

OBITUARIES

Tana Michele Hanthorn-Minkler

Soldotna, Alaska  
Feb. 28, 1961— Oct. 8, 2021

Tana Michele Hanthorn-Minkler, 60, passed away Oct. 8, 2021, in Portland, while visiting from Alaska.

Tana was born in Houston, Texas, on Feb. 28, 1961, to Barbara Doolittle. She moved to Birkenfeld from Texas with her mother and siblings, but she never lost that southern drawl.

She graduated from Jewell High School with honors, all while playing sports, helping at home and working weekends at the Elderberry Inn. It was in high school she met her first husband, Robert Hanthorn, with whom she had three children.

Tana was known for her big personality, selflessness and love of children. She had a huge heart, and always put others before herself. But above all else, her children came first. She worked hard to give her kids the childhood she never had.

She was a waitress for many years, and later found fulfillment as a caregiver for those with disabilities. She was an avid reader, passionate gardener, loved watching her shows and adored her dog, "Elvis." Tana was a loyal friend to many.

She was a mother and grandmother to anyone who needed a feeling of home, or a little extra love. She was the cool mom,

cranking the tunes on the way to the movie theater, with a car packed full of kids.

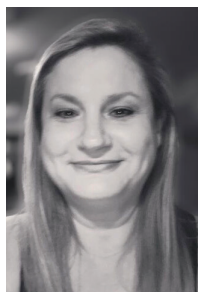
She was the one who taught us the value of life and to treat others as you want to be treated. The moment she found out she was going to be a grandmother, she deemed herself Nana Tana.

The joy of her life was giving her love and energy to her grandkids. She spoiled them rotten. If you were lucky enough to call Tana your family or friend, you know she was one of a kind. She was simply the best.

She is survived by her husband, Archie Minkler; daughter, Nina Corder; daughter, Amanda Moran; son, Scott Hanthorn; brother, Robert Doolittle; sister, Shirley Butler; brother, Larry Hough; seven grandchildren; as well as an aunt, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial services will be held at noon on Nov. 20 at the Nehalem Valley Community Church, 80803 state Highway 103. The service will be led by pastor Mike Carter.

There will be a celebration of life immediately following the service at Camp 18 Restaurant. We will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, to laugh, to cry and honor a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.



Tana Hanthorn-Minkler

Joyce Lucille Finstad Smotherman

Warrenton  
Sept. 27, 1928 — Oct. 30, 2021

Joyce Lucille Finstad Smotherman: An amazing woman with a remarkable legacy.

Joyce was called back home by God, donning her wings during her sleep in the early hours of a quiet Saturday morning on Oct. 30, 2021.

She was at home, surrounded by her family when she passed, where she was much-loved and will be sorely missed by them, her many longtime friends and all who were blessed to know her.

Born in Bradley, South Dakota, on Sept. 27, 1928, she was the youngest of three children, and grew up working on her family's farm.

After graduating from high school, Joyce fell in love with and married an adventurous man named Fred Brown. Together they had a daughter named Linda Kay Brown, born in 1948.

In 1951, Fred convinced Joyce to leave South Dakota and those cold winters behind for the beautiful Pacific Northwest, which he had discovered earlier as a long haul truck driver.

They settled in the little town of Warrenton, which would become Joyce's lifelong home. Unfortunately her marriage to Fred didn't survive near that long, ending in divorce in 1954.

In 1955 she met, and later married, commercial fisherman Eddie Smotherman. Together they had the last of her two children, a son named Lawrence Lee Smotherman, born in 1957.

Joyce was born in Depression-era America at a time when most women did not work, much less seek higher education, but Joyce was not most women.

After high school, she attended Aberdeen Teachers College, where she earned her teaching certificate before returning to her hometown, where she taught class in a one-room schoolhouse.

Moving from South Dakota to the fishing village of Warrenton was a different way of life for Joyce, and she quickly learned the skill of picking crab at the local cannery to help support her family.

She was one of just a few trailblazing women who were the first to demonstrate

they could work alongside men and earn a "man-sized income" to support her family whenever Eddie's fishing income went through lean times.

She and Eddie enjoyed a happy life together until his untimely death in 1969.

In 1973, she met the last love of her life in the person of John Oliver, an ex-professional hunting guide from Idaho, turned commercial fisherman, turned ironworker, known by fellow fishermen simply as "The Cowboy."

