

OBITUARIES

Edward Alfred Niemi

Portland

Nov. 17, 1943 — Nov. 4, 2021

Edward Alfred Niemi was born on Nov. 17, 1943, in Astoria. He died Nov. 4, 2021.

He was born at Columbia Hospital to Mercy Allene Niemi (Morris/Boentgen) and Alfred William Niemi. He traveled many places, but Astoria was always home.

His roots in Astoria run deep; his father was a union carpenter at Bumble Bee Shipyards through World War II, and for decades beyond. His mother was a school teacher in Warrenton.

On his mother's side, the Boentgens were involved in the early beverage industry, and operated Crown Bottling Works. His grandfather, Edward William Morris, sailed to the U.S. from England, and worked as an engineer for the U.S. Lighthouse Service until it became the U.S. Coast Guard. He kept Northwest coast lighthouses illuminated from 1927 until retirement.

On his father's side, his grandmother, Hilma Sulema Elander, immigrated from Finland and married Hans Niemi, and later Eric Lukkarinen. Hans Niemi worked as a carpenter in the woods and mills. Eric Lukkarinen helped erect the Astoria Bridge.

Ed graduated from Astoria High School in 1961, and he never missed a class reunion. He studied at Portland State University, then joined the U.S. Navy and served for four years, posted in Cyprus. He graduated from

Oregon State University.

He worked as a commercial fisherman, carpenter and mariner. He was proud to spend his life making a living outdoors, in the elements and with his hands. His maritime jobs ranged from deckhand to processor to master, mate and captain.

He fished on the Columbia River and in Alaska. Other ports included the Gulf of Mexico and Ballard, Washington, and a winter in Antarctica. His last working years were on the ship Oregon Responder, back home in Astoria.

He was a storyteller, a clam slayer, collected old international pickup trucks and tractors and knew every back road in Clatsop County.

Ed loved family, and instilled values around hard work, exploring, the beauty in the crooked road, a sense of humor, independence, education and the enduring meaning in the written word. Even when far away, he always wrote a letter home.

He is survived by two children, Meg and Eric Niemi; grandchild, Elijah Gindraux; his sister, Mary White; and a niece, Laura White, and her two children.

He will be remembered at Ocean View Cemetery.

If you would like to celebrate Edward Niemi's life, head to the Portway Tavern, ring the bell and buy a round. Sisu.



Edward Niemi

Hiram Sydney Kalino Cho Jr.

Astoria

Sept. 10, 1969 — May 9, 2022

On May 9, 2022, Hiram Sydney Kalino Cho Jr., our beloved husband, father, son, brother, cousin and friend, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 52 at his home in Astoria.

He will be terribly missed by his family and friends, but also by the community of Astoria, which he has grown to love and call home for the last 40 years.

Hiram Kalino Cho Jr. (aka "Puggy Boy") was born on Sept. 10, 1969, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Sonja (Larsen) Yanagawa and Hiram Kalino Cho Sr. He grew up in the heart of Kalihi, before moving to Astoria with his mother, stepfather and siblings in 1981.

Some of his fondest and most treasured memories were of weekends spent with his cousins at his grandparents' home, swimming and camping at the beach, and running with his friends from Kuhio Park Terrace.

Hiram's childhood experiences built a solid foundation of the importance of faith and family, and established a deep pride in his Hawaiian heritage and culture, which would guide him his entire life.

After moving to Astoria, Hiram attended Lewis and Clark Elementary School, Astoria Middle School and Astoria High School, where he was known as an accomplished artist and athlete and for his bigger than life smile and friendly presence that made him a friend to everyone.

"Hicho," as his friends affectionately called him, was probably most remembered in his youth for the endless hours he spent playing basketball at Peter Pan park, at Tapiola Pool, and announcing Babe Ruth baseball games.

