

OBITUARIES

Leila Mae (Hickerson) Vernor

Seaside

March 9, 1933 — May 11, 2021

“Welcome, I’m glad you’re here!” This was the warming demeanor Leila carried at any community event she volunteered for.

Leila Mae (Hickerson) Vernor was born on March 9, 1933, in Alton, Illinois. At home with family and friends by her side, Leila quietly passed away on May 11, 2021, in Seaside. Leila had a smile on her face with peace, knowing she was going to be greeted by God welcoming her home.

Leila was the fourth of five children, and was preceded in death by sisters, LaVelle Hair, Emma Jane Boschert and Eva Jean Rose, and baby brother, Clarence “Sonny” Hickerson. All of the siblings were born to their late parents, Leila Viola (Perrings) and Clarence Davis Hickerson, in Alton.

Leila graduated in the last “January class” from Alton Senior High School in 1951. She was in French Club, Future Business Leaders of America, FDA, student council, on the dean’s list and played the alto sax in the band. After graduation, she went on to the Rubicon Business School for accounting in St. Louis.

Leila’s older sister, Emma Jane, and her brother-in-law, set up a blind date with someone who would become Leila’s future husband, and they played “Cootie.”

It worked, because on June 20, 1953, in 102-degree weather, she married Oliver W. Vernor (former Seaside mayor from 1995 to 1998) from Wood River, Illinois, at the Cherry Street Baptist Church in Alton.

Leila and Oliver (Ollie) later moved to South Bend, Indiana, where they were blessed with two wonderful children, Robert Wayne Vernor and Cathy Jo (Vernor) Opfer.

They moved to Chicago Heights, Illinois, after a few years. There, Leila discovered Robert could not see well. Leila’s compassion and understanding helped Robert overcome the challenges of being legally blind. She was an amazing mother, and took great pride in helping Robert.

The Vernors moved to Louisville, Kentucky, then Florissant, Missouri. In these moves, Leila became the president of the PTA for the school of the blind, president of the local garden club, participated in county fairs and made lifelong friends.

Leila and Ollie took a visit to see her oldest sister, LaVelle Hair, who lived in Seaside, and they were hooked! “We’re moving to Seaside!” they said.

They continued their activism in Seaside, starting with church. Being warmly welcomed when they walked into Seaside United Methodist Church, they knew they

were home.

Leila made great friends in her numerous groups in Seaside, like the ambassadors, the Bob Chisholm Community Center, Elks Lodge No. 1748, being Mrs. Mayor, Sunset Empire Park and Recreation, the Seaside Museum, TOPS Club and her home away from home, Seaside United Methodist Church. Leila also absolutely loved her annual excursion to choir camp at Camp Magruder.

Leila loved being in church. There she was a devout member, pie maker, seamstress, award-winning counted-cross stitch artist, bread pudding chef, cookie maker, choir singer and United Methodist Women leader. She exemplified all that good “church” is meant to be and stand for.

Many of Leila’s friends have shared how their lives were enriched by her kindness and empathy that would radiate from her. She would make you feel “seen,” and make sure you felt welcomed. Her wishes would be to please continue sharing kindness to others.

Leila was an amazing wife, and was married 59 years to Oliver (1953-2012). Facing life and all its obstacles together, they persevered and were determined to make this world a better place through fairness in truth and kindness.

She believed in the power of prayer. She loved her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, church, friends and neighbors. She was able to love all these people because she loved Jesus, and always put God first.

Leila is survived by her son, Robert W. Vernor, and his wife, Shirley, of Denver, Colorado; her daughter, Cathy “Cj” Opfer; her grandchildren, Joshua and Karina Hedegaard, of Silkeborg, Denmark, and Jessica and Rasheed Raines, of Roanoke, Virginia; and her great-grandchildren, Matthew, Autumn, Chloe, Carter, Kianna, Katie and Jack.

A memorial is being held at 11 a.m. on June 26 at the Seaside United Methodist Church, 241 N. Holladay Drive. There will be a link to join the service via Zoom. Contact the church office by email before noon on June 25 at seasideunitedmethodist@gmail.com to receive the link.

