

OBITUARIES

Richard Leonard Thorbeck

Long Beach, Washington

Jan. 9, 1949 — April 21, 2022



Richard Thorbeck was born in Bemidji, Minnesota, on Jan. 9, 1949, to Ray Leonard Thorbeck and Margaret Jane Thorbeck.

On April 21, 2022, Richard passed away at his home with his wife, Sharon, and his three Persian cats, "Lanny," "Manny" and "Fanny," at his side, providing regular "CAT Scans" throughout his illness.

Richard is survived by his wife, Sharon; his sister, Mary Margaret (Molly) Higgins (Duane); his brother, John Thorbeck (Joanne); and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many great friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, Ray Leonard Thorbeck; his mother, Margaret Thorbeck; and his brother, Robert Thorbeck.

Richard married Tandra Joy Bahr in December 1981, and they divorced July 1994. She preceded him in death. He married his soul mate and the love of his life, Sharon Wolfe Leigh, in October 1997.

Richard fought a brave, courageous and difficult battle with cancer. He possessed a great will to live, and although some may say cancer won, we would rather think that God won, because he now has Richard in heaven, and heaven will never be the same again. There will never be another like Richard Thorbeck.

After graduating from high school in Bemidji, Richard enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving two tours in Vietnam, from 1968 to 1971. He went to basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, advanced infantry training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and jungle training in Panama.

He initially received two military occupational specialties, Eleven Bravo (infantry) and Eleven Charlie (mortar man). He was a distinguished marksman, and was promoted to private first class straight out of basic training.

He was assigned to the 1st Division (Bloody Red One). When their colors went back to the U.S., he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles), and his last assignment was to Headquarters Company of the 1st Signal Brigade.

His tours of duty included the Delta, the Highland, the Iron Triangle and Parrot's Beak on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. He was in Cambodia all the way to Phnom Penh. He went to the Plain of Jars in Laos.

Richard was awarded a Bronze Star by Gen. William Westmoreland, an Army Commendation Medal by Gen. Robert Abrams, the Vietnamese Presidential Award signed by President Ngo Dinh Diem, and presented by a colonel in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

He was awarded numerous campaign medals, several with one or more oak leaf clusters. He received a Purple Heart, a Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He made the rank of E5 (buck sergeant) within six months of being in country.

After graduating from the University of Iowa in 1977, he went to Salem, to visit his brother, Robert Thorbeck, and decided to stay for 26 years. In 1978, he began a successful career with the Oregon Department of Corrections, ultimately reaching the rank of captain.

Working at the Oregon State Correctional Institution in Salem, achieving his sergeant stripes, he moved into the Department of Corrections training, where he truly excelled. He loved his work, and loved staff training. For many years he traveled the state training all Department of Corrections staff in the safe and effective way to manage the custody of inmates.

But, as a recognized expert in the field, he didn't stop there, training at the Oregon State Police Academy, and being the keynote speaker at correctional conferences and a Special Weapons And Tactics and firearms instructor.

Brilliant, talented, respected, with broad-based curriculum knowledge, he was regarded as one of the most popular trainers. Richard retired from the Department of Corrections in 2003, and will never be forgotten by his students and friends. The "Tower 5" legacy will live on forever. (There were four towers at the Oregon State Correctional Institution and, at 6 feet 8 inches, Richard was nicknamed Tower 5).

But, that wasn't the end. After his Oregon retirement, Richard returned to work for the federal government in Seattle in 2004, working for the Department of Homeland Security, having another successful career while protecting our country from terrorist attack. He retired from federal government in 2017.

In retirement, Richard further developed and expanded his hobbies of artistry, music (piano), crossword puzzles and sudoku. Richard will be deeply missed as a husband, a brother, an uncle, a cousin and a friend.

Full military honors and burial at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland will be announced.

Donations of one's choice in Richard's name to animal shelters, cancer research, Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, hospice organizations and scholarship funds are appreciated.



Richard Thorbeck

DeOnne Vay (Adair) Kinney

Astoria

Jan. 24, 1944 — May 3, 2022

DeOnne Vay (Adair) Kinney, known as Dee to most people, passed away in Astoria on May 3, 2022.

Dee was born Jan. 24, 1944, in Marshalltown, Iowa. She was the fourth daughter to Orville and Mildred (Richards) Adair. She grew up on the family farm in rural Le Grand, Iowa.

She graduated from Le Grand Delaware Ferguson High School in 1962. After graduation, she moved to live with her aunt, Emma Muller, in Portland.

In 1966, she married Kent Johnson. They made their home in Astoria, and had two sons, Darren and Todd Johnson. They later divorced.

In 1970, Dee started out working as a legal assistant for Macdonald, Dean, McCallister & Snow. She also worked for attorneys Nicholas Zafiratos and Steve Roman for many years. She retired in 1995.

In 1995, she married David Kinney. David was in the U.S. Coast Guard, and his job had them stationed both in Kodiak, Alaska, and

Novato, California. After David's retirement in 2007, the couple moved back to Astoria to be closer to family and friends.

Dee enjoyed playing cards, bingo, backgammon and laughing with friends. She also liked traveling. Due to a stroke at the age of 51, her physical ability was limited, but she loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Dee is survived by her husband, David; his children, Tessa Palazzolo, of Petersburg, Michigan, Kelly Miller, of Tucson, Arizona, and Joshua Kinney, of Juneau, Alaska; her son, Darren, and his wife, Maria, and grandsons Jalmer Daniel, Sven Kristian and Jack; her son, Todd, and grandson, Tucker; her sisters, Betty Keen of Marshalltown, Barbara Rockhill, of Puyallup, Washington, and LaVonne (Bonnie) Sievers, of Marshalltown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Lower Columbia Hospice or a charity of your choice.



