

OBITUARIES

Jerry Danial (Dannie) Nichols
Svensen
Oct. 24, 1940 — Jan. 3, 2021

Jerry Danial (Dannie) Nichols, 80, passed away on Jan. 3, 2021, at home in Svensen, from complications of COVID-19.

Dannie was born in Astoria on Oct. 24, 1940, to Joe and Bessie Nichols. Dannie went to school in Hammond until the family moved to Gearhart. Dannie attended Seaside High School and graduated in 1958.

After graduation, Dannie joined the U.S. Army, where he served in Missouri and Spokane, Washington, for three years.

Dannie was a commercial fisherman and crabber for many years, and in 1996 moved to Coquille to work for the Coquille Watershed Association, helping to restore salmon habitat. Dannie retired in 2004, and they moved to Arizona for winters and Coquille in the summers. Finally, in 2012, Dannie and Lani moved to Svensen, where he lived until his death.

Dannie married his first wife, Donna, in 1958. They had three children, Christine, Cindy and Jerry. They divorced in 1961.

In 1967, Dannie married Michael Sherwood. They had two children, Heather and Sean. They divorced in 1979.

Dannie met his future wife, Lani Hilliard, in 1983, and together, they had Drew.



Jerry Nichols

Dannie enjoyed watching the Seattle Mariners, Atlanta Braves and the Portland Trail Blazers on TV. In the spring, if the weather was warm enough, he would go watch his nephew, James Nichols, coach the Knappa girls softball team.

He enjoyed hunting in Burns for many years and loved telling hunting stories at deer camp.

Dannie was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Bessie Nichols, and a toddler brother, Bennie.

Dannie is survived by his wife, Lani Nichols; brother, Jimmy (Pat) Nichols; sisters, Gloria Regan, Jo Ellen Guilroy and Linda (Ken) Scheuner; and his children, Christine (Paul) Zartman, Cindy (Steve) Blackman, Jerry Painter, Heather Nichols, Sean (Kandace) Nichols and Drew (Georgina) Nichols.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Cody, Kyle and Caleb Zartman, Taylor Blackman, Brooklyn Painter, Seth Colson, Sara Colson, Graden Nichols and Bennet Nichols; four great-grandchildren; plus multiple nieces and nephews, as well as extended family and friends.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, no service is currently planned.

Merle Edward Thornton
Soda Springs, Idaho
Sept. 22, 1927 — Jan. 3, 2021



Merle Thornton

Merle Edward Thornton, 93, passed away Jan. 3, 2021, in Preston, Idaho.

He was born Sept. 22, 1927, to Oral Alvin and Elsie Florence Ray Thornton, in Dallas. He spent many years in Salem and Astoria.

He was married to Viola Lilian Pedersen for 66 years. She passed away in 2013.

He is survived by his children, Sue (Kent) Adams and Steve Thornton; grandchildren, Andrea (Jeff) Jewkes, Laird (Melanie) Adams, Brad (Joanne) Adams and Paige (Brock) Byram; and 12

great-grandchildren.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy in the Philippines.

He was an automotive parts manager. He loved to fish on the Columbia River and play cards. He was never idle, always finding something to tinker with.

Funeral arrangements are by Sims Funeral Home in Soda Springs, Idaho. Services will be held at a later date.

Condolences and memories of Merle can be shared online with the family by visiting [simsfh.com](https://www.simsfh.com)

Evelyn June Starr
Astoria
June 17, 1929 — Dec. 26, 2020



June Starr

Evelyn June Starr, 91, of Astoria, died Dec. 26, 2020, at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Garden Home on June 17, 1929, to Lester and Albena Knudsen. She had three siblings, Loyd, Lorayne and Jack.

She married Robert G. Starr on Aug. 28, 1947, and had four children, Karl, David, Jeneanne and Allen. The Starrs moved from Portland to Cannon Beach in 1962 and to the Lewis and Clark area in 1965.

She worked as a veterinarian assistant

and at Berkhart Dairy.

She loved animals, gardening and music.

She is survived by Karl Starr, of Grays River, Washington, David Starr, of Naselle, Washington, and Allen Starr, of Knappa (Affordable Towing); grandchildren, Gabrial, Jacob, Kelsey, Karen, Tyra, Sherre and Amanda; and great-grandchildren, Nathaniel, Gabby and Gauge.

A memorial will be held in the spring; the date will be announced.

Paul Flues Sr.
Astoria
1935 — 2021



Paul Flues Sr.

Our eternal jokester, gentle giant, husband, father, grandpa and friend: The Flues family is sad to announce the accidental death of Paul Flues Sr. on Jan. 6, 2021.

Paul was born in 1935 and grew up in Clatsop County. Living in the Knappa-Svensen area, he enjoyed the Huck Finn life with his childhood buddies, exploring nature and the mountains.

Promising to watch over his friend's girlfriend while he went in to the military, Paul ended up marrying her, Donna Cummings Flues, and rearing three gifted children who survive him, Debra Flues-Dawson, of Astoria, Paul Flues II, of Astoria, and Melinda Flues Zschoche (husband Bob), of Astoria and Bend.

Donna preceded him in death on Jan. 21, 2020.

Paul retired from Knappton-Brix Co., where he enjoyed his work as a tug deckhand and captain. Co-workers described him as one of the safest and hardest working men on the river, whose culinary adventures taught many young men how to cook.