There will be a gathering after the service at 725 Second Ave. in Seaside.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Seaside United Methodist Church.

Please feel free to leave a note of a special memory to share with Leila’s family in her guest book at caldwellsmortuary.com



Leila Vernor

MaryAnn McCarty

Hammond

May 7, 1937 — May 19, 2021

With broken and grieving hearts, it is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of our beloved mother, auntie, sister and friend, MaryAnn McCarty.

MaryAnn has died at the age of 84. MaryAnn was born on May 7, 1937, to Herman and Helen Toennis, in Stacey, Montana. She was the youngest of eight children.

MaryAnn moved from Montana to Oregon with her mother a short while following the death of her father, Herman Toennis, on May 16, 1955. Her mother, Helen Toennis, passed away on Jan. 6, 1988.

MaryAnn is survived by her five children, several grandchildren; a brother, Don Toennis, in Fort Bragg, California; and a sister, Rose (Toennis) Rancort, in Concord, New Hampshire.

Her siblings who preceded her in death are: Sister Irene, Earl Shriner, Doris (Toennis) Rummell, John Toennis and Agnes (Toennis) Sharbono.

As a young woman, after settling in Oregon, through family connections, MaryAnn met and married Guy LaFerriere and had four children, Raymond LaFerriere, Sharon LaFerriere, Janet (LaFerriere) Bronson and Pauline LaFerriere, residing in Oregon and Washington.

Sometime after Guy’s death, she married Jack McCarty, and they had a son, Jack (Junior) McCarty. After the passing of Jack McCarty Sr. on Oct. 14, 2000, and with her first four children now grown and out on their own, Jack Junior and MaryAnn became inseparable.

They depended on each other for nearly everything. And, being the loving and sacrificial mother that MaryAnn was, her time and love was a treasured investment in her youngest son.

That was obvious to all, as she bragged about him with every event of their lives. She, indeed, was a very proud mom! She often referred to Jack Junior, in a loving, candid way, as “The Kid.” Family and friends never tired of hearing the successes

of The Kid!

Jack lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, with his wife of 11 years, Rachel, and MaryAnn’s grandson, JR; MaryAnn’s granddaughter, Aislinn, resides with her birth mother in Bremerton, Washington.

MaryAnn’s early years as a wife and mother were spent raising her family and providing love and nourishing in some of MaryAnn’s most challenging times. She was a hard-working and resilient woman who never ran empty of giving of herself for her family. Not only her immediate family, but she cared for several of her nieces and nephews during times of need.

During her marriage to Jack McCarty Sr., MaryAnn probably worked harder than anyone, as she took care of all the customers on her husband’s charter boat.

MaryAnn cleaned and filleted many kinds of fish — she was considered an expert at cold-smoking salmon and other fish. She did commercial canning of any of the products and was the best Dungeness crab cooker in the Pacific Northwest!

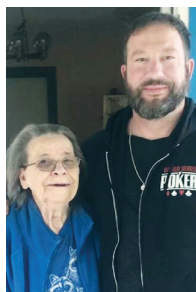
In MaryAnn’s later years, her joy was truly spending time with her son, Jack, and his wife, Rachel. Whether that time was in person, or on the phone or FaceTime, it was what brought her the most happiness!

She loved being the “fur-baby sitter” for their family pet dogs, and treasured that time with them. It gave her great joy to be needed in that capacity — she just loved giving of herself to others.

MaryAnn will be remembered for many, many good works throughout her entire life. And, right at the top of the list, well, let’s just say that, for this woman with such a tiny and petite physical body frame, she carried the biggest heart you can imagine!

She will never be forgotten. We have so many fond memories of her, and we will see her again! She is truly resting in peace, in the loving hands of our Heavenly Father!

A celebration of life was held with an intimate group of family and friends on May 27.



MaryAnn McCarty and Jack McCarty Jr.

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Tourism: City’s outdated resolution regarding funding is an avenue to reset

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out any participation in the LCTC, Warrenton will lose that ability to control the message, to drive visitorship where you want it and how you want it,” he said.

