

OBITUARIES

Mary Kay Taylor Seaside March 19, 1951 — Sept. 21, 2021

Mary Kay Taylor passed away peacefully, in her Seaside home, on Sept. 21, 2021. She was 70. Her bigger-than-life spirit has been released to fly free and reside with her savior, who she often said never failed her.

Mary Kay was born March 19, 1951, to Frank and Dorothy (Harrison) Akin, in Portland. She grew up and attended schools in Brookings. Her father owned the local Ford dealership, so she was the girl with the new pink Mustang!

Mary Kay is remembered by childhood friends as being an adventurous free spirit, and so much fun to be around.

Mary Kay enjoyed nature; she loved backpacking in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, hiking, swimming, spending time at the hot springs and the beach.

She loved family trips, camping and adventures in her motor home. Her greatest joy was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Mary Kay was a "go-getter," and quite the entrepreneur. She worked at the Multnomah County Courthouse and Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland. She owned and operated West M Grocery in Springfield. She created and operated The Sun Deck tanning salon in Clatskanie.

She loved the ocean, and it was calling her back. In 1990, she moved to Seaside, where she felt at home. This is where she decided to do what she loved, selling real estate.

She enjoyed working with her clients and fellow colleagues at Pete Anderson Realty, Barbara Sue Seal and Coldwell Banker. In 2001, she decided it was time to be a business owner again, opening Omega Realty.

She loved helping people with their real estate needs, and working with her children.

She was a cheerleader for her children, telling them that you only fail if you fail to try.

Mary Kay loved to dance, and even after her body would no longer allow her to dance on her own, you could still find her on the dance floor dancing in her wheelchair with her daughter and daughters-in-law.

She was a social butterfly, and loved hosting gatherings at her home. She was an active and loved member of the Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease support groups, always eager to support others going through the trials she faced.

Mary Kay leaves this Earth with a legacy of love, and will be remembered for her beautiful heart. She made a tremendous impact in the lives of people she touched, always seeing the best in everyone.

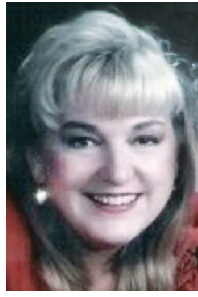
Mary Kay was happiest when she was helping others. Her family is proud of how courageously she overcame her challenges, and her ability to witness to others. She would want you to remember that "love is the answer."

Mary Kay is survived by her daughter, Kerri Wright (Eric); son, Todd Slack Jr. (Joy); son, Jesse Taylor (Jolie); grandchildren, Connor Slack, Colton Slack, Gabriel Wright, Chloe Slack and Zoe Wright; brother, Frank Akin (Sheryl); and nieces, Heidi Engen, Charity Delmore and Adrienne Akin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Dorothy Akin; her sister, Sarah Hansen; and her dog, "Lexi."

A celebration of life will be held on March 19, the time and location to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association, or a charity of one's choice, in care of Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, 220 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside, OR., 97138.



Mary Taylor

Edward Wayne Jessen Astoria Aug. 30, 1940 — Nov. 6, 2021



It is with great sorrow that the family of Edward Wayne Jessen announces his passing on Nov. 6, 2021.

Ed was a loving husband, best friend and soul mate to his partner and wife of 56 years, Judy. He was also a loving and attentive father to his two daughters. Many who knew him would know his quiet grace, and kindness and honorable actions.

After suffering a severe stroke in 2017, he lost much of his memory, but that never stopped him from enjoying the little joys of life and the company of friends and family. Two weeks before he passed away, he suffered a heart attack, which left him weakened and bedridden.

Daughters Deborah and Andrea, in their devotion to their father, were able to keep him home and comfortable. Lower Columbia Hospice provided much kindness and support during this time.

He was born Aug. 30, 1940, in Tacoma, Washington, to parents Peter Frederick Jessen and Hulda Marie Simonson. The following year they bought a section of land near Youngs River Falls, where Ed experienced amazing years growing up with his five siblings.

He attended Olney Elementary School and Astoria High School. He also attended two years at Pacific Lutheran University where his sister, Alice, and his mother, had both graduated with teaching degrees.

From 1962 to 1965 he served his country as part of the U.S. Army Security Agency stationed in Panama. After serving, he married Judy Cheney on May 15, 1965, in Astoria, at Peace Lutheran Church.

Beginning in September 1965, he attended the University of Oregon until 1968, graduating with a teaching degree in romance languages.

