

OBITUARIES

John Frank Alto

Sherwood
Nov. 27, 1942 — Jan. 25, 2021



The family of John Frank Alto offers an in memoriam tribute to him on the one-year anniversary of his passing.

Born in Seaside on Nov. 27, 1942, to Frank and Gladys Alto, John grew up in the area's tight-knit Scandinavian community, where he spent his youth fishing, hunting, logging and helping his father build the Alto homestead, which still remains in the family.

A student-athlete in high school, John participated in football, basketball and track. During his senior year, John discovered surfing, and was a charter member of the Seaside Surf Club.

After high school, he attended Oregon State University, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. In 1965, he graduated from college as a commissioned U.S. Army officer with a degree in social studies.

Following college, John served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967 as an Aero Rifle Platoon leader for the D Troop 3/4 Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division in Cu Chi.

A Bronze Star, Army Air Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart recipient, John became very involved in Vietnam alumni activities in his later years. He helped bring to life the book "Centaur in Vietnam, Untold Stories of the First Year," and was proud to be involved with the creation of a granite memorial dedicated to the men of Seaside who served in the country, which stands in Seaside's Cove.



John Alto

After his service, John met and married Dorothy (nee Anderson) Alto, his lifelong love and wife of 52-years. As newlyweds, they lived in Washington and California while John worked for Standard Oil Co.

In 1973, they moved to Sherwood to purchase a Chevron station, which they owned and operated for the next 40 years.

When their children were young, the Altos spent many fond summers at their Cannon Beach cabin, where John fished on a commercial dory, gillnetter and charter boat.

A proud citizen of Sherwood, John was active in community and civic affairs. In his free time, he was a lifelong outdoorsman and pursued hunting, fishing and shooting sporting clays. He enjoyed the many friends and clubs he belonged to as part of these activities, which he was able to participate in up to his final days.

A friend and confidant to all, John loved to talk and was never far from his phone. If there was someone he could help, he would help them. If there was something he could fix, he would fix it.

John passed away at home surrounded by family on Jan. 25, 2021, due to complications from pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son, John M. Alto; daughter, Amanda Foley, and son-in-law, Jonathon Foley; his brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Marta Alto; his grandchildren, Jillian, Jarrett and Elka; and many nieces and nephews. He is remembered with love by all of them.

Betty Lou Russell

Astoria
Oct. 21, 1928 — Jan. 16, 2022

Betty Lou (Lindsley) Russell passed away Jan. 16, 2022, at 10:50 p.m.

She was born Oct. 21, 1928, to Earl Clifford Lindsley and Bessie Ruth Lawrence in Miles City, Montana. She had two brothers and one sister: Robert and William, and Marge.

The family moved to Warrenton in the early 1940s. She graduated from high school in 1947.

In 1948, she married Beauford Noel Ledbetter. They had two children, Clifford and Beverly. Beauford preceded Betty in death in 1952.

In 1953, Betty married Clare Z. Russell. Clare had two children, Darlene and Bayne. The couple had Eldon together. Clare preceded Betty in death in 1970.

While raising her children, Betty worked at Custard King, Danish Maid Bakery and Leon's. She worked for Leon's for 20 years, then worked for Hauke's Sentry Market before retiring.

Betty enjoyed traveling. She made many trips to Disneyland with her family. Betty also enjoyed taking care of her great-grandkids. Some of her travels were spent riding in a sidecar with her daughter, Beverly.

Preceding Betty in death are her parents; brother, Robert Lindsley; sister-in-law, Sara

Lindsley; sister, Marge Smith; and sister-in-law, Eileen Lindsley.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Lindsley, and her sister-in-law, Arden; and children, Beverly (Ledbetter) Hoofnagle, and son-in-law, David Hoofnagle, son, Clifford Ledbetter, son, Eldon Russell, and daughter-in-law, Bev Russell, son, Bayne Russell, and daughter, Darlene (Russell) Greer, and son-in-law, Terry Greer.

Grandkids are Susan Jackson, Tracy Burchfield, Scott Hoofnagle, and his wife, Tiffany Hoffnagle, Peggy and Pat Greer and Tammy and Clare Russell.

Great-grandkids are Reanna Houghton, and her husband, Brian Houghton, Alex Burchfield, Kaitlyn Hoofnagle, Madison (Burchfield) Fredrich, Jake Hoofnagle, Bryon Hoofnagle, Devin Jackson, Wyatt Jackson and Brinley stephens.

Great-great-grandkids are Killian and Sophia and Emma Houghton, plus several more grandkids she never got to meet; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Bethany Free Lutheran Church on Saturday at noon, with a luncheon to follow.



Betty Lou Russell

Susan Joan Adkison

Tualatin
Feb. 17, 1957 — Jan. 14, 2022

Susan Joan Adkison, of Tualatin, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Jan. 14, 2022, after a courageous, protracted battle with metastatic cancer and lung fibrosis. She died peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Susan was born Feb. 17, 1957, in Riverside, California, where her father was stationed with the U.S. Air Force. She grew up in the coastal community of Eureka, California.

After graduating from Eureka High School in 1975, she moved to New York to become a flight attendant for Pan American World Airways. She loved travel and gourmet foods and her time at Pan Am allowed her to see and experience much of the world.

Some years later, she returned to Eureka to complete an accounting degree. After graduating from Humboldt State University, she worked for Touche Ross in the Bay Area, and during that time obtained her certified public accountant license.

