#### **OBITUARIES**

### **Terrie Chesnut** Scottsville, Virginia June 20, 1960 — April 22, 2021

"I saw the end of the road ahead / Yet I did not stop to tarry more / But steadfastly continued the chartered course, / Knowing soon I'd set off for another shore."

Terrie's course was laid before her long ago, and rather than vary that direction, she marched forward toward an inevitable outcome. Yet it wasn't with solemn grief she persevered.

Instead, she was a light in the life of many loved ones, and a selfless rescuer of those in need. Each has a chapter to tell in her story written over time.

From her early days of childhood challenges, she showed her nurturing nature by looking out for her younger sister and brother during times of need. When another sister came along she was there to help as well.

Trauma was never far away, as life placed some unsavory and abusive people in her path. Despite her own pain, she always did for

**By HILLARY BORRUD** 

The Oregonian

let violent far-right demon-

strators into the state Capitol

during a Dec. 21 special ses-

sion was criminally charged

on Friday with first-degree

official misconduct and sec-

ond-degree criminal trespass.

State Rep. Mike Nearman,

R-Independence, was caught

on security videos opening

a door and allowing demon-

strators to enter the building.

He had been under investiga-

tion since at least January for

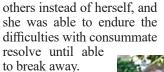
Nearman is scheduled to

appear in court to face the

enabling the breach.

comment.

An Oregon lawmaker who



Terrie's light was seen one day by John Chesnut, and both their stories became intertwined. The love they shared led to the joys of their lives, David and Timmi, and later

**Terrie Chesnut** 

ation, Chase, Paige, Paityn and Paxton — Nana's best friends.

to the next gener-

For years, they enjoyed fun in many forms, from clam digging to camping, but fun wasn't always limited to outdoor activities. Terrie was a prankster at heart, leading to many moments of laughter.

She was an avid cupcake baker, sharing her love of sweets with all those around. Trained as a massage therapist, her delicate, healing

Lawmaker charged with criminal misconduct

after letting protesters inside the state Capitol

first-degree

cial misconduct charge is for allegedly knowingly tak-

ing action that constituted an

unauthorized exercise of his

official duties to benefit some-

one else, according to court

filings. The second charge is

for allegedly abetting another

person to enter and remain in

was signed and filed in Mar-

ion County Circuit Court on

closed to the public for the

last year due to the corona-

virus pandemic. On Dec. 21,

lawmakers were in the build-

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The charging document

Oregon's Capitol has been

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touch was a comfort and gift. Along her journey, Terrie would continue to show

her compassion, not only for people but for unfortunate animals, as well. It was not uncommon for her to rescue a dog or cat in need.

One such example was when driving with her sister and brother, she told her sis-

ter to stop the car when she saw a dog cross the road. She insisted they try and rescue it, only leading to her brother being bitten in the attempt, as the dog continued along its way.

Another time, she convinced her other sister to come all the way to Oregon to pick up a cat she had "gotten" her for her birthday. It was Terrie's nature to rescue.

Yet her internal struggles with life took her along a road leading to many difficulties, which would ultimately bring her to an unfortunate shortening of her story.

But even reaching that end, she continued to write more of her story. Her recent move to Scottsville, Virginia, brought her some final peace.

Surrounded by her family, Terrie's last days were full of love and laughter, culminating in a fitting final champagne toast and send off with the mayor of Scottsville on April 22. It was as if honors deserved were finally bestowed on this wonderful woman, who touched the lives of so many.

Now Terrie's story, starting on June 20, 1960, will continue through the memories of her loved ones and the courses she has helped chart. To those who are part of her story, may you continue to write Terrie's legacy.

Goodbye, sweetheart, and don't let your journey to heaven be sidetracked by a stray dog.

**OREGON CAPITAL** 

## **Ralph Joseph Raniero** Gearhart July 19, 1941 — April 6, 2021

79, passed away April 6, 2021, at the home of his sister, in Gearhart.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, on July 19, 1941, he was the son of the late John and Ethel (Hansen) Raniero.

Ralph attended school in Gearhart and Seaside. He was a member of the Seaside High School Class of 1959. He served in the U.S. Army.

He was employed at Coast Plumbing & Heating from the age of 14 until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the American Legion Clatsop Post 12 in Astoria, a volunteer fireman with the Gearhart Fire Department and a reserve deputy with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.

Ralph was also a devoted

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Ralph Joseph Raniero, amateur radio operator for 65 years, with the call sign W7DLE. He loved fishing the streams of

> Clatsop County. He was preceded in death by his parents and

son, Michael. He will be remembered by his sons, Steven, of Tacoma, Washington, Christopher, of Gearhart, and David, of Astoria; sister, Judy Pesonen, of Gearhart; ex-wife,

Lynda, of Astoria; stepdaughter, Patricia Dixon; nieces, Janine Jensen and Julie Walz; nephew, John Pesonen; stepsons, William Robinson and Scott Robinson; cousin, Helen Hansen; and seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A private service will take place at a later date.

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#### charges on May 11. His attorsion of 2020, which Gov. ney, Jason Short, could not Kate Brown called to extend immediately be reached for the state's eviction moratorium, create a relief fund

for landlords and pass wildfire and COVID-19 related funding.

As House lawmakers debated rules for the one-day proceeding around 8:30 a.m., Nearman left the chamber and exited a door near where right-wing demonstrators had gathered to protest the state's coronavirus restrictions. Demonstrators, including some carrying rifles, were circulating outside the north face of the Capitol and one man carrying a large flag waited just outside the door that Nearman opened, according to security footage obtained by The Oregonian through a public records request. Nearman exited and walked around the man with the flag, making no effort to keep him from entering the Capitol.



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