

OBITUARIES

Louis Anthony Ruljancich

Astoria

March 10, 1952 — March 4, 2022



It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our beloved Louis Anthony Ruljancich.

Born March 10, 1952, Louie passed away peacefully in his sleep at the young age of 69 years old, at his home in Astoria, on March 4, 2022.

Louie loved Astoria, and lived his whole life there, attending St. Mary, Star of the Sea School for most of his education, as well as Astoria High School, where he was a star basketball player.

He was a member of the U.S. Air Force, then moved on to become one of the best letter carriers and supervisors on the West Coast for the U.S. Postal Service.

Louie lived his entire life for people. He was a loving father, brother, uncle, grandfather, mentor and friend to all. His greatest happiness was seeing others succeed and thrive in life.

An active member and secretary of Alcoholics Anonymous, he mentored and spon-

sored hundreds of people who were in need of alcohol rehabilitation and treatment.

After his retirement from the postal service, Louie went on to work at several recovery centers to continue aiding others in sobriety, namely Astoria Pointe, Free by the Sea, and Virtue at the Pointe.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Louis C. Ruljancich and Dorothy Young/Ruljancich; brothers, Matthew Francis Ruljancich and Charles Henry Duncan; as well as nephew Brian McDowell.

He is survived by his daughter, Jolene Ruljancich; sons, Matthew Ruljancich and Justin Ruljancich; as well as his sister, Patty McDowell, and niece and nephew, Tara and Chad McDowell; and grandchildren, Elizabeth Benthin and Mirko Ruljancich.

There will be a celebration of life for Louie on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Astoria Elks Lodge, second floor.

Louie, you will live forever in our hearts and souls until we see you again.



Louis Ruljancich

Rolf A. Hansen

Everett, Washington

May 18, 1949 — March 3, 2022

Rolf A. Hansen, 72, passed away March 3, 2022, in Everett, Washington, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Rolf was born May 18, 1949, in Astoria, to Martin and Betty Hansen.

He graduated from Astoria High School in 1967, and received a degree in oceanography at Clatsop Community College in 1969.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lynne (Hankel) Hansen, whom he met in their hometown of Astoria, where they attended college together. They were married in 1971, and after living several years in Portland, Seattle and Kirkland, Washington, they settled in Everett, where they spent the past 30 years.

He was a proud father to Derek Hansen (Andrea), of Everett, and Chelsea Hansen, of Portland. He also had two grandchildren, Berke and Ingrid, whom he loved dearly. Rolf is also survived by his sister, Diane Huckleberry, of Warrenton; his brother, Rodney (Regina) of Kennewick, Washington; and numerous sisters and brothers-in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Rolf had a strong work ethic and had a lengthy, successful career spanning over

50 years in the shipping and stevedoring industry. He was hired right out of college by States Line Steamship Co. in Portland.

At 26 years old, he was transferred to Seattle, and was the youngest general manager on the West Coast. He was later hired by Stevedoring Services of America. He enjoyed numerous trips to Japan, New Zealand and Chile during his 40 years with the company, where he was still employed full time.

He enjoyed being outdoors, and especially loved spending time playing golf and fishing. He was an excellent cook and master of the barbecue. He loved cooking up a few steaks or a salmon on a summer weekend.

He cherished his family, and his humor and laughter will be deeply missed at family gatherings and celebrations. He was proud of his Norwegian heritage, and would often put on a Norwegian accent while telling a joke or story, giving everyone a good laugh.

A celebration of life has already been held.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Stowers Institute for Medical Research, 1000 E. 50th St., Kansas City, MO 64110.



Rolf Hansen

Carolyn Elaine Brenden

Warrenton

Feb. 28, 1949 — March 8, 2022

On March 8, 2022, our precious wife, sister, mother and grandmother, Carolyn Elaine Brenden, passed away quietly at home, where she loved to look out her window and enjoy the view.

Carolyn was born on Feb. 28, 1949, in Embudo, New Mexico. She and her family moved from New Mexico in 1959, and moved to Silverton, aka Pleasantville.

