

**OBITUARIES**

**Bonnie Jean Dotson Hunt**

**Woodburn**

**March 4, 1929 — Oct. 12, 2021**

Bonnie Jean Dotson Hunt, born March 4, 1929, passed away on Oct. 12, 2021, in Woodburn.

She was born in Portland and attended Roosevelt High School. As a teenager during World War II, she worked in a nearby shipbuilding plant and, after graduating from high school, she was a sales clerk at Meier & Frank in downtown Portland.

Bonnie met her future husband, William Hunt Jr., while he was attending the University of Portland. Bill was walking by her house one morning and saw her washing her hair in the kitchen window.

He wanted to meet her, so a short time later he and a friend posed as magazine salesmen, knocked on the door, and invited her to a dance at the university. Bonnie and Bill were married in Astoria on Dec. 27, 1948.

The couple lived on a houseboat just below the university on the Willamette River while Bill completed his last year of schooling. Their daughter, Linda, arrived in 1949, and they relocated the houseboat to Svensen, just east of Astoria on the Columbia River.

Two years later, their son, Randy, was born, and they all moved into a small house in Svensen. Three more children — Teresa, Debbie and Jon — came along in the following years, and the family settled into a brand new home on Svensen Market Road. The couple divorced in 1974.

Bonnie kept very busy raising her children, taking care of grandchildren, and volunteering at the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

She loved going to the movies and the opera, spending time at the beach, traveling, entertaining in her home and singing. She loved being in style, and was a real fashionista before there was a word for it.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lowell and Lora Dotson; her sister, Jacqueline Dotson Dunsmoor; and her son, Randy Hunt.

She is survived by her other four children, Linda (Paul) Shones, Teresa Boelens (Roy), Debbie Hunt and Jon Hunt, and by Caroline Taylor, her daughter-in-law.

Bonnie is also survived by her grandchildren, Gabriel (Jenny) Shones, Aleta (Aaron) Haugh, Carri (Jason) Harvey, Jenny (fiancé Todd) Wolfe, Jared Wolfe, Joshua (Nirvana) Schuyler, Casey (Molly) Bushnell, Jacob (Jessica) Bushnell, Heather Hunt and Keith (Alexa) Hunt; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Bonnie had a wry sense of humor and was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and friend. She will be greatly missed.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on March 5 at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Astoria. Interment will follow at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to Willamette Valley Hospice in Salem.



Bonnie Hunt



Samuel and Marcella Kent

**Samuel 'Sam' E. Kent**

**Astoria**

**1933 — 2022**

Samuel "Sam" E. Kent passed away Feb. 3, 2022, at the age of 88, in Astoria.

Sam was born in 1933 in Duluth, Minnesota, to James and Lillian Tuomisto. The family name was naturalized in 1945 to Kent.

The family moved to Astoria in 1943, where Sam spent his childhood, and then went to college in Eugene at the University of Oregon, where he graduated in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in business.

He met his wife, Marcella, while in college, and they married in 1954. Because Sam was in college during the Korean War, he was required to join the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. So, upon graduation, Sam joined the U.S. Air Force.

The couple were stationed in various U.S. cities, but first moved to Texas, where Sam went through flight school. They then moved to the air base in Lincoln, Nebraska, where their two oldest sons were born: Bryan in 1958 and Bruce in 1960.

Sam left the military in 1960, and he and his wife went into the restaurant business, first in Duluth, where they owned and operated an A&W drive-in. Then, in 1964, they sold the

business and moved to Lake Oswego, where they owned and operated a second A&W.

Their two daughters were born in Oregon: Cynthia in 1964 and Janice in 1965. Then, in 1966, they moved to Astoria, where they bought their third restaurant, the Halfway House, which they owned and operated for the next seven years.

During this time, Sam had also been working part time as a longshoreman, and in 1971, they sold the restaurant and Sam went to work full time. Sam worked at the Port of Astoria until retirement, when he then turned his focus to the things he enjoyed, like golfing, working in the yard and fixing up houses.

Sam's heart was always in Astoria, where he felt at home in the local Finnish culture and being a part of the community.

Sam is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bryan Kent, of Astoria, and Bruce and Kimberly Kent, of Portland; and two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and David Machata, of Westport, Connecticut, and Janice and Peter Sargent, of Auckland, New Zealand.

A small family memorial will be planned in the future.



Samuel and Marcella Kent

**Oregon wine sales boom but depend on aging consumers**

By **MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI**  
*Capital Press*

Oregon wine producers are outpacing other wine regions in sales but face the same industrywide problem of aging core consumers, experts say.

"It's pretty stunning how far ahead of the pack Oregon was in 2021," said Tom Danowski, president and CEO of the Oregon Wine Board.

With 24% sales growth last year, the state is "the best performing region out of all the majors" and continues to be the best positioned for more growth, said Rob McMillan, executive vice president and founder of Silicon Valley Bank.

"Oregon is rocking it. Oregon is the best thing going on in the wine industry, as far as I'm concerned," McMillan said on Tuesday during the virtual Oregon Wine Symposium.

The industry's strong financial results don't mean it can afford to rest on its laurels, especially with worrying trends developing, he said.

Wine consumption has flattened after a long period of growth while consumption of spirits has been growing and taking market share, McMillan said.

The wine industry overall is too reliant on older consumers and Oregon shares the same problem, he said.

For example, when asked what they'd bring to a party, roughly half of consumer older than 65 said wine in a survey, he said.

