

On The Record

OBITUARY

CLAWSON—On Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, William Gary Clawson, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 83.

Gary was born March 30, 1937, in Redding, Calif., to Bill and Gay Clawson.

He was the youngest of

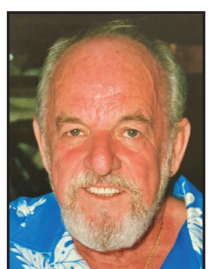
three children.

Gary and Carole moved to Florence in July of 1974, where he quickly became a well-known member of our community. He owned and operated several restaurants on the Oregon coast, most notably, The Fisherman's Wharf

on Bay St. from 1974 to 2009.

He was known for his quick-witted sense of humor, infectious smile and his compassionate spirit.

Gary was



Gary Clawson

one-of-a-kind to many, a truly great man. He had many wonderful friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bill; his mother, Gay; his two sisters,

Donna Gillespie and Gini James; and granddaughter, Kendall Clawson.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carole; seven children: Nancy, Kurt and wife Terri, Kory and wife Kathy, Yvette and husband Bill, Gary, Derek and wife Mollie, Darby

and wife Amy; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at First Baptist Church in Florence, Ore., beginning at 1 p.m.

Health officials launch new options for senior vaccination registration

The Oregon Health Authority piloted and launched a new "Get Vaccinated Oregon" tool today, as part of a multi-pronged effort to provide older adults information about COVID-19 vaccinations.

Starting this past Monday, Feb. 8, approximately 168,000 adults age 80 and older are now eligible to get a COVID-19 (though nearly 33,000 people age 80 or above have already been vaccinated). While vaccine supplies are expected to increase in coming weeks, supplies are currently scarce.

State health officials asked for patience as more than 700,000 seniors age 65 and older become eligible for vaccines over the next four weeks.

With the new tool, older adults in Oregon have four primary ways to get linked to local vaccine information:

Get Vaccinated Oregon is an eligibility and notification tool developed by Google, in partnership with the state of Oregon. It can be found at Oregon's oregon.gov website, or at getvaccinated.oregon.gov.

The tool allows users to answer basic questions to learn if they are eligible and get linked to information about vaccinations in their counties. Users can sign up for alerts to get notified about vaccination events or find out when they may become eligible.

Vaccine Information chat bot on the oregon.gov website allows anyone to find

out if they're eligible for a vaccine in Oregon or get answers to other questions about vaccines.

The Vaccine Information chat bot also enables vaccine-eligible users who live in Clackamas, Columbia, Marion, Multnomah or Washington counties to schedule vaccine appointments through scheduling tools hosted by local health care providers.

OHA developed and offered this scheduling feature in direct response to requests from health care providers in the region. The Vaccine Information chat bot tool is an orange box that appears whenever a user accesses the covidvaccine.oregon.gov website.

211: Older Oregonians can also text ORCOVID

to 898211 to get text/SMS updates about vaccination clinics (this option is available in English and Spanish only).

Seniors can also email ORCOVID@211info.org. If you can't get your COVID-19 vaccine question answered on the website, by text, or by email, you can call 211 or 1-866-698-6155, which is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, including holidays.

Be aware that wait times may be long due to high call volumes. As Governor Brown announced on Friday, the Oregon National Guard will help 211 answer phone calls.

Licensed senior facilities: Residents and staff at most licensed facilities for older adults and people with dis-

abilities are receiving on-site vaccinations through pharmacies enrolled in federal vaccination programs.

Residents (or family members) can ask their facility operator when their residence is scheduled for a vaccination clinic.

In addition, Oregon has opted into a federal retail pharmacy program that will offer seniors the option to get vaccinated at 133 retail locations across the state, but that program will not be available starting on Monday. State health officials are awaiting additional information from the federal government about when vaccine shipments will arrive at participating retail pharmacies.

Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen said,

"We're working hard to help our local vaccination partners keep seniors informed about vaccination events in their counties.

"In coming days, we know there will be more demand for vaccinations and for answers to questions than we may be able to provide. My promise to older Oregonians is this: if you want a vaccination, you will get one.

"But it may not be tomorrow, this week or even two weeks from now. But you will get one. And every Oregonian will get a vaccine sooner and more easily if we are patient, wait our turn and make sure others who go before us get their chance."



February Is Children's Dental Health Month

"Decay or premature loss of baby teeth isn't a big deal since these teeth are going to fall out anyway, right?" **WRONG.**

- Fact:** Premature loss of baby teeth can affect the spacing of permanent teeth, potentially increasing the need for orthodontic care.
- Fact:** Tooth decay can cause children pain, and can also lead to infections.
- Fact:** Tooth decay can stop kids from eating healthy foods and negatively impact nutrition.
- Fact:** Premature loss of front baby teeth can impede speech.
- Fact:** Poor dental hygiene habits often continue into adulthood.

Know the Signs Common Indicators of Decay in Baby Teeth

- Chalky white spots on teeth around the gumline
- Tooth pain in or around the affected tooth
- Increased sensitivity to hot or cold beverages or certain foods

Source: Crest.com

Only a dental professional can accurately diagnose and treat tooth decay and cavities, so be sure to consult a dentist if you notice any of these symptoms or persistent bad breath that is not alleviated by brushing.

More than **40%** of children have tooth decay by the time they reach kindergarten.

- American Academy of Pediatrics

5 Ways to Prevent Decay

1. Avoid giving babies and children high-sugar drinks and foods.
2. Fill baby bottles with milk, water or formula, not fruit juices or soft drinks.
3. Don't put babies to bed with a bottle, particularly one containing anything other than water.
4. Never dip pacifiers in anything sweet like sugar, honey or syrup.
5. Begin teaching children to drink from a cup instead of a bottle by age one.

Essential Dental Care Guidelines By Age

First Tooth

Begin brushing your child's teeth using a drop of fluoride toothpaste the size of a grain of rice. Brush at least twice a day, ideally after breakfast and before bedtime. Begin flossing your child's teeth daily as soon as two touching teeth emerge.

Age 1

See a dentist by age one or within six months of the emergence of their first tooth. Follow your dentist's recommendations for frequency of future checkups.

Age 3

Advance to a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste to brush teeth at least twice a day.

Age 7

Begin teaching children to brush their own teeth by starting the process and letting them finish.

Source: USDA WIC Works Resource System

Please note, this information should not be used as a substitute for the advice or care of your child's pediatrician.



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