

# On The Record

## OBITUARIES

**SHOUPPE**—Amanda Lynn “Mandy Stroud” Shoupe, of Florence, passed away March 20, 2020.

Mandy was born April 25, 1970, to Gene and Gayle Stroud of Florence, Ore. She graduated from Siuslaw High School in 1988 and continued her education, attending Northwest Christian College and earning herself a bachelor’s degree



**Amanda Shoupe**

in business. Mandy met her husband, Richard Shoupe, in Bremerton, Wash., while he was stationed with the U.S. Navy. Together, they had their beautiful daughter, Dillan, in 1996 and loving son, Tyler, in 2001.

Her children looked up to her as “Mama Bear” and she never disappointed. Mama Bear worked diligently to

instill a sense of passion, courage and unconditional love to her family, especially towards her two wonderful children.

Mandy had a soft spot, (and a notably large collection) for Disney movies — she shared this passion with her two children. Often, the family would vacation to Disneyland and create many loving and humorous memories together. These handful of family trips that were taken — the laughter they shared and joy that was felt — were

just a small snippet of the cherished memories her family (and loved ones) will remember her by.

Mandy will be laid to rest, along with babies Christian (1999) and Lauren (2000), during a private family ceremony at Pacific Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Florence.

She is survived by her father, Gene, and stepmother Myrtle, both of Florence; husband Richard Shoupe; and close friend Dea Carson; daughter Dillan and her fiancé Alex; and son

Tyler (all of Eugene, Ore.); sister Robin and her husband Jeremy Miller, along with their three children: Megan, Payton and Carter, all of Oregon; and Richard’s family of Florida.

Future plans will be announced for a Celebration of Life ceremony to be held in Florence.

Mandy’s family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers

during this most difficult time — they are all deeply appreciated.

The family respectfully requests that all donations be sent to the National Kidney Foundation.

Condolences to the family can be sent directly to Burns’s Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home in Florence, Ore., to where they will be respectfully forwarded to the family.

## City updates Public Meeting Procedures following EO 20-16

On April 15, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown issued Executive Order 20-16 authorizing Oregon local governments to hold public meetings and hearings by teleconference, video or through other electronic methods.

In particular, the executive order gave local governments the authority to not provide a physical space for the public to attend meetings or hearings, provided a virtual attendance mechanism is in place.

Given the recent executive orders, citizens will not be able to attend City meetings in person. Interested citizens who would like to view and listen to public meetings may do so via live broadcast on Charter Cable Channel 191 or web broadcast at [www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/public-meetings-live](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/public-meetings-live).

During this time, City Council meetings will not allow for verbal public comments on any item other than a mandatory public hearing, but citizens are still encouraged to express their views to the City Council.

Those interested may do so by submitting written communications in one of the following ways:

1. Submit written comments via email to the City Recorder’s Office at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us);
2. Mail written comments to Florence City Hall, Attn: City Council, 250 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439
3. Drop off written comments to the City of Florence drop box located at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101) to the right of the

main entrance.

On Monday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m., the Florence City Council will hold a public hearing related to the Elks Lodge Zone Change. Those interested in providing testimony during the public hearing may do so via one of the following methods:

1. **Written Testimony:** It is *strongly* encouraged that interested parties provide testimony in writing prior to the meeting in one of the ways referenced above.
2. **Conference Call:** Should it be necessary to provide verbal testimony; interested parties can par-

ticipate via a conference call line.

To do so please complete a speaker’s card online at [www.ci.florence.or.us/council/request-address-city-council-speakers-card](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/request-address-city-council-speakers-card) at least 1 hour prior to the start of the meeting (May 4 by 4:30 p.m.).

Speaker’s cards must include the speaker’s name and phone number they seek to call into the meeting from. City staff will then contact the speaker to let them know the conference call line number and protocols.

For details regarding the upcoming City Council meeting, contact City Recorder / Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or via email at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us).

## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance now available in Oregon

As of yesterday, April 28, the Oregon Employment Department (OED) began providing unemployment benefits through the CARES Act Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. In preparation, the agency has recruited and trained staff to process PUA claims.