Hiram was a proud alumni and graduate of the Astoria High School Class of 1987, and proudly and passionately followed and supported Astoria High School athletics. Following high school, he went to work at Astoria Seafood, before joining the Pacific Seafood family, where he had worked for over 30 years at the time of his passing.

His love, loyalty and dedication to Pacific Seafood, and to the fishing industry, was respected by many, and he came to truly consider the team members at Pacific Seafood his work family. He had tremendous respect for, and was grateful to work with, Frank Dulcich and Mike Brown at Pacific Seafood, whom he valued as leaders, mentors and friends.

Hiram had a lifelong passion for music, football and basketball and the movies. He was an avid "Star Wars" fan, and a lifelong fan of the New York Jets and Philadelphia 76ers. After high school, Hiram contin-

ued to play basketball on many local tournament and city league teams, and played alongside his best friend, Gary Danzl who, along with his wife and children, became Hiram's family.

Hiram met his forever love, Melissa Linder, in July 2008, and they began to build a life together along with son, Ryan. The couple married in 2018, in Hawaii, surrounded by close family and friends.

Hiram was a proud husband, father, brother and uncle and found much joy in spending time with his family, coaching and attending Ryan's sporting events, and staying connected with his Hawaiian family and attending his family reunions on the Big Island.

Hiram's middle name, Kalino, means bright or brilliant one, and it is clear that he personified the "mana" or "spirit energy" of his name, as he lit up this world with his larger than life smile and positive energy. Hiram was honored to be able to carry on this important tradition in his own family, choosing his nephew Ethan's Hawaiian name Keli'i, or chief, when he was born.

Hiram had a heart for people, and was a true friend and supporter to many. It was clear to everyone that Hiram's love and loyalty to his career was second only to the incredible love and devotion he had for God, his family and his friends. His passing has left a huge hole for the family, friends and community that loved him so dearly, but also an incredible legacy of faith, love and friendship.

Hiram was preceded in death by his mother and father, and will be missed by all of the lives he touched, but most especially by his family: wife, Melissa Linder-Cho, and son, Ryan Stenblom, of Astoria; his stepfather, Richard Yanagawa, of Kirkland, Washington, his brother, Stewart Makai (Erica), of Eugene, sister, Lorraine Yanagawa (Aaron), and nephew, Ethan Gardner, of Kirkland; brothers, Morgan Cho and Toby Cho, of California; his mother-in-law, Debbie Inman, brother-in-law, Jeremy Linder (Kallie), and nephew and niece, Jameson and Madalyn Linder, all of Astoria; as well as numerous members of the Cho, Larsen and Yanagawa families and many, many treasured friends.

A celebration of Hiram's life will be held at 2 p.m. on June 25 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, followed by a private family service on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Hiram's family has set up an account Wauna Federal Credit Union, which will be used to provide scholarships and fund memorial service projects in his memory.



Hiram Cho

Philip James 'Abbie' Blair

Astoria

Dec. 22, 1926 — May 5, 2022

Philip James "Abbie" Blair was born Dec. 22, 1926, to Hilda Sophia Takalo Blair and John Floyd Blair. His maternal grandparents immigrated from Finland in the 1880s. His paternal grandparents immigrated from Scotland.

Abbie was the youngest of four children. He lived near Youngs River Falls until he married. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his brother, Robert Blair, and sisters, Doris Shepard and Nancy Flint.

Abbie's father worked for Crown Zellerbach, and Abbie would sneak aboard the workers' train to the logging camp, where some families lived, so he could play with the other loggers' children.

He attended the one-room Battle Creek School on Youngs River Road through the eighth grade, riding to and from school with the teacher, Mrs. Jurgensen. His older sisters joined him at the Battle Creek School when the Youngs River School closed.

Abbie attended Astoria High School, graduating in 1944. After high school, he fished in Alaska during the summers with his cousin, Roy Takalo. He worked as a logger when not fishing. He logged for Simonson Logging, Winters Logging, Wullger and Warila Logging and retired from Nygaard Logging.

