

OBITUARIES

Thomas James Coates
Clatskanie
Nov. 24, 1942 — Dec. 3, 2021

Thomas (Tom) James Coates passed away on Dec. 3, 2021, at home, during an illness.

He was born in a farmhouse on Nov. 24, 1942, near Scottsville, New York, to James (Big Jim) Martin Coates and Lois Elizabeth Ely Coates.

The Coates clan was of Scottish and English heritage. The families in the clan owned large farms with diverse crops and a commercial gravel pit. They valued education, industriousness, frugality and hard work.

In August 1950, to escape the brutal upstate New York winters and steamy summers, James and Elizabeth moved their family across the country to Malibu, California, and started Coates Construction.

Tom graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1960. He majored in civil engineering at Santa Monica College before joining his father in building and remodeling. Tom often said that one of the best decisions he ever made was to work alongside his father, and construction was their calling.

After his father retired due to illness, Tom moved to the Clatskanie area at the urging of a local family. He established a business of tile and stone interior installations to escape the Pacific Northwest rain, but built several homes and other structures, despite the weather.

He enjoyed close working relationships with numerous architects and general contractors along the north Oregon and southwest Washington coasts. One of his installations was featured on the cover of an architectural magazine.

Tom enjoyed playing his guitar, sudoku and the card game of euchre.

Over time, he collected and solved every puzzle in the Tavern Puzzle collection, modeled after the mechanical diversions forged by blacksmiths in earlier centuries. It was the only time this quiet man came "this close" to gloating.

On Feb. 14, 1986, he married Sharon Eskola, who he teasingly called his "Finnish danish." She survives him at the cottage and woodworking shop he designed and built, mostly by himself, for their retirement.

Tom is also survived by his brother, Howard (Biff) Coates, of Crescent City, California, and a blended family: daughter, Lorell Coates Bedevian (Gabriel), of Houston, Texas; daughter, Amy Lynn Coates Poehls, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; son, Ernest Riddle, of Clatskanie; daughter, Liisa Riddle Dodd (Peter), of Mesa, Arizona; and grandchildren, Joshua Poehls (Kristina), of Luling, Texas, Brett Holte (Bailey), of Richland, Washington, and Allison Hargett (Tyler), of McMinnville. Six great-grandchildren and several cousins also survive.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Amy Coates and Judith Coates Beard (Minford).

A public viewing begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a service at 1 p.m., on Thursday at Columbia Funeral Service, 1105 Maple St. in Longview, Washington.

A future celebration of life will be announced in social media and print.



Thomas Coates

Laura Irene (Rizzo) O'Donovan
Astoria

Jan. 27, 1959 — Nov. 23, 2021

Laura Irene (Rizzo) O'Donovan, age 62, of Astoria, passed away on Nov. 23, 2021.

Laura was born Jan. 27, 1959, in Rockville Centre, New York, to John and Mary Rizzo. She graduated from Baldwin High School in Baldwin, New York, in 1977.

Laura was passionate about animals, enjoyed live music and found joy attending community events and exploring new places. She found purpose and enjoyment in her work at Edward Jones Investments, particularly loving the relationships she built with clients over the years.

Her greatest pride in life was her children, whom she raised on her own following the

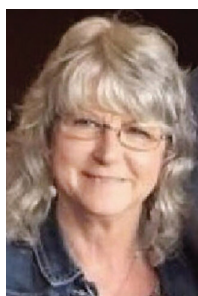
untimely death of their father. After raising her children in the Portland area, Laura relocated to Astoria in 2013.

Laura will be missed for her witty sense of humor, thoughtfulness and caring for others.

Laura is survived by her daughter, Meagan Bies (Mick), of Rochester, Minnesota; and her son, David O'Donovan, of Portland. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Stephen; and daughter, Molly.

Laura's family will celebrate her life in a private ceremony.

For those wishing to honor her, please consider a donation in Laura's name to the Senior Dog Rescue of Oregon.



Laura O'Donovan

More than 50 earthquakes strike off Oregon Coast

The Oregonian

More than 50 earthquakes have struck off the Oregon Coast between Tuesday and Wednesday, with the largest two reaching magnitude-5.8.

The 56 earthquakes hit far off the coast, roughly west of Newport. No tsunamis were expected.

Small earthquakes strike often near Oregon's coast, a regular reminder of the cataclysmic earthquake geologists say will happen when the pressure building

between the Juan de Fuca and North American plates breaks.

Per Oregon officials, scientists say there is a 37% chance that a 7.1 magnitude or higher earthquake will happen at the boundary between the two tectonic plates, called the Cascadia Subduction Zone, in the next 50 years.

Magnitude 2.5 to 3 earthquakes are the smallest generally felt by people, while magnitude 4 quakes can cause moderate damage and magnitude 5 quakes can cause considerable damage.

Port of Coos Bay moves ahead on projects after loss of Jordan Cove project

By **SIERRA DAWN McCLAIN**
Capital Press

COOS BAY — The recent failure of a proposed pipeline will impact how the Port of Coos Bay moves forward with its plans to expand, but officials say it won't stop the port from striving to widen and deepen the channel.

