

OBITUARIES

Anna Aurora (Kujala) Olson
Astoria
July 31, 1928 — April 15, 2022

Anna Aurora (Kujala) Olson, most knew her as Peggy, went to be with the Lord on Good Friday, April 15, 2022.

She was born July 31, 1928, in Seneca, Michigan. She was the third born, and second daughter, of Elizabeth and Andrew Kujala.

After moving from upper Michigan in 1943, Peggy graduated from Astoria High School in 1946. She married the love of her life, Eldred Arthur Olson, on Aug. 24, 1946.

They made their home in Astoria, in Eldred’s childhood home, where they had two sons, Lawrence and Kenneth. In 1964, the family moved across the street to her current home.

She is survived by her son, Larry, and his wife, Kathy, their sons, Jeremy and Tyler, and their daughter, Heather. Jeremy’s family consists of his wife, Brittany, son, Gunnar, and daughters, Libby, Hannah, Piper and Scarlett. Tyler’s family consists of his wife, Kat, and daughter, Amelia.

She is also survived by her son, Ken, and his wife, Mary, their son, Jacob, their daughter, Aurora, and son-in-law, Ian; her sisters, Dorothy, Bernice and Esther; and her brother, Donald.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldred; mother, Elizabeth; father, Andrew; brothers, Gordon and Norman; and sister, Evelyn.

Her friends would say she always had a big smile, and a big heart. They would also say she accepted them the way they were, and where they were in their faith, no judgment.



Anna Olson

She helped many friends study to become citizens of the U.S., hosted missionaries and was very active in Bethany Free Lutheran Church for more than 50 years.

Peggy began working in the canneries in 1955. She worked in several, like Bumble Bee Seafoods (in Astoria and in Alaska), Astoria Cold Storage Inc., Union Fish Cannery, Point Adams Packing Co. and then Bornstein Seafoods. She worked for Bumble Bee for 26 years. In 1995, she retired from cannery work at 66 years old. When asked about her experience in the canneries, she said that she enjoyed every minute of it.

Besides spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she wrote poems, enjoyed cooking, baking, reading and attending Astoria festivities, including being a part of the United Finnish Kaleva Brotherhood & Sisterhood. Her favorite days included Sunday drives and lunch after church.

She loved and served the Lord with all her heart, for all her days. We who remain grieve the loss of our beloved Peggy, and say well done, good and faithful servant, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

A memorial will be held at Bethany Free Lutheran Church on May 13 at 2:30 p.m. The service may also be livestreamed. More information is to come.

Donations can be made to Bethany Free Lutheran Church, Lower Columbia Hospice or a charity of your choice.

Blaine Dean Ivanoff
Gig Harbor, Washington
Sept. 28, 1958 — Nov. 13, 2021

Blaine Dean Ivanoff passed away on Nov. 13, 2021, at the age of 63, in Gig Harbor, Washington.

Blaine was born in Astoria, on Sept. 28, 1958, to Janice Kent and Donald Ivanoff. He graduated from Astoria High School in 1976, and then continued his lifelong connection to the fishing industry.

After graduating he worked in his family business, Astoria Marine Supply, for 20 years, and gillnetted on the Columbia River and in Bristol Bay, Alaska, with his father. Blaine purchased his own Bristol Bay commercial fishing operation with his business partner, William Jefferies, in 1995, and continued to fish every summer until 2016.

Blaine’s only son, Brandt Blaine Ivanoff, was born in 1992. They both shared a love of basketball, trucks and the annual family fishing trip on the Columbia River. Blaine’s greatest joy in his life was watching Brandt and his wife, Alyssa, raise their three children, Khloe, Lucas and Brixton.

A transition from the marine supply business to construction in the mid-1990s involved a move for Blaine from Astoria to Lake Ste-

vens, Washington, and then eventually, to Gig Harbor, Washington. He worked for several large construction companies that placed him in Alaska and all parts of the Pacific Northwest.

During these years he formed his own specialized construction business, and many lifelong friendships resulted from the various projects that he worked on. His final days were spent in his home in Gig Harbor with his companion, Sheila Lindsay.

Blaine was above all honest, dependable and hardworking. He rarely missed a day of work, and had a friendly personality that will surely be missed. Astoria held a special place in his heart, and is where he always gathered with family and friends.