Carolyn graduated from Silverton Union High School, where she met her eventual husband, Miles Brenden. She attended Chemeketa Community College, where she was trained as a dental assistant.

She married Miles on Valentine's Day 1971 in Silverton, and together they had three boys, whom she cherished beyond measure. Miles and Carolyn celebrated their 51st anniversary this year.

After several years working as a dental assistant for Dr. Arthur Huber in Astoria, she transitioned to being a dental receptionist, where she worked for Dr. Huber until his retirement. She continued in this role for Dr. Joseph Shawa and Dr. Rodney Katayama until she retired in 2005.

Carolyn spent the next years of her life spending time with her husband, enjoying their beautiful home on the lake, along with her cherished family and friends.

Carolyn was the "Sunshine Girl," full of grace and kindness, a best friend to all who knew her, and an all-around beautiful soul. She turned 73 years young this year on Feb. 28.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Carl S. Harris and Dorothy Ann Henderson Harris, of Silverton.

She is survived by her family who loved her deeply: her husband, Miles E. Brenden, of Cullaby Lake; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Douglas Alling, of Gig Harbor, Washington; three sons and daughters-in-law, Brook and Stephanie, of Nine Mile Falls, Washington, Beau and Kelli, of Cullaby Lake, and Brett and Betsy, of Cullaby Lake; and three grandchildren, Brody, Ella and Chloe.

In lieu of a service, please honor Carolyn by sending donations to Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Carolyn will be deeply missed.



Carolyn Brenden

Donald Thomas Ferguson

Scappoose

May 17, 1934 — Feb. 19, 2022



Donald T. "Tom" Ferguson, 87, of Scappoose, passed away early in the day on Feb. 19, 2022, at home.

He was born on May 17, 1934, in Astoria, to his parents, Donald and Elsie Ferguson.

Donald attended and graduated from Warrenton High School. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army, and work in several different industries.

He attended the Oregon State Police Academy, eventually going on to become an Oregon State Police officer. After his police career, he went



Donald 'Tom' Ferguson

on to work for Blue Bell, and eventually retired from Quality Pie, where he was a traveling salesman.

Donald's hobbies included clamming, fishing and sports, especially the San Francisco 49ers and the University of Oregon Ducks, and he was a member of the Moose Lodge.

Donald is survived by his wife of 39 years, Kathy; his children, Brian, Chari and Teresa; his sister, Shirley Martin; his two step-children, Mark and Ann; his five grandchildren; and his six great-grandchildren.

Climate change means adaptation for Oregon wine, experts say

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Press

PORTLAND — Oregon's wine industry is heading into uncharted territory as temperatures rise in coming decades, but the impact is more likely to be manageable than disastrous, experts say.

"We are not at the precipice of failure. Wine-making and viticulture are not going away here. We're going to make the changes we need," said Greg Jones, a wine climatologist, at the Oregon Wine Symposium in Portland on Wednesday.

Oregon's climate has already changed markedly since the 1950s and 1960s, when people would have been nuts to plant vineyards in the state, he said.

"The weather and climate weren't very conducive to what we're doing today," said Jones, CEO of Abacela Winery near Roseburg.

On average, Oregon's temperature has risen by 2.2 degrees Fahrenheit since 1895, while models predict an increase of another 2 to 6 degrees by midcentury if current trends continue, he said.

"We're moving away from anything we've known historically into something very different," Jones said.

Grape growers will lack experience in growing currently popular varieties in those higher temperature ranges, he said.

To an extent, they can cope with changes in management, such as planting on cooler northern slopes or growing more expansive leaf canopies to protect grapes, he said.

After a certain tipping point, though, the industry may have to examine switching to more heat-resistant grape cultivars, Jones said.

There are about 5,000 varieties with which the wine industry has little to no experience, he said.

The industry will likely encounter differences in

the timing and severity of pest threats, as well as compressed harvest periods, he said.