The Jordan Cove Energy Project, a proposed pipeline that would have carried natural gas 229 miles from southwestern Oregon to Coos Bay, faltered after regulatory and legal setbacks.

Pembina, the company behind the project, told the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in a brief Dec. 1 it does not intend to move forward with the Jordan Cove project, in part because of difficulty obtaining permits.

"Among other considerations, applicants remain concerned regarding their ability to obtain the necessary state permits in the immediate future in addition to other external obstacles," Donald Sullivan, manager and associate general counsel for Jordan Cove Energy Project, wrote in the brief.

The pipeline's failure was welcomed by opponents, including southern Oregon tribal members, anglers, environmentalists and some property owners.

Jordan Cove's failure, however, has influenced how the Port of Coos Bay will move forward with its channel modification, which was closely connected to the pipeline project.

The port has been preparing for the largest project in its history: dredging its channel to 45 feet deep and 450 feet wide to accommodate larger ships. The goal of the channel modification is to turn the port into one of the West's largest shipping points for agricultural goods and other commodities.



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Dredging at Coos Bay in 2020.

The channel modification has been partly dependent on the success of the Jordan Cove project because, under federal law, the port is required to list two beneficiaries of its channel modification. In other words, the port needs two companies that would directly benefit from a deeper and wider channel. Until recently, the port had Roseburg Forest Products and Jordan Cove listed.

With Jordan Cove out of the picture, the port needs another beneficiary. Margaret Barber, director of external affairs at the port, says the port has identified a potential beneficiary — NorthPoint Development, a Missouri-based development firm.

NorthPoint Development's leaders are interested in siting a rail-served maritime facility on the North Spit, a strip of land separating the bay from the Pacific Ocean. Barber said that to make the business model work, NorthPoint would need a deeper and wider channel, making the company a natural beneficiary to propel the channel modification forward.

"With regard to the channel project, we are still moving full steam ahead despite the recent announcement from Pembina regarding the Jordan Cove project," said Barber.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
46 38 Cloudy with showers	47 44 An afternoon shower	49 38 Rain becoming steadier	44 35 Showers possible	45 36 Showers possible	44 38 Showers possible	45 37 A chance of rain

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Seattle 42/37	Wenatchee 41/28	Spokane 33/23
Tacoma 43/36	Moses Lake 44/25	Pullman 33/25
Aberdeen 45/39	Yakima 45/24	Walla Walla 41/30
Olympia 43/35	Kennewick 50/35	Lewiston 41/31
Longview 44/37	Hermiston 47/37	Enterprise 47/41
Astoria 46/38	The Dalles 48/37	Pendleton 34/21
Portland 44/38	Salem 45/39	La Grande 37/27
Corvallis 45/33	Albany 45/35	John Day 35/30
Eugene 45/37	Bend 42/31	Burns 35/21
Medford 39/34	Klamath Falls 36/19	Ontario 41/24
		Caldwell 38/24

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 Astoria through Tuesday
Temperatures
 High/low 54/46
 Normal high/low 49/38
 Record high 63 in 1939
 Record low 10 in 1972
Precipitation
 Tuesday 0.24"
 Month to date 1.80"
 Normal month to date 2.47"
 Year to date 66.13"
 Normal year to date 62.05"

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: The Milky Way arches from the Northern Cross to W-shaped Cassiopeia high overhead to near the face of Taurus.
 Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON
 Sunrise today 7:46 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 4:30 p.m.
 Moonrise today 12:35 p.m.
 Moonset today 10:52 p.m.

TODAY'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks
 Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)
 5:34 a.m. 7.6 11:11 a.m. 3.4
 4:43 p.m. 7.9 11:49 p.m. 0.3
Cape Disappointment
 5:13 a.m. 7.6 10:23 a.m. 3.9
 4:17 p.m. 7.9 11:00 p.m. 0.2
Hammond
 5:21 a.m. 7.8 10:43 a.m. 3.6
 4:32 p.m. 8.2 11:18 p.m. 0.1
Warrenton
 5:29 a.m. 8.0 10:55 a.m. 3.5
 4:38 p.m. 8.3 11:33 p.m. 0.4
Knappa
 6:11 a.m. 7.8 12:12 p.m. 2.9
 5:20 p.m. 8.1 none
Depoe Bay
 4:29 a.m. 7.7 9:52 a.m. 3.9
 3:30 p.m. 8.1 10:30 p.m. 0.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	61/53/pc	69/65/sh
Boston	38/30/pc	46/40/r
Chicago	42/34/c	51/39/sh
Dallas	81/64/s	82/42/pc
Denver	57/23/c	30/16/sn
Honolulu	81/73/pc	82/72/pc
Houston	82/71/pc	84/59/t
Los Angeles	57/42/r	59/41/s
Miami	83/72/pc	83/71/s
New York City	42/35/s	50/44/c
Phoenix	70/49/pc	62/41/pc
San Francisco	58/45/pc	56/44/s
Wash., DC	45/37/c	54/51/c

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