

OBITUARIES

Arlen 'Bunny' Romaine Gassner

Seaside
1929 — 2021

Arlen "Bunny" Romaine Gassner passed away Feb. 1, 2021, in his home, of natural causes. He was 92.

Bunny was born in 1929, in Garibaldi, to Eva Patterson and Clayton Salikie. He was later adopted by his stepfather, Fritz Gassner.

He started his career in the woods as a logger, and later became a truck driver.

He loved life, and lived it to the fullest. He always had a story about work, friends and family, or his memories of racing cars at Clatsop Speedway, where he was known as Bronco Bunny.

He was also very proud of his Hawaiian and Native American Heritage. He was a member of the Quinault Indian Nation.



Arlen Gassner

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joy Gassner; daughter, Leslie Kallunki (John); son, Hollis Gassner; daughter, Arlayne Hoff (John); sons, David Gassner (Leta) and Tracy Gassner (Ronda); daughter-in-law, Marie Gassner; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by sons, Shane Gassner and Frank Shepherd; brother, Clayton Salikie; and sister, Lillian Sheffer.

A special thank you to the Quinault Indian Nation for covering all of the funeral expenses.

There will be no service due to COVID-19. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary was in charge of the arrangements.

Richard Whitlock

Seaside
Aug. 24, 1958 — Dec. 7, 2020

Richard Whitlock was born and raised in Seaside. Growing up, sports were always a huge part of his life, from Little League Baseball through high school, continuing into his adult years, to playing city league basketball and softball, to coaching numerous Little League teams and basketball teams.

Richard enjoyed attending and watching Oregon State University football games with his son, David. He ran many 5Ks with his wife, Kirstin, and daughter, Aimee, always being sure to wait at the finish line to say, "what took you so long?" He loved being "Grumpa" to his two granddaughters, Emmy and Ava, always having pictures ready to show off.

Richard took great pride in his work as an auto mechanic. He enjoyed helping people, and numerous customers became life-

long friends. Richard is survived by his father, Gene (Carole) Whitlock; his mother, Patricia (Hugh) Kerwin; his wife of 42 years, Kirstin Whitlock; daughter, Aimee, and son-in-law, Seth Morrissey; son, David Whitlock; granddaughters, Emmy Grace and Ava James Morrissey; sisters, Cathy (Al) Dawson and Sally Whitlock; brothers, Sherman (Cindy) Whitlock and George (Angela) Whitlock; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends, who were also part of his family.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. A service will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made in his name to Seaside Kids Inc.

Richard will always be remembered for his sense of humor, good heart, and his all-around love of a good cheeseburger.



Richard Whitlock

Heikki Kullervo Jaakola

Helsinki, Finland
June 3, 1951 — Dec. 27, 2020

Heikki Kullervo Jaakola, 69, formerly of Astoria, passed away in Helsinki, Finland, on Dec. 27, 2020. Heikki was born in Kalajoki, Finland, on June 3, 1951, to Arvid and Aino Jaakola.

He moved to Astoria to be with his girlfriend, Marju Vedenoja, in December 1972. They married in 1973, but later divorced in 2015 after he returned to Finland in 2013.

Heikki worked at the Astoria Plywood Mill for 17 years. He was a shareholder until they closed the doors. Then he went to work as a roofer for Jarvis Roofing for 17 years. Heikki was a hard worker, and was always joking around, and was well-liked by his co-workers and others.

On his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing on the Columbia River for sturgeon and salmon and clam digging. He always had good stories to tell and pictures of his grand-

kids to show off. He loved his family very much.

Heikki is survived by his two children, son, Petri (Kera) Jaakola, and daughter, Sanna (Jason) McGuire; and grandkids, Marissa, Mikko, Raija, Taylor, Gavin and Trask, all of Astoria.

He is also survived by his brothers, Vaino (Elli), Olavi, Erkki (Anne) and Antti; sisters, Anneli and Liisa (Pentti); Heikki's girlfriend, Eila Partanen, and numerous nieces and nephews, all of Finland.

Heikki is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Eino, Martti and Pentti; sister, Raija; and niece, Johanna.

There was a graveside service on Thursday in Kalajoki, Finland, where he was laid to rest with his parents.

Heikki will be missed by many, but never forgotten. Love you, Dad.



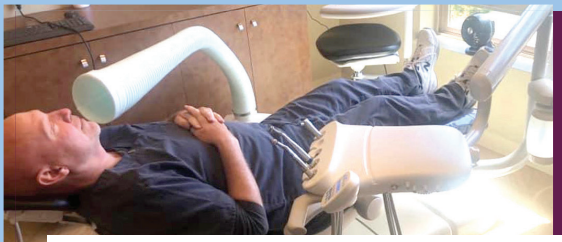
Heikki Jaakola

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
38 29 A little rain; cold	40 38 Showers around; cold	47 41 Rain tapering off	47 39 A couple of showers	48 38 Chance of rain	49 39 Cloudy, rain possible	49 38 A chance of rain

ALMANAC
Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low	40/33
Normal high/low	51/37
Record high	66 in 1934
Record low	21 in 1905

Precipitation

Thursday	0.26"
Month to date	3.65"
Normal month to date	2.97"
Year to date	19.56"
Normal year to date	13.17"

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UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: At brightest of +0.66, Mars high above SW horizon after sunset.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:39 p.m.
Moonrise today 8:44 a.m.
Moonset today 7:53 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Feb 19	Feb 27	Mar 5	Mar 13

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:33 a.m.	8.1	8:25 a.m.	-2.1
2:05 p.m.	8.4	8:50 p.m.	-2.0

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:10 a.m.	7.9	7:31 a.m.	-2.3
1:40 p.m.	8.6	7:59 p.m.	-0.1

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:22 a.m.	8.2	7:53 a.m.	-2.2
1:54 p.m.	8.8	8:17 p.m.	-0.2

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:28 a.m.	8.4	8:09 a.m.	-2.2
2:00 p.m.	8.8	8:34 p.m.	-0.1

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
3:10 a.m.	8.3	9:26 a.m.	-1.8
2:42 p.m.	8.7	9:51 p.m.	-0.1

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:24 a.m.	8.1	7:00 a.m.	-2.5
12:53 p.m.	8.9	7:29 p.m.	-0.2

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Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Seattle 36/29	Wenatchee 26/16	Spokane 22/11
Tacoma 34/26	Moses Lake 32/20	Pullman 21/12
Olympia 34/26	Yakima 27/17	Walla Walla 22/15
Longview 34/27	Kennewick 28/16	Lewiston 25/15
Astoria 38/29	Hermiston 27/19	Enterprise 26/15
Portland 32/28	The Dalles 27/19	Pendleton 21/16
Salem 43/32	Albany 45/34	La Grande 25/16
Corvallis 45/35	Eugene 48/39	John Day 35/19
Bend 31/17	Burns 39/23	Ontario 39/23
Medford 49/37	Klamath Falls 41/27	Caldwell 37/18

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	31/18/sn	32/24/c	North Bend	51/42/r	50/47/sh
Brookings	49/41/r	48/46/sh	Roseburg	49/41/r	48/46/sh
Ilwaco	40/32/r	40/39/sh	Seaside	41/32/sh	42/39/sh
Newberg	36/29/sn	38/37/sh	Springfield	48/40/r	49/46/sh
Newport	46/39/r	46/43/sh	Vancouver	31/28/sn	37/32/sn

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.