Reid pointed to recent city projects like a food truck pod planned for the lot between City Hall and Arnie’s Cafe.

“That’s an entity that will certainly serve Warrenton residents, but in order to thrive, a full food cart pod with the restaurants existing in Warrenton needs some outside money, needs some people that are coming to town for whatever reason, whether that’s tourism or other visitation to spend some money there,” Reid said.

“The same is true for trails, same is true for the

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marina itself. So in order to market those things in some way, you need some kind of marketing entity. You have one. And you have a very efficient one in the LCTC. If you defund the LCTC, remove all those funds from there, that is an independent committee, they’re going to make their own decision as to what they do.

“But when all of their money is coming from Astoria, my suspicion would be

that they would change the makeup of that commission to reflect where the money is coming from and how it’s spent. And I really hate to see that 30 years of effort of building a combined brand go away.

“I do understand that there’s a sentiment that the interests of Warrenton are not represented. I disagree. I think we’ve made an extraordinary effort to make sure that we are as balanced

as we can possibly be. But there is an avenue for doing that. And that’s why there are Warrenton representatives voting on that committee so that we get that input.

“All of that is built into the marketing and the function of the LCTC.”

Mayor Henry Balensifer said part of the issue is that Warrenton has struggled to keep its seats filled on the committee. He said there has always been a dis-

connect, leaving the city unsure about what it is getting from its investment in the committee.

He said the city’s outdated resolution regarding funding is an avenue to reset and have more discussion.

“I think the city still wants to remain in the game with the chamber, but it is my impression from conversations this commission’s had, in the budget committee as well, that it would like

to renegotiate the terms of its relationship with both the chamber and its services to the city, as well as LCTC,” Balensifer said.

“And so I think perhaps if we were to continue, and I can’t speak for the whole commission because I know there’s been a recommendation at the budget committee already, but if we were to stay with LCTC there would probably be a need for a direct input from commission, not just a representative of the commission, to make sure everybody is on board with what’s that direction set for that year.

“That’s a different arrangement than what they have on the Astoria side of that, but I think considering the history that would be the most prudent choice if we were to move forward in that direction.”

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
62 50 A morning shower	61 51 Periods of rain	69 57 Warmer; rain at night	66 55 Clouds and sun	67 53 Cloudy with a shower	65 52 Chance of a shower	64 51 A shower possible

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Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low	61/43
Normal high/low	63/49
Record high	82 in 1932
Record low	39 in 1933

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.81"
Normal month to date	0.82"
Year to date	36.17"
Normal year to date	34.18"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: New moon (Thursday at 3:54 a.m.)

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight	9:06 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:28 a.m.
Moonset today	9:47 p.m.

New First Full Last
 June 10 June 17 June 24 July 1

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
1:15 a.m.	8.2	8:35 a.m.	-0.7	
2:59 p.m.	6.6	8:14 p.m.	3.3	
12:55 a.m.	8.2	7:40 a.m.	-0.6	
2:36 p.m.	6.4	7:22 p.m.	3.5	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	84/71/t	80/71/t
Boston	73/57/pc	69/57/pc
Chicago	85/67/t	90/70/s
Dallas	92/76/pc	92/75/pc
Denver	95/53/s	83/56/s
Honolulu	87/74/pc	87/73/sh
Houston	92/76/pc	94/76/pc
Los Angeles	77/61/s	79/62/s
Miami	89/79/s	89/78/pc
New York City	82/60/pc	72/60/pc
Phoenix	101/74/pc	105/76/s
San Francisco	67/54/s	71/59/pc
Wash., DC	82/66/t	71/64/t

cloudy (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	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Baker City	65/41/pc	70/42/c	North Bend	63/52/c	64/54/r
Brookings	58/50/pc	56/53/r	Roseburg	72/51/c	69/54/sh
Ilwaco	61/51/pc	61/53/r	Seaside	63/49/pc	62/49/r
Newberg	69/50/pc	66/51/sh	Springfield	71/49/c	72/53/sh
Newport	58/49/c	56/50/r	Vancouver	68/54/pc	66/53/sh