### **OBITUARIES**

## **Edward James Olson** Astoria Dec. 4, 1971 — Sept. 3, 2021

Edward James Olson, of Astoria, passed away on Sept. 3, 2021, at the age of 49.

Ed was born in Tillamook on Dec. 4, 1971. He graduated from Astoria High School in 1990 and immediately started his career in the maritime industry as a deckhand on a tugboat. His love for the tugs and talent were obvious to those around him. He spent his entire career with Tidewater before his skill and hard work earned him a spot in the Columbia River Bar Pilots training program in 2019. He will be missed on the Columbia River.

In 1996 he married his high school sweetheart, Rena Cater. They worked hard together to build a beautiful life that revolved around family and very close friends. He in Peace #216.



**Edward Olson** 

loved spending his time hunting, fishing and camping with those he loved. Ed's list of lifelong friends is long and the lines between

> friends and family were often blurred. Ed's sense of humor and practical jokes will be missed. He had an easy smile and made those around him feel welcome. When he gave a hug, he meant it. He protected those he loved fiercely.

> Ed is survived by his wife, Rena Olson; daughters, Hannah, Emilee, and Grace; parents, Elroy and Lorri Olson, Kathie and Mike Tarabochia; siblings, Donald Olson, Luke Olson, Carie Olson

and Leighton Olson; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services are postponed at this time. Rest

### Harold 'Hal' Husby Sunriver May 10, 1934 — Aug. 23, 2021

Harold 'Hal' Husby, of Sunriver, died peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 23, 2021.

Hal was born in Astoria on May 10, 1934, to Erling and Birgit Husby, who immigrated to the United States from Norway. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ken.

Hal attended Astoria schools, graduating from Astoria High School in 1952. He went on to Oregon State University and earned a degree in business finance in 1956. After graduating from Oregon State, Hal joined the U.S. Navy and went to Providence, Rhode Island, to Navy Officer Candidate School.

While attending Oregon State, he met the love of his life, Susan (Mason), and they were married on Jan. 5, 1958. Their son, Richard, was born in August 1959.

Hal was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1961 and moved to the Sacramento area, joining Bank of America.

In 1962, their daughter, Kristen, was

born. In 1965, the family moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and lived there until 1981, when Hall was transferred to London. Upon returning to the U.S., they settled in Palos Verdes, California, and once again in the San Francisco area until Hal's retirement in 1998. Hal and Sue moved back to Oregon and settled in Sunriver. They enjoyed traveling internationally, golfing, the outdoors and spending time with friends and family.

Hal is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sue; son, Rich (Deb), of California; daughter, Kristen, of Minnesota; granddaughter, Brianna (Max) Sheehan, of Bend; and grandson, Calder, of California. Hal was a wonderful, loving husband, father, son, brother and friend. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Celebration of life will be held at a later date at Sunriver Christian Fellowship. Memorials may be directed to the Sunriver Christian Fellowship scholarship fund.



## Northwest deer deaths linked to drought, heat

#### Associated Press

There's been an uptick in the number of Pacific Northwest white-tailed deer dying of viruses that typically infects more animals during hot summers and periods of drought, experts say.

The deer get the viruses after getting bitten by gnats that flourish when the mud underneath dried-up watering holes, where the insects live, is exposed, according to the Northwest News Network.

And in dry times, more deer gather around those holes in search of water and are more likely to get bitten by gnats, experts say. The tiny insects can live in puddles of water as small as a deer's hoof print, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

One virus is called epizootic hemorrhagic disease, and the other is called bluetongue disease. They aren't contagious to people and can't pass from deer to deer. The spread usually stops after the first hard freeze, which kills the gnats.

Increasing drought has made the viruses more prevalent this summer and fall and that's a concern as climate change makes hot and dry conditions more common, said Kevin Snekvik, of Washington State University's animal disease diagnostic lab.

"Your population starts having more and more animals that are susceptible to the virus because they don't have any immunity developed," Snekvik said.



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