Parts of Oregon will actually be able to introduce or expand grape production where it's currently limited by a short growing season, said Kevin Pogue, a geologist at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

By 2040, new areas in Eastern Oregon are expected to surpass the necessary 180 frost-free days per year to plant vineyards, Pogue said.

For example, only about 100 vineyard acres are planted on the Oregon side of the Snake River Valley, but it's likely to see further viticulture expansion, he said.

Peaches are already grown near the north fork of the John Day River, which

means the area is hospitable to grapes, Pogue said.

Due to temperature inversions, valley floors are often colder in Eastern Oregon than on hillsides, within a thermal belt that's capable of producing grapes, he said.

Areas above or below those thermal belts would remain too susceptible to freezes, meanwhile.

"We need to look for these thermal belt areas," Pogue said.

Water rights in the region tend to be available along valley floors, so they'd need to be transferred for irrigation, he said. However, grapes are less thirsty than alfalfa and other crops commonly grown there.

"The upside is if we replace corn with grapes, we don't need as much water," Pogue said.

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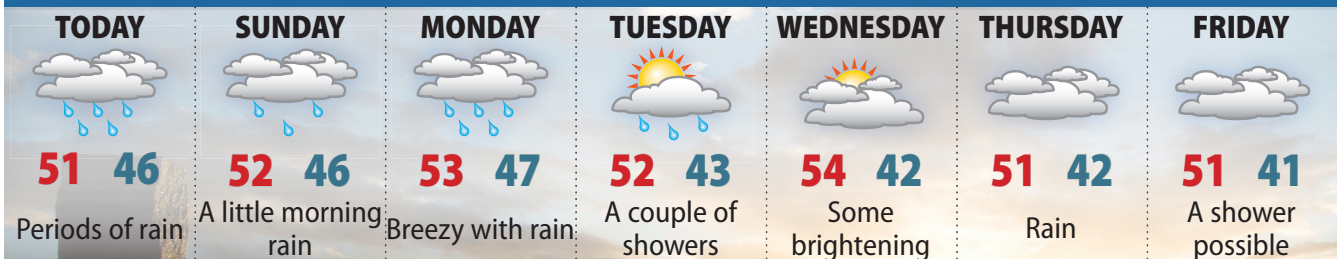
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 51/29
Normal high/low 53/39
Record high 75 in 1905
Record low 25 in 1969

Precipitation

Thursday 0.00"
Month to date 1.02"
Normal month to date 2.65"
Year to date 20.05"
Normal year to date 20.42"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Double Cluster of Perseus is high above the NW horizon after sunset.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:34 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:17 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:13 p.m.
Moonset today 4:03 a.m.

Full Last New First

Mar 17 Mar 24 Mar 31 Apr 8

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:54 a.m.	7.0	2:13 a.m.	4.4
10:21 p.m.	6.1	3:47 p.m.	1.2

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:45 a.m.	6.9	1:44 a.m.	4.7
10:31 p.m.	5.9	3:09 p.m.	1.3

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:54 a.m.	7.0	2:00 a.m.	4.5
10:28 p.m.	6.1	3:22 p.m.	1.0

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:49 a.m.	7.4	1:57 a.m.	4.5
10:16 p.m.	6.5	3:31 p.m.	1.3

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
8:31 a.m.	7.2	3:14 a.m.	3.8
10:58 p.m.	6.4	4:48 p.m.	1.0

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:01 a.m.	7.1	1:09 a.m.	4.9
9:42 p.m.	6.1	2:37 p.m.	1.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	38/24/c	54/33/s
Boston	50/24/r	38/30/s
Chicago	25/21/s	52/35/s
Dallas	56/37/s	67/49/s
Denver	55/33/s	61/34/c
Honolulu	84/71/pc	83/70/pc
Houston	59/35/s	64/52/s
Los Angeles	78/49/s	72/48/pc
Miami	87/56/t	74/66/c
New York City	48/22/r	38/34/pc
Phoenix	77/51/s	81/53/s
San Francisco	59/50/s	63/47/pc
Wash., DC	47/21/r	44/34/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

