

OBITUARIES

# DeWayne Curtis Darnell

## Graham, Washington

April 16, 1959 — March 12, 2022



DeWayne Curtis Darnell passed away on March 12, 2022. DeWayne was preceded in death by his parents, Herb and Florence Darnell.

DeWayne lived a long life in a short time. While he grew up in, and loved, the Pacific Northwest, his impact is felt across the country, possibly around the world.

He graduated from Knappa High School and then joined the U.S. Army, spending 13 years in the military, receiving the Army Service Ribbon, Army Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and Sharp Shooter Qualification Badge.

When he left the Army and started his family, he worked and lived on his own terms.

Working was his pride, as was his family, but he always made time for a social life — which was no problem for him, as he was able to make lifelong friends with anyone he met, no matter their background.

Whether he was towing your car, selling you gas for your car or standing in line at the store, he treated everyone as an equal, and you walked away from him with a conversation.

But if DeWayne's social life was the part everyone knew and loved, they should have seen him as a father. While we grew up in an unorthodox environment, he made sure there was always love.

His sense of responsibility kept a roof over our heads and food on the table, but with his presence and leadership, no matter how tired he was, he showed his love. He

provided on every level, especially when he was needed.

When it came to making memories, his excitement taking us to the ocean and the Astoria Column stand out. He loved to drive, he loved talking while he drove, and he was always asking to make sure everyone was comfortable and having a good time.

DeWayne loved being a grandpa!

DeWayne will be missed by many, because he treated friends like family, and put family first. I know that he left words unsaid, but he thanks all of you for your friendship. Remember his friendship; be the friend he was to you.

He is survived by his wife, Laurene; his first wife, Cindra Darnell, of Pennsylvania; his son, Brandon Darnell (Mariah); daughters, Heather Darnell, Lindsee Darnell Garrison (Casey) and Amanda Darnell; stepdaughters, Jennifer Shilko, Crystal Shilko and Rose Shilko; brothers, Dale Darnell and Clifford Darnell (Marissa); sisters, Patricia Darnell Raugust (David) and Lezlie Darnell McDonald (Paul); as well as his dearly loved grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

For family and friends, a graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on April 23 at Ocean View Cemetery, 575 S.W. 18th St. in Warrenton, with a reception held afterwards at the Svensen Grange, 92683 Svensen Market Road.

Please sign our online guest book at [caldwellsmortuary.com](http://caldwellsmortuary.com)



DeWayne Darnell

# Michael Larry Schuerger

## Warrenton

May 7, 1949 — March 19, 2022

Michael Larry Schuerger was born on May 7, 1949, in Antigo, Wisconsin. He moved to the southern Oregon Coast with his family when he was 9. His father, Clarence, had always wanted to move out West, and found work at Roseburg Forest Products in Coquille.

Michael and his sister, Janene, attended Coquille schools. After school, Michael joined the National Guard and served our country for four years.

Michael was married to Victoria Edwards, and they had one son, Gregory, who was born Dec. 23, 1976. Michael and Vicky divorced five years later, and Michael remarried two years after that.

Barbara Crawford, of Molalla, and Michael were married almost 39 years, and lived in Coquille; Beaver Creek; Kasilof, Alaska; and Warrenton.

Michael enjoyed and had a knack for fixing virtually anything. He worked as a driver most of his life. He drove a chip truck for Lloyd Marshall Trucking for many years. He drove a propane delivery truck in Alaska, and then eventually drove a parts delivery truck for O'Reilly's in Alaska and Oregon.

He loved visiting with the customers when he would drop off parts for them. He had all the local mechanic shop dogs

chronicled and photographed on his cellphone. He had an incredible work ethic, and worked right up to the end of his life.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Erma Christine Schuerger and Clarence John Schuerger.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Schuerger, of Warrenton; sister, Janene Paul, of Gold Beach; son, Greg Schuerger and daughter-in-law, Emily, of Astoria; stepson, Rick McGlasson and daughter-in-law, Michelle, of Nikiski, Alaska; and stepson, Donny McGlasson and daughter-in-law, Starr, of Springfield. He had eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, which he enjoyed spending time with and attending their various events.

Michael enjoyed watching car racing, including NASCAR, and the Portland Trail Blazers games on TV. He loved visiting and joking with everyone he met. His light-hearted demeanor and personality touched many lives, and he truly was the nicest person most of his friends and family knew. He will be sorely missed by all.