He enjoyed the simple, relaxed life with his Walluski Rose, Donna, traveling, visiting family and supporting his grandkids in school and after school activities, always there to offer his support and encouragement.

Always a prankster and storyteller, he enlivened the lives of his 10 grandchildren with tales of his childhood and grandpa antics. Offering two bits for a back scratch, a giant pat on the back, hug or handshake, the gentle giant was always ready to help out.

A patient man, his instructions were life lessons, a 30-minute oil change was a three hour job of step-by-step details; boring, but insightful. Anything built by his hands was top quality, and would pass the Fort Knox test.

Camping with his family, making whistles out of an alder branch and his famous short multi-mile hikes kept the family on the go. His children remember weeding the "small" half-acre garden and the bushels of wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables from the family garden in Walluski.

Paul was a good cook, enjoying great food and wine. Every grandkid and family member was treated like royalty at fine restaurants locally, and around the world.

Building the Zuper Cub tractor for his

grandson, Mitch, listening to his granddaughter Brittany's angelic singing voice, enjoying a fine glass of wine with granddaughter Teona in Paris or trekking the Big Five in Africa with daughter Melinda and son Paul, he was not afraid to enjoy life.

His daughter, Debra, enjoyed a lifelong special friendship with her father, who was her mentor and biggest supporter.

Offering the annual Christmas shot of aquavit to the younger generation was an induction into his proud Norwegian bloodlines. He was a humble, gentle and generous man.

A lifelong member and trustee of Bethany Lutheran Church, faith was his guiding light.

He will be remembered for his openness to love and acceptance of all people, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, religious or cultural background. He was not perfect, but his love was.

A military veteran, he is survived by his three children; granddaughters, Teona Dawson, of Astoria, Katrina Dawson-Kiosse (husband Jade), of Tigard, and Brittany Zschoche-Smith (husband Kyle), of Gearhart; grandsons, Mitchell Zschoche (partner Leigh) and Christian Zschoche (wife Lena), of Astoria; and five adorable great grandchildren, Dakota Dawson-Deloe, Bella Dawson Deloe, Emerson Zschoche, Harper Zschoche and Grayson Zschoche, all of Astoria; and Steve Deloe, Curtis Dawson and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

His mother, Winnifred Sandnes-Flues-Hendrickson; father, Wayne Flues; sister, Paulette Flues Brand; and brothers, Wayne Flues, Ed (Butch) Flues, all preceded Paul in death.

Contributions may be made to the Wildlife Center of the North Coast or to a charity of choice for children and those in need.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave.

A memorial service will be held Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. at Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, attendance is limited to family and close friends. Graveside services are at 3 p.m. at Ocean View Cemetery for family.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign the online guest book at [caldwellsmortuary.com](https://www.caldwellsmortuary.com)

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

49 42

51 44

52 47

54 47

53 45

54 47

53 43

High clouds

A little morning rain

Rain at times

Periods of rain

Cloudy, rain possible

Cloudy, rain possible

Decreasing clouds

ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 52/38

Normal high/low 49/38

Record high 67 in 1986

Record low 15 in 1974

Precipitation

Thursday 0.03"

Month to date 6.52"

Normal month to date 2.44"

Year to date 6.52"

Normal year to date 2.44"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Stephen Hawking's birthday (1942).

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:57 a.m.

Sunset tonight 4:49 p.m.

Moonrise today 4:17 a.m.

Moonset today 1:45 p.m.

New

First

Full

Last

Jan 12

Jan 20

Jan 28

Feb 4

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

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

9:15 a.m. 9.2 3:08 a.m. 3.1

10:55 p.m. 6.7 4:39 p.m. 0.4

Cape Disappointment

8:55 a.m. 9.2 2:19 a.m. 3.0

10:43 p.m. 6.7 3:51 p.m. 0.0

Hammond

9:07 a.m. 9.5 2:43 a.m. 3.1

10:47 p.m. 7.0 4:08 p.m. -0.2

Warrenton

9:10 a.m. 9.6 2:52 a.m. 3.2

10:50 p.m. 7.1 4:23 p.m. 0.1

Knappa

9:52 a.m. 9.4 4:09 a.m. 2.7

11:32 p.m. 7.0 5:40 p.m. 0.0

Depoe Bay

8:08 a.m. 9.4 1:44 a.m. 3.5

9:58 p.m. 6.7 3:22 p.m. -0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

Today Sun.

Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W

Atlanta 45/28/s 51/35/pc

Boston 36/26/pc 38/25/pc

Chicago 36/25/c 31/22/pc

Dallas 49/32/pc 41/33/sn

Denver 32/20/sn 36/19/s

Honolulu 82/70/pc 82/70/pc

Houston 57/41/s 47/39/r

Los Angeles 71/50/s 72/49/pc

Miami 68/48/s 69/60/pc

New York City 38/28/s 40/29/s

Phoenix 68/42/s 66/42/s

San Francisco 58/45/pc 59/46/pc

Wash., DC 44/32/pc 48/31/s

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 Sun. Hi/Lo/W

Baker City 36/23/pc 34/20/c

Brookings 53/45/pc 54/48/r

Ilwaco 48/42/pc 52/45/r

Newberg 45/38/pc 50/42/c

Newport 52/44/pc 53/46/c

North Bend 54/46/pc 55/45/c

Roseburg 50/39/c 54/39/c

Seaside 48/42/c 52/44/c

Springfield 43/38/pc 52/41/c

Vancouver 46/37/pc 48/40/c