

OBITUARIES

John Phillip Cermak

Portland
October 24, 1952 - July 8, 2018

John Phillip Cermak was the son of John and Phyllis Cermak, younger brother to Brad and Jeris, born in Pendleton, Oregon, on October 24, 1952.

John was a lover of life, adventurer, and one “helluva” car salesman. The last three years he fought long and hard in his battle against cancer with friends and family at his side. He passed away in the comfort of his home in Beaverton, Oregon, on July 8, 2018.



Cermak

John is survived by his wife Patti, his children Meagan, Lisa (Matt), Molly (Dane) and Johnny (Jessica), and eight grandchildren. John’s love of family was his joy in life and they carry memories of his infectious laugh, big bear hugs and mischievous smile with them forever.

Services will be held at Cedar Hills Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. on July 21, 2018. Drive careful.

Frank Martinez Jr.

San Francisco
April 3, 1943 - April 26, 2018

On April 26, 2018, Frank Martinez Jr. passed away at the V.A. Hospital in San Francisco, California.

The first born child of Frank L. Martinez Sr. and Jovita G. Martinez, Frank Martinez Jr. was born in Crystal City, Texas, on April 3, 1943. Frank didn’t marry nor have any children. He is survived by four siblings, Irma Wilson, Sandy Kooreny Wade, Richard P. Martinez and Dennis Ray Martinez.

Frank attended Locust Elementary, West Park Elementary, Sandstone, Hermiston Jr. High, Hermiston High School and Blue Mountain Community College.

Frank served in the Army, training at Fort Ord, California. He then was stationed in Germany for the length of his tour. Returning to Walla Walla, Washington, he served in the reserves for the remainder of his commitment.

Frank’s work began at a very young age at the Hermiston Radio Station (voluntary, miscellaneous, mostly hanging out with the DJs). Later he worked in Hermiston at the Chat and Chew

playing records. He became employed at Montgomery Ward in Hermiston, later transferring to the Walla Walla branch. From there he transferred to the Spokane, Washington, branch, later to the La Grande, Oregon, branch, then the Sacramento, California, branch, Stockton, California, branch and the Martinez, California, branch, ending up at the San Francisco, California, corporate office. After he left Montgomery Ward he held a variety of banking jobs, eventually retiring with Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco.

Frank’s main loves were going to Hawaii and seeing the Rolling Stones, and he did both many times — always going out with friends for the festivities.

A memorial service has been held in Boise, Idaho. Forthcoming services will be in Walla Walla, Washington (family), and San Francisco, California (friends and family).

Frank was greatly loved by friends and family and will be greatly missed.



Martinez



Alan Grant Rogers

Eugene
November 22, 1951 - July 5, 2018

The life of Alan Grant Rogers will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Grace Community Fellowship, where he and his wife Cheryl and children began attending in 1987.

Alan died July 5 from cardiac arrest. He was 66.

He was born Nov. 22, 1951, in Walla Walla, Washington, the son of Emsley and Frances Rogers of Hermiston. Alan graduated from Oakland High School in 1970 and enrolled at Oregon State the next year.

In January 1974, he met Cheryl when she and his sister, Sandi, were “buzzing the Dub” (the A & W in Sutherland) and saw Alan sitting in his car at the nearby Chevron station, listening to a Portland Trailblazers game on the radio. Cheryl and Alan were married March 19, 1977, in Roseburg. They were married 41 years.

He worked for the Chevron Corporation and then went to work for Rentex in 1976 (later bought out by Aramark), which transferred him to Eugene in 1987. That’s where he and Cheryl and their three children — Luke, Lindsey and Kyle — began their new lives. Alan retired from Aramark in 2004 and went to work for Ferrellgas, where he worked until June 11, when he had a stroke.

He was a Lane County sports official, umpiring baseball and refereeing football and basketball. He was involved with Bethel Boosters for 23 years — long after his own children were no longer involved in sports.

He had a servant’s heart and never craved the spotlight. (Of course, as an official, he was forced to be in

the spotlight, but he never took the razzing personally!) At Grace, he led small-group discussions, ushered, counted the offering and often was among the last people to leave any event, always helping with cleanup.

