

OBITUARIES

Pamela Lynn Chestnut

Astoria

Nov. 19, 1951 — April 7, 2021

Pamela Lynn Chestnut, of Astoria, died peacefully, surrounded by friends, family, love and light, in the wee hours of the morning on April 7, 2021, just as a light rain began to fall. After a few years challenged by ovarian cancer and its effects, she is finally at rest and at ease, and surely enjoying a regained freedom and wholeness that she lacked in her final time on Earth.

Pam is survived by her beloved daughter, Erin, of Astoria; two dear brothers, Ron and Vince, of Petaluma and Magalia, California; four noteworthy nieces and nephews, Robin, Ryan, Shane and Sarah; two exceptional cats, Punkin and Mimi; one amazing dog, Lady; and multitudes of lovely, interesting and devoted friends and relatives.

Pam grew up in San Diego, California, and graduated from high school in Lodi, eventually making her way to Pleasanton, where she met her handsome, kind husband of a few years, Bart, who would help her create her life's work, their daughter.

She spent many years as a well-respected escrow officer before leaving her career to go to college in 2000, something she'd always wanted to do. She chose Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, because of her love of the area for the many vacations she and her daughter had enjoyed camping in the redwoods over the years.

After receiving her bachelor's degree, Pam enrolled at the College of the Redwoods to earn her associate's degree in historic preservation and restoration. The skills she learned there were used to many homes' and homeowners' delights after she moved to Astoria in 2008 to be with her daughter.

Pam was always active in the community of Astoria, from her work on the board of the Lower Columbia Preservation Society to the classes she both took and taught at Clatsop Community College, to her attendance at many and most art, music and community events and gatherings. Everywhere she went, people knew and loved her; she always had a smile and a hello or brief conversation or silly encounter for everyone she happened upon.

She made most everyone feel welcome and loved wherever she went, as she truly loved people. She participated in (and often was the instigator of) innumerable uncontrollable laughing fits with friends and family over her lifetime.

Fort George Brewery, where her daughter has worked for 13 years, holds a special place in their hearts for her, as she always brightened every gathering. Her impersonation of a sea lion singing a song at a company campout's talent show will remain a fond and hilarious memory in so many hearts

and minds.

Her passion for preserving old windows and restoring historical features in homes will hopefully resound in the community for years to come. So many homeowners in the area are privileged to have her touch on their homes as a lasting legacy!

She loved traveling near and far, was an avid reader and an even more avid chocolate and ice cream lover. She absolutely adored children, and would get right down on the ground with them, and enter their world happily and readily.

She loved watching movies; her all-time favorite was "Moonstruck" — she knew every line. Her red truck, "Braveheart," was a loved one, and made her easily recognizable everywhere she went. She was an excellent seamstress, a natural in the garden, a lover of architecture and house plans, a natural born yogi, a skilled artist.

Pam was "so full of life and fun to be around," "such a beautiful and sweet person," "so very special" and had a "beauty, calm spirit and silliness" that will be so missed. She was a "truly remarkable woman and friend," "a blessing" and "a gem," and had a "warm smile and optimistic spirit" — comments from dear ones after her passing.

She was the best mom a girl could wish for, best friend a person could make and the best example a human could have in kindness and generosity and lightness and fun. She will be missed so very much, but those of us closest to her vow to take on these qualities in ourselves to keep her spirit alive (and please join us!).

Pam-ma, Pam-la, Pammy, Pamma-Lamma, Auntie Pam Sir!, Pam Chestnut!, Momma: We will miss you! Thank you for everything, always, and mostly for making us smile and laugh and remember to keep the silliness alive, no matter our age or circumstance.

Pam's ashes will be spread in a casual ceremony and gathering in the redwoods of Northern California not-yet-planned for the coming months, and a lively celebration will be held in Astoria this spring or summer, with plenty of dancing and eating and laughing and loving in her honor. If you want to be included on the contact list for either of the above celebrations as they come to fruition, please email her daughter, Erin, at emmastoria@yahoo.com

Donations can be sent in her name to the Lower Columbia Preservation Society, P.O. Box 1334, Astoria, OR., 97103.

Memories can be relived and renewed every day by smiling, laughing, saying "hi" to a stranger and being just plain silly at each and every opportunity.



Pamela Chestnut

Melissa Benfield-Schertenleib

Kennewick, Washington

July 12, 1972 — April 7, 2021

We regretfully announce the passing of Melissa Benfield-Schertenleib, 48, of Kennewick, Washington, on April 7, 2021. Melissa passed away peacefully, and surrounded by her loved ones, after a valiant battle with cancer.

Melissa was born on July 12, 1972, to Donna Schott and Gordon Benfield in Seaside. Melissa first attended grade school and junior high school in Warrenton, then Seaside High School and Mount Hood Community College.

