

OBITUARIES

## William 'Bill' Berg Gearhart Aug. 13, 1938 — May 16, 2021

William "Bill" Berg was born on Aug. 13, 1938, in Berkeley, California, to William Berg Jr., administrative assistant to Oregon's U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse, and to Dorothy Helen Shaw, descendant of pioneers who migrated from Indiana to Oregon in 1852.

He attended primary and secondary schools in Washington, D.C., and Boulder, Colorado, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Johns Hopkins University in 1960. Bill attended Cornell University for a master's degree in 1962, and Princeton University for a doctorate in 1966.

He married Beverly Brown, a fellow classicist, in 1970; they separated after seven years, and were divorced in 1980.

After teaching classical languages and Graeco-Roman civilization at the University

of California, Los Angeles, and Stanford University, Bill left the academic world in 1974 to settle in Gearhart, where he had celebrated his first birthday, and many summer holidays, in his great-great-grandmother's cottage on the Ridge Path.

He took a number of odd jobs over the years in Clatsop County, including teaching languages, literature and ancient civilization at Clatsop Community College through the 1990s.

In 1976, Bill was elected president of the Gearhart Homeowners Association, and subsequently served on the Gearhart Planning Commission, City Council and Historic Landmarks Commission.

He organized and directed resource inventories, surveys and data analysis for the original Gearhart Comprehensive Plan and



William Berg

## Henry Matias Peltó Astoria Aug. 29, 1948 — May 1, 2021

Henry Matias Peltó passed peacefully on May 1, 2021, after heroically and fiercely battling Parkinson's disease for many years.

Born Heikki Matias Ylipelto on Aug. 29, 1948, in Toholampi, Finland, to Eeva Kyllikki and Veikko Ylipelto, he moved with his family to Svensen when he was 7. The day after their arrival, he and his sister, Hanneli, started first grade, even though they did not speak a word of English.

He excelled in school, played baseball — and later led the Longview fast-pitch league with the highest batting average for a season — football and basketball for Knappa High School (the team won the state championship in 1966).

He successfully managed school and athletics while helping with the family's mink business and working summers at the Wauna Mill.

He attended the University of Oregon after receiving a scholarship from Wauna, eventually discovered a passion for the building industry, and moved to Seattle, where he formed his own construction company, specializing in custom and speculative homes, commercial projects and remodeling.

He enjoyed golfing, boating, racing 6-meter sailboats, skiing and attending or watching many sporting events.

Heikki was always at the ready to help friends and family. He will be remembered for sharing his kindness and talents with so many.

He retired in 2010 for health reasons, but continued planning and dreaming of building until he passed.

He leaves behind his wife, Sherie; two sons, Nicholas and Justin; his siblings, Hanneli Turner (William) and Antti Ylipelto (Mary-Ann); sisters-in-law, Sandra (Michael) and Kimberly (Randy); a nephew, William Jr. (Miranda); nieces, Shelley (Eric), Nikki (Daniel) and Noel; and seven grandnieces and nephews.

Our heartfelt thanks go to his doctors, especially Dr. Kathryn Chung at Oregon Health and Science University, Lower Columbia Hospice (Rhonda, Diane, Joey, and Jeanette); many physical and other therapists, including Megan, Nathan and Leo; our local Parkinson's support group; and all the neighbors, friends and family who supported Heikki during his last years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in his name to Oregon Health and Science University research, Mail Code L-341, 3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR., 97239-3098 or Lower Columbia Hospice.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Please email hpelto@aol.com for details.



Henry Peltó



drafted the final 1978 text approved by the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission. Also in 1978, Bill successfully applied for grants to complete an award-winning solar retrofit to the Gearhart Fire Department.

His frequent sojourns abroad began with a year in Greece as a Fulbright scholar in 1960 to 1961, where he pursued field archaeology at ancient Corinth, followed by a summer of excavation on Samothrace in 1964. Over the following decades, he returned to Greece nine times for research in classics and in the musical modes and singers of rebetiko, the "blues" of modern Greece.

He studied and wrote his doctoral dissertation at the University of Tübingen, Germany, during 1964 to 1965 through an award from the German Academic Exchange Service.

After teaching a variety of courses at St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1987 to 1988, Bill accepted a Fulbright lectureship at 'Atenisi University in the South Pacific kingdom of Tonga, where he lectured during 1989 on classical civilization and American literature, and where he met

his future wife, Mami Kanzaki, a teacher in the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers program.

They were finally married in Japan in 2004. In the meantime, Bill had again done extensive travel and research in Greece, Mexico, Thailand and India. He and Mami enjoyed further world travel both together, and with their son, Shota, during the years following their marriage.