He was a longtime player in Grace’s annual Turkey Bowl football game and, after hanging up the cleats, became co-commissioner of the youth game, which was particularly fun since three-quarters of the players were his grandchildren.

He literally wore his love for Oregon State athletics on his sleeves, showing up for church in bright orange after a win — or a loss. His family thought it cool that the last OSU athletic event he was able to watch was the Beavers’ victory to clinch the national College World Series baseball championship.

But his greatest joy was his family, which he cherished above all. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his mother; two sisters, Sandi and Laura; his brother, David; children Luke and his wife, Sally, Lindsey and her husband Aaron, and Kyle and his wife Ceara; 10 grandchildren: Carter, Nicole, Tayden, Dominic, Blayke, Braylon, Korbyn, Landon, Cayleb and Garrett; and countless friends and family.

He loved the outdoors, sports, OSU and reading. But above all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Remembrances may be made to Grace Community Fellowship, 989 Country Club Road, Eugene, OR 97401.



Rogers

DEATH NOTICES

Nancy Stirewalt Wilson

Fossil
Jan. 10, 1950 - July 10, 2018

Nancy Stirewalt Wilson, 68, died Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at her home on Butte Creek near Fossil. She was born Jan. 10, 1950. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, July 21 at Julia Hendersson Park, southeast of Fossil. Sign the condolence book at sweeneymortuary.com.

Ginger Rae Johnson Chambers

Irrigon
March 29, 1955 - July 11, 2018

Ginger Rae Johnson Chambers, 63, of Irrigon died Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at her home. She was born March 29, 1955, in Yuba City, California. Arrangements are pending with Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Philip ‘Dick’ Harmon

La Grande
April 13, 1946 - July 7, 2018

Philip “Dick” Harmon, 72, of La Grande died Saturday, July 7, 2018, at his home. He was born April 13, 1946, in Pasco, Wash. A memorial ride around the La Grande valley will begin Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m. at Riverside Park in La Grande; all vehicles are welcome. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at the La Grande American Legion Hall. Loveland Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JULY 14

HARRIS, WAYNE — Funeral service at 10 a.m. at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.
SKOUBO, CAROLYN — Graveside funeral service at 2 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, Boardman.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

JONES, HAILEY — Memorial service at 1 p.m. at 32985 W. Walls Road, Hermiston.
STEWART, FLORENCE — Graveside service at 10 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, College Place, Wash.

MONDAY, JULY 16

No services scheduled

TUESDAY, JULY 17

No services scheduled

LOTTERY

Thursday, July 12, 2018	4 p.m.: 7-1-8-8 7 p.m.: 8-0-6-6 10 p.m.: 7-0-9-1
Lucky Lines 02-05-11-15-FREE-17-22-25-32 Estimated jackpot: \$10,000 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 8-1-2-6	Friday, July 13, 2018 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 5-2-7-1

Rallying around Trump, Proud Boys raise profile

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Mykel Mosley walked out of the Vancouver Mall and saw something that made him angry: a pickup flying what he says was a Donald Trump flag.

The African-American teenager yelled out an obscenity about Trump.

Two men got out of the truck, and chased Mosley, one of them spinning him briefly to the ground.

A video, posted online, shows some of the May 11 confrontation and its aftermath — including Mosley’s being turned over by mall guards to police who arrested him.

The man who grabbed Mosley was identified by the Clark County prosecuting attorney as Tusitala “Tiny” Toese. Another man, Donovan Flippo, through a posting from his Facebook account, says he joined in the pursuit of Mosley.

Both men describe themselves as members of the Proud Boys, a right-wing fraternal group that says its members are “Western chauvinists who refuse to apologize for creating the modern world.” Its website lists eight ways to “save America.” Among them: “give everyone a gun,” “venerate the housewife,” “shut down the government.”

Within the past year, the Proud Boys, launched in 2016 by Gavin McInnes, the co-founder of Vice Media, has elevated its Pacific Northwest profile. Members often are savvy users of social media and take part in right-wing rallies sponsored by Patriot Prayer, including one in February at the Uni-

versity of Washington in Seattle.