He taught her how to shoot a gun, hunt, fish and RV camp in the wilds of Eastern Oregon on extended hunting trips. With John, she learned to love the great outdoors until his untimely death in 1996.

The last years of her life were quiet and peaceful. She enjoyed the company of friends, family and an ever-growing number of grandchildren.

People who knew her will probably remember honking their car horns and waving to her as she sat on her deck enjoying her friends, her flowers and her animals on warm sunny days.

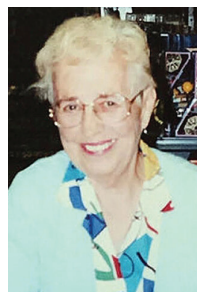
What else can you say about such a warm and wonderful person, other than the world is a little colder and darker without her.

She was a strong, determined, hard-working, kind, compassionate and generous woman with an overflowing heart of gold that knew no limits for her family and friends.

When she was angry, you knew it because it was rare, but she was quick to laugh, and her usual expression was a sincere and genuine smile that was infectious. We all love you, Joyce. We will be missing you until we see each other again.

She leaves behind her daughter, Linda Selvy, of Warrenton; her son, Larry Smotherman, of Gulf Breeze, Florida; two stepchildren; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

A memorial service has already been held at The Mission Christian Fellowship in Warrenton.



Joyce Smotherman

June Marie Christensen Wells

Prineville  
June 9, 1927 — Nov. 7, 2021

June Marie Christensen Wells was born in Lynch, Nebraska, and passed away in Bend.

Her husband, Vernon J. Wells, preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by six siblings, Barbara Tyler, Richard Christensen, Peggy Helm, John Newton, Virginia Bentson and Donald Christensen.

June and Vern were married on June 16, 1946, when Vern returned from his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Soon after, the newly married couple opened Pop's Chicken Dinner, a restaurant they owned and operated in Warrenton for 25 years.

June is survived by three children, Diane Stuart, and her husband, Mike, of Prineville, Ron Wells, and his wife, Ronnie, of Mabank,

Texas, and Susan Bleasdel, and her husband, Keith, of Vancouver, Washington.

Surviving grandchildren are Michael Dean Stuart, Alicia Mullerleile, Andrew Stuart, Jeff Wells, Julie Wells-Keller, Douglas Bleasdel, and her three great-grandchildren are Drew Mullerleile, Jacob Campbell-Stuart and Kai Stuart.

A service will be held at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. in Warrenton, at 1 p.m. on Nov. 20. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks or other face coverings will be required at the service.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary.

"The next time you dine on chicken, think of June."



June Wells



June Wells

Paul Edward Depping

Warrenton  
Jan. 21, 1944 — Nov. 2, 2021

Paul Edward Depping died Nov. 2, 2021, following a brief illness. He was 77.

Paul Depping was born Jan. 21, 1944, in Astoria, to May Beryl and Fritz P. Depping.

A descendant of Coboway, a chief of the Clatsop Nation, and the Smith pioneer family, Paul grew up in Warrenton with his elder sister, Judy. He proudly graduated from Warrenton High School in 1962, where he played football and sousaphone in the high school band.

Following graduation, Paul served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1962 to 1966, achieving the rank of radioman second class. During his assignment to the Coast Guard cutter Northwind, Paul traveled north of the Arctic Circle. He took great pleasure in sharing stories about his time in the service.

In 1963, Paul married Kathleen Marie Dunning, with whom he had his only child, Loren, in 1965.

Following his honorable discharge from the Coast Guard, he briefly attended Portland State College (now Portland State University) but left to support his family.

Within a short period, he landed employ-

ment with a steamship company in Portland's international transportation industry. He remained in this field until retiring in 2000.

In 2001, Paul returned to Warrenton, residing in his family home and resuming friendships with former classmates. He also became a fixture at Bubba's Sports Bar, where he would drop in every morning to drink coffee and talk — or not talk — with Jessica, Heather and many others working there over the years.

He considered the staff at Bubba's good friends. A "lovable curmudgeon," Paul treasured his friends and family.

Paul is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Loren and Cindy Depping; his sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Tom Carden, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; his ex-wife, Kathy Depping; and the Warrenton High School classes of 1962 and 1963.

A celebration of life was held at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria on Nov. 9, followed by a gathering at Bubba's Sports Bar in Warrenton.

In lieu of cards or flowers, remembrances may be made to the Clatsop County animal shelter.