Michael passed away on March 19, 2022. A celebration of Michael's life will be held on May 7 at his residence, 621 N.W. Cedar Court in Warrenton from 12 to 4 p.m. Burgers, hot dogs and Pepsi will be served.



Michael Schuerger

# Jacqueline Lea Letsinger

## Astoria

May 8, 1938 — Nov. 14, 2021

Jacqueline Lea Letsinger, 83, passed away in Portland.

Jacqueline was born May 8, 1938, in Kelso, Washington, to Bill and Marion (Gauthier) Williams. Jackie was born on Mother's Day, much to her parents' delight.

Jackie graduated from R.A. Long High School in Longview, Washington.

In 1957, she married Edward Selven; she was a very loving mother to their three children Kellie, Rob and Terry. They later divorced.

On Nov. 24, 1979, she married Robert Letsinger.

Jackie worked as a bookkeeper for New England Fish Co., Barbey Packing Co., Sea Coast Nursery and Landscaping, the Otter Trawl Commission and Red Lion before retiring.

Jackie was a master gardener, and loved working in her yard. Her knowledge of plants and flowers was one of her passions.

She loved the house that they built in 1982. Jackie enjoyed decorating their house, especially wallpapering.

Jackie is survived by her loving hus-

band of 42 years, Bob; her companion dog, Sadie; children, Kellie (Bob) Bakanen and Terry (Leslie) Selven, of Astoria, and Rob (Jani) Selven, of Eugene; and stepchildren, Marilyn (Scott) Smith, of Astoria, and Bob (Karen) Letsinger, of Grants Pass.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michelle (Jonathan) DeVos, of Warrenton; Amy Selven, of Ontario, California; Kaari Selven and Krissy Selven, of Napa, California; and Michael Selven, of Portland; great-grandchildren, Megan McCall, of Aurora, Colorado, and Mason and Colton DeVos, of Warrenton; and niece, Debbie (Bruce) Campbell, of Kelso.

The family would like to thank Angie, her caregiver, for her love, care and comfort that she provided for our mom and family.

Jackie was preceded in death by her son, Michael James Selven; father, Bill Williams; mother, Marion Loudon; stepfather, Bob Loudon; and her sister, Judy Walker.

Private family services will be held at a later date.



Jacqueline Letsinger

# Farmworkers accuse OSHA of shortcomings

By LYNNE TERRY  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

SALEM — The past two years have been difficult for everyone, but some 87,000 farmworkers in Oregon have faced some of the worst hardships, with state officials sometimes failing to protect them, according to a report published this month.

The COVID-19 Farmworker Study involved in-depth interviews with 48 farmworkers from 11 counties statewide, from Marion to Malheur to Jackson counties. Researchers found that while enduring grueling work to get food on Oregon tables, farmworkers often were not provided masks to protect them from getting COVID. The report said they often were not properly informed in their native languages about COVID or where to get vaccinated, didn't have break areas and had to eat in their vehicles.

Inspectors from the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration showed up at workplaces but turned a blind eye to illegal conditions, the report said.

"Workers know that Oregon OSHA is supposed to enforce the rules, but rarely does this happen," the report said. "Not all agricultural and food industry employers practice or enforce masking and distancing, even though it is prescribed by law and workers prefer it."

An OSHA spokesman denied in an email that the agency was lax in enforcing rules, saying it has a history of protecting farmworkers.

According to some estimates, Oregon has the fifth largest farmworker population in the country, right after Washington state. California is first.

The report, which was funded by the Meyer Memorial Trust in Portland, comes two months after emotional hearings during the legislative session over a farmworker overtime bill. Despite strong agricultural industry opposition, it passed on partisan lines, and is awaiting Gov. Kate Brown's signature. The bill will phase in 40-hour a week overtime pay starting next year.

The interviews with the farmworkers, who were 25 to 65 years old, were conducted between February 2021 through July, including during the summer's heat dome when one farmworker died, the report said.

Ron Mize, a professor of ethnic studies and women, gender and sexuality studies at Oregon State University, worked on the study



Sierra Dawn McClain/Capital Press

A farmworker on an organic farm.

with researchers from Portland State University and the University of Oregon. Mize said the workers knew that OSHA was supposed to enforce the rules and were confused when it didn't.

