

# On The Record

## OBITUARIES

**STROUD**—On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, John Randall “Arky” Stroud passed away from advanced lung cancer at the age of 80.

His symptoms came on quite rapidly and he died in peace at his home in Springfield, Ore.

Arky and his family came to Oregon from Arkansas, thus the nickname. They settled in Mapleton and he began 7th grade at Mapleton middle school and graduated from Mapleton High School.

It was in school he met Gary Pruet and they became lifelong friends and his close confidante since middle school.

Gary spent a lot of time over the years with John telling stories, watching movies and sharing books. His sense of humor and love of practical and not-so-practical jokes have made for some great stories throughout the years.

John made logging his chosen profession and over the years became known as being quite good at it. He managed several large logging companies on the Oregon coast before going into business for himself.

In 1990, John started his own company, Silver Strand Logging based out of Flor-

ence, Ore.

It was during his logging days that he developed a long and cherished friendship with Don Davidson of Davidson Industries.

For many years he and Don would meet regularly for breakfast at the Gingerbread Village.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Ida Stroud, in 2005.

He is survived by his three grown children: Kathy Lundquist, Troy Stroud (Kim) and Debby Ellingsen (Bob); six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and his brother Eugene Stroud of Florence.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Cascade Health Hospice.

Arrangements in the care of Burns’s Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

**ARMSTRONG**—Thomas D. Armstrong, 77, passed

away peacefully Aug. 6, 2020, at his Florence home.

Tom was born Nov. 18, 1942, in Havre, Mont., to Dorothy (Baumgartel) and Fredrick Armstrong.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother Bernard and his younger brother Steven.

After graduating from Havre High School, Class of ‘61, he attended Northern Montana College until his enlistment in the U.S. Navy, where he completed Boot Camp at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes.

On May 9, 1964, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Sharon (Jasmine), in Seattle, Wash., where she was a student at Seattle University.

Following a brief honeymoon, Tom flew to Pensacola, Fla., where he completed “A” school as a Communications Technician (CT).

This was followed by orders to go to Naval Security Group, NAVCOMMSTA Sidi Yahi, Morocco, where his bride joined him for the next three years.

In 1967, as a member of an operational group on a special SIGINT/COMINT mission, he received a letter and a citation for outstanding performance from the Chief of Naval Operations.

Upon military discharge in 1968, they made their home in San Francisco, Calif., where Tom worked for Pacific Telephone and graduated from San Francisco State University with a BA degree using his GI Bill.

Deciding his wife’s dual federal and military career offered more advancement than his own at the time, he supported her IRS and Coast Guard relocations to Seattle, Wash., Philadelphia, Pa., and Washington, DC.

In 1991, Tom was recruit-

ed by the National Security Agency, completed Federal Law Enforcement Training Center courses in Glynco, Ga., and was certified as a Federal Protective Officer based out of Ft. Meade, Md.

He retired from NSA in October 2000, bought a 38’ diesel pusher motor home and spent the next 10 years traveling fulltime. In 2010, Tom and his wife built their “forever home” in the Fawn Ridge East development of Florence, where he also served as HOA President for one term.

Tom was also a member of Elks Lodge 1858, and a “happy camper” with the Rolling Elks RV Club. One of his favorite pastimes was joining fellow military veterans in the Band of Brothers coffee group, where he often regaled his tablemates with his endless jokes.

Tom was notorious for breaking into boisterous laughter midway — and forgetting the punch line! One of Tom’s greatest pleasures was taking his wife to dinner at a favorite local restaurant, followed by a Spanish coffee made by Bill the Bartender at the Waterfront Depot.

Tom will long be remembered for his larger than life personality and his infectious laughter.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one’s own favorite charity, the Oregon Coast Military Museum, or to Bristol Hospice Eugene, LLC; 1077 Gateway Loop, Ste. B; Springfield,

OR 97477 (541-844-0151) in memory of Thomas D. Armstrong, funds to be used for any military Vet-related program.

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**BALES**—Orville Bales Jr.

passed away on Aug. 7, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Becky; son Orville (George); and daughter Brooke.

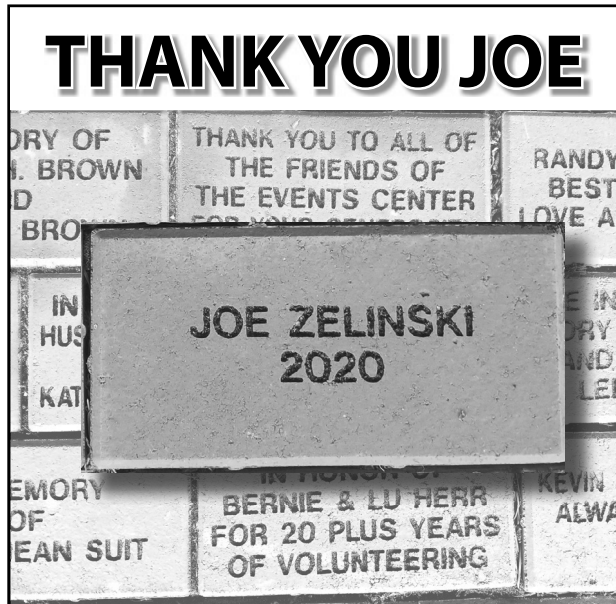
A Celebration of his life will be held at a later date.



John Stroud



Thomas Armstrong



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## Florence City Council to meet virtually Aug. 17

This Monday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m., the Florence City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting via videoconference.

Under current executive orders, citizens will not be able to attend City meetings in person. Interested citizens may listen and view the meeting through the ‘GoToWebinar’ platform.

For access to a link to the meeting, visit the City of Florence website at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-council-meeting-191>. Meetings are also shown live on Cable Channel 191 and online at [www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/public-meetings-live](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/public-meetings-live).

Those wishing to express their views to the City Council may do so in the following ways:

1. Written Testimony: Written testimony can be submitted by:

a. Email to the City Recorder at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us);

b. Mail to Florence City Hall, Attn: City Council, 250 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439

c. Drop Off at the City of Florence drop box located at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101) to the right of the main entrance.

**Note:** Written comments received at least 2 hours prior to the meeting (Aug. 17 at 3:30 p.m.), that concern a public hearing or action item on the agenda, or are designated as comments to be provided for the meeting, will be distributed to the City Council, posted to the City of Florence website, and made part of the record.

2. Verbal Testimony: Citizens may provide verbal comments at the meeting via the Go-toWebinar platform. To do so, 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 meeting (Aug. 17 at 4:30 p.m.). City staff will

then contact the speaker to let them know the process to participate in the meeting.

For more information on the City of Florence’s Temporary Public Meeting Policies, visit the City of Florence website at [www.ci.florence.or.us/em/public-meeting-during-covid-19](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/em/public-meeting-during-covid-19).

For details regarding the upcoming City Council meeting, contact City Recorder/Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437.

## BIRTHS

**WOODWORTH**—Aug. 11, 2020, to Desiree Braxton Truitt Woodworth, a boy weighing 7 lbs., 6 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches, was born

to Desiree Armstrong-Funk and George Woodworth of Mapleton.



## Saturday, August 29, 2020 At Florence Golf Links Florence, Oregon



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