Paul Depping

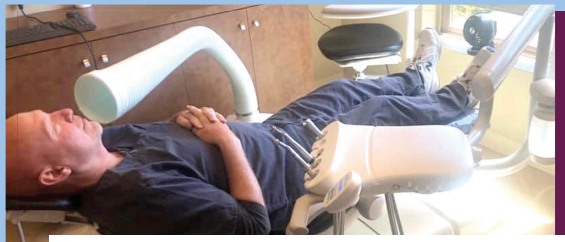


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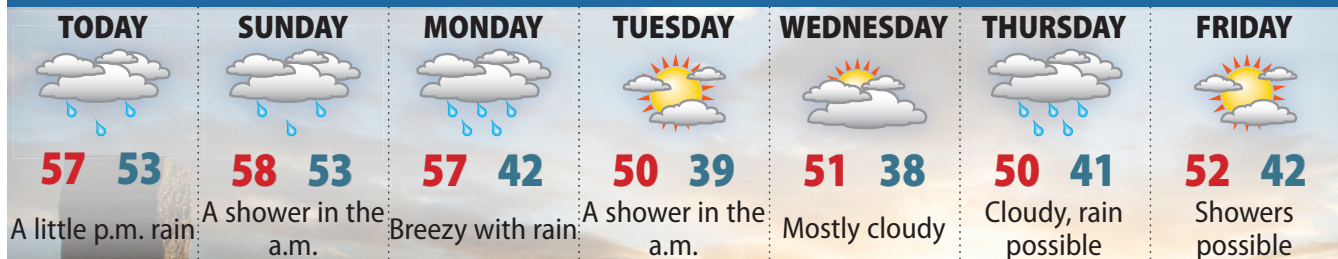


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Diane G.

I saw the highest standard of health safety practices in effect during my hygienist appointment today—much higher precautions than I'd seen in a local hospital when having tests last month. The new sanitation equipment and attention to patient safety at Klemp Family Dentistry is in keeping with a dental practice I consider cutting edge with respect to all my dental needs. It's wonderful having a world class dental practice here at the coast, one where I can have procedures performed for which I used to have to travel to a specialist in Portland. I have been a patient of several local dentists in the past, but none had the skill and, more importantly, the attention to patient comfort that Dr Klemp provides.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



**ALMANAC**  
Astoria through Thursday

**Temperatures**

High/low	59/56
Normal high/low	55/41
Record high	71 in 1999
Record low	24 in 1978

**Precipitation**

Thursday	2.59"
Month to date	7.53"
Normal month to date	3.68"
Year to date	57.84"
Normal year to date	52.21"

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**UNDER THE SKY**  
Tonight's Sky: Due NE before midnight is Capella, the brightest star of Auriga, the charioteer.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**TODAY'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	9:02 a.m.	7.5	2:32 a.m.	0.8
	8:52 p.m.	6.6	3:11 p.m.	0.9
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>	8:49 a.m.	7.4	1:48 a.m.	2.4
	8:37 p.m.	6.5	2:47 p.m.	2.7
<b>Hammond</b>	8:55 a.m.	7.7	2:01 a.m.	0.8
	8:44 p.m.	6.9	2:54 p.m.	2.6
<b>Warrenton</b>	8:57 a.m.	7.9	2:16 a.m.	0.9
	8:47 p.m.	7.0	2:55 p.m.	2.5
<b>Knappa</b>	9:39 a.m.	7.7	3:33 a.m.	0.7
	9:29 p.m.	6.9	4:12 p.m.	2.0
<b>Depoe Bay</b>	8:06 a.m.	7.6	1:14 a.m.	0.8
	7:52 p.m.	6.7	2:12 p.m.	2.9

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Sun.
Atlanta	56/35/s	60/40/s
Boston	58/41/pc	51/38/pc
Chicago	40/32/c	40/26/sf
Dallas	65/48/s	69/47/pc
Denver	66/32/pc	64/45/pc
Honolulu	86/71/c	84/72/sh
Houston	68/45/s	75/51/pc
Los Angeles	89/65/s	87/60/s
Miami	80/68/t	80/64/c
New York City	59/39/sh	50/42/pc
Phoenix	88/60/s	86/59/s
San Francisco	67/55/s	68/55/pc
Wash., DC	58/37/pc	53/40/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

REGIONAL FORECAST

