

**OBITUARIES**

**Donald 'Don' Leader**

**Astoria**

**Dec. 15, 1940 — Aug. 7, 2022**



Donald Adrian Leader, 81, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 7 in Astoria.

Don was born in Portland to Donald and Iris Leader on Dec. 15, 1940. He was the oldest of two children. Don lived in the Clatsop Plains area, south of Warrenton, but attended school in Astoria at the Star of the Sea School until high school graduation.

Employment as a young man in high school included commercial clamming and delivering newspapers to homes in the hills of Astoria with his bicycle. He excelled in music and sports growing up.

He was a member of the 1958 state championship basketball team his senior year at Star of the Sea. He was also an outstanding football player, and played in the 1958 Oregon East-West Shriners All-Star Game as a running back.

Don attended St. Martin's University after high school, majoring in civil engineering and minoring in music. Don served in the Oregon Air National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1963.

He married Penny Reaney, and had five boys, Tim, Chris, Ed, Donny and David. Don, Penny and the boys lived in Warren, and the boys attended Scappoose schools. Don served as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 280, and was instrumental in bringing Pop Warner football to Scappoose. He was also the longtime soccer coach of the Scappoose Artesians, staying with the same group of young men as they grew up.

Don started his primary occupation in the late 1960s, working as a real estate appraiser for Multnomah County. He was a member of Portland's chapter of the Active 20-30 Club, and served as president of the chapter one year, organizing the Shamrock Run.

He left Multnomah County to become a staff appraiser for First Interstate Bank until the savings and loan turmoil of the early 1980s resulted in being laid off. During this time, Don and Penny divorced, and he became the Prudential insurance agent for the Scappoose area.

He married Debbie McOmie, and had two more children, Andrew and Megan. He eventually returned to real estate appraisal, working as an appraiser for Columbia County and Clackamas County. Don and Debbie later divorced. Don finished his appraisal career as a self-employed fee appraiser, eventually forming an appraisal business with two of his sons until his retirement in 2011.

Don spent much of his adult life directing and singing in church choirs. A highlight in his life was singing in the Cantores in Ecclesia choir, along with Andrew and Megan, while the choir toured throughout Europe in 2001, singing at several churches.

The things Don loved the most: his faith, his children and grandchildren, music, the military and athletics.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and will be laid to rest next to them at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Portland.

He is survived by his sister, Janet Lutus, of San Francisco; and his children, Tim (Heather) Leader, of Warren, Chris (Heather) Leader, of Astoria, Ed (Courtney) Leader, of St. Helens, Donny (Jessica) Leader, of Warren, David (Amanda) Leader, of Warren, and U.S. Air Force Maj. Andrew Leader, and Megan (Mike) Heflinger, of Goodyear, Arizona.

Don has 12 grandchildren, David Jr., Adam, Ben, Abby, James, Cole, Charlie, Nick, Jacob, Reese, Owen and Ethan. Don is also survived by two nephews, Mike and Peter Lutus, and one niece, Rosemary Lutus.

Don's funeral will be a sung Latin Requiem Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Our Lady of Fatima Traditional Catholic Church, 13400 N.E. 28th St., in Vancouver, Washington. All are invited to the funeral and lunch reception to follow.

A private family burial is later that afternoon at Mount Calvary.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.



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**Harold Mark Ray**

**Warrenton**

**Aug. 8, 1948 — Aug. 6, 2022**



"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day..." — 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Harold Mark Ray, 73, died Aug. 6 in his Warrenton home with family by his side.

Harold, who went by his middle name, Mark, was born to Lawrence and Virginia Ray on Aug. 8, 1948, in Enterprise.

Mark graduated from high school in 1967. In 1968, he married the love of his life and best friend, Loretta Jean Soukkala. That same year he was drafted into the Vietnam War.

After Vietnam, Mark went to Eugene Bible College and became an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God. Mark spent his life ministering to others, with Loretta by his side. He also worked at Cavenham saw mill in Warrenton for 10 years.

Mark was called to minister in California for 15 years before returning to Oregon to retire. He became an active member of Mission Christian Fellowship in Warrenton. The last few years of his life he was also a transport vehicle driver for the Ford and Toyota dealerships in Warrenton.

Mark was very active all his life. He excelled in sports, and in high school he played football, basketball and track. He rode dirt bikes with his brothers and enjoyed many family camping trips with them over the years.

He loved the outdoors and he loved the beach.

Through his 73 years, and especially after he retired, he spent time hunting, clamming, fishing, going to the beach, hiking, biking and camping. Mark and Loretta would often go for drives together, just to enjoy each other's company and the beauty around them.