### Eligibility:

Oregonians who are eligible for this program include individuals who do not qualify for or cannot collect benefits on a regular unemployment insurance claim. This includes Oregonians who:

- Are self-employed and not subject to unemployment insurance tax;
- Perform work as an independent contractor;
- Perform work not subject to unemployment insurance tax, such as agricultural workers;
- Did not earn enough in wages or work enough hours to qualify for regular unemployment benefits;
- Exhausted regular unemployment benefits, and are not eligible for another extension.

• In addition, to be eligible, you must be unemployed, partially unemployed or unable and unavailable for work due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Covered situations include individuals who:

- Are directly caring for a member of the household diagnosed with COVID-19;
- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or are seeking a medical diagnosis for COVID-19;
- Are unable to reach the place of employment because of a quarantine imposed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Are primary caregivers for a child or person in the household who is unable to attend school or another facility closed due to COVID-19, and that attendance is required for their work;
- Were scheduled to start a new job and were unable to because the business closed as a direct result of COVID-19 public health emergency; or

• Owned or worked for a business that closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Federal law provides that PUA benefits are retroactive to the first week a worker was impacted by a qualifying COVID-19 reason, potentially from the week starting Feb. 2, 2020, through the week ending Dec. 26.

The PUA process can take as little as one week or several weeks, depending on the claim complexity.

### How to Apply:

People can access the PUA application and certification forms on the CARES Act section of the Employment Department’s COVID-19 web page, [govstatus.egov.com/ui-benefits/CARES](http://govstatus.egov.com/ui-benefits/CARES).

There are three ways to start a new application for PUA benefits:

- Email: You can email [OED\\_PUA\\_INFO@oregon.gov](mailto:OED_PUA_INFO@oregon.gov) to request a secure email link, then attach your PUA application and weekly claim reports to the secure email. Only use the secure email link we send to provide per-

sonal identifying information relevant to your claim.

- Mail: You can mail your PUA application and weekly claim reports to Oregon Employment Department at P.O. Box 14165, Salem, OR 97311.

The CARES Act page also provides information for self-employed, contract, gig and other PUA-eligible workers who filed regular claims for unemployment benefits prior to the start of the program. Equal Opportunity program — auxiliary aids and services available upon request.



**Family in Need**  
To the Florence Area Community:

We are a family new to Florence, we moved from Wisconsin and came to the coast at the end of August 2019. We are reaching out to our new loved community for help and support through this tragic time, since,

Jeffrey was in a major car accident on March 26th on Hwy. 126 and suffered extensive injuries. He broke his back in three different spots, his left arm from bracing himself upon impact, his right knee, which had to be completely re-built, his left hip was dislocated and fractured, and his left fibula was broken.

I received the call that morning that no one ever wants to get, as I was getting ready for work.

Lady: On the phone: “Is this Brittany?”

Me: “Yes, it is.”

Lady: “this is so and so from Eugene paramedics, your husband has been in a car accident.”

In that very moment my heart sank to the bottom of my stomach. All I could do was cry...the paramedic explained to me that Jeff was awake and alert, he was able to talk and tell them his medical history, but he does have some extensive injuries.

I was able to talk to him very briefly for a few seconds.

Me (sobbing): “Honey, what happened?”

Jeff: “Honey, I don’t know, it was so bad! I love you!”

Me: “I love you so much!”

He was taken by ambulance to PeaceHealth Sacred Heart RiverBend in Eugene. He was rushed in to x-rays and scan to determine how bad his injuries actually were.

After that I felt helpless. I didn’t know what to do, but his team at the hospital was very good at keeping me updated. They informed me the extent of his injuries and told me he would be going into surgery at some point that day to fix his legs, hip, knee & shin, and

would continue to keep me updated. I asked if we could possibly talk before surgery and the nurse told me he was on a lot of pain meds and wouldn’t be able to hold a conversation. That put me at ease. I thought to myself “at least I know he’s being taken care of.”

Breeze and I were not able to go see him at all in the hospital because of COVID-19, which was so incredibly hard to deal with until I could actually talk to him!

A few hours later I finally got a call, it was his nurse. She was calling to let me know he was going into surgery; Breeze and I were able to talk to him for a minute. He was still very out of it from the meds but told us he was going into surgery and he loved us.

Surgery took about eight hours. We were waiting and waiting and waiting for the surgeon to call, as I was promised a call after surgery!

