

THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

STATON—Walter Francis Staton III (Walt) passed away peacefully July 20, 2018, at his home in Greentrees Village in Florence, surrounded by loving family and neighbors, three years after he was diagnosed with cancer.



Walter Staton

Walt was born in Philadelphia, Penn., on March 11, 1949, the eldest of five children born to Walter Francis Staton, Jr. and Jean Reckefus Staton.

He grew up in Carbondale, Ill., and West Lafayette, Ind., graduating from West Lafayette High School in 1967. Walt served in the U.S. Army from 1969-72 as a cook at a military base near Frankfurt, Germany.

Following discharge, Walt traveled to Alaska, finding work in the fishing industry and as a woodcarver. He later moved to Arizona, where he honed his woodcarving skills,

hunted on horseback and mule, and competed in marksmanship events.

He met and married Susan (Sue) Theaker in 1980. Walt and Sue settled in the community of Prescott Valley, where they grew a small print and copy shop, Antelope Printers, and raised their son, Walter Emrys Staton.

They were civically engaged as active members of the town chamber of commerce and offered organizational, graphic and print skills to many nonprofits, causes and campaigns. Walt also served as chairman of his local county Democratic party. Walt spent his last decade in the workforce at Western Newspapers, Inc., running finishing and bindery equipment.

Walt and Sue sold their home in Prescott Valley and retired to Florence in 2012, immediately enjoying the warm, welcoming community.

They joined the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Florence, which became Walt's spiritual home and the source of many deep and lasting friendships. Walt offered

his skills in several leadership roles in the congregation, including serving as webmaster and board president, providing technical expertise to videotape services, organizing events and was always on-call for unforeseen handyman needs.

Walt enjoyed a lifelong passion for the outdoors, which he pursued in varied ways, including attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He helped organize many scout hikes and camping trips, including an epic two-week canoe trip to the scenic boundary waters of Wisconsin. Walt continued enjoying the outdoors in his successive moves to Alaska, Arizona and Oregon — and rekindled his interest in Scouting by supporting his son's troop.

Emrys would follow his father's footsteps to become an Eagle Scout.

Among his outdoor-related hobbies, Walt photographed and cataloged wildflowers, creating an online database, greeting cards and framed pieces with the images. After retiring to Florence, Walt hiked and kayaked regularly, and helped

organize the Florence Outdoor Group (FOG), which leads weekly hikes throughout the region.

As a fellow FOGer observed, Walt was always mindful of his "ducklings," making sure that all stragglers were accounted for on hikes. He also picked up a passion for bocce ball, playing faithfully on Saturday mornings, grooming the court and introducing others to the game.

Walt was a lifelong learner, becoming a man of many hobbies and interests. He was comfortable in a kitchen and entertained many with his specialized dishes. He did a majority of his own automotive repairs and was often called upon for general handyman work in his neighborhood.

He also became adept at sewing, acquiring and mastering the use of several machines to create custom clothing, outdoor gear, quilts, tote bags and a wide variety of other handmade items. Many tried to compliment Sue for his extraordinary shirts, and she would always refer them to the actual seamster — Walt.

Walt is survived by his wife, Sue Theaker; sons Emrys Staton (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Craig Staton (Napoleon, Ohio); and siblings: Scott (Florence, Italy); Cliff (San Francisco, Calif.); Jean (Morganfield, Ky.); and Spenser (Chicago, Ill.); and many nephews and nieces he enjoyed hosting and attending family gatherings with.

A service to commemorate his life will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; 87738 Highway 101 (at Heceta Beach Road); at 4:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Florence Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Fund or to local radio station, KXCR.

The family is indebted to the mindful final arrangements attended to by Affordable Burial and Cremation, of Newport, Ore.

Postings can be made at Walt's tribute page: abcburialcremation.com/notices/walter-statoniii.

BERNHARDT—Trevor Ryan Bernhardt, 36, of Swiss-home, Ore., passed away Aug.

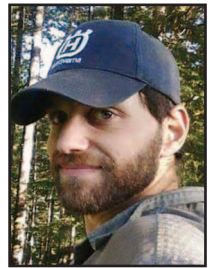
4, 2018, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Highway 36.

Trevor loved the outdoors and working at his cutting company, Bernhardt Creek Timber. He worked in the timber industry for many years; which was his passion along with hunting, fishing and trapping.

Trevor is survived by his lifelong partner Adrian (Andie) Brooks; his five children: Alyssa Hiyatt, Ryan Bernhardt, Jeffrey Bernhardt and twins Hunter and Arista Bernhardt; his mother, Kristen Rines-Earl; his sister, Amber Hedrick; grandmother Diane Payne, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Trevor was a very kind-hearted, loving person who always put his family first.

He will be missed by many.



Trevor Bernhardt

POLICE

August 7

- Theft was reported in the 1600 block of Pine Street.
- Theft was reported in the 200 block of Harbor Street.
- Arrest, with warrant, was reported in the 1500 block of Ninth Street.
- Theft was reported in the 5000 block of Highway 126.

August 8

- Accident, with injury, was reported at mp 28.5 on Highway 126.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of Willow Street.
- Fight was reported in the 2400 block of Oak Street.
- Accident, without injury,

was reported in the 2500 block of Highway 101.

- DUII was reported in the parking lot behind the Beachcomber.
- Accident, with unknown injury, was reported at milepost 27 on Highway 126.

August 9

- Arrest, with warrant, was

reported in the 900 block of Tamarack Street.

- Accident, with unknown injury, was reported at Sixth Street and Highway 101.
- Theft was reported in the 900 block of Highway 101.
- Dispute was reported in the 2000 block of Coastal Highlands Drive.

• Trespass was reported in the 4900 block of Highway 101.

• Dispute was reported in the 100 block of Bay Street.

BIRTH

GRAY—Silas Joseph Gray, a boy weighing 6.63 pounds and measuring 20 inches long, was born to Claire and Andy

Gray, of Westlake, on Aug. 4, 2018, at Peace Harbor Medical Center.

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