His publications included books and articles on ancient and modern Greek and Roman and early Christian literature, history, religion and philosophy. Bill's scholarly output continued until shortly before his death.

A major historical work, "Gearhart Remembered," was published in 2001, with a second edition in 2013. Further information can be found at bit.ly/WilliamBerg

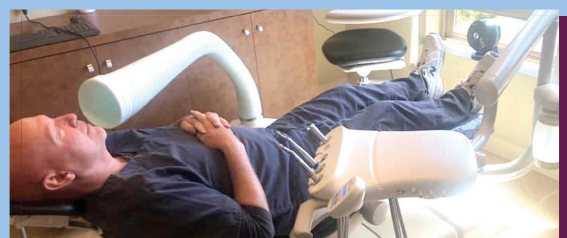
He is survived by his wife, Mami; his stepson, Shota, of Tokyo, Japan; his brother, retired Ohio state geologist Thomas Berg, of Columbus, Ohio; his sister-in-law, Betty; numerous nephews, a niece and their descendants; and a large number of fellow friends of dear old Gearhart.

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## REFINANCE

### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
67 50 Partly sunny; warmer	66 50 Turning cloudy	69 55 Mostly cloudy	70 54 Nice with some sun	64 52 Partly sunny	62 50 Partly sunny	62 51 Cloudy

### ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 57/51  
Normal high/low ..... 62/48  
Record high ..... 80 in 2003  
Record low ..... 37 in 1940

**Precipitation**

Thursday ..... 0.33"  
Month to date ..... 1.15"  
Normal month to date ..... 2.92"  
Year to date ..... 35.33"  
Normal year to date ..... 32.96"

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### UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** Conjunction of Venus and Mercury below the western horizon. (Not visible.)

### SUN AND MOON

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

Sunrise today ..... 5:30 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 8:57 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 12:06 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 8:30 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
June 2	June 10	June 17	June 24

### TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	3:23 a.m.	9.1	10:44 a.m.	-1.5
	5:15 p.m.	7.2	10:39 p.m.	3.0
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>	2:58 a.m.	9.3	9:45 a.m.	-1.9
	4:50 p.m.	7.2	9:41 p.m.	3.4
<b>Hammond</b>	3:12 a.m.	9.5	10:05 a.m.	-2.1
	5:00 p.m.	7.4	10:04 p.m.	3.0
<b>Warrenton</b>	3:18 a.m.	9.5	10:28 a.m.	-1.4
	5:10 p.m.	7.6	10:23 p.m.	3.1
<b>Knappa</b>	4:00 a.m.	9.4	11:45 a.m.	-1.2
	5:52 p.m.	7.4	11:40 p.m.	2.5
<b>Depoe Bay</b>	2:11 a.m.	9.2	9:18 a.m.	-2.4
	4:06 p.m.	7.1	9:14 p.m.	3.1

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	73/52/c	76/59/s
Boston	53/49/r	57/53/r
Chicago	61/44/s	67/52/pc
Dallas	80/67/t	79/66/c
Denver	68/50/t	55/46/t
Honolulu	85/70/pc	85/72/sh
Houston	80/67/t	83/66/pc
Los Angeles	76/59/pc	77/60/pc
Miami	88/75/pc	88/77/t
New York City	54/48/r	60/52/r
Phoenix	101/73/s	101/75/s
San Francisco	65/53/pc	70/54/s
Wash., DC	58/50/r	59/50/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.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	70/50		Wenatchee	75/52	
Tacoma	70/47		Moses Lake	82/48	
Olympia	73/50		Yakima	77/47	
Longview	75/49		Kennewick	82/48	
Astoria	67/50		Walla Walla	77/51	
Portland	79/53		Lewiston	77/50	
The Dalles	83/51		Enterprise	70/43	
Salem	80/52		Pendleton	78/48	
Albany	79/48		La Grande	73/42	
Corvallis	79/47		John Day	75/47	
Eugene	78/47		Burns	74/43	
Bend	76/47		Ontario	78/50	
Medford	89/54		Caldwell	75/48	
Klamath Falls	81/43				

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	72/39/pc	77/42/pc	North Bend	62/49/s	64/51/pc
Brookings	62/50/pc	71/58/pc	Roseburg	83/51/pc	85/54/pc
Ilwaco	64/52/s	61/54/c	Seaside	69/50/pc	67/52/pc
Newberg	79/49/pc	84/53/pc	Springfield	79/47/pc	84/53/pc
Newport	59/47/pc	61/49/pc	Vancouver	79/52/pc	82/56/pc