big companies appear to be growing large birds and hoping for the best.

In fact, experts say Thanksgiving will likely help an industry that’s been struggling since March.

Mark Jordan, agricultural economist and executive director of LEAP Market Analytics, said closures of restaurants, cafeterias and catering events this year have “crushed” segments of the industry.

The food service market, Jordan said, made up about 55% of the turkey industry’s sales pre-pandemic.

“Processed turkey markets are absolutely changed,”

Brandenberger said.

Scan data from supermarkets show retail turkey sales have increased dramatically, but industry leaders say those sales don’t offset food service losses.

Despite industry disruptions, some direct-to-consumer turkey producers have had more opportunity to strut their tail feathers.

Although Anderson lost nearly \$155,000 in restaurant sales this year, his direct-to-consumer market soared. Between March and September 2019, the farm made only \$800 in direct-to-consumer sales. This year during that same time frame, the farm made \$50,000 in direct-to-consumer. Even when the pandemic ends, Anderson said he plans to expand selling direct.

“Hey, 2020 hasn’t all been bad, right?” he said. “Some changes are good.”

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Boyd (Bud) Thompson
Warrenton
Jan. 31, 1937 — Oct. 9, 2020

Bud Thompson left us to be with the Lord on Oct. 9, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wonderful wife, Rosalie “Rose” Thompson, who passed in September 2018.

He is survived by his five beloved children, Wendy Coburn (Tom), Teri Woodroof (Gary), Paula Thompson, Mathew Thompson (Melody Munson) and Mark Thompson (Rachel).

A proud papa, Bud was blessed with nine grandchildren: Zach Otramba, Emily Woodroof, Sarah Woodroof Crofutt, Jessica Woodroof and Sophia, Audrey, Olive, Violet and Charlotte Thompson.

A longtime Clatsop County resident, Bud retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1977 and then moved into a new career as proprietor of the OceanTel Motel in Seaside.

An active member of Ducks Unlimited for

decades, he enjoyed hunting with his sons, as well as fishing all the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean had to offer.

When the motel was sold, the family settled in Warrenton, where Bud continued his “active retirement” and started Boyd’s Home Repair. He worked on many projects in the area, but was especially proud of helping build and establish the Warrenton Church of the Nazarene.

Bud was a devoted Christian who enjoyed mission trips to Mexico, cooking for men’s prayer breakfasts and ministering with Gideons.

He continued his service at Hilltop Nazarene in Astoria, working with the Odyssey children’s program and serving on the church board.

A memorial will be planned for spring 2021 in Warrenton.



Boyd Thompson

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
57 47	56 40	55 42	51 37	52 35	51 37	52 40
Rain and drizzle	A stray morning shower	Partly sunny	Cloudy, showers around	Showers possible	Plenty of sun	Showers possible

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	61/52
Normal high/low	60/44
Record high	79 in 1978
Record low	31 in 1949

Precipitation

Sunday	0.36"
Month to date	3.57"
Normal month to date	2.80"
Year to date	45.44"
Normal year to date	43.29"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: The Great Square of Pegasus is nearly overhead before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:40 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:20 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:36 p.m.
Moonset today	9:16 p.m.

	First	Full	Last	New
	Oct 23	Oct 31	Nov 8	Nov 14

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:47 a.m.	7.3	10:23 a.m.	2.0	
4:09 p.m.	8.9	11:19 p.m.	-0.9	
Cape Disappointment	4:21 a.m.	7.3	9:29 a.m.	2.4
3:46 p.m.	8.8	10:24 p.m.	-1.2	
Hammond	4:33 a.m.	7.5	9:52 a.m.	2.1
3:59 p.m.	9.1	10:45 p.m.	-1.4	
Warrenton	4:42 a.m.	7.6	10:07 a.m.	2.1
4:04 p.m.	9.3	11:03 p.m.	-0.8	
Knappa	5:24 a.m.	7.5	11:24 a.m.	1.8
4:46 p.m.	9.1	none		
Depoe Bay	3:36 a.m.	7.6	8:58 a.m.	2.7
2:58 p.m.	9.3	9:58 p.m.	-1.2	

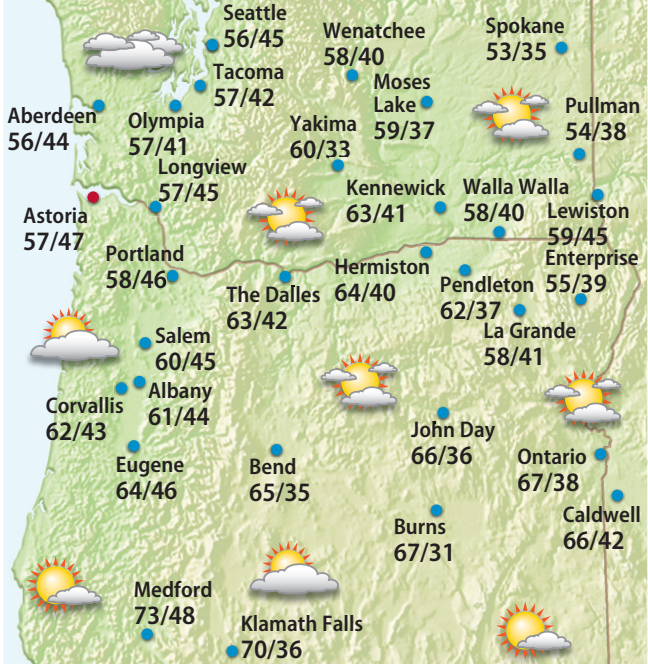
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	78/62/pc	80/65/pc
Boston	70/55/pc	66/59/pc
Chicago	52/47/c	60/52/c
Dallas	83/68/c	84/69/pc
Denver	69/38/pc	71/42/s
Honolulu	84/73/sh	86/73/pc
Houston	84/70/t	86/70/pc
Los Angeles	81/61/pc	80/63/pc
Miami	85/78/t	83/78/t
New York City	70/61/pc	71/61/pc
Phoenix	98/66/s	97/67/s
San Francisco	76/57/pc	75/56/s
Wash., DC	78/63/pc	79/62/s
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	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	60/37/pc	52/25/c	North Bend	63/51/s	60/44/pc
Brookings	68/54/s	65/49/s	Roseburg	67/50/pc	61/38/c
Ilwaco	56/49/sh	55/43/pc	Seaside	56/48/r	56/40/pc
Newberg	57/43/pc	57/33/pc	Springfield	64/46/pc	58/34/sh
Newport	59/47/pc	55/42/pc	Vancouver	58/45/c	57/37/pc