"They really struggled with OSHA," Mize told the Oregon Capital Chronicle. "They never really felt like they got clear guidance on the rules and the very few times in which they saw inspectors, they were often confused because (the inspectors) said there was nothing wrong and they felt they were in close proximity to one another and there were a lot of issues with social distancing that they could not control."

Agency officials said that wasn't so. "It's really important to understand that Oregon OSHA was one of only a few states in the nation to adopt specific COVID-19 rules to reduce the risk in workplaces, and that includes a specific rule addressing the risks in agriculture labor housing," according to an email from Aaron Corvin, an OSHA spokesman. "We have extended and updated such protections over time and as the pandemic and public health guidance have evolved. They have included provisions addressing facial coverings, physical distancing, and regular sanitation."

He added: "We regularly engage with stakeholders, and produce and disseminate educational resources and communications serving vulnerable workers in multiple languages, including in high-hazard industries. Our rule-making processes — including for our heat and wildfire smoke rule projects — have included worker listening sessions."

He said OSHA has bilingual staff and uses language services to speak to workers.

"Oregon OSHA has a long-running focus on serving agricultural and other vulnerable worker populations as part of our safety emphasis programs," Corvin wrote.

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### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
46 34	47 36	45 36	49 35	53 38	53 40	54 43
Chilly with rain	A morning shower	A couple of showers	Chilly with rain	Periods of sun	Partly sunny	Occasional rain

### ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

**Temperatures**

High/low	47/35
Normal high/low	55/41
Record high	77 in 2004
Record low	31 in 1982

**Precipitation**

Sunday	0.40"
Month to date	2.52"
Normal month to date	2.19"
Year to date	28.08"
Normal year to date	27.86"

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### UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** Low above the southwest horizon is the bright star Sirius of Canis Major.

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:35 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:59 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:22 p.m.
Moonset today	5:17 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 16	Apr 23	Apr 30	May 8

### TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	10:39 a.m.	6.7	5:00 a.m.	3.1
	11:57 p.m.	7.0	5:34 p.m.	0.6
Cape Disappointment	10:20 a.m.	6.8	4:32 a.m.	3.4
	11:38 p.m.	6.8	4:53 p.m.	0.7
Hammond	11:16 a.m.	7.0	4:46 a.m.	3.2
	11:48 p.m.	7.2	5:09 p.m.	0.6
Warrenton	10:34 a.m.	7.1	4:44 a.m.	3.2
	11:52 p.m.	7.4	5:18 p.m.	0.7
Knappa	11:16 a.m.	7.0	6:01 a.m.	2.6
	none		6:35 p.m.	0.5
Depoe Bay	9:35 a.m.	6.8	3:54 a.m.	3.4
	10:54 p.m.	6.8	4:19 p.m.	0.6

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	79/61/c	79/62/c
Boston	66/48/sh	60/50/pc
Chicago	65/59/t	69/39/r
Dallas	82/65/t	82/48/pc
Denver	57/22/c	41/22/c
Honolulu	84/72/pc	84/71/pc
Houston	82/71/t	83/59/t
Los Angeles	68/50/s	69/50/s
Miami	82/75/pc	85/76/pc
New York City	70/53/pc	66/57/pc
Phoenix	75/51/s	78/54/s
San Francisco	58/47/s	60/51/pc
Wash., DC	75/57/pc	80/65/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

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

Seattle 47/36	Wenatchee 44/31	Spokane 41/25
Tacoma 48/31	Moses Lake 50/33	Pullman 37/24
Aberdeen 46/36	Yakima 46/30	
Olympia 45/30	Kennewick 50/29	Walla Walla 41/26
Longview 46/35	Hermiston 50/26	Lewiston 43/27
Astoria 46/34	The Dalles 49/31	Enterprise 34/15
Portland 46/37	Salem 47/35	Pendleton 44/22
Corvallis 45/34	Albany 45/35	La Grande 39/16
Eugene 48/38	Bend 43/23	John Day 38/16
		Burns 38/18
		Ontario 48/25
		Caldwell 47/24
Medford 48/34	Klamath Falls 37/22	

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	40/18/sn	41/22/sf	North Bend	48/40/r	51/41/sh
Brookings	46/38/r	47/41/r	Roseburg	47/36/r	50/39/sh
Ilwaco	47/36/r	48/40/c	Seaside	46/35/r	47/36/sh
Newberg	45/32/r	48/39/r	Springfield	46/37/r	49/37/r
Newport	44/36/r	48/37/pc	Vancouver	46/34/r	48/38/r