Kelli Underhill

Astoria Dec. 8, 1981 — Nov. 12, 2021

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Our beloved Kelli Underhill passed away on Nov. 12, 2021, at the age of 39. Kelli was born in Hillsboro on Dec. 8, 1981, and resided most of her life in Astoria.

Kelli married the love of her life, Eugene, in 2016, and they were raising their five beautiful children together in Olney. Kelli had always dreamt of living on acreage where she could have her farm animals and children could run wild.

This dream came true, and knowing that she got to experience it, even for a short while, leaves us all with so much joy.

Kelli had such a gift with decorating and craftiness, with her vision and the combined talents of her and Eugene, many amazing creations and home projects were born.

She sure knew how to make a house a home, and make all who entered feel loved and welcomed. Her family will enjoy her vision for years to come, and we are all so grateful for a place where we can tangibly feel Kelli.

In 2020, Kelli gave her life over to Christ, and was baptized. That sunny day in the Columbia River was a day that was beyond beautiful to witness.

Kelli's conviction and love for Jesus inspired her husband and oldest daughter, Kamryn, to also decide to be baptized. The heavens rejoiced that day, and the legacy Kelli leaves behind on this Earth is eternal.

The old adage, "a friend to many and a stranger to none" could not have been more true for Kelli. She could talk to anyone, and genuinely cared about the details of their

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at it.

Kelli had a gift for remembering important dates and life events of others, and was always checking in on everyone to see how things were shaping

> up Even through her pain at the end of her journey, Kelli put her focus outward, and was constantly praying and checking in on her family and friends. Kelli loved easy, and was easy to love.

But most of all, Kelli loved her five precious children. Being a mother was her greatest accomplishment, and she was darn good

Holidays and celebrations were her forte; she never failed to have her children and her home dressed up perfectly for each passing season.

The care she put into being a mom was evident, and was effortlessly weaved into every fabric of her life. While her time here on Earth was short, it was rich and full.

The grief we feel is easily intermixed with joy for knowing her, and knowing where she is now. This Earth was her temporary home, but she is now home forever, seated in heaven with the God she loved and clung to every day.

Kelli is survived by her loving husband, Eugene Underhill; beautiful children, Kamryn, 13, Kol, 11, Karsen, 8, Killan, 5, and Kennedi, 2; parents, Peggy and Warren Junes and Tim and Linda Hill; brother, Kyle Hill (Kari); sister, Kaitlin Valdez (Greg); sister, Cora Linder (Jamie); and grandmother, Jan Carrol.

Donna Holmstedt Astoria Feb. 23, 1930 — March 9, 2022

Donna Holmstedt, 92, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully, with family at her side, on March 9, 2022.

The second of three children born to Oscar and Myrtle Liudahl, Donna was born on Feb. 23, 1930, in Velva, North Dakota.

At an early age, she moved with her family to Salem, where she attended school and graduated from North Salem High School. After graduation, she attended Midland College in Nebraska, where she met John Holmstedt.

On Aug. 21, 1949, the couple were united in marriage in Salem, and to this union three children were born: Mike, Becky (Nelson) and Scott. John preceded Donna in death on Feb. 24, 2014.

The couple and their three children moved to Astoria in 1964, where she soon became the secretary for First Lutheran Church. For over 25 years she assisted numerous pastors, taught Sunday school, helped coordinate day-to-day functions, and helped manage the church finances. Until the last few years of her life, she remained involved in activities at the church, and still worshiped regularly. Throughout her life she believed in the importance of helping others in need. During the holiday season, for 25 years, she was pivotal in the organization of the local Clatsop Community Action food and gift drive.



Donna Holmstedt

provided food boxes to hundreds of families, she shopped, collected donations, arranged volunteers and sorted through piles of paperwork.

Her dedication to helping others earned her the George Award for outstanding community service, and she was honored as one of the 100 outstanding women in Clatsop County.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her sister, Shirley Clark, brother, Donald Liudahl, and granddaughter, Amy Nelson.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses, John Michael and Christene Holmstedt, of Hammond, Becky and Phil Nelson, of Astoria, and Scott and Sandi Holmstedt, of Warrenton; nine grandchildren, Jayson (Andrea) Holmstedt, Christopher Holmstedt (Leah), Ryan (Kirsten) Holmstedt, Caryn (Todd) Hilmes, David (Judi) Nelson, Angie Holmstedt, Todd (Emma) Holmstedt, Brian (Kim) Conley, Casey (Krista) Conley; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Alan Batchelder Lincoln City Feb. 18, 1935 — Jan. 31, 2022

Alan Batchelder passed away the morning of Jan. 31, 2022, at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City. He was 86.