Blaine is survived by his parents, Janice Kent and Donald and Glenda Ivanoff; his brother, Kent Ivanoff, of Astoria; his son, Brandt Ivanoff (Alyssa), and grandchildren, Khloe, Lucas and Brixton, of Gresham; and his companion, Sheila Lindsay, and her children, of Gig Harbor.

A celebration of life will be held at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Astoria on May 21 from 1 to 4 p.m.



Blaine Ivanoff

Ron Jasper
Astoria
Aug. 8, 1933 — April 2, 2022

Ron Jasper passed away peacefully at home on April 2, 2022, with his two sons, Rob and Pat, by his side.

He was born Aug. 8, 1933, in Astoria, to Dr. Edward and Leola (Burns) Jasper. After graduating from Astoria High School in 1951, Ron enlisted in the U.S. Army and served from 1953 to 1955, during which time he was stationed in Germany.

On Sept. 21, 1957, he married Colleen Shephard, and was blessed by two sons, Rob (René) Jasper, of Sisters, and Patrick Jasper, of Astoria, and a grandson, Devin Jasper, of Arizona.

Ron started his career at Tongue Point, worked as a small engine mechanic, owned a slot car track in Astoria, and spent nearly 30 years as a longshoreman with International

Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 50.

He enjoyed working in his shop, duck and deer hunting, World War II history and watching classic television. His knowledge of old television and movie stars was encyclopedic.

Surviving are his sons, Rob and Pat; grandson, Devin; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; dear wife, Colleen; and his older brothers, Billy, Ed and Emmet.

Rob and Pat wish to thank all the caregivers who have supported the family on this journey. Hospice allowed Ron to be home with the family he loved. We are truly grateful to them.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Lower Columbia Hospice or the ILWU Local 50 Astoria High School Scholarship Fund.



Ron Jasper

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
51 40	52 38	52 42	54 44	55 43	55 43	54 42
A shower and t-storm	Cloudy with a shower	A p.m. shower or two	A shower in the a.m.	Cloudy, showers around	Cloudy, showers around	A couple of showers

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low	56/37
Normal high/low	57/42
Record high	82 in 2018
Record low	31 in 1986

Precipitation

Sunday	0.08"
Month to date	5.46"
Normal month to date	4.86"
Year to date	31.02"
Normal year to date	30.53"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Before sunrise low east, waning crescent moon and Mars.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:10 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:17 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:54 a.m.
Moonset today	3:54 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
Apr 30				
May 8				
May 15				
May 22				

TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
10:41 a.m.	7.1	4:56 a.m.	2.1	
11:40 p.m.	7.8	5:23 p.m.	0.5	
Cape Disappointment				
10:23 a.m.	7.0	4:26 a.m.	2.3	
11:23 p.m.	7.6	4:40 p.m.	0.5	
Hammond				
10:34 a.m.	7.3	4:39 a.m.	2.3	
11:33 p.m.	8.0	4:55 p.m.	0.3	
Warrenton				
10:36 a.m.	7.5	4:40 a.m.	2.2	
11:35 p.m.	8.2	5:07 p.m.	0.4	
Knapapa				
11:18 a.m.	7.3	5:57 a.m.	1.8	
none		6:24 p.m.	0.2	
Depoe Bay				
9:38 a.m.	6.8	3:51 a.m.	2.3	
10:37 p.m.	7.6	4:05 p.m.	0.2	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Atlanta	71/51/t	74/52/s
Boston	57/47/r	60/40/c
Chicago	52/33/pc	44/36/pc
Dallas	76/54/s	80/62/s
Denver	74/46/pc	76/42/pc
Honolulu	84/72/pc	85/70/pc
Houston	74/59/t	82/61/s
Los Angeles	82/55/pc	76/54/pc
Miami	85/73/pc	86/72/t
New York City	64/48/sh	57/39/pc
Phoenix	99/69/pc	96/67/s
San Francisco	63/50/s	63/50/s
Wash., DC	72/48/t	60/39/pc
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

Study on use of handguns
by youth reveals rural,
urban differences

By APRIL EHRLICH
Oregon Public Broadcasting

Just as new data shows that gun violence has surpassed car crashes as the leading cause of death among U.S. youth, one study says gun intervention programs should focus on younger children — especially in rural areas.

Researchers at the University of Washington this month published their research into handgun use among children and young adults in rural areas. They surveyed more than 2,000 young people in seven states, including Oregon and Washington, from the age of 12 to 26.

The study reveals differences in urban and rural handgun culture among children and young adults. Among those differences, they found that handgun use was higher among rural participants than those surveyed in urban studies. They also found handgun use began at a younger age for rural youth, and it tended to increase with age.