Abbie married Nettie Louise Adams in August 1954. They had three sons, Michael, Randy and Bruce. Abbie is survived by his wife, his sons, their spouses and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Abbie's hobbies included woodworking, a talent he honed carving duck decoys, Swedish horses, as well as swans and geese, which often served as toys that the grandchildren and great-grandchildren rode around the house.

He also carved relief figures, mostly of fishing boats, on old net floats. He carved miniature duck decoys for his grandchildren. His decoys decorate the houses of his nieces, nephews, grandchildren and friends, as well as a museum exhibit in Kavalerovo, Russia.

In retirement, Abbie also enjoyed traveling. He and Nettie traveled to Finland a number of times to research the family tree, a task they also undertook on a trip to England and Scotland. They also spent three months living in Costa Rica. Abbie often came home with plants and seeds to cultivate in his backyard garden.

"He was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like again." ("Hamlet," Act 1, Scene 2)

A gathering to celebrate Abbie's life will be held this summer.



Philip Blair

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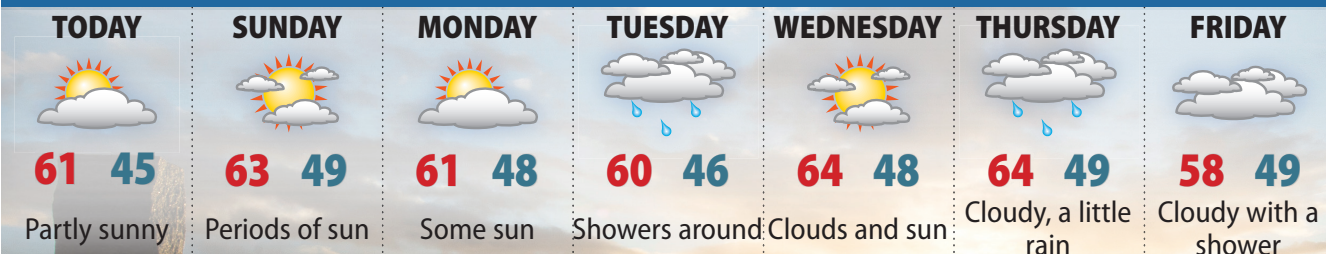
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 56/45
Normal high/low 61/47
Record high 81 in 1978
Record low 37 in 2012

Precipitation

Thursday 0.12"
Month to date 4.72"
Normal month to date 2.23"
Year to date 37.22"
Normal year to date 33.70"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Before sunrise, conjunction of the waning gibbous moon and Saturn.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:37 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:48 p.m.
Moonrise today 2:06 a.m.
Moonset today 11:13 a.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:27 a.m.	8.1	12:50 p.m.	-0.4
7:32 p.m.	6.8	none	

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:01 a.m.	8.0	11:57 a.m.	-0.7
7:13 p.m.	6.8	none	

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:14 a.m.	8.3	12:14 p.m.	-0.8
7:18 p.m.	7.0	none	

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
5:22 a.m.	8.5	12:34 p.m.	-0.3
7:27 p.m.	7.2	none	

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:04 a.m.	8.3	12:54 a.m.	2.8
8:09 p.m.	7.1	1:51 p.m.	-0.4

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
4:15 a.m.	7.9	11:28 a.m.	-1.2
6:29 p.m.	6.7	11:48 p.m.	3.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	87/69/t	86/67/t
Boston	90/70/pc	92/67/pc
Chicago	62/49/sh	61/47/pc
Dallas	88/57/t	71/63/t
Denver	44/29/sn	55/38/pc
Honolulu	86/74/pc	86/72/s
Houston	93/76/pc	85/71/t
Los Angeles	73/57/pc	71/57/pc
Miami	90/80/pc	88/78/c
New York City	92/74/pc	92/66/pc
Phoenix	93/71/s	98/70/s
San Francisco	71/50/s	68/54/s
Wash., DC	95/75/s	91/63/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

REGIONAL FORECAST