Born in San Diego, he spent his life moving up the coast one county at a time. He joined the U.S. Army at 19, serving in Germany as a Morse code intercept

At 21, he entered Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, his grandmother Stanley's alma mater, majoring in psychology. There, he married his first wife, Mary Sue Hanna, an elementary education major. They lived together in campus barracks for married veterans.

After graduation, he represented Simpson College in Illinois and Wisconsin as a recruiter. In Park Forest, Illinois, their first daughter, Traci, was born in 1960.

He returned to California in 1961 to attend the Claremont Graduate School to pursue a master's degree in psychological foundations, which led to a position as assistant dean of men at Pomona College. There, they welcomed their daughter, Diane, in 1962.

He was promoted to assistant dean of students at San Jose State College, and then dean of students for the newly opened John Muir College in La Jolla, California. There, he met his second wife, Nancy Lee Bell. In 1975, Alan and Nancy Lee wed and settled in Surf Pines, and Alan served as the dean

Yamhill-Carlton blanks Astoria in season opener

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Yamhill-Carlton, ranked second in a 3A preseason coaches poll, racked up 10 runs on nine hits for a 10-0 win over Astoria, in a nonleague softball season opener on Tuesday at CMH Field.

The Tigers led 3-0 after two innings, and Yamhill-Carlton pitcher Briley Ingram did the rest, holding the Lady Fishermen to just three hits, with 10 strikeouts and one walk in six innings.

Astoria junior Mercedes Walter got the start in the circle for the Lady Fish, giving up nine hits and three walks with two strikeouts.

Freshman leadoff hitter Nayomi Holmstedt had two of Astoria's three hits, with four steals. For the Tigers, Kati Slater had a double and drove in two runs, and Dorothy Adair added a triple.

Astoria hosts Corbett on Thursday at CMH Field.



of students at Clatsop Community College, a position he held until 1982.

After postgraduate study at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Alan

developed North Coast Counseling Services, continuing in family therapy and mediation in Seaside and Astoria until his retirement in 2006.

He served on the Seaside City Council from 1989 to 1996. He participated in community theater. Alan was always willing to drive his family members on wonderful, regional sight-seeing tours, complete with a detailed narrative and often a sing-along.

Over 47 years together, Alan and Nancy Lee lived in Surf Pines, Seaside, Astoria and Seaview, Washington. He was a remarkable, funny, loving, sharing and brilliant man we were all lucky to have him.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Lee Batchelder; sisters, Marcia Gaudet and Jean Overton; daughters, Traci Svendsgaard (Lars) and Diane Elder; son, Matt Batchelder (Michèle); son, Martin Maltby (Deanna); son, James Maltby (Tara); son, David Maltby (Tammy); daughter, Anne Elizabeth Maltby; grandsons, Robert Batchelder, Jacob Elder and Andy Elder; and great-granddaughter, Lydia Elder.

A celebration of life will be held later in the spring. Remembrances can be contributed to bit.ly/alan-memorial

SPORTS

SCOREBOARD

Eagles (1) 86 3. Warrenton War-riors (1) 63

4. La Pine Hawks 55

5. Scio Loggers 54 6. Yamhill-Carlton

Tigers (3) 53 7. South Umpqua

Lancers 52 8. Joseph/Enterprise

Eagles 41 9. Rainier Columbi-

ans 39 10. Cascade Chris-

ton 16, Taft 14. 2A/1A

(3) 88

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1. Kennedy Trojans 118

3. Glide Wildcats (2) 76

4. Dufur/South Wasco

Rangers (2) 57 5. Monroe Dragons 50

7. Lakeview Honkers 47

8. Heppner/lone Mus-

6. Umpqua Valley Christian (1) 48

2. Knappa Loggers

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE THURSDAY

Baseball — Milwaukie at Astoria, 4:30 p.m. Softball — Corbett at Astoria, 2:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Clatskanie (2), 3 p.m.

FRIDAY Baseball — Newport at Astoria, 4:30 p.m.; Yamhill-Carlton at Warrenton (2), 3 p.m. Softball — Seaside at Toledo Tournament, TBA; Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Baseball — Fort Van-couver at Seaside (2), noon Softball — Seaside at Toledo Tournament, TBA

BASEBALL PRESEASON COACHES POLLS

1. Brookings-Harbor

Bruins (7) 98 2. Santiam Christian

tangs 43 9. Western Christian 40 10. Reedsport Brave 28 Others: St. Paul 27, Toledo 26, Salem Academy 24.

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OBITUARIES

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A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Peace First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. A private graveside service will be held earlier on Saturday.

Memorials may be designated to: Amy's Fund, in care of Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Lower Columbia Hospice or Peace First Lutheran Church.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

OBITUARY POLICY

The Astorian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include a small photo and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. The deadline for all obituaries is 9 a.m. the business day prior.

Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Death notices and upcoming services will be published at no charge. Notices must be submitted by 9 a.m. the day before publication.

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