Melissa worked for Safeway, the Clatsop County Public Health Department and U.S. Bank before meeting her husband of 18 years, Rick Schertenleib.

Melissa had an adventurous spirit, was kind-hearted, courageous and adored her entire family. She lovingly embraced everyone as her family, whether they were biological or not. She was a strong woman who never lost her sense of humor, no matter how hard her life became. Her smile and laugh were beloved by all who met her.

Melissa was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mary and John Schott and Kathleen and Latt Benfield; in-laws, Juanita

and John Schertenleib; two brothers, Nicolas and Donald Mcknight; and granddaughter, Ashley.

She is survived by her mother, Donna Vitko, and stepfather, Paul Vitko; father, Gordon Benfield; husband, Rick Schertenleib; brother, Latt Benfield; sisters, Jackie Mcknight, Josie Benfield, Ashley Polevoi and Heidi Brown; daughters, Brianna Anderson and Stefanie Dellit; stepchildren, Josh and Jamie Schertenleib, Nikki and Josh Peters and Janelle Schertenleib; niece, Megan Brown, and nephew, James Benfield; sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen

Arrotta, Linda Peitz, Kathy and John Albertson and Ed, Joe and Janelle Schertenleib; and her grandchildren, Aida, Owen, Tyler, Kyle, Jason, Bella, Allison, Braden and Austin.

A celebration of life will be held at Coastline Christian Fellowship in Olney at 2 p.m. on June 5.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the Knight cancer center through Oregon Health & Science University, or the American Cancer Society, in Melissa's name.



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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
63 43	62 45	57 44	58 45	55 42	58 43	56 41
Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Low clouds	Mostly cloudy	Rain	Rain possible	Showers possible

ALMANAC
Astoria through Sunday
Temperatures
High/low 59/42
Normal high/low 57/41
Record high 74 in 2016
Record low 26 in 1927
Precipitation
Sunday 0.00"
Month to date 0.34"
Normal month to date 3.38"
Year to date 33.15"
Normal year to date 28.22"
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UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: First quarter moon (11:59 p.m.).
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 6:20 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:10 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:19 p.m.
Moonset today 3:30 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	May 11

TODAY'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)
6:53 a.m. 7.0 1:26 a.m. 4.1
9:32 p.m. 6.0 2:39 p.m. 0.9
Cape Disappointment
6:43 a.m. 6.7 12:43 a.m. 4.5
9:22 p.m. 5.9 1:57 p.m. 1.0
Hammond
6:54 a.m. 6.9 1:08 a.m. 4.3
9:31 p.m. 6.1 2:16 p.m. 0.8
Warrenton
6:48 a.m. 7.4 1:10 a.m. 4.2
9:27 p.m. 6.4 2:23 p.m. 1.0
Knappa
7:30 a.m. 7.2 2:27 a.m. 3.5
10:09 p.m. 6.3 3:40 p.m. 0.8
Depoe Bay
5:55 a.m. 6.6 12:13 a.m. 4.4
8:38 p.m. 5.9 1:26 p.m. 0.7

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	74/53/pc	62/41/s
Boston	70/49/pc	65/36/sh
Chicago	38/30/sn	45/32/sh
Dallas	65/39/s	63/47/pc
Denver	39/23/pc	36/25/sf
Honolulu	84/71/pc	85/71/s
Houston	80/47/s	72/47/s
Los Angeles	76/59/s	67/58/c
Miami	89/76/c	86/69/t
New York City	74/52/s	66/38/r
Phoenix	92/64/s	89/62/s
San Francisco	63/51/c	64/50/c
Wash., DC	74/57/s	65/38/r

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.

Seattle	72/48	Wenatchee	68/43	Spokane	62/36
Aberdeen	68/41	Tacoma	72/39	Moses Lake	72/34
Olympia	74/40	Yakima	70/37	Pullman	62/33
Longview	77/41	Kennewick	74/34	Walla Walla	66/39
Astoria	63/43	Portland	75/47	Lewiston	68/38
Corvallis	73/44	The Dalles	74/39	Enterprise	59/27
Eugene	73/42	Hermiston	72/32	Pendleton	67/33
Bend	62/31	La Grande	63/30	John Day	63/30
Medford	75/43	John Day	63/30	Ontario	67/34
Klamath Falls	65/33	Burns	63/27	Caldwell	64/34

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	62/27/s	67/30/s	North Bend	56/43/pc	58/44/pc
Brookings	61/47/pc	64/48/s	Roseburg	74/43/pc	77/44/pc
Ilwaco	61/44/pc	60/44/c	Seaside	64/42/pc	64/44/pc
Newberg	75/44/pc	81/43/pc	Springfield	75/40/pc	78/43/pc
Newport	57/42/pc	58/43/pc	Vancouver	76/44/pc	81/45/pc