In 1996, Susan moved to Eugene to accept a position as a tax accountant with Coopers & Lybrand, later transitioning to corporate accounting with John Labatt Foods. That fall she met the love of her life, and husband of 33 years, Dan.

The couple married two years later, in 1988, and moved to Lake Oswego. They welcomed their daughter, Kathleen, in July 1991. Susan left the workforce a short time later and transitioned to being a full-time mom, something she referred to as her "best job ever."

The couple moved to Tualatin in 1994, and were blessed to be surrounded by amazing friends and neighbors. They split time between their home in Tualatin and a lov-

ingly restored beach cottage in Gearhart, built in 1906.

During the pandemic, they became full-time Gearhart residents. It was coming full circle for Susan, once again living in a vibrant oceanfront community, much like during her youth. She enjoyed the coast air, strolling the pristine beaches and watching for birds and whales as they migrated south for the winter.

Susan was a kind and gentle spirit, a person with boundless enthusiasm, and someone who invested her heart and soul into the care and well-being of her family and friends.

Susan's love for her creator was evident throughout her life, and served as an example to all who knew and loved her.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Gregg and Joan Conlan; her sister, Amy Conlan; and sister-in-law, Susan Mumby.

She is survived by her husband, Dan Adkison; daughter, Kathleen Adkison; sister, Katy Conlan and her partner, Jeanne Tuft; brother-in-law, Tom Adkison; sister-in-law, Joanna (Adkison) Small and her husband, Kelly Small; brother-in-law, Rick Zabel; nephew, Grant Small, and his wife, Bethany; niece, Allison (Small) Montgomery, and her husband, Nathan; niece, Scout Zabel; and a host of beloved great-nieces and nephews, extended family members, friends and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that remembrances be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation of Oregon or a charity of your choosing.

Susan's celebration of life ceremony will be held at later date, to be announced.



Susan Adkison

Peggy Jean Harrison

Seaside
Dec. 11, 1947 — Jan. 6, 2022

Peggy Jean Harrison, 74, passed away on Jan. 6, 2022, in Seaside.

Peggy was born on Dec. 11, 1947. She lived in Clatsop County for the majority of her life, where she met and married Michael Harrison.

She was an avid animal lover and gardener, and enjoyed spending time with family.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Eve and Pete Petersen; her husband, Mike Harrison; and sister, Carol

Petersen.

Peggy is survived by her brother, Jack Petersen; her daughter, Cassandra Knop; grandchildren, Keryzz Berkman, Tarynn Berkman and Elrycc Berkman; a great-granddaughter; and her close friend, Marty McClellan.

Peggy has requested that there be no formal memorial services.

Donations can be made in her memory to the Clatsop County Animal Shelter.



Peggy Harrison

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
53 35	53 38	52 37	51 42	50 44	51 44	48 41
Partly sunny	Sun mixing with clouds	Plenty of sunshine	A shower possible	Rain	Cloudy, rain possible	Rain

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low 56/33

Normal high/low 50/38

Record high 60 in 1968

Record low 18 in 1943

Precipitation

Sunday 0.00"

Month to date 13.47"

Normal month to date 8.09"

Year to date 13.47"

Normal year to date 8.09"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: After sunset, Saturn and Jupiter are low above the southwest horizon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:46 a.m.

Sunset tonight 5:10 p.m.

Moonrise today 12:47 a.m.

Moonset today 11:28 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 25	Jan 31	Feb 8	Feb 16

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	6:01 a.m.	8.4	1:00 p.m.	1.8
	7:00 p.m.	5.9	none	
Cape Disappointment				
	5:47 a.m.	8.2	12:21 p.m.	1.9
	6:35 p.m.	5.7	11:46 p.m.	3.0
Hammond				
	5:58 a.m.	8.6	12:40 p.m.	1.8
	6:48 p.m.	6.1	none	
Warrenton				
	5:56 a.m.	8.8	12:44 p.m.	1.9
	6:55 p.m.	6.3	none	
Knappa				
	6:38 a.m.	8.6	12:35 a.m.	1.6
	7:37 p.m.	6.2	2:01 p.m.	1.5
Depoe Bay				
	5:00 a.m.	8.4	11:51 a.m.	1.9
	5:48 p.m.	5.9	11:09 p.m.	3.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	56/30/c	50/32/pc
Boston	41/18/c	26/5/s
Chicago	11/-6/s	14/9/s
Dallas	56/32/pc	46/33/pc
Denver	28/13/sn	41/21/pc
Honolulu	80/68/s	79/67/pc
Houston	61/40/c	54/39/c
Los Angeles	70/50/s	74/50/s
Miami	73/67/pc	77/62/sh
New York City	42/18/pc	26/12/s
Phoenix	69/46/pc	70/45/s
San Francisco	57/45/s	62/47/s
Wash., DC	45/23/pc	30/17/pc

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

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	33/15/pc	31/12/pc	North Bend	59/38/s	55/38/s
Brookings	59/42/s	57/43/pc	Roseburg	52/33/s	55/34/s
Ilwaco	52/37/pc	50/40/s	Seaside	54/35/pc	53/38/s
Newberg	48/27/c	47/30/s	Springfield	50/29/pc	50/31/s
Newport	55/37/pc	55/40/s	Vancouver	48/29/c	48/32/s