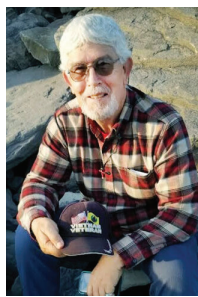
He also took up beachcombing and created many trees, mobiles and birdhouses out of the driftwood, sea shells and other treasures he found along the seashore.

Mark was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, devotion and love. His family knew without a shadow of a doubt that they were loved by him. Above all, he loved Jesus and was a devoted disciple until his last breath.

He is survived by two daughters, Kari Ray Connell, of Warrenton, and Rachel and Joseph Padilla, of Martinez, California; one son, Luke Ray, of Warrenton; three brothers, Paul and Mary Ray, of Gresham, Larry and Kathy Ray, of Astoria, and Tim and Barbara Ray, of Medford; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Loretta Ray; son, Mark Ray; and both of his parents.

A memorial and celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 20 at Calvary Assembly of God, 1365 S. Main Ave. in Warrenton. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m., at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.



Harold Mark Ray

**SPORTS**



David McAloney

**Coaches and athletes for Clatsop County's Special Olympics team last month at Clackamas High School.**

**Five locals combine for 10 medals in regional Special Olympics meet**

*The Astorian*

There were plenty of medals to go around for athletes from Clatsop County in the recent Special Olympics regional competition held last month at Clackamas High School.

Five athletes walked off with a combined 10 medals, including seven golds and three silver.

Johnathan Lempea had first-place finishes in the 200 meter dash and shot put, while teammate Cheyenne Valenzuela was a winner in both the 200 dash and 800 meter walk.

Elsewhere, Josh Bunnell took first in the 400 meter walk and second in the 800 walk; Brittney Clarke won the 100 meter walk and placed second in the 400 walk; and Beau Roth was first in the 800

dash and second in the 200 dash.

"It went well, other than high temperatures, which caused us to get things done in a hurry fashion and start a little earlier," said David McAloney, who coaches the Clatsop County team along with Bill Lempea and Steven McAloney. "It was extremely good to get back to something of resemblance, pre-COVID."

He added, "We had a small showing of volunteers and athletes, but we still were able to bring a small team to the meet, and each of the athletes came away with several medals."

The Clatsop County team is always looking for additional athletes and volunteers, McAloney said. For more information, visit the Special Olympics Oregon website at soor.org.

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**SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA**

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>71 56</b>	<b>73 56</b>	<b>72 57</b>	<b>76 57</b>	<b>75 59</b>	<b>72 57</b>	<b>72 58</b>
Partly sunny; pleasant	Pleasant with sunshine	Partly sunny and nice	Partly sunny and nice	Clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Cloudy

**ALMANAC**

Astoria through Thursday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 76/53  
 Normal high/low ..... 69/54  
 Record high ..... 88 in 2021  
 Record low ..... 47 in 1966

**Precipitation**

Thursday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 0.16"  
 Normal month to date ..... 0.27"  
 Year to date ..... 43.04"  
 Normal year to date ..... 38.27"

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**UNDER THE SKY**

**Tonight's Sky:** The peak of the Perseid meteor shower will be slightly tempered by the near-full moon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today ..... 6:12 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 8:28 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 9:50 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 8:00 a.m.

Last New First Full  
 Aug 18 Aug 27 Sep 3 Sep 10

**TODAY'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:20 a.m.	8.7	9:18 a.m.	-1.7	
3:33 p.m.	7.5	9:26 p.m.	1.0	
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>				
1:53 a.m.	8.9	8:22 a.m.	-1.9	
3:07 p.m.	7.5	8:28 p.m.	1.2	
<b>Hammond</b>				
2:07 a.m.	9.2	8:42 a.m.	-2.0	
3:19 p.m.	7.8	8:52 p.m.	1.0	
<b>Warrenton</b>				
2:15 a.m.	9.1	9:02 a.m.	-1.6	
3:28 p.m.	7.9	9:10 p.m.	1.1	
<b>Knappa</b>				
2:57 a.m.	8.9	10:19 a.m.	-1.5	
4:10 p.m.	7.8	10:27 p.m.	0.8	
<b>Depoe Bay</b>				
1:05 a.m.	9.3	7:51 a.m.	-2.1	
2:20 p.m.	7.8	7:58 p.m.	1.4	

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/69/s	87/70/c
Boston	75/63/c	79/66/s
Chicago	80/66/pc	75/64/pc
Dallas	99/79/s	100/79/s
Denver	96/65/s	94/63/t
Honolulu	88/75/pc	87/76/pc
Houston	89/75/t	93/75/t
Los Angeles	92/69/pc	92/67/pc
Miami	90/77/t	89/76/t
New York City	79/65/s	81/69/c
Phoenix	100/82/pc	99/81/t
San Francisco	74/60/s	75/58/pc
Wash., DC	82/65/s	81/67/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**