Finally, around 11:00 pm the orthopedic surgeon called. He said surgery went well but his hip was one of the hardest he has ever had to reduce in his career and he had to use every trick in the book. He explained how that part of the surgery was like a three hours process. Jeff’s hip dislocated, then the ball tore out of the socket and was also cracked so he had to smooth out the ball then fix all of the nerves, tendon and ligaments to put the ball back in the socket and then put his hip back into place. On top of all that he explained how he had fun rebuilding Jeff’s know because it was broken in many different spots, but after many hours of basically putting the “pieces of the puzzle” back together he got it done. He told me Jeff needed to go back into surgery for his arm yet, but that would be to much surgery for him in one day. So, his fellow surgeon would take Jeff back into surgery tomorrow. Tomorrow rolled around, he went into surgery for his arm and all went well.

He spent five days in the hospital. They HIGHLY recommended Jeff go to a rehab facility for at least 30 days for further treatment and around the clock care. With the worldwide pandemic on right now and the president stating that healthcare facilities are one of the most dangerous places to be

right now Jeff did not feel comfortable going into a facility like that. His doctors agreed with him that he would be a dead man if he would get COVID-19 because of how broken his body is and because his immune system is now compromised. So, after he put up a fight and got every-thing figured out for him to come home, one of my good friends here in Florence gave me a ride to Eugene Tuesday, March 31st to pick him up. I cannot explain to you guys how great it was to hug him and kiss his face! We had to sop and pick up his wheelchair and commode then we were home-ward bound.

We got home, which is an RV we just bought and moved into four days before the accident, and got him comfortable, he was finally able to give me details that I had been wanting, of how the accident happened... For anyone who doesn’t know Hwy. 126 (Eugene to Florence) it is a very curvy road in some spots through the mountains and it was a foggy morning. He had already pulled over to allow traffic to pass him, as they were flying up on him, he didn’t want to go any faster than he already was. He said something caught his eye on his passenger side, so he looked, and by the time he looked up out of the windshield his driver’s side tire was already hitting the gravel on the other side of the road and he was being sucked into the ditch. He hit a tree head on at 55-60 mph. He said it happened so fast that he had no time to hit the brakes, and all he could do was brace himself. He was not wearing his seatbelt, but with how strong he is and the way he braced his upper body he didn’t move from his seat. He told me he couldn’t feel any pain at the time but could see the bone sticking out of his knee and steady flow of blood. Come to find out, he almost bled out at the scene. He was not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol. For unknown reasons he got a ticket for not having a valid driver’s license. This doesn’t make sense to either of us especially since we had police contact a few days prior while being told we had to leave the national park due to COVID-19. Unfortunately, since he doesn’t hold a valid license (which he is going to fight in court) the car insurance won’t cover anything. We

just recently had work done on the car but still needed to get some of the front end fixed. Jeff is unsure if something was broke and that’s why he ended up on the other side of the road.

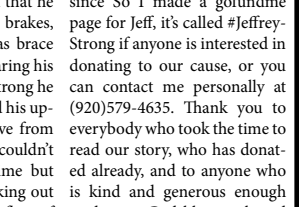
The first couple days of being home were challenging. He had to learn the best way to do certain things and what was the most comfortable for him and how we were going to set his area up. Within four days he had accomplished so much including a TANF and SSDI appointment, his in-home physical therapy and even helped me get his little corner set up just the way he likes it! Since then he has continued to do his FaceTime physical therapy (due to COVID-19) and gets stronger by the day!

We are extremely grateful he made it out of the crash alive. We are also forever grateful to Breonna (for all the help, support and ride), the paramedics, all of the nursing and medical staff, both of his orthopedic surgeons, his primary physician (she has been amazing though all of this) and anyone else for all of the well wishes.

We have exhausted all of our funds and our savings. Jeff even got a credit card that we’ve already maxed out.

We are a family new to Florence, we moved from Wisconsin and came to the coast at the end of August 2019. We are reaching out to our new loved community for help and support through this tragic time, since So I made a gofundme page for Jeff, it’s called #Jeffrey-Strong if anyone is interested in donating to our cause, or you can contact me personally at (920)579-4635. Thank you to everybody who took the time to read our story, who has donated already, and to anyone who is kind and generous enough to donate. God bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully,  
Brittany Mulholland



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