## **Stacey Elizabeth MacDonald**

Astoria

April 24, 1973 — March 15, 2021

Heaven gained a red-headed angel when Stacey Elizabeth MacDonald died of kidney cancer on March 15, 2021, in Astoria at the age of 47.

She was born April 24, 1973, in Eugene to Ralph and Donna Mac-Donald and in 1978 Stacey became a big sister to Jeremy.

Stacey spent her entire life living on the North Coast of Oregon. Her schooling included an associate's degree from Clatsop Community College, plus she graduated from the Astoria beauty school.

Stacey's last job was the night Stacey MacDonald chef at Clatsop Retirement Village.

From her schooling to her variety of jobs, her last job was her favorite.

Stacey lived life to the fullest with her work ethic, kindness and wonderful smile. Her greatest accomplishment in life was her daughter, Lily, born in 1999.

Stacey's life centered around her family, friends and love of camping. Her family will treasure memories of their annual trek to the Oregon Country Fair.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, Darin Minyard.

**OBITUARIES** 

Stacey is survived by her daughter, Lily; parents, Ralph and Donna; along with her sibling, Jeremy, sister-in-law, Tammy, and nephew, Wyatt. Stacey is also survived by her grandmother, Marian Kinnunen, and her best friend and partner, Theron Jump. Plus, she is survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will reach out and let friends know of a celebration of life this summer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to help defray medical and funeral expenses can be made to the Stacey MacDonald Memorial

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at caldwellsmortu-





Warrenton

The North Coast is mourning the passing of Robert "Bob" Dean Joiner of Warrenton. The Joiners arrived on the North Coast in

January 1994 from Long Beach, California, and immediately went to Thiel's Music and told manager Lani Williamson that Bob wanted to join a band. She directed him to the North Coast Symphonic Band and Terry Hahn, director of the North Coast Big Band.

The next Monday, Bob appeared at rehearsal and joined the group on the euphonium. His talent and wide background expertise were immediately recognized, and Bob was soon

playing in the North Coast Symphonic Band, the North Coast Big Band, the Astoria Tuba Quartet and the Little Ballet Theatre "Nutcracker" Orchestra, as well as in jazz pick-up bands at local restaurants and pubs.

Bob was born in East Alton, Illinois. During his early education, he developed an interest in sports and music. Bob earned a number of ribbons and awards for his participation in basketball. After knee injuries canceled his basketball scholarship, he devoted his energies to music.

He earned a scholarship to Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington for the euphonium. Bob was a member of Phi Mu Alpha fraternity, and president for one year. He also belonged to the Blue Key Honor Society.

Later, Bob taught himself to play the trombone so that he could play jazz in clubs, starting at age 16, when he was invited to play with

June 21, 1931 — March 19, 2021

In addition to his excellent chops on the euphonium and trombone, Bob was a composer and arranger. Two of his favorite pieces that locals recognize include "Lynda"

and "Relaxin' at Ricciardi's.'

For years, Bob was part of the quartet including Dave Drury, Chuck Wilder and Jim Wilkins, who played Sunday afternoons at Café Uniontown. Later, he was a regular at the sessions at the Wet Dog, and then a sometime drop-in at the Bridgewater Bistro on nights when Dave Drury was playing. Always a gentleman, Bob never hogged the spotlight, but when it was his time to take a turn, the audience was offered a superb treat.

During his years on the North Coast, Bob and his wife, Lynda, hosted the local musical community's social event of the year every August at their home. The annual event included live music, dancing, home brew on tap and lots of food and socializing - sometimes until the wee hours. Bob and Lynda were the ultimate hosts and everyone was invited musicians, neighbors, loyal fans and even the local accordion bands.

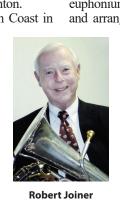
Bob was 89 years old at the time of his passing, and struggled in recent years with Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia. He received many visitors near the end of his life, and was especially pleased to be serenaded by the Astoria Tuba Quartet shortly before he passed.

Bob was preceded in death by his daugh-

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## **Robert Dean Joiner**





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