DeOnne Kinney

Wade Leigh Morgan

Jewell

Aug. 7, 1960 — April 23, 2022

Wade Leigh Morgan, 61, spent most of his life in Jewell. A celebration of life will be held on May 22 at 1 p.m. at Lighthouse Christian Church, 88786 Dellmoor Loop in Warrenton, with Daniel Baker, pastor, officiating.

Wade was born Aug. 7, 1960, in Astoria, the son of the late David Morgan, and surviving mother, Nellie Morgan, of Astoria.

He is also survived by his son, John Morgan, of Portland; stepson, Joel Hathaway, of Columbia, Missouri; sisters, Monica (Andrej) Raichl, of Astoria, and Brenda (Brian) Hancey, of Queen Creek, Arizona; aunts and uncles, Judy and Phil Layman, of Jewell, Shirley Morgan, of Caldwell, Washington, Ted Wilkins, of Seaside, Walt and Flo Berg, of Warren, and Ed Berg, of Eugene.

Preceding Wade in death are his grandparents, Victor and Grace Berg and Irma and Lloyd Morgan; cousin, Melissa Hancey; uncle, Richard Morgan; and grandmother, Leah Wilkins.

Wade went to school in Lincoln City and

Jewell. He dropped out of school his junior year. He later got his GED, then went to get his emergency medical technician and paramedic license.

He worked with the fire department, and even was the chief of Elsie-Vinemapple Rural Fire Protection District 11 for a while. He also worked for Medix.

Wade married Tana Lamont, and they eventually divorced. He then married Mary Romanaggi. Wade gained a stepson, age 2 1/2. They had another child together, John. They were married several years, then divorced. Wade was

with his companion, Vicki, before his death.

Wade loved the outdoors, scuba diving, fishing and hunting. He loved to dig clams. He worked in construction and logging. He was a builder, a cook, a bartender and a dishwasher.

Wade helped many people. He was very smart, he could figure out complex things, and he was great at bartering! He had many talents, he worked hard, and also played hard. Wade had a heart of gold!



Wade Morgan

Phillips: Was brought on in Jewell in 2018

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school board conducted three rounds of interviews with candidates and held a meet-and-greet with students, staff and the community, the school district said.

Raquel Peregrino de Brito, a school board member in Newberg who voted to approve hiring Phillips, cited his past experience as a superintendent in her decision.

"We are looking forward to working with Dr. Phillips ... with the high expectation that the focus is on the improvement of academics," Peregrino de Brito, who was appointed to the school board in April, told The Astorian.

Peregrino de Brito said that she and another school board member traveled to Jewell to speak with school staff about Phillips and the investigation.

"Not knowing detailed information — it's very difficult without knowing the full extent of what happened to make a judgment," she said, adding that much of what she heard were rumors.

Prior to the Newberg school board's deci-

sion on Tuesday, many public comments read by the board encouraged hiring Phillips, with a few in strong opposition.

Representatives from the Jewell School District could not be reached for comment.

Phillips was placed on administrative leave in Jewell in February and an investigation began shortly after. The rural school district, which serves students kindergarten-through-12th grade, hired an acting superintendent in March to finish the school year.

The school district has declined to disclose the reasons for the administrative leave or the investigation.

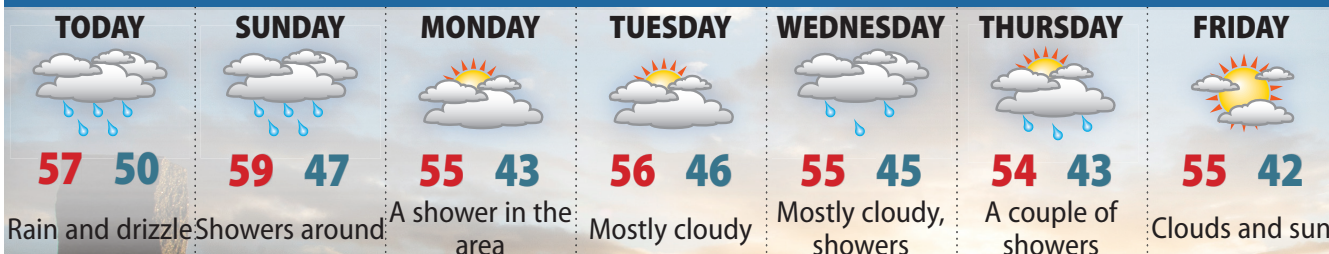
Phillips was brought on in Jewell in 2018, eventually being appointed superintendent in 2019.

His tenure in Jewell followed his resignation from his position as deputy superintendent in the Beaverton School District after receiving blowback for reposting a tweet that expressed anti-immigration sentiments.

He served as superintendent and director of secondary education in the Malheur Education Service District prior to his time in Beaverton.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Table with Astoria through Thursday, Temperatures (High/Low), Record high/low, Record low, Precipitation (Thursday, Month to date, Normal month to date, Year to date, Normal year to date).

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Milky Way appears to be missing but is really along the surrounding horizon before midnight in May.

SUN AND MOON

Table with Sunrise today, Sunset tonight, Moonrise today, Moonset today, and phases of the moon (Full, Last, New, First) for May 15, 22, 30, and June 7.

TODAY'S TIDES

Table with Astoria / Port Docks (Time, High ft., Time, Low ft.), Cape Disappointment (Time, High ft., Time, Low ft.), Hammond, Warrenton, Knappa, and Depoe Bay (Time, High ft., Time, Low ft.).

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Sun. Hi/Lo/W for various cities including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Honolulu, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Phoenix, San Francisco, Wash., DC, and Weather (W) conditions.

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