Ed was interested in everything, and had a love for life and learning. While in Panama, he learned Spanish. He became a small plane pilot, and also traveled all over Panama with a small scooter.

He and his Army buddy traveled by motorcycle from Panama through Central America to the states after their military service. He turned down an offer from the Central Intelligence Agency to go home to the love of his life, Judy.

Ed and Judy lived in the Olney community until their retirement in February 2002. Ed worked as a high school foreign language teacher for 10 years, and then began working as a timber faller, where he enjoyed the serenity of working in the woods. He would continue working in the timber industry until his retirement.

They began their retirement by traveling to Panama, and then continued to fulfill his dream of traveling throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. They settled in Arizona for 18 years, and enjoyed their retirement life, full of friends, tennis, plays and other fun experiences.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Jessen, of Astoria; and sisters, Ruth Huckey, of Oregon City, Irene Jessen, of Illinois, and Alice Campbell, of Colorado. His surviving sibling is Richard (Junko) Jessen, of Japan.

Surviving Ed are his wife, Judy; daughters, Deborah Luty, of Astoria, and Andrea Holmstedt, of Astoria; grandchildren, Jonathan Luty (Nicole) of Stehekin, Washington, and Jessen Luty (Benjamin), of Portland, and great-grandchild, Finley, of Portland.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later time.



Edward Jessen

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
51 37	51 43	50 43	52 42	51 41	53 43	54 44
A brief shower or two	Partly sunny	Rain	A couple of showers	Cloudy	Cloudy, rain possible	A shower possible



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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	59/56
Normal high/low	54/40
Record high	64 in 2001
Record low	15 in 1955

Precipitation

Sunday	0.19"
Month to date	9.28"
Normal month to date	4.82"
Year to date	59.59"
Normal year to date	53.35"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: High above the southern horizon before midnight are the Double Clusters of Perseus.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:18 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:42 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:47 p.m.
Moonset today	4:26 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 19	Nov 27	Dec 3	Dec 10

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	11:05 a.m.	8.5	4:56 a.m.	1.5
	11:46 p.m.	7.0	5:46 p.m.	0.9
Cape Disappointment	10:44 a.m.	8.2	4:17 a.m.	1.2
	11:33 p.m.	6.8	5:05 p.m.	0.4
Hammond	10:52 a.m.	8.6	4:31 a.m.	1.8
	11:39 p.m.	7.2	5:21 p.m.	0.3
Warrenton	11:00 a.m.	8.9	4:40 a.m.	1.6
	11:41 p.m.	7.4	5:30 p.m.	0.3
Knappa	11:42 a.m.	8.7	5:57 a.m.	1.3
	none		6:47 p.m.	0.2
Depoe Bay	9:59 a.m.	8.6	3:42 a.m.	2.0
	10:48 p.m.	7.0	4:36 p.m.	0.7

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	69/48/s	74/50/s
Boston	49/35/s	50/46/pc
Chicago	51/46/pc	55/31/r
Dallas	80/64/pc	80/45/pc
Denver	71/26/pc	41/20/pc
Honolulu	84/73/sh	85/73/r
Houston	81/65/s	81/62/pc
Los Angeles	72/54/c	73/55/c
Miami	80/73/pc	80/74/c
New York City	50/40/s	56/50/c
Phoenix	83/55/pc	82/56/pc
San Francisco	65/51/pc	63/54/pc
Wash., DC	53/41/s	66/53/s

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	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	49/34		Wenatchee	47/26	
Tacoma	50/29		Moses Lake	51/25	
Olympia	49/32		Yakima	52/23	
Longview	50/34		Kennewick	55/28	
Astoria	51/37		Walla Walla	47/29	
Portland	51/38		Lewiston	47/28	
Salem	51/36		Enterprise	37/20	
Corvallis	51/34		Pendleton	47/27	
Eugene	52/32		La Grande	41/23	
Bend	42/27		John Day	40/23	
Medford	50/32		Burns	42/14	
Klamath Falls	46/20		Ontario	51/25	
Baker City	42/17/sn	40/28/pc	Caldwell	48/25	
Brookings	57/44/pc	57/50/pc			
Ilwaco	50/40/sh	52/46/c			
Newberg	50/37/pc	49/42/pc			
Newport	50/38/pc	51/45/c			
North Bend	54/39/pc	57/48/c			
Roseburg	52/32/pc	53/42/c			
Seaside	50/38/sh	51/44/pc			
Springfield	50/32/sh	52/40/c			
Vancouver	50/37/pc	49/43/pc			