For other age groups, the percentage who answered wine was 30% or less, McMillan said. "If we're not collecting mindshare for people under 65, that's a serious threat we need to address."

Higher wine prices at restaurants and reduced sales of economically priced wines at grocery stores don't bode well, as they often serve as on-ramps for new consumers, he said.

The wine industry is an "incredibly good steward of the land" but that environmental consciousness often "doesn't end up on the label," which is a missed opportunity, McMillan said.

One potential to create new on-ramps is the rising popularity of smaller wine containers with a lower price point, he said.

"We can't depend on 65-plus consumers

but that's what we're doing and that's a mistake," McMillan said. "We've got to market to people younger than 65."

On the positive side, the wine industry has found ways to capitalize on changing consumer behaviors during the coronavirus pandemic, said Lesley Berglund, a coach with the Wine Industry Sales Education company.

"For most wineries, our direct-to-consumer business is better than ever," she said.

Corporate sales boomed during the pandemic as companies sought to provide clients with virtual experiences, she said.

Those purchases often had a "surprising ripple impact" later on, in the form of holiday gift buying and in-person tasting, she said.

"We couldn't have imagined it two years ago," Berglund said. "If we did it correctly, 80% of those drove more business."

Wine club members have become more active during the pandemic, participating in more activities than just accepting auto-shipments, she said.

"They're more engaged across different channels," which has boosted sales, Berglund said.

Consumers generally have been buying more items online, which has helped direct sales, she said. Wineries should seize on that technological change.

"This is the time to invest and make sure we leave no stone unturned to ride the wave, to mix our metaphors," Berglund said.

Due to concerns about disease transmission, wineries have offered more private seated experiences in tasting rooms, rather than having people belly-up to the bar, she said.

Done properly, such seated experiences translate to a higher conversion to wine sales and larger orders, she said.

Of course, the downside is that such a strategy can require more room capacity, staff and training, Berglund said. "We actually need more labor, not less."

The robust sales seen by Oregon wineries led to a stellar year in mergers and acquisitions in 2021, with more on the way, experts said.

"Oregon has incredible value to price," both in terms of wine quality and real estate, said Erik McLaughlin, CEO of METIS, a merger consulting firm.

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**SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA**

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
50 41 Low clouds	49 41 A thick cloud cover	49 40 Rain and drizzle	48 36 Showers around; breezy	48 33 A shower possible	48 33 Rain	49 37 Showers possible

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

Seattle 48/42	Wenatchee 46/31	Spokane 44/30
Aberdeen 49/43	Olympia 51/39	Yakima 53/29
Astoria 50/41	Portland 51/42	Kennewick 62/35
Corvallis 52/36	Eugene 52/37	Bend 60/28
Medford 59/30	Klamath Falls 56/23	John Day 51/29
Baker City 37/17/pc	North Bend 53/39/pc	Enterprise 52/35
Brookings 60/45/pc	Roseburg 52/37/c	La Grande 48/27
Ilwaco 49/44/c	Seaside 49/42/c	Ontario 47/25
Newberg 51/39/c	Springfield 51/35/c	Caldwell 51/25
Newport 49/40/c	Vancouver 49/41/c	

**ALMANAC**  
Astoria through Tuesday

**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 51/41  
Normal high/low ..... 51/37  
Record high ..... 72 in 1996  
Record low ..... 21 in 1956

**Precipitation**  
Tuesday ..... 0.01"  
Month to date ..... 0.70"  
Normal month to date ..... 3.99"  
Year to date ..... 14.18"  
Normal year to date ..... 14.58"

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**UNDER THE SKY**  
Tonight's Sky: Full "Worm" Moon (8:56 a.m.)

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**SUN AND MOON**  
Sunrise today ..... 7:16 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 5:44 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 7:01 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 8:12 a.m.

Full Last New First  
Feb 16 Feb 23 Mar 2 Mar 10

**TODAY'S TIDES**

**Astoria / Port Docks**  
Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)  
2:03 a.m. 7.7 7:48 a.m. 2.4  
1:26 p.m. 8.4 8:16 p.m. -0.3

**Cape Disappointment**  
1:39 a.m. 7.5 6:55 a.m. 2.7  
1:02 p.m. 8.6 7:26 p.m. -0.3

**Hammond**  
1:51 a.m. 7.8 7:16 a.m. 2.5  
1:14 p.m. 8.8 7:44 p.m. -0.4

**Warrenton**  
1:58 a.m. 8.1 7:32 a.m. 2.5  
1:21 p.m. 8.9 8:00 p.m. -0.2

**Knappa**  
2:40 a.m. 7.9 8:49 a.m. 2.1  
2:03 p.m. 8.7 9:17 p.m. -0.3

**Depoe Bay**  
12:55 a.m. 7.7 6:22 a.m. 2.8  
12:14 p.m. 8.8 6:55 p.m. -0.4

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	72/50/t	54/34/pc
Boston	60/51/c	53/23/r
Chicago	30/7/sn	26/17/s
Dallas	57/28/pc	57/32/s
Denver	37/23/s	48/26/s
Honolulu	82/68/pc	80/68/pc
Houston	76/35/r	59/38/pc
Los Angeles	73/48/s	75/50/s
Miami	82/72/pc	83/70/pc
New York City	62/54/c	56/29/c
Phoenix	67/46/s	73/47/s
San Francisco	65/46/s	64/47/s
Wash., DC	70/56/pc	56/31/c

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