

OBITUARIES

Shelley McEwen Dahl
Seattle
Sept. 27, 1952 — Aug. 3, 2017

Shelley Dahl died on Aug. 3, 2017 at her home in Seattle, Washington, surrounded by a few of her favorite things: family, friends, music, flowers and champagne.

Born Sept. 27, 1952, to Margaret Mary Jane Hawkins and Donald McEwen in Pendleton, Oregon, she graduated from Rogers High School in Spokane, Washington, attended Washington State University for one year, and transferred to the University of Washington, where she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration in 1974. With her vivacious love for life and energetic spirit, Shelley landed a job as a flight attendant at TWA, based out of New York City, before returning to Seattle to become the administrative assistant to the president of SeaFirst Bank. She was married for 25 years while becoming the loving and joyful mother to two boys, Adam and Hunter.

Shelley is known for her involvement at the Women's University Club (WUC), where she served as trustee for Music, Dance and Games and was beloved for her peacemaking skills, administrative skills and organizational wizardry. She loved being part of the Posting Party and other drama opportunities!

In addition to the creation of Women Who Wear Hats and Ballroom Dancing at the Club, Shelley served on several steering committees, including Membership, House, Long Range Planning, and the Nominating Committee, which selects and oversees the installation of the new trustees and the club president.

Shelley also brought in "The Belle of Amherst," Maria Glanz's one-woman show about Emily Dickenson, which was one of the most popular and well attended performances in the club's history. Shelley was a vital force in fostering relationships within the board for many years, and created many memories as a fun-loving and instrumental contributor to the many endeavors of the WUC. She will be missed as her creativity, acting debuts and zeal for life made her a wonderful member for many years.

As a member of the Queen Anne Fortnightly, Shelley jumped in whenever needed offering beautiful touches and elegant flare. She made table centerpieces, presented invigorating speeches about tough topics, and began her term as president in 2017. She was known for her kindness, keen sense of style, and generosity. Shelley will be sorely missed and remembered as one of the brightest stars they've known.

One of Shelley's greatest joys was her service to her church. She was a longtime member, Stephen Minister and ordained ruling elder at University Presbyterian Church. In 2009, she began to serve at the presbytery of Seattle on the Committee on Ministry (COM). In all that she did, Shelley exemplified grace, hospitality, wisdom and a deep abiding faith. She was particularly

skilled at working with congregations in crisis, conflict or transition, finding paths to reconciliation that were mutually respectful and ultimately transformational.



Shelley Dahl

Shelley served in several capacities in her role as COM member, including leading examination teams for new or transferring clergy, and more recently as co-moderator of an exceedingly challenging administrative commission. In whatever capacity Shelley was called to serve, she demonstrated a listening heart, a sly sense of humor and a keen intelligence.

Her colleagues were her friends, and she has left an indelible mark on them and the churches of the Seattle

Presbytery. Shelley's theological perspective, study of scripture and relationship with God made her a vital part of change in the church for the inclusion of LGBTQ individuals in marriage, leadership and ordination. Her heart for others, and love for Christ's people, drove her work and play.

For those who knew Shelley, her life and accomplishments cannot be captured in words. We remember her crazy laugh — accompanied by that electric smile — with head tilted back, gasping for air with delight. Her words were always surrounded by her perfectly clad hot red lips, and her wisdom brought rooms to respectful silence and affirmative head nods.

We hold close her invitations to play at her beautiful home in Cannon Beach with memories of dinners, conversations and walks on the beach. Shelley was loved for that inviting devilish side that was no stranger to the power of a shocking f-word, when necessary. Her home was clad in beautiful bird's nests, treasured for their intricate synthesis of nature and messy debris.

She loved crows, designer pillows, bright colored slip-ons and her 1970s Vespa. Christmas will be quiet without the Christmas Cookie Exchange she hosted for 38 years, where she shared her Martha Stewart sugar cookie cutouts of crows, lips and Christmas trees she spent days preparing and decorating.

Shelley leaves behind her sons Adam Dahl (Troy Woodworth) and Hunter Dahl, and many friends, colleagues, and pastors who will miss her at their meetings and parties, always arriving in style in her black 1959 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special.

Shelley served God well, and her life was celebrated at a Memorial Service and Witness to the Resurrection on Sept. 27, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church, with a reception at Women's University Club.

In lieu of flowers, Shelley wished for any gifts to be directed to either: the Seattle Presbytery, 1013 Eighth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104; or the Women's University Club, 1105 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101.

Jack John Rubino Jr.
Astoria
July 8, 1949 — Aug. 22, 2017



Jack Rubino Jr., 68, of Astoria, passed away on Aug. 22 in Portland, Oregon, after a long battle with diabetes and kidney failure.

He was born July 8, 1949, in Vallejo, California, to Jack and Esther Rubino. The family moved to Astoria in 1959, where he attended John Jacob Astor grade school and graduated from Astoria High School in 1968. After graduation, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Upon returning home, he worked for American Can Company, commercially fished Bristol Bay Alaska with his father and brothers, worked for The Oregonian and later started his own DJ business. He was a member of the American Legion as well as the Elks Lodge.

Along with his love of music, bowling and pool, Jack will always be remembered for his quick wit, and great sense of humor, and love of the Dallas Cowboys.



Jack John Rubino

He leaves behind brothers Ron Rubino and his wife, Joanne, of Warrenton, Oregon, and Vince Rubino and his wife, Ann, of Gearhart, Oregon; sister Connie Maize (Rubino) and her husband, Steve, of Phoenix, Arizona; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Esther, and father, Jack Rubino Sr.; sister Darlene Hubbell (Rubino); brother Audie Nelson; sister Barbara Pavegio (Nelson); and sister Shirley Johnson (Nelson).

A private interment will be at Ocean View Cemetery.

Renee Gross
Seaside

Oct. 28, 1924 — Sept. 20, 2017

Renee was born in San Francisco to Richard and Berenice Gross. She attended Lowell High School, and earned a degree in microbiology at University of California Berkeley. She worked in public health for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of Alaska in Juneau and Fairbanks.

Renee retired, and then traveled the U.S. by recreational vehicle with her beloved cat, Jade. She later published a travelogue of her cross-country adventures. She often wintered with her friends in Kingsville, Texas. She settled in Mount Vernon, Washington, and finally in Seaside, Oregon.

An avid bridge player, she was a member of Juneau, Fairbanks, Mount Vernon and Seaside American Contract Bridge League clubs. She attended numerous contract bridge tournaments across the country. In high school, Renee and her twin sister, Ella, were All-Western Team Four champs, winning at historic Treasure Island. As an adult, she achieved her goal of becoming a Life Master. She was an evangelist for the game

until the very end, inviting everyone she met to come and play bridge.

She was a nature lover, and passionate supporter of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and animal advocate groups around the globe.



Renee Gross

Renee was preceded in death by her sister, Jean Gross. She is survived by her sister, Ella Driscoll, and niece Danielle Driscoll.

Family and friends are invited to attend her memorial service on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, 220 N. Holladay Drive in Seaside, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, please make a small donation in her name to one of the following charities: the ASPCA; Spay & Neuter Thrift Shop of Seaside, Oregon; Jean Gross Memorial Scholarship at the University of Alaska Southeast; and Gross/Clark Scholarship at San Francisco State University.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in care of arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the online guest book.

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