They have been involved in scuffles with anti-fascist “Antifa” activists, most recently a June 30 Patriot Prayer march in Portland that police declared a riot after violence erupted between demonstrators and antifa counterprotesters.

During the Portland march, Antifa protesters tossed eggs, half-empty water bottles and firecrackers at the marchers, according to *The Oregonian*. Marchers used flagpoles to strike people and some kicked and hit a man on the ground, according to David Neiwert, a Seattle-based journalist and author who writes for the Southern Poverty Law Center — which monitors extremist groups — and was at the event.

The Proud Boys’ conduct is raising concerns about assaults and intimidation by a group that feels emboldened by the Trump presidency. Those concerns were outlined in a letter sent to the Clark County prosecutor June 25 from the leaders of the Western States Center, a Portland-based nonprofit that works to promote racial, social and economic justice.

“The Proud Boys have been involved in numerous violent incidents in Oregon, Washington and across the country ... leaders and members regularly spread white nationalist memes and make overtly bigoted statements,” wrote Western States Center executive director Eric Ward and Board Chair Scott Winn.

Toese was under arrest at the time of the Portland rally. But he used a Face-

book video to offer praise of those who did attend: “You guys delivered a message. Try to mess with my freedom and I will knock you to the ground,” he declared in a Facebook video.

Toese has emerged as one of the most well-known Proud Boys in the region, a stalwart of Patriot Prayer rallies. In one video posted on his Facebook account, he drives around in an open-top vehicle flying an Antifa flag with an anti-gay slur scrawled on it. He says he is headed from Vancouver to Portland, a left-wing stronghold.

“Want some, come get some,” Toese taunts.

In videos posted to his Facebook account and elsewhere online, Toese, who is American Samoan, portrays himself as a kind of freedom fighter, a person of color who is part of a besieged conservative minority in this region.

At rallies he is sometimes introduced to speak by Joey Gibson, the Southwest Washington-based founder of that group who is running as a Republican this year for the U.S. Senate seat held by Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Washington. In Seattle, he talked about what he says was his transformation from Trump hater to Trump supporter, a change he says was partly due to one of Gibson’s online speeches.

In connection with one of the Portland rallies, Toese was arrested in December 2017 on investigation of disorderly conduct, harassment and assault. He pleaded guilty to harassment and was sentenced to 40 hours of community service, accord-

ing to court records.

The May 11 incident at the Vancouver Mall has not resulted in any charges against Toese.

Mosley — the teenager he pursued — was held for several nights in a juvenile-detention center as a “threat to public safety,” according to Clark County court records.

Some of the incident is captured in a jumbled series of video clips shot by a friend of Mosley. There is talk about the “Trump flag” that flies from the truck, which is sometimes visible as a blurred image in the distance. The video is filled with a frantic, often profane narration from Mosley’s friend. She posted it online. Then the video clips, spliced together and out of order, were reposted on a right-wing YouTube channel where they have been viewed more than 200,000 times.

As the disturbance unfolded, mall security guards were in the parking lot as a man chased and accosted Mosley, who ended up on the ground, then quickly got back up to his feet, the video shows.

The security guards appeared to conclude that Mosley was the bigger problem. They pursued the teenager and eventually placed him in handcuffs, the video shows. A woman who appeared to have entered the fray to take Mosley’s side also was handcuffed.

J.B. Schutte, the mall’s general manager, said the security guards did their best to de-escalate the situation.

Prosecutors charged Mosley with criminal trespass for allegedly refusing

to leave the mall property and two counts of third-degree assault for allegedly punching two mall security officers, according to Clark County court documents.

Toese was not named in the arresting officer’s declaration. There was only a reference to a “unknown citizen” involved in a disturbance with Mosley, who was then 17 but has since turned 18.

Mosley’s case drew the attention of the Western States Center.

“After the alleged assault by the Proud Boys, security and law enforcement engaged on the side of these far-right actors rather than the youth of color they had targeted,” wrote Ward, the center’s head, and board chair Scott Winn in their letter to Clark County County Prosecutor Tony Golik.

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