And while these rural participants showed higher rates of formal gun safety training, the study notes that rates of firearm suicide are significantly higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

Lead author Ali Rowhani-Rahbar, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Washington School of Public Health, told Oregon Public Broadcasting’s “Think Out Loud” that these findings illustrate the need to develop gun violence prevention strategies that are specific to rural culture.

“There are some programs out there, but many of them are geared towards urban settings,” Rowhani-Rahbar said.

Almost all existing interventions, the study notes, focus on factors associated with crime, a framework that may not apply to all or even most youths in rural settings. Since handgun use tends to begin earlier among rural children, it suggests having intervention programs geared toward younger ages in rural areas.

“The focus should be on when and how to intervene, because there are inflection points throughout somebody’s life in the course of development where you need

to intervene to prevent the risk of harm,” Rowhani-Rahbar said.

This study primarily focused on how often participants carried handguns; Rowhani-Rahbar said their next step is to dig into the why behind handgun use.

“We are in the process right now of conducting more focus groups and interviews and conversations with youth and young adults to really understand better the context in which this behavior occurs,” he said.

Rowhani-Rahbar began his career as a vaccine epidemiologist, but he changed his academic focus after the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

“After Sandy Hook, I felt as a public health risk scholar and a researcher, I should probably spend some time on this, and the rest of it really is history,” he said. “But when I started, the landscape was grim in that there were not lots of funding opportunities to really do this type of work.”

Despite high levels of gun violence in the U.S. compared to other developed countries, gun violence research was limited for nearly two decades by a federal provision called the Dickey Amendment.

In 1996, the amendment mandated that “none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may be used to advocate or promote gun control,” a mandate pushed by the National Rifle Association. Until about 2015, the CDC interpreted the amendment as a total prohibition of using government funds to research gun violence — so it avoided the research altogether.

As a result, there are few long-term studies into why and how different communities in the United States use guns, and what could be contributing to the country’s gun violence.

The CDC’s most recent mortality data shows that there were 45,222 firearm-related deaths in 2020 — a new peak, and a 14% increase from the year before. The increase was mostly driven by homicides, which rose by a staggering 34% from the previous year.

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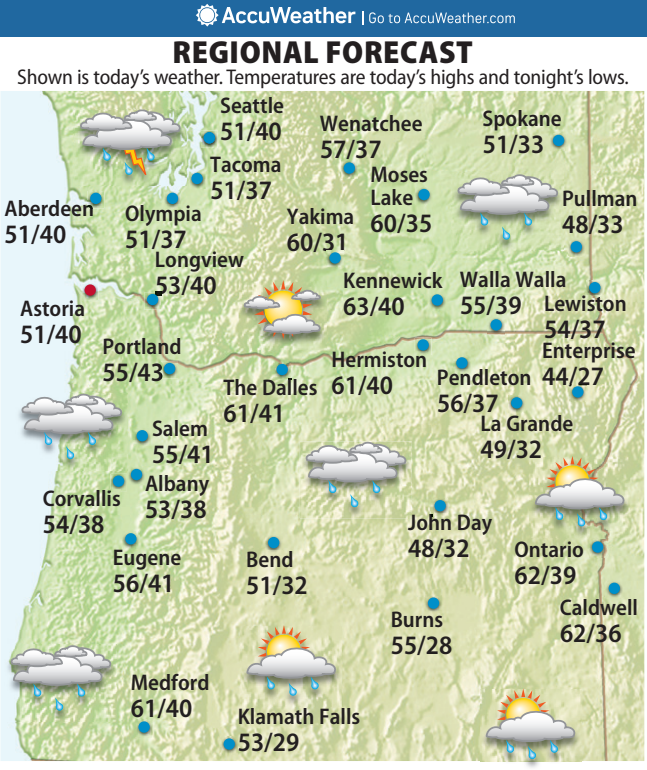


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REGIONAL FORECAST

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



City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
Baker City	49/30/r	53/31/c
Brookings	54/41/pc	54/43/pc
Ilwaco	51/41/t	52/41/c
Newberg	53/38/sh	57/38/c
Newport	51/40/sh	51/39/pc
City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Low	Hi/Low
North Bend	54/43/sh	54/41/pc
Roseburg	58/41/c	61/39/pc
Seaside	51/40/t	52/39/sh
Springfield	55/39/sh	61/39/pc
Vancouver	54/41/sh	57/40/c